

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED EXPANSION BY ADDITION OF 3 KILNS OF 100 TPD EACH FOR SPONGE IRON, 3X12 MT INDUCTION FURNACES WITH CCM FOR 360 TPD BILLETS, ROLLING MILL OF 350 TPD AND 20 MW CPP THROUGH WHRB & AFBC BOILER AT VILLAGE : DIGHA, PO: NETURIA DIST: PURULIA, WEST BENGAL, PROPOSED BY M/S RABINDRA ENTERPRISES PVT. LTD. HELD ON 16.07.2009 AT 14:00 HRS IN THE COMMUNITY HALL OF THE OFFICE OF THE NETURIA PANCHAYAT SAMITY/DEV. BLOCK, DISTRICT: PURULIA, WEST BENGAL

M/s Rabindra Enterprises Pvt. Ltd submitted an application to West Bengal Pollution Control Board for conducting Public Hearing for the proposed expansion by addition of 3 kilns of 100 TPD each for sponge iron, 3x12 MT Induction Furnaces with CCM for 360 TPD billets, Rolling Mill of 350 TPD and 20 MW CPP through WHRB & AFBC Boiler at Village: Digha, PO: Neturia Dist: 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 16.07.2009 at 14:00 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 Dr. T. K. Gupta, Chief 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 investment for the expansion, site location, production details, raw material details, raw materials details with quantities, zero disposal of solid waste outside the project area, process description, fly ash disposal, etc.

Dr. T. K. Gupta, Chief Engineer, WBPCB advised for the following points—

- Prior permission from competent authority for water abstraction is required
- Copies of MOU for utilization of fly ash & bottom ash with local entrepreneur
- Utilization of the 36 acres of land acquired with plant layout & elaboration on specifications should be shown w. r. t. existing & proposed uses.
- SMS slag disposal area should be specified in the plant layout map
- Ash handling, char transport & char storage process details are required
- 100% utilization of char for power generation in CPP should be targeted
- Arrangement may be made for rain water harvesting
- Green belt development should be done in consultation with the State Forest Department over 33% of the project area
- The specifications of the Air pollution control systems , e.g. ESP & Bag filter in detail should be added
- Standby arrangement for waste gas cooling (GCT or Recuperator) for rotary kilns should be made.

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

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Md. Sekh Kurban of village Inanpur supported the setup of the proposed expansion project. However he mentioned about poor status of the nearby pond of the village. He requested for the proper maintenance of the pond.

Sri Dinesh Rout & Sri Madhusudan Deo of village Digha have welcomed the project and requested the project proponent to operate the APC devices continuously maintaining all environmental norms and to ensure the commitment of CSR including development of greeneries and approach road of the village.

Sri Bablu Sahis expressed his concern about the proposed environmental impacts on the surroundings. He has also requested the project proponent for proper precaution for control of the fugitive emission.

Sri Shashtipada Mahato of village Paravatpur informed that the roads are in very poor conditions. He welcomed the project and expected the road development should be a part of CSR.

Sri Parimal Mondal & Sri Madan Mohan Mondal of village Botgoria supported the setup of the expansion project with proper pollution control measures. Sri Parimal Mondal expected the opportunity for employment for the land losers. Sri Madan Mohan Mondal also suggested that the PP should make necessary arrangement for treatment of wastewater before the final discharge so that the same may be utilized in local agricultural field.

Sri P. N. Rai, Director, 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 Narayan Chandra Samanta, Additional District Magistrate (Dev), Purulia appreciated the proposal presented by M/s Rabindra Enterprises 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. 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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Dr. T. K. Gupta
Chief Engineer,
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