

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED FERRO ALLOY PLANT FOR PRODUCTION OF 22600 TPA FERRO MANGANESE OR 17400 TPA SILICO MANGANESE OR 7600 TPA FERRO SILICON BY INSTALLING 1X9 MVA SAF AT MOUZA: UTTAR BASUDEVPUR, PS: BARJORA, DIST: BANKURA, WEST BENGAL, PROPOSED BY M/S METSIL EXPORTS PVT. LTD HELD ON 30.11.2009 AT 13:00 HRS IN THE COMMUNITY HALL OF THE BARJORA PANCHAYAT SAMITY, PO & PS: BARJORA, DIST: BANKURA, WEST BENGAL

M/s Metsil Exports Pvt. Ltd submitted an application to West Bengal Pollution Control Board for conducting Public Hearing for the proposed ferro alloy plant for production of 22600 TPA ferro manganese or 17400 TPA silico manganese or 7600 TPA ferro silicon by installing 1x9 MVA SAF at Mouza: Uttar Basudevpur, PS: Barjora, Dist: Bankura, 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 on 30.11.2009 at 13:00 hrs in the Community Hall of the Barjora Panchayat Samity, PO & PS: Barjora, Dist: Bankura, 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 from Sri S. Narayan, Senior Environmental Engineer, WBPCB. He explained about the EIA notification. He requested Sri Sukumar Das, Additional District Magistrate (G), Bankura to preside over the hearing. Sri Sukumar Das, Additional District Magistrate (G), Bankura 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 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, land & site details, process flow chart, plant layout, control measures for emission and solid wastes, ambient air qualities, stack emission characteristics, occupational health services, corporate social responsibility, etc.

Sri Sukumar Das, Additional District Magistrate (G), Bankura requested the audience to raise their questions and/or opinions, if any.

Md. Sadur Amin Mullick of village Mandarbani and Md. Abdul Rahman expected industry setup with proper pollution control measures. They insisted on the continuous operation of APC devices and the employment of local people in the local industries.

Sri Vivekananda Keora of village Barjora opined that the balance between the agriculture & the industries is mostly needed, as the locality is mainly dependent on agriculture.

Sri Mahadeb Singh of village Dhansol requested the administration to assure for the drinking water & to arrange for the utilization the water in agriculture, withdrawn in excess by the industries. He has opined that the Pradhans of the Gram Panchayats should consider the possible impacts of the proposed industries before issuing No Objection Certificates to the units.

Sri Alok Muherjee of village Barjora expected that the fund allocated by the industries as CSR & WBPCB funds generated from the pollution cost of the defaulter polluting units should be utilized in local development.

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Sri Jadhunath Roy, Sabhapati, Barjora Panchayat Samity welcomed the industries with proper pollution control measures. He commented that the ferro alloy units would be less polluting in nature than the sponge iron units. He remarked that the benefits of local people are always the top priority.

Sri S. Narayan, Senior Environmental Engineer, WBPCB advised for the installation of efficient air pollution control system & Side suction systems for controlling the emissions from the Submerged arc furnace. 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—

- The cumulative impact on air quality considering the simultaneous proposed similar activities in adjacent premises should be included in final EIA-EMP.
- Prior permission from competent authority for water is required
- Measures for controlling the fugitive emission during the tapping should be specified
- Green belt development should be done in consultation with the State Forest Department over at least 33% of the project area
- Adequate side suction systems for the submerged arc furnace should be installed
- Air cooling of the hot gas is recommended before feeding the gas to the bag house.
- Bags of the bag should be of high resistivity for better performance.
- Pulsing system of the bag house should be 'on & offline system', instead of online one for better performance.

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 Sukumar Das, Additional District Magistrate (G), Bankura appreciated the proposal taken by M/s Metsil Exports 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.

Sri Sukumar Das, Additional District Magistrate (G), Bankura has advised WBPCB that, proper implementation of pollution control measures for the existing sponge iron units and ferro-alloy units within the district has to be ensured. For this project proponent, the set pre-condition of abiding by the pollution control norms is required to be ensured and has to be monitored in the follow up.

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 Sukumar Das, Additional District Magistrate (G), Bankura concluded the session with vote of thanks.

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West Bengal Pollution Control Board

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