

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF STEEL PLANT AT WBIDC-PLASTO STEEL PARK, VILL-KADASOLE, P.S.-BARJORA, DIST.-BANKURA, WEST BENGAL PROPOSED BY M/s. SURYA ALLOY INDUSTRIES PRIVATE LIMITED HELD ON 09.10.2007 AT BARJORA PANCHAYAT SAMITY COMMUNITY HALL, P.O.-BARJORA, DIST.-BANKURA, WEST BENGAL

M/s. Surya Alloy Industries Private Limited submitted an application to West Bengal Pollution Control Board for conducting Public Hearing for the proposed expansion of Steel Plant (2 x 9.0 MVA Submerged Arc Furnace, 1 x 250m³ MBF with Sinter Plant and 5 MW Captive Power Plant based on WHRB) at WBIDC-Plasto Steel Park, Vill-Kadasole, P.S.-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 expansion project is required to be obtained from the MoEF, Govt. of India after conducting Public Hearing.

Accordingly, West Bengal Pollution Control Board after observing all formalities, held the Public Hearing on 9th October, 2007 at 11.00 Hrs at Barjora Panchayat Samity Community Hall, P.O.-Barjora, Dist.-Bankura. 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 started with a welcome note from Sri Gourpada Sen, Additional District Magistrate(Gen), Dist-Bankura who presided over the hearing. Sri Subrata Ghosh, Senior Environmental Engineer, WBPCB explained about the provisions of the above stated MoEF notification. The ADM then requested the Project Proponent to explain the details about the proposed expansion project for discussion among the panel members and others present in the hearing.

The Project Proponent then explained about the project details by 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.

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 Alok Mukherjee, Secretary, Local Trade Union welcomed the proposed expansion proposal of M/s. Surya Alloy Industries Pvt. Ltd. with all the commitments made by the project authorities during public hearing. He appreciated the community development programme to be adopted by the unit like Health check-up facility of the local residents, tree plantation programme in the local area, etc. However, he requested the project proponent for employment of local people as much as possible.

Sri Sudhansu Sekhar Tewari, Ex-MLA also welcomed the expansion proposal of the unit. He also requested the project proponent to engage more and more local people with reasonable wages to the workers.

Sri Jawaharlal Bandopadhyay, President, Barjora Block TMC and Sri Tapash Ghosh, President, Barjora Block BJP mentioned that the project proponent should strictly adhere to the commitments regarding the proposed environmental pollution control system to be adopted by them. They appreciated the proposal of the Health Care unit to be established by the Project Proponent. They also requested the project proposal to take more development programme in the local area.

Sri Baleswar Gupta, Local resident welcomed the proposed expansion of the unit. He requested the PP to arrange a vocational training programme for the local students and for the local residents so that they would be suitably trained to do the work in this type of industries. He also pointed out about the availability of water to be used for dust pollution control devices.

Sri Phalguni Mukherjee, Head Master, Bajora High School shared his view about the present environmental situation of the Barjora area. He mentioned that the regular monitoring is necessary for better environmental management of the Barjora area.

Sri Asim Mondal, Sri Sudhir Beet & Sri Swapan Mondal, Local residents welcomed the expansion proposal of the unit. They mentioned that the PP should regularly to maintain and operate the pollution control system for environmental management. They made a proposal to the District Authority for the establishment of an ESI Hospital at Barjora area. They also mentioned that the proposed expansion proposal will improve the socio economic condition of the area.

Sri Bablu Keora, Savapati Barjora Panchayat Samity welcomed the expansion project of the unit. He requested the project proponent to provide an ambulance and mobile health care unit for the local residents as well as the employee of the unit. He mentioned that more plantation should be made in the local area.

Sri P.K.Roy, Sr. Environment Officer, Dept. of Environment, Govt. of West Bengal appreciated the proposal of Captive Power generation by efficient utilization of the BF Gas. He also described the project details. He also requested the project proponent to include the Poly-aromatic hydrocarbons(PAH) in the draft EIA/EMP as mentioned in the TOR of the MoEF.

On behalf of the Project Proponent Sri Manish Rungta, Managing Director appreciated the various issues expressed by the different participants and welcomed the suggestions. He indicated that they will address all the above stated issues adequately while finalizing the Environmental Management Plan.

Sri Subrata Ghosh, Sr. Environmental Engineer, WBPCB emphasized that all possible measures should be ensured by the Project Proponent towards the mitigation of all environmental hazards and various points raised by the public present in the hearing. In general the public present in the hearing welcome the project incorporating with all the pollution control measures proposed by the Project Proponent. Finally Sri Ghosh concluded the session with vote of thanks.

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Subrata Ghosh
Senior Environmental Engineer
West Bengal Pollution Control Board

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Gourpada Sen
Additional District Magistrate(Gen)
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