

## MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION IN EXISTING UNIT FOR MS INGOTS/MS BILLETS MANUFACTURING UNIT (2000 TON/Month TO 15,000 TON/Month) PROPOSED BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/s.MEENAKSHI FERRO INGOTS PVT.LTD., GUT NO.350 & 361, BHANDGAON, KHOR ROAD, YAVAT, TALUKA – DAUND, DIST. – PUNE**

The public hearing for proposed expansion in the existing unit for MS Ingots/ M .S Billets Manufacturing Unit (2000 Ton/Month to 15,000 Ton/Month) in respect of Project Proponent M/s.Meenakshi Ferro Ingots Pvt. Ltd., Gut No.350 & 361, Bhandgaon, Khor Road, Yavat, Taluka-Daund, Dist. -Pune was conducted on Dated: 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 at 11.00 a.m. at the site of the said industry.

Following were the panel members as per Board's Office Order No. E - 41 of 2019 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B- 2305, dated:26-06-2019 :-

- 1) Additional District Magistrate,Pune - **Chairman,**  
(Representative of  
District Magistrate, Pune)
- 2) Regional Officer, - **Member**  
(Representative of  
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board)
- 3) Sub Regional Officer, Pune-I, - **Convener**  
MPCB, Pune

Shri Nitin Shinde, Sub Regional Officer, Pune-I, MPCB, Pune and Member, Convener of the Public Hearing Committee welcomed Hon'ble Chairperson of the Public Hearing Committee, Company Officials, Government Officials and public who were present in large numbers and informed that as per the EIA Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEF&CC, GoI) dated: 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 as amended on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public consultation to certain projects which are covered in the schedule of the said Notification.

He informed that the Sub Regional Office, Pune-I, MPCB, Pune was in receipt of application for expansion in existing project of M/s.Meenakshi Ferro Ingots Pvt. Ltd., Gut No.350 & 361, Bhandgaon, Khor Road, Yavat, Talulka-Daund, Dist. -Pune at the existing site of the industry.

The Convener further informed that the project is in operation outside notified industrial area and as per EIA Notification, 2006 the category of project falls under Category B 3(a).

As the production of the unit is more than 30,000, MTA, the project will have to obtain Environmental Clearance from SEIAA, MoEF&CC, New Delhi, Maharashtra State, Mumbai. For this, prior public hearing is mandatory.

Convener of the Public Hearing Committee informed that the aim of conducting prior public consultation is to make aware, local people who can be participant in the hearing and they should know the developmental activities and Environment Management Plan of the unit.

As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published in the local newspapers in Daily Loksatta for Marathi and in national newspaper daily Indian Express for English on 24-05-2019. The public were appealed to send their suggestions or objections regarding the proposed expansion of the concerned unit.

Also a copy of EIA report and executive summery were made available at various notified offices of Government i.e. Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, West-East Division Office, New Secretariat Building, Ground Floor, East Wing, Civil Lines, Nagpur – 440 001; District Magistrate Office-Pune; Additional District Magistrate Office-Pune; Zilla Parishad Office-Pune; District Industries Centre-Office, Pune; Sub Divisional Office, Daund, Tal-Daund, Dist-Pune, Tehsil Office-Daund, Dist-Pune; Grampanchayat offices at Bhandgaon, Kedgaon, Nimbalkalwadi, Yawat, Dorgewasti, Dhangarwadi, Chaufulla, Khor, Khutbhav, Wakhari, Tal – Daund, Dist- Pune; Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Pune-I; Regional Office, MPCB, Pune and at Head Office of MPCB at Mumbai; SEIAA, MoEF&CC, Mumbai and on the website of MPCB. The public in general were appealed to send any suggestion or objection regarding the expansion of above project. The Convener further informed that not a single objection is received by local MPCB Office, Pune. He appealed Chairperson of the Committee to allow to start the proceedings.

Dr.Jayashree Katare, Chairperson of Public Hearing Committee welcomed all and informed officials of the project to explain the details of pollution control devices and

environment management plan of the project in local language Marathi. She also appealed general public to give objection / suggestion if any about the project after their technical presentation.

The Environment Consultant appointed by the company has given the presentation of the expansion project and Environment Management Plan in detail.

Shri Dilip Khedkar, Regional Officer, MPCB, Pune and Member of the Public Hearing Committee welcomed all and informed that as the production will be more than 30,000 MTA, it is mandatory to project proponent to obtained Environmental Clearance. An expert committee of Department of Environment has permitted the project proponent to prepare the Environment Impact Assessment Report which is called as ToR i.e. Terms of Reference. It shows the present status of environment and what will be ill effects of the project. Member of the Public Hearing Committee appealed the participant to raise their views. He informed that while informing, the name and name of the residence please may be mentioned.

**FOLLOWINGS HAVE PARTICIPATED DURING THE DISCUSSIONS, QUESTIONS AND ANSWER GIVEN BY PROJECT PROPONENT / PROJECT CONSULTANT / PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE :-**

**1) Shri Dadasaheb Rambhau Tele, Resident of Bhandgaon, Tal-Daund, Dist-Pune :-**

Shri Tele remarked that this project is in operation since last 15 years. The small beginning is now taking new step of expansion. The project proponent dedicatedly developed green belt in the area. We are aware that tree plantation plays vital part to control the pollution.

The project proponent recently installed modern devices to arrest dust particles/pollution. The local people have visited the plant. It is working nicely. Due to this project, local people have got job opportunities. Many local people are working in the plant.

Now project management should carry social welfare schemes in the area under CSR Fund. The management should think about green development in the nearby villages. For this programme, the planning should be made and co-

operation of local people should be sought. He wished success to the project expansion.

**2) Shri Balasaheb Babanrao Dorge, Chairman, Tanta-Mukti Samiti (Dispute-Free Village Committee), Bhandgaon, Tal-Daund, Dist-Pune:-**

Shri Dorge informed that he is Chairman of the Tanta-Mukti Samiti/ Dispute Free Village Committee. The agriculture is the only source of livelihood of the local people. The people residing near the project vicinity may be affect due to this project. Some local people, who register there complaint for one or other reason. He further informed that as he is Chairman of the Tanta-Mukti Samiti, he has to find out the solution.

Shri Dorge remarked that as per the proposal, the project proponent has planned for expansion, hence the sufferings of the local people will be increase. We have to find out solution for it. Local people desire the expansion of the project. We want the project. The project proponent always co-operate the Grampanchayat office for fulfilling the demand of local people. Though the local people are suffering due to this project, it may be difficult to prove scientifically. Hence after 4-8 days, MPCB should depute the committee of officers and officials. They should have a dialogue with the local people.

If the project proponent desires to work for environment, then he should implement the programme of Green Revolution in the local villages. The local grampanchayat will support it. The implementation of this Green Revolution Programme is team work. All villagers will support the same.

The Project Environment Consultant informed that it is mandatory to us to reserve and develop 33% area for green belt, as per directives of the Central Government. This shows the commitment for environment protection of the project proponent.

Environment Consultant further informed that in the Bhandgaon village and in the villages of 10 k.m. radius, the project proponent will carry green belt development. The project proponent desires that nobody should suffer due to this project.

Member of the Public Hearing Committee Shri Khedkar here remarked that the Chairman of the Tanta-Mukti village has nicely raised the questions. He

expressed the expectations from the Government Departments. Member of the Public Hearing Committee informed that he is representative of MPCB and explained that the project was very small and now planned for expansion. He informed that if the expansion is more than 30,000 MTA, then it is mandatory to the project proponent to obtain Environment Clearance. Also Environment Department and MPCB do prescribe standards, the local people should not take any tension.

**3) Shri Mahesh Bhausaheb Borkar, Resident-Bhangaon, Tal-Daund, Dist-Pune**

There are educated youths in the local villages. The job opportunities please be extended to others just as to Bhandgaon village.

Project Proponent further informed that the local people are working in this factory, drivers have become owner of the vehicle. The local people will be given preference in the category of skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled and the unskilled and semi-skilled people will be given training by the project proponent and job will be given to suitable persons.

**4) Shri Sahaji Dorge, Resident -Bhandgaon, Tal-Daund, Dist-Pune**

The local people have to suffer dust pollution due to the vehicles comes for transporting of material in the plant. What steps will be taken for dust pollution? Project Proponent informed that the internal roads will be made pucca (black top/RCC) of the factory. The water sprinkling by tanker will be insured in the factory premises. Hence dust will not be spread outside the factory premises.

**5) Shri Ravindra Jadhav, Resident of Bhandgaon, Tal-Daund, Dist-Pune:-**

Whether the rain water harvesting is planned by the Project Proponent?

It is informed that the pits will be dug to preserve the rain water. The rain water will be used as much as possible. The project proponent is committed to preserve and use the maximum rain water & its percolation to recharge ground water.

**6) Shri Arun Ganapat Chavan, Resident of Yawat, Tal-Daund, Dist-Pune :-**

How the poor local students will be helped to learn the education by the Project proponent?

It is answered by the project proponent that they are committed to help the poor students of the villages to get learn the education. Last year grampanchayat school students who have to travel long distance for school have been given the bicycles. Whatever education material will be required by the school will be made available.

**7) Shri Tatya Govind Jadhav, local person :-**

He informed that when he started to work the rate was given rupees 60/-. He needs the job. He can work as gardener. If there is any work, he should be called.

It is informed that 33% green belt is proposed to develop by the project proponent. There is requirement of gardener and housekeeping personnel. Hence the work of green belt will be allotted if he visits the factory.

Convener of the Public Hearing Committee appealed the participants to raise suggestions or objections, opinions regarding Environment Management Plan of the proposed expansion of the factory.

**8) Shri Surendra Jadhav, Resident of Bhandgaon, Tal-Daund, Dist-Pune :-**

How the solid waste/slag produced in the production how it will be disposed?

The project proponent answered that as informed by the experts, the slag is stronger than the river sand. The slag will be used for construction and repairing the internal roads of the project. If the demand of slag is made by the local people, it will be made available free of cost. The Grampanchayat will be given slag at free of cost. He opined that the slag should be used by the local people for construction of house.

The solid waste is not thrown outside the project. It is made available to the local brick manufacturers as raw material for brick making. Making of slag bricks is new business opportunity to the local people. It is pollution free.

**9) Shri Ramdas Dorge, Resident of Bhandgaon, Tal-Daund, Dist-Pune:-**

Shri Ramdas Dorge informed that there are 14-15 projects in the village. But the local people suffer due to this company than others. The factory runs single plant at day time, but at night all the plants are in operation in periphery. The local

people suffer more at night time than day time. The population of the villages is increasing. They can suffer due to pollution. But the local people need the project for the development. Hence, the project management should adopt the pollution control measures. Bhandgaon Grampanchayat written several letters to Project Proponent for the pollution menace.

Hence project management should adopt pollution control methods. After expansion, the local people and farmers should not suffer due to pollution. As people suffer due to this project, they express the opinion. We are not against the project or its expansion.

Project Proponent has given answer that previously there was wet scrubbing system, which is replaced by the new air pollution control system. He said that Shri Ramdas Chorge has already visited the plant. Also the Grampanchayat Members have also came and inspected the plant. It is certified by the Grampanchayat members that all the pollution control equipment is in operation. The project proponent committed that there will not be any environmental loss due to this project.

Member, Public Hearing Committee informed that the vicinity may be suffering due to smoke. The project proponent has replaced the system and new APC system installed. Online monitoring system is mandatory to the industry. Hence, the Pollution Control Board can keep watch on the industry and level of the smoke can be measured. Hence, local people will not suffer due to smoke pollution.

Chairperson, Public Hearing Committee asked about the ear-marked amount of Rupees 12/- lakh under the Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER) Fund.

Project Environment Consultant informed that as per the Notification of MoEF&CC, GOI dated 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2018, 2% of the cost is reserved for the CER Fund.

Chairperson, Public Hearing Committee asked whether prior approval for social welfare schemes is obtained? Environment Consultant informed that as per the Notification, amount can be spent for certain projects which can help education and social welfares. If any particular villages requested to pay the amount on another head, then project proponent has to spent.

Member and Convener of the Public Hearing Committee appealed local people to raise any suggestion or objection if any for the proposed expansion of the plant. There was no response.

Convener of the Public Hearing Committee while concluding the meeting informed that the suggestions, objection received during the meeting are noted and will be included in the minutes of the meeting. The minutes of the meeting will be sent alongwith the Final Environment Impact Assessment Report to Expert Committee of Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra. The Expert Committee will take further decision accordingly.

Convener, Public Hearing Committee thanked all participants, project officials and government officials and declared that the working of the meeting is completed.

The meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.



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