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The Secretary to Govt. of India,

Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,

Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jorbagh Road,

New Delhi - 110 003.

Subject:

Proceedings of the public hearing conducted on 23.08.2024 in connection with application filed by M/s Acufine Lifesciences Pvt Ltd., for conduct of public hearing for obtaining environmental clearance under EIA notification dated 14.09.2006, for expansion of the existing unit located in the revenue estate of Village Jaspalon, Tehsil Khanna, District Ludhiana.

It is intimated that the subject cited industry is an existing unit located in an area of 9955.18 sqm in the revenue estate of Village Jaspalon, Tehsil Khanna, District Ludhiana and has obtained consent to operate from the Punjab Pollution Control Board for formulation of pesticide facility with installed & sanctioned capacity of 9,000 MTPA, but the unit has not started its operation as yet. Now, the industry has proposed to expand its unit by involving the production of technical grade pesticide specific intermediates as main product @ 18,000 MTPA and 1620 MTPA as by-product (Total after expansion 19620 MTPA) in addition to existing formulation of pesticides @ 9,000 MTPA by acquiring additional land of 17,874.91 sqm (Total land area after expansion: 27,830.09 sqm). The project is covered under the EIA notification No. S.O. 1533 (E) dated 14.9.2006 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, (MoEF&CC), Govt. of India, New Delhi and thus, the industry is required to obtain Environmental Clearance from MoEF&CC, New Delhi. As a part of the procedure for seeking environmental clearance, as notified by MoEF&CC, the project proponent has prepared draft EIA study report of the proposed project based on the Terms of Reference issued by the MoEF&CC, New Delhi, vide No. IA-J-11011/374/2023-IA-II(i) dated 17.10.2023. The industry had submitted draft EIA study report to the Board and had requested for conduct of public hearing of this project.

In compliance to the provisions of the EIA notification dated 14.09.2006 & Office Memorandum dated 14.09.2020, the Board fixed the date of public hearing as 23.08.2024. Public notices were published in two daily newspapers namely 'The Tribune' & 'Jagbani' on 23.07.2024 for getting responses from public and intimating date, time & venue of public hearing. The copies of the said notices are enclosed herewith as Annexure-I

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The public announcements and banners were displayed in the vicinity / nearby villages to give wide publicity of the public hearing, by the Board. Thereafter, public hearing for the said project was conducted on 23.08.2024. The public hearing process was supervised and presided over by the Sub Divisional Magistrate, Khanna, District Ludhiana in the presence of Environmental Engineer & Asstt. Environmental Engineer, PPCB Regional Office, Fatehgarh Sahib. The public hearing was attended by 83 persons and the entire process of the said hearing was videographed. A copy of the attendance containing the details of persons, who attended the said hearing along with copy of the Pen drive containing video recording & album of photos, is enclosed herewith as Annexure-II & III, respectively.

The proceedings of the public hearing reflecting the views & concerns expressed during the public hearing, duly signed by the Sub Divisional Magistrate, Khanna, District Ludhiana and Environmental Engineer & Asstt. Environmental Engineer, PPCB Regional Office, Fatehgarh Sahib are attached herewith as Annexure-IV for taking further necessary action at the end of the Ministry, please.

DA/- As above

Senior Environmental Engineer (HQ-2)
For Member Secretary
Dated 27 9 2

Endst. No. 24507

A copy of the above alongwith a copy of proceedings is forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana for information and necessary action. It is requested to get the copy of the proceedings of the public hearing displayed conspicuously at his office, please.

DA/- As above

Senior Environmental Engineer (HQ-2)

For Member Secretary

Dated 27 9 24

Endst. No. 24508 -11

A copy of the above alongwith a copy of proceedings is forwarded to the following:-

- 1. The Sr. Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Zonal Office-2, Patiala.
- 2. The Environmental Engineer (Computers) Punjab Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Patiala for displaying the proceedings of public hearing alongwith this letter on the web site of the Board.
- 3. The Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Fatehgarh Sahib. It is requested to get the copy of the proceeding of the public hearing displayed conspicuously at his office. Also, a copy of the proceedings may be sent to the concerned Zila Parishad for displaying the same conspicuously.
- 4. M/s Acufine Lifesciences Pvt Ltd., Village Jaspalon, Tehsil Khanna, District Ludhiana. The industry is advised to submit final EIA report after incorporating the grievances/ suggestions raised by the public in the public hearing to the MoEF&CC, New Delhi & shall start developmental activities in its proposed project, only after obtaining Environmental Clearance and Consent to Establish (NOC) from the Punjab Pollution Control Board.

DA/- As above

Senior Environmental Engineer (HQ-2)
For Member Secretary