

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED 30 MW WASTE GAS BASED THERMAL POWER PLANT BY M/s. PHILLIPS CARBON BLACK LTD. AT 27, R. N. MUKHERJEE ROAD, DURGAPUR – 713201, HELD ON 8TH FEBRUARY, 2007 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF DURGAPUR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

M/s. Phillips Carbon Black Ltd., Durgapur, submitted an application to the West Bengal Pollution Control Board for conducting Public Hearing for its proposed 30 MW waste gas based Power Plant at 27, R.N. Mukherjee Road, Durgapur – 713 201. As per the notification of the MoEF vide no. J-11013/56/2004-IA-II(I) dated 14.09.2006, environment clearance of the said project is required to be obtained from the MoEF, Govt. of India after having environmental public hearing.

Accordingly the WBPCB after observing all formalities, held a public hearing on 8th February, 2007. Panel members were present in the hearing. A large gathering were present in the said hearing. The list of panel members and others are enclosed.

The meeting started with welcome note from Sri S. K. Sen, Additional District Magistrate and District Land & Land Reform Officer, Burdwan, who presided over the hearing. Dr. T. K. Gupta, Senior Environmental Engineer and Incharge, Consent Cell, WBPCB, explained the provisions of the above stated MoEF notification. ADM requested the project proponent to explain the detailed about the proposed 30 MW waste gas based TPP.

Project proponent initiated the discussion through Power Point presentation about the project. They also explained about the likely environmental impacts arising out activities of the same as well as the proposed pollution abatement measures.

During the discussion different panel members and the others present in the public hearing raised some question/suggestions with respect to the proposed project which are given below:

Sri Surya Kesh, Secretary of Karangapara Gram Unnyan Samity and Sri. Dipak Chatterjee, Secretary of Ah-Aha-Ka-Kha Club, Durgapur – 713 201.

Both of them welcomed the proposed project. However they have mentioned that the project proponent should take up more programme for local area development, social upliftment and should support people's activities in the neighbouring areas.

In reply the Project Proponent has mentioned that tree plantation, organization of the regular health check-up camp, Night School for old age people etc. are part of their social commitment. This is also part of their management policy.

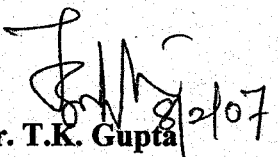
Sri Soumen Das, Sri Jang Bahadur Sain, Sri Dasharat Mahato, Sri Chandradeb Mishra and Sri. Rabin Ghosh, represented the view point of neighbouring areas. They have categorically mentioned that the existing unit of M/s. PCBL is in the process of continuous improvement both in the manufacturing process as well as environmental upgradation programme. They have requested that the PP should take adequate measures for dispersion of air pollution in a safe manner and also sufficient measures for waste water treatment before disposal to local drainage system.

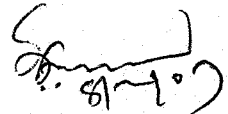
Mrs. Sumitra Mukherjee, Councilor of Ward no. 31 DMC.

She has appreciated the effort of M/s. PCBL for their proactive initiative for environmental management. She has requested that the project proponent should look into the environmental issues if any, in Khudiram Colony of Durgapur. However she has welcomed the proposed project of waste gas based TPP.

The PP replied that they would provide adequate measures for better dispersion of gases by installation of 110 Mtr. Stack. They also stated that adequate treatment facilities will be provided before discharging the effluent from the plant. They also mentioned that similar type of plant in Baroda has already obtained CDM benefit from the UNFCCC. They will also go for CDM project for the proposed activity at M/s. PCBL, Durgapur.

Sri S.K. Sen, ADM, Burdwan emphasized that all possible measures should be ensured by the PP towards the mitigation of all environmental hazards and various points raised by the public present in the hearing. In general people present in the hearing welcomed the project with all the pollution control measures proposed by the Project Proponent.


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