

ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪ੍ਰਦੂਸ਼ਣ ਕੰਟਰੋਲ ਬੋਰਡ PUNJAB POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

Dated. 5/3/24

To

The Member Secretary,

State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority,

Punjab Bio-Technology Incubator (PBTI Complex), Knowledge City, Sector-81, SAS Nagar – 140308.

Subject:

Proceedings of the public hearing conducted on 19.01.2024 in connection with application filed by M/s Ambuja Cement for obtaining environmental clearance under EIA notification dated 14.09.2006, for proposed Greenfield standalone clinker grinding unit of 2x3.0 MMTPA (6.0 MMTPA) of cement (OPC, PPC, PSC, PCC & other cement) in the revenue estate of Vill. Raniala &

Sadullapur Badhwan, Tehsil Garhshankar, District Hoshiarpur.

It is intimated that the subject cited industry has proposed to set up a Greenfield standalone clinker grinding unit of 2x3.0 MMTPA (6.0 MMTPA) of cement (OPC, PPC, PSC, PCC & other cement) in an area of 17.8 hactares in the revenue estate of Village Raniala & Sadullapur Badhwan, Tehsil Garhshankar, District Hoshiarpur. 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 State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Punjab. 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 SEIAA, Punjab, vide No. SEIAA/PB/IND/2023/TOR/20 dated 24.08.2023. As such, the industry had submitted an application to Punjab Pollution Control Board for conduct of the public hearing of this project.

Office Memorandum dated 14.09.2020, the date of public hearing was fixed as 19.01.2024. Public notices were published in two daily newspapers namely 'Indian Express' & 'Rozana Spokesman' on 15.12.2023 for getting responses from public and intimating date, time & venue of the 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

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hearing for the said project was conducted on 19.01.2024. The public hearing process was supervised & presided over by the Sub Divisional Magistrate, Garhshankar, District Hoshiarpur in the presence of Addl. Senior Environmental Engineer & Asstt. Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Hoshiarpur. The public hearing was attended by 37 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 (Pendrive) containing video recording, is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-II & III**, respectively.

It is pertinent to mention here that a complaint, No. Nil dated Nil, addressed to MoEF&CC with copy to Chairman, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala has been received from the residents/Gram Panchayats of Tehsil Garhshankar, District Hoshiarpur against the establishment of the subject cited plant at the proposed site. A copy of the complaint is attached herewith as **Annexure-IV** for ready reference.

The proceedings of the public hearing reflecting the views & concerns expressed during the public hearing, duly signed by the Sub Divisional Magistrate, Garhshankar, District Hoshiarpur and Addl. Senior Environmental Engineer & Asstt. Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Hoshiarpur is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-V** for information & further necessary action at your end.

DA/- As above

Endst. No. <u>6/55</u>

For Member Secretary

A copy of the above alongwith a copy of proceedings is forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner, Hoshiar pur 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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For Member Secretary

A copy of the above along with 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, Jalandhar.
- 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.

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- 3. The Addl. Senior Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Hoshiarpur. 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, Registered Office: Adani Corporate House, Shantigram, S.G. Highway, Khodiyar, Ahmedabad-382421. The industry is advised to submit final EIA report after incorporating the grievances/suggestions raised by the public in the public hearing to the SEIAA & 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

For Member Secretary