

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF EXISTING FERRO ALLOY UNIT OF M/S.BERRY ALLOYS LIMITED, APIIC, PLOT NO.368, GROWTH CENTER (INDUSTRIAL ESTATE), BOBBILI (V) & (M), VIZIANAGARAM DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH HELD ON 29/04/2017 AT 11:00 AM, NEAR TO THE EXISTING PLANT PREMISES OF M/S. BERRY ALLOYS LIMITED, APIIC, PLOT NO. 368, GROWTH CENTER, BOBBILI (V) & (M), VIZIANAGARAM DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH, INDIA.**

**The following are Present.**

**Panel Members:**

- 1 Sri. Shrikesh B. Lathkar, I.A.S.,  
Joint Collector,  
Additional District Magistrate,  
Vizianagaram District.
- 2 Sri. K.L.P. Kumar,  
Environmental Engineer, APPCB,  
Regional Office, Vizianagaram.

**Special Invitee:**

Sri. R. Govinda Rao,  
Revenue Divisional Officer,  
Parvathipuram Division,  
Vizianagaram District.

At the outset, while welcoming the gathering, the Environmental Engineer explained the features of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Government of India, EIA Notification dated 14/09/2006. According to EIA Notification, Environmental Public Hearing is mandatory for getting Environmental Clearance for carrying this kind of establishment / expansion of Ferro Alloy Manufacturing Units from Ministry of Environment and Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi (MoEF), Govt. of India. He stated that M/s. Berry Alloys Ltd, have applied for Environmental Clearance for the proposed expansion of Existing Ferro Alloy unit in November'2016 with MoEF, New Delhi. The Ministry Authorities have appraised the project and issued Terms of References (TORs) to this project i.e. M/s. Berry Alloys Ltd., authorities to go for Public Hearing. He informed that the press notice was issued on 28/03/2017 in two newspapers i.e., "Sakshi" (Telugu) & "The Hindu" (English) and disseminated the same to the general public through beat of tom-tom in the villages intimating about the proposed Public Hearing to be held on 29/04/2017 with project details for inviting suggestions, views; comments and objections from the public for carrying out the proposed Expansion of Ferro Alloy Unit by M/s. Berry Alloys Ltd, APIIC, Plot No. 368, Growth Center, Bobbili (V) & (M), Vizianagaram District, Andhra Pradesh, India and further informed that the EIA report was placed in the offices of Panchayats, Tahsildar in English and Telugu languages for information of general public.

One written representation was received within the stipulated time i.e. 30 days from the date of issue of notification favoring the proposed expansion Ferro Alloy Unit. The copy of the same is appended to the minutes.

  
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The Joint Collector has explained that this unit is already established/existing Ferro Alloy Unit in this area and now the industry proposed to expand their production capacity by increasing the furnace capacity with 2x9 MVA furnaces in addition to the existing 2x9 MVA furnace. Further he informed that the proposed project may have impact on environment in the surrounding areas and requested the Project authorities to explain the public about the activities and measures being taken up by the management to control the pollution and the salient features of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) study carried for this purpose. He, then, requested the public to express their opinion, objections if any regarding the proposed expansion project.

**Sri A. Mohan Reddy, Sri Sai Manasa Nature Tech Pvt. Ltd, Consultant of the proposed project** has explained the public about the details of the proposed expansion of the existing Ferro Alloy Unit which are as follows: -

- ❖ M/s. Berry Alloys Ltd., proposes to expand the existing Ferro Alloy Unit in an area of about 3.42 acres at Plot No.368, Growth Center (Industrial Estate), Bobbili (V) & (M), Vizianagaram District, Andhra Pradesh. The capital cost of the expansion project is Rs.20 Crores.
- ❖ The Environmental Consultant of the proposed project has studied the base line data for Ambient Air Quality, Surface & Ground Water Quality, Noise and Soil Quality in 8 stations in the surrounding 10 Km radius from the proposed expansion project area to assess the existing Environmental scenario in the area from December 2016 to February 2017.
- ❖ Water is required for cooling, domestic and development of greenbelt purposes only. The required water will be drawn from APIIC growth center for 1<sup>st</sup> phase is 30 KLD and for 2<sup>nd</sup> phase is 30 KLD. The total water requirement of the water is about 60KLD for the plant after expansion.
- ❖ The skilled / semiskilled / unskilled manpower required for the proposed project is estimated to be 50 and the existing man power is 70. The man power requirement will be fulfilled from surrounding villages, to help for the improvement of the socio economic status in the surrounding rural areas.
- ❖ About 33% of the plant site will be developed as greenbelt. The greenbelt developed will help in reducing noise levels in the plant as a result of attenuation of noise generated due to plant operations and transportation.
- ❖ The industry allocated the budget of Rs.30 Lakhs towards fund allocation under "Swaccha Bharat Abhiyan", Organization of medical camps in surrounding villages, training, awareness and skill development programmes, women empowerment, drinking water facility and Educational facilities under CSR activities.

**Sri P. Madhava Rao, Sarpanch, Mettavalasa Village,** while welcoming the proposed project stated that the out of 1180 acres acquired for growth center, 880 acres is from Mettavalasa village. He expressed that they have given their lands to the growth center in anticipation that they will develop both socially and economically. He also stated that he is not against the establishment of the proposed project and requested the government to ensure

pollution free environment to the village. He also stated that the management is not giving job opportunities to the local people and also expressed that they are facing severe pollution problems due to operation of M/s. Balaji Industries, M/s Windson Paper Mills, M/s S.R. Petro Products and other Ferro alloys units existing in the Growth Center. He requested that the proposed project shall ensure employment to the locals and there by solving the un-employment problem in the surrounding area. Finally he requested the management to provide water plant to their village under CSR programme.

**Sri S. Eswara Rao, Sarpanch, M. Boorjavalasa Village** while welcoming the proposed project stated that, M/s Berry Alloys was established in this area before 7-8 years back. He stated that till now there is no development in their village due to establishment of the industry. The existing unit has provided employment about 300 and he felt happy that the upcoming / expansion project may also generate employment for another 300 people. The industry shall take up Medical Camps, Road, Water plants and free education under CSR programme.

**Sri Gorle Krishna Murthy Naidu, Ex. Sarpanch, M. Boorjavalasa Village** while welcoming the proposed project stated that earlier, people use to migrate from their village but now they have returned due to development of Growth Center in this area. He felt happy to inform that the management has provided water plant and benches for the school under CSR funds by spending Rs.3.0 lakhs.

**Sri Vidhya Sagar, M. Boorjavalasa Village** while expressing his views stated that there are villages abutting the Growth Center. He requested that the industry has to follow the norms, operate the Air Pollution Control equipment regularly. He also stated that they are facing pollution problems due to operation of M/s Berry Alloys and M/s Impex Metal industries.

**Sri T. Gopala Rao, Ex. Sarpanch, M. Panukuvalasa Village** while expressing his views stated that M. Panukuvalasa village is located adjacent to the Growth Center and facing pollution problems, due to water pollution several animals have been died in this area. The management has to commit that they will operate the industry without causing pollution problems to the surrounding environment.

**Sri T. Appala Naidu, M. Boorjavalasa Village** expressing his views stated that instead of providing the employment, the industries are removing them for un known reasons and also stated that they are facing lot of pollution problems due to operation of these industries in the area.

**Sri B. Parasuram Naidu, Rtd., Employee, M. Panukuvalasa Village** while welcoming the proposed project stated that M/s Berry Alloys was constructed on his own land which was acquired for the purpose of development of Bobbili Growth Center, but till date the management has not even provided a single job to their family. The management has to provide employment based on the skill in the surrounding villages. He also stated that they have not received the balance amount for their lands which were acquired by the Government for development of Growth Center.

  
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**Sri Vijaya Reddy, NGO, Hyderabad** while welcoming the proposed project informed that there will be upliftment of the villages due to industrialization. He requested the management to provide employment to the locals as well as surrounding villagers. He suggested that the management shall improve the roads, provide water plants in the surrounding villages and shall take up plantation programme as per the Govt. of India norms. Industry shall take up welfare activities such as Health, Education etc., through CSR budget.

**Sri Ch. Jagan, M. Boorjavalasa Village** while welcoming the proposed expansion project stated that they are facing health problems due to existing industries in the Bobbili Growth Center. He requested the Govt. officials shall ensure that the industry will take up necessary control measures to regulate the dust nuisance.

**Sri M. Ramesh, Mettavalasa Village** while expressing his views stated that the management is providing employment to the outsiders only inspite of qualified people available in the local area. He also requested the management to take up the plantation programme to the surrounding villages also.


**Sri Srinivasa Raju, Vice President of the proposed expansion project** while replying to the issues raised in the public hearing stated the following:

- 1) He welcomed the suggestions made by the public and promised to examine all the suggestions.
- 2) The management will provide employment to the local people on priority basis as per their qualifications and suitability.
- 3) He assured that the company will be established and operated as per Government norms without causing any pollution problems to the surrounding area.
- 4) The company will ensure 2% of their profits for CSR activities and the same will be spent in the surrounding villages for the benefit of village development.
- 5) As suggested by the government the management will take up plantation in the surrounding area.

While concluding the proceedings of the Public Hearing, the Joint Collector instructed the PCB officials to attend the issues raised by the public duly taking necessary action and thanked the public for cooperating in conduct of the public hearing and expressing their views, suggested the management that as proposed the management should provide 2% of their profit under CSR budget and the same is to be utilized for permanent social beneficial activities, operate the plant in a sustainable way safeguarding the environment and public health, to ensure green cover in the plant as well as in surroundings and provide employment to the local people only.

It is also informed that all the proceedings of the hearing was recorded and will be sent to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India for taking further necessary action in respect of Environmental Clearance.

  
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