

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED 56500 TPA FERRO-MANGANESE & 58000 TPA SILICO-MANGANESE PRODUCTIONS THROUGH 3X9 MVA AND 3X12 MVA UNITS AT HETEDOBA, J L NO. 45, PS: FARIDPUR, DIST: BURDWAN, WEST BENGAL, PROPOSED BY M/S JAGDAMBA FISCAL SERVICES LTD. ON 04.11.2008 AT 12:00 HRS IN THE DURGAPUR-FARIDPUR PANCHAYAT SAMITY OFFICE, LAUDOHA, DISTRICT: BURDWAN, WEST BENGAL**

M/s Jagdamba Fiscal Services Ltd. submitted an application to West Bengal Pollution Control Board for conducting Public Hearing for the proposed 56500 TPA Ferro-manganese & 58000 TPA Silico-manganese productions through 3x9 MVA and 3x12 MVA units at Hetedoba, J L No. 45, PS: Faridpur, Dist: Burdwan, West Bengal. As per the EIA notification S.O. 1533 dated 14th September, 2006 of the MoEF, Govt. of India Environmental Clearance of the said project is required to be obtained after conducting Public Hearing.

Accordingly, West Bengal Pollution Control Board after observing all formalities held the Public Hearing on **04.11.2008 at 12:00 hrs** in the Durgapur-Faridpur Panchayat Samity Office, Laudoha, District: Burdwan, West Bengal. The panel members were present in the hearing. A considerable gathering was also present in the hearing. List of the panel members and the others present in the public hearing are enclosed.

The hearing started with a welcome note from Dr. T.K. Gupta, Chief Engineer, WBPCB. He explained about the EIA notification and requested Smt. S. Mahapatra, the Additional District Magistrate, Asansol to preside over the hearing. Smt. S. Mahapatra, the Additional District Magistrate, Asansol welcomed the audience & presided over the hearing. Then she requested the project proponent to deliver their presentation and requested the audience to raise their queries after the presentation.

The technical representative of M/s Jagdamba Fiscal Services Ltd. welcomed the audience on behalf of the project proponent and explained the activity of the proposed unit through PowerPoint presentation.

The ADM then requested the audience to raise their questions and to give their opinions, if any.

Sri Santiram Banerjee, Pradhan, Ichhapur Gram Panchayat welcomed such activity but he requested that the project proponent (PP) to take special care on management of air quality, water availability, improvement of local area development and to extend the corporate social responsibility.

Smt. Prabhati Goswami mentioned that the PP should take adequate care to their commitment, particularly for the control of emission, water pollution and green area development a minimum of 33% of the total land area.

Sri Nimal Pan and Sri Nimai Mondal have welcomed such projects but they have requested the PP to take adequate measures for control of water & air pollution. They have also requested the PP to have adequate monitoring and management practices in different environmental issues.

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Sri P. K. Roy, Senior Environment Officer, Department of Environment, Govt. of West Bengal welcomed the project and requested the project proponent to give details of the furnaces, water cooled hood, etc., and also suggested the system should have adequate capacity of ID fans and other pollution control equipments.

Sri Somnath Narayan, Senior Environmental Engineer asked the unit to initiate the plantation program in consultation with the Forest Department and the local Gram Panchayat.

Dr. T.K. Gupta, Chief Engineer, WBPCB advised for the installation of efficient air pollution control system and adequate suction system for controlling the tap-hole emission of arc furnaces. He also stated that the unit should comply with the standard stack height and the new emission standard of particulate matter in case of setting up new Ferro-alloy plant. The also advised to include the solid waste management and its disposal details while finalizing the EIA and EMP.

The project proponent appreciated the questions raised during hearing mentioned above and assured that they would take all possible measures for maintaining the Environmental Norms. The PP also mentioned that they will have the program of extension of corporate social responsibility like Medical team, Local area development, etc. in consultation with the local Panchayat and the district authority. They have also assured that they would address all the issues mentioned above and incorporate the same while finalizing the EIA and EMP.

Smt. S. Mahapatra, the Additional District Magistrate, Asansol appreciated the proposal presented by M/s Jagdamba Fiscal Services Ltd. during the public hearing and expressed her hope that the project would be implemented as per the commitment made by the proponent and would be maintained in such a manner that the unit would comply with the environmental norms. She has mentioned that the bore well may not be permitted for abstraction of ground water in the proposed site in view of the scarcity of ground water. However, she has appreciated the proposal for rain water harvesting program proposed by the PP. She has also requested that the local BDO and the local Gram Panchayat Pradhan to monitor the commitment made by the PP In general as the public present in the hearing welcome the project incorporating all the pollution control measures proposed by the Project Proponent. Finally Smt. S. Mahapatra, the Additional District Magistrate, Asansol concluded the session with vote of thanks.

<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. T. K. Gupta Chief Engineer, West Bengal Pollution Control Board</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Smt. S. Mahapatra The Additional District Magistrate, Asansol Government of West Bengal</p>
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