

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED PIG IRON PLANT FOR PRODUCTION OF PIG IRON (52500 TPA) AT MOUZA-KASYAPUR, TULSIBERIA MORE, P.O.-KULGACHIA, P.S.-ULUBERIA, DIST.-HOWRAH, WEST BENGAL PROPOSED BY M/s. ULUBERIA METALIKS PRIVATE LIMITED HELD ON 12.12.2007 AT BAGNAN-II PANCHAYAT SAMITY MEETING HALL, DIST.-HOWRAH, WEST BENGAL

M/s. Uluberia Metaliks Private Limited submitted an application to West Bengal Pollution Control Board for conducting Public Hearing for the proposed Pig Iron Plant (52500 TPA) at Mouza-Kasyapur, Tulsiberia More, P.O.-Kulgachia, P.S.-Uluberia, Dist.-Howrah, 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 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 12th December, 2007 at 11.30 Hrs at Bagnan-II Panchayat Samity Meeting Hall, Dist.-Howrah. 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 Narendra Nath Dutta, Additional District Magistrate (General), Howrah 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 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:

Mrs. Jyotsna Mondal, Pradhan, Tulsiberia G.P. welcomed the proposed project with all the commitments made by the PP during their presentation. She also expressed her concern that the proposed industrial unit may also provide local employment. However, she categorically requested the PP to keep and maintain the adequate greeneries and look after the issues related to environmental management in a holistic manner.

Sri Shyamsundar Malick and Sri Haradhan Ghosh, local resident expressed that the PP should take adequate measures to avoid any kind of environmental degradation in the neighbouring areas of the proposed industrial site.

Sri Prabir Roy and Sri Sansar Ali Mollah, representative of local NGO (Social Environmental Development Society) welcomed such project. However they had expressed their concern about the following issues:

- Water resource and its utilization particularly about the ground water management.

- Material handling & Management.
- Control of stack and fugitive emission.
- Plantation – at least 33% of the total area should be available for plantation.
- Workers health and safety.
- Environmental impact on local agricultural activity.

They have requested the PP to address adequately the above mentioned issues.

Sri P. K. Roy, Sr. Environment Officer, Dept. of Environment, Govt. of West Bengal and Sri Somnath Narayan, Environmental Engineer, West Bengal Pollution Control Board mentioned that the PP should take adequate measures for treatment of the back wash generated from the DM plant. They also mentioned that adequate pollution control measures like settling chamber, bag filter, wet scrubber, etc should be installed for management of the blast furnace emissions. Suitable oil catch pits, settling chambers should be installed at strategic locations before reusing the waste water. Sri Roy also mentioned that the PP should consider the ambient air standard to the residential standards.

On behalf of the project proponent Sri R. K. Jhunjhunwala appreciated the various issues expressed by different participants and welcomed the suggestions. They indicated that they will address all the above stated issues while finalizing the environmental management plan. They mentioned that they will install the latest technology for abatement of air pollution and also adequate measures for fugitive dust emission. He has mentioned that they will provide adequate health and sanitation facilities for the construction workers, adopt zero discharge of waste water. They will provide adequate arrangements for rain water harvesting, safety and health aspect of the employees.

The Additional District Magistrate (General), Dist.-Howrah 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.

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