

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED PROJECT TO SET-UP FERRO ALLOYS PLANT FOR PRODUCTION OF EITHER OR COMBINATION OF HIGH CARBON FERRO MANGANESE (24000 TPA) OR SILICO MANGANESE (15500TPA) OR FERRO SILICON (7750 TPA) OR PIG IRON (24000 TPA) WITH INSTALLATION OF 2 X 6 MVA CAPACITY SUBMERGED ARC FURNACE OF M/S. VINAY ALLOYS, PLOT NO. D-17, MIDC UMRED, TAH-UMRED, DIST.NAGPUR DATED 01-09-2021.

Environmental Public Hearing in respect of proposed project to set-up Ferro Alloys Plant for production of either or Combination of High Carbon Ferro Manganese (24000 TPA) OR Silico Manganese (15500TPA) OR Ferro Silicon (7750 TPA) OR Pig Iron (24000 TPA) with installation of 2 x 6 MVA capacity submerged arc furnace of M/s. Vinay Alloys, Plot No. D-17, MIDC Umred, Tah.Umred, Dist-Nagpur under the Chairmanship of Shri. Jagdish Katkar, Additional District Magistrate (A representative nominated by the District Collector, Nagpur). Shri. Ashok Kare, Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur was the member of the public hearing panel and Shri.Anand Katole, Sub-Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur-II act as a convener. The Public Hearing started at 11.30 am with the permission of the Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel. Attendance of the People present during the Public Hearing is attached as **Annexure-I**.

BACKGROUND :

M/s. Vinay Alloys has proposed project to install 2x6 MVA capacity Sub-merged Arc Furnace (SAF) at D-17, MIDC Umred, Tah-Umred, Dist-Nagpur. The total plot area is 19800 sq.m. Standard Terms of Reference (TOR) has been issued vide letter F No.J-11011/14/2021-IA.II (I) dated 9th January 2021 for preparation of EIA/EMP report of Manufacturing of either or Combination of High Carbon Ferro Manganese (24000 TPA) OR Ferro Silicon (7750 TPA) OR Silico Manganese (15500 TPA) OR Pig Iron (24000 TPA) with installation of 2 x 6 MVA capacity Sub-merged Arc Furnace.

PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE:

With the permission of Chairman of Public Hearing, Sub-Regional Officer-II, MPCB, Nagpur has started public hearing by welcoming the Chairman and member of public hearing panel, local citizens from the village and others presents.

Shri. Jagdish Katkar, Additional District Magistrate and the Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel informed that this Public Hearing is for recording the views/objects/suggestions of the participants regarding the project and the proceedings will be communicated to the Government for further consideration.

Sub-Regional Officer-II, MPCB, Nagpur explained the purpose of conducting this public hearing that as per the MoEF, GOI Notification SO 60(E) of 27th January 1994 and amended on 14th September, 2006. The notices for the public hearing was published in two local widely circulated news papers i.e. the 'Hitavada' (English) and 'Sakal' (Marathi) on 30.07.2021 as per the procedure of EIA Notification. Copies of the same are enclosed as **Annexure-II**.

Copies of the executive summary / EIA containing salient features of the project & EIA both in English and in Marathi and other information/documents were made available to the public by making these documents available in various Govt. offices as well as local Gram Panchayat as per MoEF GOI Notification. Suggestions, comments and objections of the public were called in writing during the notice period of the publication of the notice. This office has received 2 representation through email till the date of public hearing. The public hearing panel was constituted vide MPC Board Office Order No. E-68/2021 vide letter No. BO/JD/(WPC)/PH/B-210826-FTS-0103 dtd. 26.08.2021. Copy of the same is enclosed as **Annexure-III**. Provision was made for online public hearing through webex app for which username and password was displayed, however online queries was not received.

Thereafter, Sub-Regional Officer-II, Nagpur and Convener requested the project proponent to give their detail presentation about the project and the Environmental issues related with it. Accordingly, representative of the project proponent gave detailed power point presentation of the project in local language as under. Project proponent has given information regarding project undertake by M/s. Vinay Alloys proposed project to set-up Ferro Alloys Plant for production of either or Combination of High Carbon Ferro Manganese (24000 TPA) OR Silico Manganese (15500TPA) OR Ferro Silicon (7750 TPA) OR Pig Iron (24000 TPA) with installation of 2 x 6 MVA capacity submerged arc furnace. He further explained regarding project location, benefits of proposed project, proposed facilities, fire fitting facilities, process description, description of environment and identification of anticipated impact, Land environment, climate and meteorology, Air Environment, existing water quality, water consumption, biological environment, socio-economic environment, impact on local infrastructure, environment management plan, air emission, preventive maintenance / inspection.

Sub-Regional Officer & Convener Shri. A.N. Katole has requested the citizen as well as the present public to express their views, comments, concern & suggestion for this proposed project.

FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN PUBLIC HEARING AND RAISED QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS. THE DETAILS ARE GIVEN BELOW;

1) Shri. Mahesh Margade, Sarpanch, GP, Dhurkheda, Tah.Umred, Dist.Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent / MPCB.
1	Industry shall provide maximum tree plantation and employment opportunity the local villagers.	Project proponent informed that, priority will be given to skilled and unskilled residents for the employment. Adequate training will be arranged for local unskilled unemployed youth.

2) Shri. Sandeep Wase, Dhurkheda.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent / MPCB.
1	Enquired about effect of pollution on agriculture crop and health related issues.	Project proponent informed that, there will be minimum generation of gaseous and dust emissions. There will be no negative effect on agriculture crop and health of local residents. Air pollution control arrangement such as bag filter will be provided.

3) Shri. M. Bachhaya, NGO.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent / MPCB.
1	He welcomed the project and submitted written representation during public hearing.	----

4) Shri. Rajkumar Wase, Dhurkheda

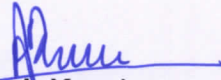
Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent / MPCB.
1	Industry shall provide employment to local villagers and shall not appoint outside person.	Project proponent informed that, training will be imparted to unskilled local unemployed persons.
2.	Industry shall ensure that, there should be no adverse effect due to the pollution. Industry shall support village for development work.	Project proponent informed that, there should be minimum effect of gaseous emissions and dust emissions towards agriculture crops and villagers. Bag filter system will be provided as a air pollution control arrangement.

Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Nagpur-2 has instructed to inform about the pollution control arrangements proposed for gaseous emissions generated from arc furnace. Project proponent informed that, there will be minimum generation of air pollution. Bag filters are proposed as a pollution control arrangement. Ventury scrubber will be provided in case of necessity.

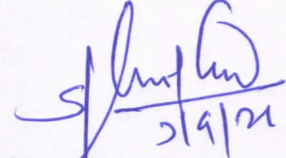
Shri. Jagdish Katkar, Chairman, Public Hearing Panel (Additional District Magistrate, Nagpur) has informed to public that all views and comments are noted and recorded. Proceeding will be submitted to the Environment Ministry for further consideration. Finally, Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel has summarized the proceeding of public hearing in detail and thanks the citizens and participants for their participation. **Shri. Anand Katole, SRO, MPCB** thanks all the officials, public and local villagers present in the public hearing. The public hearing is concluded with the vote of thanks to the chair.



(Anand Katole)
Sub-Regional Officer,
MPC Board, Nagpur-II
& Convener of the
Public Hearing Panel



(Ashok Kare)
Regional Officer,
MPC Board, Nagpur &
Member of the Public
Hearing Panel



(Jagdish Katkar)
Additional District Magistrate,
Nagpur & Chairman of the Public
Hearing Panel