



# ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪ੍ਰਦੂਸ਼ਣ ਕੰਟਰੋਲ ਬੋਰਡ PUNJAB POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

No. 26534

Dated. 20/10/23

To

The Member Secretary,  
State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority,  
O/o DECC, MGSIPA Complex, Sector-26,  
Chandigarh.

**Subject: Proceedings of the public hearing conducted on 28.08.2023 in connection with application filed by M/s Sona Castings Pvt Ltd., for obtaining environmental clearance under EIA notification, 2006 for the proposed expansion in the existing premises located in the revenue estate of G.T. Road, Sirhind Side, Mandi Gobindgarh, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib.**

It is intimated that the subject cited industry is an existing unit located in an area of 4.45 acres situated at G.T. Road, Sirhind Side, Mandi Gobindgarh, District Fatehgarh Sahib and is engaged in the manufacturing of Billets & H.R. Coils @ 110 TPD by installing an induction furnace of 8 Ton/heat capacity & a Rolling Mill. Now, the industry has proposed to expand its unit in the existing premises for manufacturing of Billets/H.R. Coils/Pipes @ 365 TPD (after expansion) by replacing existing induction furnace of 8 Ton/heat capacity with 2 No. induction furnaces of 12 Ton/heat capacity each alongwith new pipe plant besides existing Rolling Mill. 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. The industry had submitted draft EIA study report and other required documents to the Board and had requested for conduct of public hearing of this project.

In compliance to the provisions of the EIA notification dated 14.9.2006 & Office Memorandum dated 14.09.2020, the date of public hearing was fixed as 28.08.2023. Public notices were published in two daily newspapers namely 'Hindustan Times' & 'Rozana Spokesman' on 25.07.2023 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 hearing for the said project was conducted on 28.08.2023. The public hearing process was

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supervised & presided over by Additional Deputy Commissioner (G), District Fatehgarh Sahib in the presence of Environmental Engineer (Mega), PPCB, Head Office, Patiala & Asstt. Environmental Engineer, PPCB Regional Office, Fatehgarh Sahib. The public hearing was attended by 81 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. The site of the industry was visited by the Officers of the Board on 27.08.2023 and the comments regarding construction status, adequacy of pollution control proposal and suitability of site has been received from Senior Environmental Engineer, Zonal Office-2, Patiala vide letter No. 3736 dated 12.10.2023 (**Annexure-IV**). The gist of the comments as received from the Zonal Office-2, Patiala is as under:-

**Construction status**

No construction work of the proposed project has been started at site. Only boundary wall has been done at site.

**Suitability of site**

The site of the industry falls in Industrial Zone as per the notified Master Plan of Mandi Gobindgarh upload online in the website of PUDA and as mentioned in the ToR issued by SEIAA, Punjab vide letter No. 252 dated 02.20.2023. Hence, the site is suitable for the installation of the proposed unit.

**Adequacy of pollution control proposals**

For discharge of emissions from 2 no. induction furnaces of capacity 12 TPH each, the industry has proposed to install side suction hood followed by pulse jet bag filter with as APCD. As per the current practice, the proposed arrangements for tapping of primary emissions are adequate in principle. But the industry is required to make adequate arrangements for control/tapping secondary emissions generated from the furnaces. Further, for domestic wastewater, STP of 15 KLD capacity is to be installed which is adequate.

the industry has submitted green area map in Regional Office, Fatehgarh Sahib as per the same, green area @ 3604.61 sqm in new premises (i.e. 33% of total area of the project i.e. 6317.35 sqm. The green area proposed by the industry is adequate.

The proceedings of the public hearing reflecting the views & concerns expressed during the public hearing, duly signed by the Additional Deputy Commissioner (G), District Fatehgarh Sahib in the presence of Environmental Engineer (Mega), PPCB, Head Office

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Patiala & Asstt. Environmental Engineer, PPCB Regional Office, Fatehgarh Sahib, 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 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. 26535

*[Signature]*  
Member Secretary  
Dated 20/10/23 22/11/23

A copy of the above alongwith a copy of proceedings is forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner, Fatehgarh Sahib 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. 26536-39

*[Signature]*  
Member Secretary  
Dated 20/10/23 22/11/23

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-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. 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 Sona Castings Pvt Ltd., G.T. Road, Sirhind Side, Mandi Gobindgarh, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib. 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

*[Signature]*  
Member Secretary  
22/11/23