

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED 4X100TPD DRI PLANT, 2X110M<sup>3</sup> MBF, 1X20M<sup>2</sup> SINTER PLANT, 220 TPD PCM, 1X25T EAF, 1X20T LRF, 1X25T LRF, 3X8T INDUCTION FURNACE, TWO MATCHING CCMS, 1X30TPD OXYGEN PLANT & 750 TPD ROLLING MILL FOR PRODUCTION OF 2,30,000 TPA ROLLED PRODUCT AND 23 MW CPP AT MOUZA: BHAMURIA, NETURIA, DISTRICT: PURULIA, WEST BENGAL PROPOSED BY M/S LIMTEX ISPAT PVT. LTD. HELD ON 25.02.2009 AT 10:00 HRS IN THE COMMUNITY HALL OF THE OFFICE OF THE NETURIA PANCHAYAT SAMITY/DEV. BLOCK, DISTRICT: PURULIA, WEST BENGAL**

M/s Limtex Ispat Pvt. Ltd. submitted an application to West Bengal Pollution Control Board for conducting Public Hearing for the proposed 4x100TPD DRI plant, 2x110m<sup>3</sup> MBF, 1x20m<sup>2</sup> Sinter Plant, 220 TPD PCM, 1x25T EAF, 1x20T LRF, 1x25T LRF, 3x8T Induction Furnace, two matching CCMS, 1x30TPD oxygen plant & 750 TPD rolling mill for production of 2,30,000 TPA rolled product and 23 MW CPP at Mouza: Bhamuria, Neturia, District: Purulia, 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, after observing all formalities, West Bengal Pollution Control Board conducted the Public Hearing on 25.02.2009 at 10:00 hrs in the Community Hall of the office of the Neturia Panchayat Samity/Dev. Block, District: Purulia, West Bengal. 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 Sri Somnath Narayan, Senior Environmental Engineer, WBPCB. He explained about the EIA notification. He also requested Sri Narayan Chandra Samanta, Additional District Magistrate (Dev), Purulia to preside over the hearing. Sri Narayan Chandra Samanta, Additional District Magistrate (Dev), Purulia welcomed the audience & presided over the hearing. Then he requested the project proponent to deliver their presentation and requested the audience to raise their queries after the presentation is over.

The technical representative of the project proponent (PP) welcomed the audience on behalf of the project proponent and explained the activity of the proposed unit through PowerPoint presentation. The project proponent covered the topics about the project details including raw material quantity, investment on EMP, baseline data collection, stack information with online monitoring facility, water withdrawal from Damodar river, zero discharge, rain water harvesting, etc. during the presentation. In the presentation, the unit did not mention about the mouzas or J. L. nos of the land acquired.

Additional District Magistrate (Dev), Purulia requested the audience to raise their questions and/or opinions, if any.

Sri Manoj Chaterjee, Sri Joydeb Chandra Chaterjee, Sanjoy Chaterjee, Sri Bameswar Hasda, Smt. Parvati Hembrom, Smt. Ganga Bouri, Sri Badal Chandra Bouri and Sri Pintu Gatait of village Bhamuria supported the setup of the proposed project with proper pollution control system and expected employment generation for the local people.

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Sri Badal Maji & Sri Bikash Maji of village Bhamuria welcomed the project and specifically asked the project proponent to operate the APC devices continuously maintaining all environmental norms and to ensure the commitment of Corporate Social Responsibility.

Sri Gautam Maji of village Bhamuria informed that the project proponent had acquired land five years ago, but no CSR activities were done by the project proponent.

Sri Chandrasekhar Sarkar, teacher & resident of Bhamuria expressed his serious concern about the proposed environmental impacts on the surroundings. He has also requested the project proponent to implement the proposed EMP in real terms. He has also stressed that adequate representation from all spheres of local people in the discussion. He has also expected the implementation of the CSR program as proposed.

Sri Anil Garai of village Perbelia welcomed the project and expected employment generation.

Sri Vikash Poddar on behalf of 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. They have also assured that they would address all the issues mentioned above and incorporate the same while finalizing the EIA and EMP.

Sri Somnath Narayan, Senior Environmental Engineer, WBPCB advised for the following points—

- Water permission required for the source , i.e. Damodar river water
- Specification of the mouzas or J L nos of 27 acres of land acquired of total 110 acres with plant layout specifications shown in respect of land details
- Ash handling, char transport & char storage process
- The specifications of the Air pollution control systems in detail
- Green belt development in consultation with the Forest Department, Govt. of West Bengal

Smt. Sarita Turi, Sabhapati, Neturia Panchayat Samity, welcomed the project & expected local employment.

Sri Narayan Chandra Samanta, Additional District Magistrate (Dev), Purulia appreciated the proposal presented by M/s Limtex Ispat Pvt. Ltd. during the public hearing and expressed his 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. He emphasized that the commitment made by the Project Proponent was to be kept in letter & spirit, and the welfare of the local people was primary. He also pointed out that the PP must take full responsibility of any effects of its project on the surrounding areas. In general, the public present in the hearing appreciated the need of more industrial activity incorporating all the pollution control measures.

Finally, Sri Narayan Chandra Samanta, Additional District Magistrate (Dev), Purulia concluded the session with vote of thanks.

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