

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED 3,15,000 TPA BOTTLE GRADE PET RESIN PLANT ALONG WITH 10 MW (COAL BASED) CAPTIVE POWER PLANT AND COAL FIRED THERMIC FLUID HEATERS AT J.L. NO. 126, MOUZA- BASUDEVPUR & JL NO. 135, MOUZA- PARANCHAK, P.O.- KHANJANCHAK, PS- DURGACHAK, HALDIA, DIST. PURBA MEDINIPUR, WEST BENGAL PROPOSED BY M/S. SOUTH ASIAN PETROCHEM LTD, HELD ON 20.07.2010 AT 11:00 HRS. IN THE OFFICE PREMISES OF THE ADDITIONAL DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, HALDIA, DIST. PURBA MEDINIPUR, WEST BENGAL**

M/s South Asian Petrochem Ltd. (newly named as M/s.Dhunseri Petrochem & Tea Ltd.- Petrochem Division), PO- Khanjanchak, PS- Durgachak, Haldia, Dist.- Purba Medinipur, submitted an application to West Bengal Pollution Control Board for conducting a Public Hearing for the proposed 3,15,000 TPA Bottle Grade PET Resin Plant alongwith 10 MW coal based Captive Power Plant and Coal fired Thermic Fluid Heaters. 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 from the SEIAA, West Bengal after conducting the Public Hearing.

Accordingly, West Bengal Pollution Control Board after observing all formalities, held the Public Hearing on 20.07.2010 at 11.00 hrs. in the Office premises of the Additional District Magistrate, Haldia, Dist. Purba Medinipur, West Bengal. All the panel members were present in the hearing. Sri Srikumar Taraphder, Additional District Magistrate, Haldia presided over the hearing. List of the panel members and the others present in the public hearing is enclosed.

The hearing started with a welcome note from Dr. T.K. Gupta, Chief Engineer, West Bengal Pollution Control Board. He explained about the provisions of the above stated MoEF notification and also informed the audience about the draft proposal of M/S South Asian Petrochem Ltd. for the proposed 3,15,000 TPA Bottle Grade PET Resin Plant alongwith 10 MW coal based Captive Power Plant and Coal fired Thermic Fluid Heaters at JL No. 126, Mouza- Basudevpur and JL No. 135, Mouza- Paranchak, PO- Khanjanchak, PS- Durgachak, Haldia, Dist. Purba Medinipur, West Bengal. The Project Proponent was then asked to explain the details about the proposed project for discussion among the panel members and others present in the hearing.

Sri Sanjay Das, Deputy Manager (Safety, Health & Environment), M/s. South Asian Petrochem Ltd., narrated about the project details and the proposed pollution control devices through Power Point presentation emphasizing on the likely environmental impacts arising out of the same as well as the proposed pollution abatement measures to be taken by them. He has pointed out that a brief description has already been circulated among the people present at hearing. He has mentioned about their emission control proposal for each unit. He has also confirmed that the local people shall be consulted in each stage of the project and the industry is planning for initiating social responsibility programmes like arrangement for vocational training, Health

camp, providing financial assistance to local schools for procurement of furniture, plantation etc. He has also mentioned that they would generate employment for local people and take neighboring villagers into confidence in each stage of project. He further mentioned that water required during both construction and normal operation of the plant will be supplied by HDA. He also mentioned that the unit will arrange for rain water harvesting which will be utilized for washing activities, gardening and dust suppression.

During the discussion the panel members and the others present in the public hearing made queries / suggestions with respect to the proposed project, which are noted below:

Sri Satyendra Nath Nayak, Secretary, Press Club Times welcomed the proposed project with all the commitments made by the PP during their presentation. He informed that they want the industry along with infrastructural support and employment for local people. He also apprehended that the proposed PET Resin unit alongwith the coal based CPP and TFH may cause serious environmental degradation and requested the PP to take appropriate abatement measures in this regard so as to protect the nature as well as local habitants. He also requested the Pollution Control Board to keep constant vigil on the industries of Haldia.

Sri Nikhil Kumar Jana, Retired Teacher of Paranchak Siksha Niketan apprehended fire hazard, gas leakage and environmental degradation that may be caused due to the upcoming expansion project. He also requested the PP to arrange for proper sewerage system for the adjacent locality.

Sri Bazlul Karim, resident of village Hannannagar, Kukrahati welcomed the proposal with proper pollution control systems. He requested the project proponent to arrange for health camps in the surrounding localities, to provide employment to local youths.

Sri Arun Kumar Pradhan, resident of Mouza Paranchak welcomed the proposed project. He, however, stressed on providing employment to the land losers as well as other local youths. He also requested the PP to make arrangement for cleaning of the nearby Mansatala irrigation khal to avoid further environmental damage.

Sri Siddhartha Pradhan, resident of Mouza Paranchak complained about odour problem from the existing unit. He requested the PP for improvement of drainage system and road condition of their locality. He, however, welcomed the project as it would benefit the socio-economic growth of the locality by creating direct/indirect employment

Dr.T.K.Gupta, Chief Engineer, West Bengal Pollution Control Board requested the ADM, Haldia to constitute a monitoring committee involving local administration, WBPCB and local people to monitor the compliance status of environmental norms by the industries located in Haldia.

Sri Dipak Mukherjee, Vice President, M/s. South Asian Petrochem Ltd appreciated the various issues expressed by different participants and welcomed the suggestions. He stated that the PP will address all the issues raised in the public hearing during finalizing the environmental management plan. He confirmed that they will take all necessary measures to comply with the

suggestions made in this public hearing. He also committed that the social responsibility program shall be taken up in consultation with local administration.

Sri Srikumar Taraphder, Additional District Magistrate, Haldia emphasized that all possible measures should be ensured by the Project Proponent towards the mitigation of all environmental problems and various issues raised by the people present in the hearing. He further requested the PP to make arrangement for extensive plantation programme. The project is welcomed only after incorporation of all the pollution control measures and corporate social responsibility programmes proposed by the Project Proponent. He assured the audience that the proceedings of this public hearing shall be duly forwarded to the SEIAA, West Bengal and further expressed his gratitude to the audience for their active participation in this public hearing procedure.

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Dr. T.K. Gupta,  
Chief Engineer,  
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