

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 29.11.2019 AT 15:00 HRS. AT THE "MEETING HALL OF GOPALPUR G. P OF KANKSA BLOCK", DIST – PASCHIM BARDHAMAN, WEST BENGAL FOR THE PROPOSED UPGRADATION OF EXISTING PRODUCTION UNITS AND ADDITIONAL FACILITIES TO CREATE 0.6 MILLION TONNES CAPACITY OF STEEL BY **M/S. NEO METALIKS LIMITED** AT MOUZA –GOPALPUR, DURGAPUR, P.S- KANKSA, DIST – PASCHIM BARDHAMAN, WEST BENGAL.

M/S. Neo Metaliks Limited submitted an application to the West Bengal Pollution Control Board for conducting a Public Hearing for the proposed up gradation of existing production units and additional facilities to create 0.6 million tonnes capacity of steel at the existing Plant situated at Mouza- Gopalpur, Durgapur, P. S- Kanksa, Dist.-Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal. As per the notification S.O. 1533 dated 14th September, 2006 of the MoEF, Govt. of India and subsequent amendments, Environmental Clearance (EC) needs to be obtained. Approval of MOM may be given for the quantum of land mentioning JL No.65 and khatian No.3857 of Mouza Gopalpur wherein the said company had applied to hold ceiling of surplus land admeasuring 87 acres.

Accordingly 14Y permission was accorded by the department i.e 57.05 acres of land vide order no: 4356-LR/5M-12/05GE(M) dt.23.12.2005. It is also Pertinent to mention that Department vide Memo No. 342-GE(M)/5M-/12/05 (Pt-I) dated 27.01.2020 has given a clarification, the operative part of which is -

"The Company has already purchased 29.95 acres of additional land beyond the said 57.05 acres of land in the district of Paschim Bardhaman and applied in Form 7CC for permission u/s 14Y of the WBLR Act, 1955 to acquire and hold said additional area of 29.95 acres for the purpose of expansion of its existing Steel Plant and Captive Power Plan, which is under process.

In view of above, provisionally, this Department does not have any objection to approve Minutes of the meeting (MoM) of the proceedings of public hearing for the proposed upgradation of existing production unit and additional facilities of M/S Neo Metaliks Limited."

Conversion have been given effect to vide two certificates, that is, 1) MemoNo:07/2M/conversion/2006dt25/01/2006&2)MemoNo:255/2M/conversion/2005 dt 19/08/2005of total area 38.80 acres and 15.90 acres respectively and for rest area they have applied online for having conversion by paying Rs 150,270/- as processing fee.

Accordingly, the State Board after observing all formalities conducted the Public Hearing on 29.11.2019 at 15:00 hours at the "Meeting Hall of Gopalpur G.P of Kanksa Block", Dist – Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal. A considerable gathering of people were also present during the hearing. List of the panel members and others present during the public hearing is enclosed in **Annexure I**.

Sri Prasanta Mandal, WBCS (Executive), Additional District Magistrate (Education), Paschim Bardhaman presided over the hearing.

The hearing started with a welcome note from Sri G. G. Chakraborty, Assistant Environmental Engineer, Durgapur Regional Office, W. B. Pollution Control Board. He briefed the audience about the modalities and significance of Public Hearing, which is a part of Public Consultation process under EIA Notification, 2006 and its subsequent amendments.

Sri Chakraborty requested the project proponent to clearly describe the proposed project to be undertaken in detail and to use local language. He also requested to the gathering present at the hearing to come up with relevant questions and suggestions regarding the proposed project.

On behalf of **M/S. Neo Metaliks Limited**, Ms. Bingshati Mondal narrated the proposed expansion of the existing plant by up gradation of 1 x Blast Furnace from 215m³ to 450m³ with compatible PCI, up gradation of 1 x Sinter Plant from 33m² to 75m², up gradation of 1 x 4.5MW Captive Power Plant to 5MW Captive Power Plant, new installation of 2 x 350TPD DRI Klins for manufacturing of Sponge Iron, 2 x 30Ton Induction Furnaces, compatible LRF & CCM and 1 x 50Ton Zero Power Furnace, compatible LRF, VD & CCM for production of billets/bloom, 1 x Rolling Mill for production of @ 200000TPA TMT Rebar's, 1 x Wire Rod Mill for manufacturing of @300000TPA Wire Rod, Captive Power Plant of capacity 35MW and 250TPD capacity Oxygen Plant.

M s. Bingshati Mondal explained the location details of the project and basic requirements like land, water, fuel, electricity etc. for the expansion projects. She claimed that there is no requirement of procuring of land. She further elaborated the steps to be taken for controlling Air & Water Pollution and mechanism to be adopted for scientific solid waste management. M s. Mondal also elaborated the activities which has already been taken under Corporate Social Responsibility. She explained the steps to be taken for developing the society through activities under Corporate Environment Responsibility of the Industry.

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 Subrata Bandopadhyaya of Vill - Gopalpur welcomed the project and expressed his satisfaction regarding the existing measures to control environmental pollution of the industry. He also expressed his satisfaction about the CSR activity like plantation, book distribution among students etc. of the industry. He demanded that the industry should actively consider regarding drinking water in the village, local employment, construction of *Atchala* at a local temple, organization of more health camp, welfare of disable & poor people in the locality by providing wheel chair, cloth etc. under CSR/CER activity.

Sri Dilip Mukherjee of Vill Gopalpur welcomed the project and appreciated the CSR activity of the industry. He expressed his concern about the steps to be taken to control environmental pollution due to operation of the unit. He requested the project proponent to undertake more plantation programme.

Sri Manab Dutta of Vill – Gopalpur requested the project proponent to consider local employment for the proposed expansion project. He suggested that ground water should not be used by the industry.

Sri Prasanta Mandal, Additional District Magistrate (Education), Paschim Bardhaman opined that three types of employment would be generated through this project. He requested the industry for consideration of local employment and more plantation programme inside & outside the industry. He directed the Project Proponent to enhance the capacity of Rain Water Harvesting Plan.

Sri G. G. Chakraborty requested the project proponent to address the issues raised in the public hearing. He assured the audience that the deliberations presented by the speakers in the hearing have been recorded and videography & minutes of the whole proceedings will be forwarded to the appropriate authorities for their consideration.

Sri Nilotpal Roy on behalf of the project proponent assured the audience and panel members that all suggestions etc. have been duly noted. He assured that the project will be developed following all the relevant norms.

Sri Prasanta Mandal, Additional District Magistrate (Education) requested the project proponent that CSR and CER activity should be carried out after having prior consultation with the local body. He reminded the project proponent regarding compliance with all the prevailing norms. He opined that there should be no disturbance to local people related to health, environment etc. Finally, Sri Mandal concluded the hearing with thanks to the audience.



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