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**MINUTES OF THE 13TH MEETING OF RECONSTITUTED WEST BENGAL STATE
COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (WBSCZMA) HELD ON 9TH FEBRUARY,
2015 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT,
GOVERNEMENT OF WEST BENGAL**

The following members/officials attended the meeting:

1. Shri Chandan Sinha, Principal Secretary & Chairman, WBSCZMA
2. Principal Secretary, Department of Forests – Member
3. Shri Jose T. Mathew, Chief Environment & Member Secretary, WBSCZMA
4. Smt. Sumita Bagchi, Joint Secretary, representing Principal Secretary, Urban Development Department – Member.

The following officials attended the meeting as invitees:

5. Smt. Barnali Biswas, Director, IESWM
6. Shri Siddhartha Roy, Senior Environment Officer, Environment Department

The officials from Kolkata Port Trust attended the meeting.

Background

The project was submitted by the Project Proponent (PP) vide letter no. Civ/ENV/EIA-12/1323 dtd. 20.11.2014 but after going through all the papers it was found to be incomplete. The same was brought to the notice of the PP on 16.12.2014 and the reply was submitted vide letter no. Civ/ENV/EIA-12/1489 dtd. 17.12.2014 and Civ/ENV/EIA-12/1651 dtd. 16.01.2015. After carefully studying the case the 1st Meeting for recommendation of the project was held on 29th January, 2015 and based on clarifications sought the 2nd meeting for this instant case was taken up on 9th February, 2015.

PROCEEDINGS

The Chairman welcomed the members and officials including the officials present on behalf of the Project Proponent and initiated the discussion. The Agendas was:

CRZ Clearance of 'Development of proposed Port facilities at Haldia Dock –II at Mouza – Salukkhali & Rupnarayanchak, P.S. Satahata, Dist. East Medinipur', by Kolkata Port Trust.

- During the 12th Meeting of WBSCZMA held on 29th January, 2015 it was observed that there was lack of clarity with respect to location and CRZ categorization of the port. Hence, the PP was requested to come up with proper clarification in the 13th Meeting of WBSCZMA fixed on 9th February, 2015.


In the 13th Meeting held on 9th February, 2015 Chairman wanted to know the CRZ categorization and detailed lay out of the project. The PP described the entire project through power-point presentation stating that the Haldia Dock – II project at Mouza –

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Salukkhali & Rupnarayanchak, P.S. Sutahata, Dist. East Medinipur is destined to be of the capacity of 23.4 MTPA with 4 nos. of jetties (two mechanized and two multipurpose). The other associated infrastructure required for the dock are hardstand stack yard, cargo handling equipment, mechanized wagon loader, conveyor system, railway siding, firefighting and other contingent facilities, internal roads etc. The proposed dock complex spreads over CRZ-I, CRZ-III and CRZ-IV B, as determined from CRZ maps prepared in the scale 1:25000 and 1:4000 by authorized organization at Kolkata. However, this being a port requiring foreshore facilities is permissible activity as per CRZ Notification, 2011 Para 3(i)(a) and also Para 3(iv) and Para 8(III) – CRZ III A(i). However, the PP has submitted the Environmental Impact Assessment Report alongwith Disaster Management Report, Oil Spill Contingency Plan, Risk Assessment Report and Management Plan of the project. As per the consultant organization preparing the Map, the area does not fall under the ecologically sensitive area. The matter also conforms to Ministry of Shipping (Port Wing) Notification GSR439(E) dtd. 19th June, 2001.

As per information received from Kolkata Port Trust, Haldia Municipality has agreed for disposal of solid and liquid wastes from the dock complex and they are taking up the matter of supply of potable water with Haldia Development Authority.

Based on the discussions and as per the EIA Notification 2006 as the capacity of the port exceeded 5 MTPA of cargo handling capacity, the WBSCZMA unanimously agreed to recommend the above project to Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India for CRZ clearance.


(Chandan Sinha)
Principal Secretary
Department of Environment
&
Chairman, WBSCZMA