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Dated. 17/5/22

No. 10550

To

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 23.03.2022 in connection with application filed by M/s Prime Steel Processors for obtaining environmental clearance under EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006 for expansion of the existing unit located in the revenue estate of Village

Budhewal, Tehsil Kumkalan, Ludhiana (Punjab).

It is intimated that the subject cited industry had applied for obtaining Environmental Clearance as required under the EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006 for carrying out the expansion in the existing industrial unit located in the revenue estate of Village Budhewal, Tehsil Kum Kalan, District Ludhiana by increasing the capacity of steel billets from 1,12,000 TPA to 3,50,000 TPA and rounds, TMT Bars, wire rods, flats & structural steel from 45,000 TPA to 3,40,000 TPA by replacing existing 3 no. induction furnaces of capacity 2x10 TPH & 1x4.5 TPH with 3 No. induction furnaces of capacity 2x25 TPH & 1x12TPH capacity & installation of LRF of 30 TPH & Concast machine and enhancing the capacity of existing Rolling Mill from 10 TPH to 40 TPH by acquiring additional land of 1.6 acres (Total 12.6 acres). The project is covered under Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India notification no. S.O. 1533 (E) dated 14.09.2006 and thus is required to obtain Environmental Clearance from the MoEF&CC, New Delhi. The Terms of Reference for preparing draft study report for the said project were prescribed by MoEF&CC, New Delhi vide no. IA-J-11011/185/2013-IA-II(I) dated 08.06.2021. 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 23.03.2022. Public notices were published in two daily newspapers namely 'Hindustan Times' & 'Punjabi Tribune' on 21.02.2022 for getting responses from public and intimating date, time & venue of public hearing. The copies of the said notices are enclosed herewith

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as Annexure-I. The Public announcements and banners were displayed in the vicinity / nearby villages to give the wide publicity of the Public Hearing by the Board. Thereafter, public hearing for the said project was conducted on 23.03.2022. The Public Hearing process was supervised and presided over by the Additional Deputy Commissioner (G), Ludhiana in the presence of Environmental Engineer & Asstt. Environmental Engineer, PPCB Regional Office-1, Ludhiana. The public hearing was attended by 70 persons and 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, is enclosed herewith as Annexure-II & III, respectively.

Further, to the proceedings recorded for the public hearing, the comments regarding construction status, adequacy of pollution control proposal and suitability of site as per the report received from field office of the Board, are enumerated as below:-

Construction status

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The industry has started the foundation work and steel structure fabrication at the site.

Adequacy of pollution control proposal

The pollution control equipments proposed by the industry is adequate in-principle. The APCD already installed by the industry for existing furnaces are running effectively as per the monitoring done by the Board.

Suitability of site

The industry was earlier granted environmental clearance vide dated 14.10.2015 for expansion of the steel manufacturing unit in an area of 11 acres. Accordingly, consent to operate under Water Act, 1974 and Air Act, 1981 were granted to the industry as per the said environmental clearance. The industry has now proposed further expansion and has purchased 1.6 acres of additional land adjacent to the existing premises for which no proof regarding land use classification has been submitted by the industry.

The proceedings of the public hearing reflecting the views & concerns expressed during the public hearing, duly signed by the Additional Deputy Commissioner (G), Ludhiana and Environmental Engineer & Assistant Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office-1, Ludhiana, is enclosed herewith as Annexure-IV. In addition to above, it is requested that the comments of the Board w.r.t construction status, adequacy of pollution control proposal and suitability of site may be considered while deciding application of the project proponent, seeking Environmental Clearance under EIA notification

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dated 14.09.2006 and the project proponent may be advised to provide a certificate for suitability of site for additional land of 1.6 acres acquired for expansion project from the concerned authorities.

DA/- As above

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Member Secretary

Endst. No. 10551

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 a copy of the proceedings of the public hearing displayed conspicuously at his office.

DA/- As above

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A copy of the above alongwith a copy of proceedings is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:

- 1. The Sr. Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Zonal Office-1, Ludhiana.
- 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-1, Ludhiana. He is also requested to get a 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 Prime Steel Processors, Village Budhewal, Tehsil Kumkalan, 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 on its proposed project, only after obtaining Environmental Clearance and Consent to Establish (NOC) from the Punjab Pollution Control Board.

DA/- As above

Member Secretary

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