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PUNJAB POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

No.10660

Dated.18-05-2022

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 24.03.2022 in connection with application filed by M/s Best Poly Fabrics Ltd., for establishment of a new chemical unit for the manufacturing of Formaldehyde @ 80 MT/day in the revenue estate of Village Hambran, Tehsil & District 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 establishment of a new chemical plant in an area of 2100 sqm in the revenue estate of Village Hambran, Tehsil & District Ludhiana for the manufacturing of formaldehyde @ 80 MT/day. 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-11011/311/2021-IA-II(I) dated 08.10.2021. 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 24.03.2022. Public notices were published in two daily newspapers namely 'Indian Express' & 'Rozana Spokesman' on 20.02.2022 & 23.02.2022, respectively, 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 24.03.2022. The public hearing process was supervised and presided over by the Additional Deputy Commissioner (G), Ludhiana in the presence of Environmental Engineer & Assistant Environmental Engineer,

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PPCB Regional Office-3, Ludhiana. The public hearing was attended by 54 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.

As per the report received from the field office of the Board, the comments regarding construction status, adequacy of pollution control proposal and suitability of site are as under:-

Construction status

Presently, no construction has been started at site.

Adequacy of pollution control proposal

As per draft EIA report, the project proponent has submitted proposal regarding control of air & water pollution to be generated from its process. The project proponent has proposed water scrubber as APCD to control process emission and multi-cyclone separator as APCD to control SPM from boiler section. The project proponent has also proposed treatment of effluent to be generated from its process. However, during questioning by public present in the public hearing, the project proponent has informed that there will be no air pollution from the process and only source of air pollution will be DG set. Public present in the public hearing also pointed out that in the draft EIA report, it has been mentioned that there will be no gaseous pollution from the process. The project proponent was again asked to clarify the mechanism to be adopted to control process emissions and the project proponent informed that the only source of air pollution will be DG set and there is a mistake in the EIA report. This has also been recorded in the proceedings of the personal hearing.

Thus, there is contradiction between the details provided in draft EIA report and the contentions made by project proponent during the public hearing with respect to the pollution sources & proposed control arrangements thereto as divulge above.

Suitability of site

The proposed site of the industry is located in the revenue estate of Village Humbran, Tehsil Ludhiana (West), District Ludhiana. As per drawings of the approved Master Plan, Ludhiana (2007-31), the entire revenue estate of Village Humbran falls under Industrial zone. However, the project proponent has not submitted any site suitability certificate/area classification report from the District Town Planner, Ludhiana in this regard.

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-3, 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 dated 14.09.2006.

DA/- As above

Endst. No. 10661

Kgarg
o/c (Er. Krunesh Garg)
Member Secretary
Dated 18-05-2022

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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Member Secretary
Dated 18-05-2022

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, 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-3, 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 Best Poly Fabrics Ltd., Work & Regd Office: Mullanpur Road, V.P.O. Hambran, Ludhiana-141110. 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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