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PUNJAB POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

No. 14808

Dated. 13-7-22

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 04.04.2022 in connection with application filed by M/s Ambuja Cement Ltd., for obtaining environmental clearance under EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006 for expansion of the existing grinding unit from 3.4 MMTPA to 5.4 MMTPA located in the revenue estate of Village Daburji, P.O. Lodhimajra, District Ropar, (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 Village Daburji, P.O. Lodhimajra, District Ropar by increasing the capacity of cement grinding unit from 3.4 MTPA to 5.4 MTPA. 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-11011/146/2012-IA-II (I) dated 03.08.2021. 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 04.04.2022. Public notices were published in two daily newspapers namely 'The Indian Express' & 'Rozana Spokesman' on 04.03.2022 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**. 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 04.04.2022. The public hearing process was supervised and presided over by the Additional Deputy Commissioner

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(G), Rupnagar in the presence of Environmental Engineer & Asstt. Environmental Engineer, PPCB Regional Office, Rupnagar. The public hearing was attended by 511 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 Zonal Office-1, Patiala vide letter No. 3798 dated 01.07.2022 & letter No. 3939 dated 08.07.2022 (**Annexure-IV**), are enumerated as below:-

The industry is an existing unit and was granted consent to operate under the Water Act, 1974 and the Air Act, 1981 for operation of unit to produce cement @ 3.4 MMTPA and power @ 30 MW by using raw material clinker, gypsum and fly ash valid upto 31.03.2024 and 30.09.2022 respectively.

**Construction status**

No construction activity has yet been started at the site.

**Adequacy of pollution control proposal**

The industry has proposed bag filters as APCD with the new project, which is principally adequate.

**Suitability of site**

The industry has proposed to enhance the production capacity of cement by adding 2.0 MMTPA. Total capacity after expansion will be 5.4 MMTPA of cement. The industry has proposed this expansion in an area approx. 5 acre, which is within the existing premises and part of existing green belt. The site of the industry is not meeting with the prescribed siting guidelines w.r.t the distance of nearest Vill. phirni/Laldora, which is 104/106 m against 500 mtr as prescribed in the guidelines issued by the Board vide Notification dated 02.09.1998.

The proceedings of the public hearing reflecting the views & concerns expressed during the public hearing, duly signed by the Additional Deputy Commissioner (G), Rupnagar and Environmental Engineer & Assistant Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Rupnagar, is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-V**. In addition to above, it is requested that the comments of the Board w.r.t construction status, adequacy of

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pollution control proposal and suitability of site may be considered while deciding application of the project proponent, seeking Environmental Clearance under EIA notification dated 14.09.2006.

DA/- As above

Endst. No. 14809

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o/c (Er. Krunesh Garg)  
Member Secretary  
Dated 13-7-22

A copy of the above alongwith a copy of proceedings is forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner, Rupnagar 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

Endst. No. 14810-13

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Member Secretary  
Dated 13-7-22

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, 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, Rupnagar. 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 Ambuja Cement Ltd., Village Daburji, P.O. Lodhimajra, District Ropar. 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

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