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Dated. 10/1/23.....

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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 10.10.2022 in connection with application filed by M/s Natural Castings, for obtaining environmental clearance under EIA notification, 2006 for the proposed expansion in the existing premises located in the revenue estate of Village Mullanpur Kalan,

Mandi Gobindgarh, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

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 manufacturing of steel ingots/billets, angles, channels, rounds, square, TMT bars, flats & patra @ 1,31,250 TPA by replacing the existing induction furnace of 7 TPH with 10 TPH in addition to an induction furnace of 15TPH capacity, a rolling mill (20Ton/hr), LRF (20 TPH), concast machine, AOD and VD by acquiring an additional land of 2.0 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 SEIAA, Punjab. The Terms of Reference for preparing draft study report for the said project were prescribed by State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Punjab vide no. SEIAA/2021/4341 dated 25.06.2021. The industry had submitted draft EIA study report to the Board and had requested for conduct of public hearing of this project.

Office Memorandum dated 14.09.2020, the date of public hearing was fixed for 10.10.2022. Public notices were published in two daily newspapers namely 'Indian Express' & 'Ajit' on 06.09.2022 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

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project was conducted on 10.10.2022. The public hearing process was supervised & presided over by Additional Deputy Commissioner (G), Fatehgarh Sahib in the presence of Environmental Engineer & Asstt. Environmental Engineer, PPCB Regional Office, Fatehgarh Sahib. The public hearing was attended by 74 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 09.10.2022 & 03.11.2022 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. 02 dated 02.01.2022. The gist of the comments as received from the Zonal Office-2, Patiala is as under:-

Construction status

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No construction work for the proposed expansion project has been started by the industry at site.

Suitability of site

There are industrial units in the vicinity of the proposed site as shown by the project proponent. The site of the industry falls in industrial zone as per the Notified Master Plan of Mandi Gobindgarh. Hence, the site is suitable for the proposed expansion project.

Adequacy of pollution control proposals

As per the draft EIA report, the industry has proposed to install side suction hood and pulse jet filter with offline technology having 99% efficiency as APCD for its proposed induction furnaces.

Further for domestic wastewater, STP of capacity 10 KLD is to be installed. The proposed pollution control schemes submitted by the industry for Air and Water pollution are adequate in principle.

The industry has purchased additional land for the expansion of the project. It has submitted a proposal to develop a green area measuring 45600 Sqft or 4236.34 sqm (i.e. 33.3 % of the total land area of the project i.e. 138150 sqft).

In view of the above, the proceedings of the public hearing reflecting the views & concerns expressed during the public hearing, duly signed by the Additional Deputy Commissioner (G), Fatehgarh Sahib and Environmental Engineer & Asstt. Environmental

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PPCB Regional Office, Fatehgarh Sahib, 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

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Endst. No. 1/02

Member Secretary

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. 1/03-06

Member Secreta

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 Natural Castings, Village Mullanpur Kalan, Mandi Gobindgarh, District 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

Member Secreta