Minutes of Public hearing for proposed capacity expansion of Re-Rolling Mill Project-M/s Alaknanda Metals Pvt. Ltd. at Simli Murarpur, Kothiyan, P.S. Deedarganj, Patna City, Dist.-Patna.

**VENUE:** Project Site of M/s Alaknanda Metals Pvt.

Ltd. at Simli Murarpur Kothiyan, P.S.

Deedarganj, Patna City, Dist.-Patna.

**Date & Time:** 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2022; At: 11.30 A.M.

#### The following officials attended the Public Hearing:

1. Sri Amitav Sinha, ADM, Patna; and

2. Sri Anil Kumar, Regional Officer, BSPCB, Patna.

## The following proponents/officials/representatives attended the Public Hearing:

- 1. Sri Umang Jhunjhunwal, Director, M/s Alaknanda Metals Pvt. Ltd.; and
- 2. Dr. S. Prasad, EIA Consultant, M/s Paramarsh Servicing Environment and Development, Lucknow.

# Number of persons participated in the Public Hearing was 83 and their list is enclosed as Annexure-I.

Sri Anil Kumar, Regional Officer, BSPCB, welcome the ADM, Patna, local public present, project proponent, other participants in the public hearing and initiated with introduction about the project. He informed the importance of public hearing for Environmental Clearance of the proposed project in such a rural area and its benefits to the local people.

Sri Amitav Sinha, ADM, Patna welcome representatives of the project proponent, public, other participants in the public hearing and initiated introduction about the project. He informed about type of unit proposed to establish, location of the unit, capacity of the unit, raw material to be used, opportunity of direct and indirect employment and socio economic benefits of the Thereafter, he invited the project proponent's representative/consultant to explain regarding the proposed project from environment point of view.

Dr. S. Prasad, Environmental Consultant of the project delivered a presentation and highlighted the following:-

- Described about the project salient features, baseline environmental data & conditions of the area. He stated that water/air/soil samples were collected and analyzed, assessed about water/coal requirement and waste water generation/emissions in air.
- Described about the project salient features—3 Nos.
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modernized and upgraded for production of 1,20,000 TPA TMT Bar & Structures and New Re-rolling Mill of 60,000 TPA capacity will be installed. Monitoring & study of baseline environmental data & conditions within 10 km radius for three months. He stated that water/air/soil samples were collected and analyzed, assessed about water requirement and waste water generation.

- Studied about PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub> and green belt development scheme of the project.
- Explained the likely impact on environment and its mitigation measures.
- Informed that proposed unit shall be based on modern technology; adequate area for green belt development; online emission monitoring system shall be installed with latest technique & alert system; cooling water shall be recycled; statutory permission for abstraction of ground water shall be obtained from competent authority; Project shall be implemented/established by following all statutory norms as prescribed under the Rules; and
- Also stated that employment will be generated from the project and employment preference will be given to local people or as per Rules.

### Response of the Public & their opinion:

In the public hearing following persons have expressed their views/opinions as given below:

- 1. Sri Sanjeet Kumar, Patna City, Patna: Asked about employment of local people and Tree Plantation in nearby villages;
  - Reply of Project Representative: Local people will be preferred for employment based on their qualification and skill level. Tree Plantation will be done in the nearby villages in consultation with local gram panchayat.
- 2. Sri Pankaj Kushwaha, Kothia, Patna City, Patna: Asked about damage of crops due to water pollution & fallen/depleting of groundwater level in the area due to the project and suggested more Plantation in and around area.

Reply of Project Representative: In the project, water will be used for cooling purposes only. No Industrial waste water will be generated. Domestic waste water will be treated in proposed STP within premises and will be recycled and reused for dust suppression and irrigation of plantation. Tree Plantation will be done in nearby area in consultation with local administration.





- 3. Smt. Sarita Devi, Nayatola, Deedarganj, Patna: Concerned about wastage of water, Tree Plantation to minimize oxygen deficiency.
  - Reply of Project Representative: Ground Water will be withdrawan as per permission granted by CGWB. To minimize wastage of water efficient equipment will be installed. Tree Plantation will be done in the nearby area in consultation with local administration.
- 4. **Sri Ajay Kumar, Deedarganj, Patna**: Asked about employment generation.
  - **Reply of Project Representative**: Local people will be preferred for employment based on their qualification and skill.
- 5. **Sri Niwas, Deedarganj, Patna**: Asked about Air Pollution Control system to reduce emission and tree plantation.
  - Reply of Project Representative: Air Pollution Control System viz., Fume Extraction System with Dust Collectors and Bag Filters will be installed to reduce emission level. Tree Plantation will be done in nearby area in consultation with local administration.
- 6. Sri Bittu Kumar, Patna City, Patna: Asked about management of soild waste generation.
  - Reply of Project Representative: Slag generated from Induction furnace, End Cuttings, Mill Scale and Coal Ash will be generated as solid waste from the proposed expansion project. Induction furnace slag will be sold to cement manufacturers for reusing in manufacturing of cement. Coal ash will be supplied to local brick manufacturers for reusing as bed material. End Cuttings and mill scale will be re-melted in Induction Furnace for production of MS Billet within premises.

Lastly, Sri Umang Jhunjhunwal, Director of the project has expressed his gratitude to all persons present in the public hearing and expressed that he has noted all points discussed today and prompt action will be taken to ensure their early implementation.

#### Conclusion:

Overall views of the public participated in the hearing were in favor of the project with adequate water/air/noise & waste management facilities.

The proceedings of the public hearing are recorded and video taken. The same shall be submitted to all concern and the authority for necessary action.

(Anil Kumar)
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