

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED DUCTILE IRON PIPE PLANT (2,00,000 TPA) WITHIN THE EXISTING PIG IRON PLANT SITE AT GOKULPUR, KHARAGPUR, DIST.-PASCHIM MEDINIPUR, WEST BENGAL PROPOSED BY M/s. TATA METALIKS LIMITED HELD ON 27.09.2007 AT KHARAGPUR-1 BDO OFFICE, SATKUI, DIST.-PASCHIM MEDINIPUR, WEST BENGAL**

M/s. Tata Metaliks Limited submitted an application to West Bengal Pollution Control Board for conducting Public Hearing for the proposed Ductile Iron Pipe Plant within the existing Pig Iron Plant site at Gokulpur, Kharagpur, Dist.-Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal. As per the EIA notification S.O. 1533 dated 14<sup>th</sup> 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, hold the Public Hearing on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2007 at 11.30 Hrs at Kharagpur-1 BDO Office, Satkui, Dist.-Paschim Medinipur. 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 R Maity, Additional District Magistrate, Paschim Medinipur who presided over the hearing. Dr. T. K. Gupta, Senior Environmental Engineer and Incharge – Consent Cell, 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. They also mentioned about their present social activities and future proposal around the nearby villages.

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:

Mr Sadhan Chandra Dhara, Asst. Headmaster, Vidhan Chandra School welcomed the proposed expansion proposal of M/s TATA Metaliks Limited. He informed that they are getting some smell and spreading of mica from the existing plant of TATA Metaliks particularly in winter season; He requested the project proponent to look into the issues. He also mentioned about the social work done by the project authorities in the nearby villages.

Mrs. Sakuntala Mudi mentioned that TATA Metaliks authorities should start their expansion proposal as early as possible. She also shared her view that they are already getting benefits from the existing plant of the unit.

Mrs. Kabita Hembram, Sabhapati, Kharagpur-1 Panchayat Samity welcomed the expansion proposal and mentioned that the project proponent should look the environmental issues so that there is no adverse effect to near by locality in long run. She also requested the project

proponent to extend their support in social work not only to the Gokulpur Gram Panchayat area but also to the near by Grampanchayat areas in consultation with the Panchayat and District Authorities.

Mr Amresh Das resident of Gokulpur requested the project authorities to provide an ambulance for the local people particularly during night time and to upgrade the existing health care unit of Gokulpur village.

The General Manager, DIC, Paschim Medinipur welcomed such projects and supported new industrial development with adequate environmental management.

Mr. D. N. Mahato, OSD, Midnapur Kharagpur Development Authority (MKDA) shared his observation and reported that the proposed expansion project of TATA Metaliks is within the industrial zone of the zoning plan of MKDA. TATA Metaliks already participated in the development project of MKDA by sharing road construction within the project area in association with MKDA. He also requested the Project Proponent to extend more support in this respect as a part of the corporate social responsibility. He shared that at present water supply for Kharagpur and Midnapore is being met from Kasai river, but the intake is not sufficient. As such the integrated water supply and management plan need to be made in this region to cater the growing industrial and domestic requirements. TATA Metaliks and other industrial establishments should start thinking for integrated water supply, which is proposed by WBIDC and District Authority from river Rupnarayan and Subarnarekha.

Mr. P. K. Roy, Sr. Environment Officer, Dept. of Environment, Govt. of West Bengal shared his view and told that he is very happy for the new proposed project. He told that TATA Metaliks should consider the pollution of Winter season. Regarding Bitumin Coating TATA Metaliks should take adequate control measures to avoid any environmental problem from Bitumin coating unit.

On behalf of the Project Proponent Sri S. Dey, GM(CS) & CS, have appreciated the concern expressed by different participants and welcomed the suggestions. He stated that the problem of air pollution, water pollution, solid waste management would be adequately addressed while finalizing the EIA/EMP for such projects. He has also categorically mentioned that best available technology will be considered in each step of implementation of the project. He has assured the local people that they will extend their support for providing solar street light, improvement of primary education, and provision of arrangement of primary health center with ambulance facility, etc. which are basically part of the corporate social responsibility of TATA group of industries. He has also mentioned that the project proponent will take programme for more plantations not only within the plant premises but also in the neighboring areas.

The Additional District Magistrate, Paschim Medinipur 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.

Sri N. S. Nigam, IAS, District Magistrate, Paschim Midnipur welcomed such project and also appreciate the suggestions on environmental management from different industrial activity expressed by the local people present in the public hearing. He also mentioned that the project proponent should implement the environmental management plan in their proposed Ductile Iron Pipe manufacturing project.

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