

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED 15000 TPA HIGH CARBON SILICO MANGANESE & 19500 TPA HIGH CARBON FERRO MANGANESE PRODUCTIONS THROUGH TWO 9 MVA SEAFS AT MOUZA: MAHESHPUR, J L NO: 24, PS: SALANPUR, ASANSOL, DIST: BURDWAN, WEST BENGAL, PROPOSED BY M/S MAA SHERAWALI ISPAT PVT. LTD. ON 11.11.2008 AT 13:00 HRS IN THE MEETING HALL OF SALANPUR PANCHAYAT SAMITY, SALANPUR, DISTRICT: BURDWAN, WEST BENGAL**

M/s Maa Sherawali Ispat Pvt. Ltd. submitted an application to West Bengal Pollution Control Board for conducting Public Hearing for the proposed 15000 TPA high carbon silico manganese & 19500 TPA high carbon Ferro manganese productions through two 9 MVA SEAFs at mouza: Maheshpur, J L No: 24, PS: Salanpur, Asansol, 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 after observing all formalities held the Public Hearing on 11.11.2008 at 13:00 hrs in the meeting hall of Salanpur Panchayat Samity, Salanpur, District: Burdwan, West Bengal. The 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 has been presided by Smt S.Mahapatra the Additional District Magistrate, Asansol. The hearing started with a welcome note from Smt. S. Mahapatra. She welcomed the audience. Dr. D.Maulik, Environmental Engineer, WBPCB described the provisions of 14<sup>th</sup> September 2006 notification issued by MoEF, Government of India.

Smt S.Mahapatra the Additional District Magistrate, Asansol. requested the project proponent to deliver their presentation and requested the audience to raise their queries after the presentation.

The technical representative of M/s Maa Sherawali Ispat Pvt. Ltd. welcomed the audience on behalf of the project proponent and explained the activity of the proposed unit through PowerPoint presentation. The technical representative of M/s Maa Sherawali Ispat Pvt. Ltd has assured that they would achieve the 50 mg/Nm<sup>3</sup> particulate emission limit.

The ADM then requested the audience to raise their questions and to give their opinions, if any.

Sri Nitai Das Goswami, of Village Maheshpur welcomed such activity.

Shri Shyamal Majumdar, Saha-sabhapati, Salanpur Panchayat Samity mentioned that a good number of people, who are residing within Dendua Gram Panchayat, belong to BPL category. Keeping the socio economic condition in view, this industrial project is desired but the project proponent (PP) should take special care on management of air quality, water availability, improvement of local area development. He requested to the project proponent to extend the corporate social responsibility programmes at Maheshpur and to take local people in confidence during project implementation. He also requested to ensure generation of employment for local people.

Shri Madan Das and Shri Subal Chandra Das of Nakrajoria also welcomed the project.

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Smt S.Mahapatra the Additional District Magistrate, Asansol emphasized that the certain issues should be addressed seriously which includes:

1. They should not abstract groundwater without prior permission from the competent authority. However considering the prevailing water scarcity in this area, the proponent should design rain water harvesting programmes. The local administration may be consulted in this issue.
2. The proponent should propose detailed long term specific slag disposal schemes. Indiscriminate slag disposal shall not be permitted. Scope of using slag in local road construction may be explored in consultation with local administration.
3. The proponent should ensure development of adequate green belt before the commissioning stage.
4. The proponent must ensure adequate emission control systems as proposed by the WBPCB.
5. The Project proponent should take up regular programmes under Corporate Social Responsibility
6. The EIA–EMP report should be modified through incorporations all these above issues.

Dr.D.Maulik Environmental Engineer, WBPCB advised for the installation of efficient air pollution control system and adequate suction system for controlling the tap-hole emission of arc furnaces. She also stated that the unit should comply with the standard stack height and the new emission standard of particulate matter in case of setting up new Ferro-alloy plant. She also advised to include the solid waste management and its disposal details while finalizing the EIA and EMP.

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.

Smt. S. Mahapatra, the Additional District Magistrate, Asansol requested the project proponent to fulfill the commitments made in public hearing in time. She expressed her 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. In general the public present in the hearing welcome the project after necessary incorporations of all the pollution control measures. Finally Smt. S. Mahapatra, the Additional District Magistrate, Asansol concluded the session with vote of thanks.

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Smt. S. Mahapatra  
The Additional District Magistrate, Asansol  
Government of West Bengal