

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED 2X15T & 2X25T IFS WITH MATCHING LADLE FURNACE & CCM, 1X20T & 1X40T EAFS WITH MATCHING LADLE FURNACE, VDU & CCM, AND 2X300 TPD ROLLING MILLS AT MOUZA: NAKRAJORIA, PO: SALANPUR, DIST: BURDWAN, WEST BENGAL, PROPOSED BY M/S MAITHAN STEEL & POWER LTD. HELD ON 26.08.2009 AT 12:00 HRS. AT THE MEETING HALL OF SALANPUR PANCHAYAT SAMITY OFFICE, DIST: BURDWAN, WEST BENGAL

M/s Maithan Steel & Power Ltd. submitted an application to West Bengal Pollution Control Board for conducting Public Hearing for the proposed 2x15T & 2x25T IFs with matching ladle furnace & CCM, 1x20T & 1x40T EAFs with matching ladle furnace, VDU & CCM, and 2x300 TPD rolling mills at Mouza: Nakrajoria, PO: Salanpur, 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 conducted the Public Hearing held on 26.08.2009 at 12:00 Hrs. at the Meeting Hall of Salanpur Panchayat Samity Office, Dist: Burdwan, West Bengal, after observing all formalities. 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 of Sri Biswajit Datta, Additional District Magistrate, Asansol who also presided over the hearing. 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 welcomed the audience on behalf of the project proponent and explained the activity of the proposed unit through PowerPoint presentation. The project proponent, during his presentation, covered the topics about the project details, project area of 25.4 acres, 4838 KLD of water requirement from PHE supply, 54 MW power supply from DVC, plant layout map, rain water harvesting schemes, land use pattern, baseline data collection, zero effluent discharge proposal, air pollution control measures, solid waste disposal schemes, possible local benefits from the project, corporate social responsibility (CSR), etc. But the detailed specification of the air pollution control devices was not mentioned in the presentation.

Sri Biswajit Datta, Additional District Magistrate, Asansol requested the audience to raise their questions and/or opinions, if any.

Sri Abhay Karmakar, Sri Dadra Chauhan & Sri Prasanta Banerjee of village Salanpur welcomed the proposed project and expected employment generation due to local development and setup of ancillary units.

Sri Rabindranath Roy & Sri Avik Banerjee of village Salanpur expected proper implementation of the commitments shown in the presentation. They have also expected the local development due to setup of such units like medical facilities & road development.

Sri Shymal Majumder, Sahakari Sabhapati, Salanpur Panchayat Samity expected the pollution control measures would be taken by the PP as proposed. He opined that the CSR, as proposed, should be properly implemented in the surrounding villages.

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Sri A. Fouzdar, Assistant Environmental Engineer, WBPCB advised for the installation of efficient air pollution control system for controlling the emissions from the EAFs & Induction furnaces. He also insisted on the fact that, while finalizing the EIA and EMP, the PP should incorporate the outcomes of the opinions of the attendants of this public hearing as well as the following points—

- MBF was proposed in Form-I & also in ToR. Reason of elimination of MBF in draft EIA should be recorded.
- There exists a rolling mill unit at the proposed project site. The PP should clarify whether the project would be considered as the expansion project of the existing unit.
- Emission information for other units within 10 km from the project site should be included.
- Impact of transportation of raw materials & products should be assessed.
- Measures for controlling the fugitive emission should be specified.
- All the APC devices specifications should be mentioned clearly.
- The frequency of monitoring of environmental parameters should be specified.
- The slag management system should be elaborately explained.
- Adequate emission control system with 4th hole should be installed for EAFs.
- Adequate side suction systems for the induction furnaces should be installed
- Induction furnaces should be operated with at least 65-70% sponge iron
- For each induction furnace, daily no of charges should not exceed 10.
- The quantity of scraps in the raw material to IF should not exceed 25%.

The project proponent appreciated the issues 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 Biswajit Datta, Additional District Magistrate, Asansol appreciated the proposal taken by M/s Maithan Steel & Power 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 also suggested that the PP should review the availability of electricity & water supply from the competent authorities, as proposed in the presentation. He also suggested the PP to identify the opportunities to employ local people, to develop the green belt with the assistance of self-help groups and to ensure proper solid waste management in consultation with local Panchayat.

In general, the public present in the hearing welcomed the project provided the PP incorporates all the pollution control measures proposed by the Project Proponent. Finally, Sri Biswajit Datta, Additional District Magistrate, Asansol concluded the session with vote of thanks.

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