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PUNJAB POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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To

The Deputy Commissioner,
Sangrur.

Subject: Regarding application for public hearing as a part in process of obtaining environmental clearance for Development of Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway Punjab Section (from Km 135+056 to Km 397+712) including Green field Connectivity to Amritsar (starting at Km 306+000 of Delhi - Katra Expressway and ending at Amritsar - Ajnala Road NH-354 for a total length of 99 Km) under Bharatmala Pariyojana.

It is intimated that the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Project Implementation Unit, Ludhiana has requested the Board to conduct public hearing in connection with application filed by it in the office of MoEF&CC, New Delhi for Development of Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway Punjab Section (from Km 135+056 to Km 397+712) including Green field Connectivity to Amritsar (starting at Km 306+000 of Delhi - Katra Expressway and ending at Amritsar - Ajnala Road NH-354 for a total length of 99 Km) under Bharatmala Pariyojana. The project is covered under Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Govt. of India, notification No. S.O. 1533 (E) dated 14/9/2006 and thus is required to obtain environmental clearance from the MoEF&CC, New Delhi.

The Standard Terms of Reference have been issued by MoEF&CC, vide F. No. 10-18/2020-IA-III dated 17th March 2020 and subsequent amendment in ToR was issued by MoEF&CC vide F. No. 10-18/2020-IA-III dated 23rd September 2020. The project proponent has submitted draft EIA study report to the Board and has requested for conduct of public hearing of its project in eight districts separately. Further, the stretch of 74.300 km of the expressway is to be passed through District Sangrur.

Accordingly, a public notice to invite suggestions, views, comments and objections of the public, within 30 days, and to invite the concerned public to attend the public hearing to be held at Auditorium/Hall Mini Secretariat Phase-II, Sangrur on 07.12.2020 at 03:00 PM, has been published in the newspapers. During this period, it is required to widely publicize to make the interested persons aware to send their comments in writing, if any, to the Member Secretary, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala. As per

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APPENDIX IV
(See paragraph 7)

PROCEDURE FOR CONDUCT OF PUBLIC HEARING

1.0 The Public Hearing shall be arranged in a systematic, time bound and transparent manner ensuring widest possible public participation at the project site(s) or in its close proximity District -wise, by the concerned State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) or the Union Territory Pollution Control Committee (UTPCC).

2.0 The Process:

2.1 The Applicant shall make a request through a simple letter to the Member Secretary of the SPCB or Union Territory Pollution Control Committee, in whose jurisdiction the project is located, to arrange the public hearing within the prescribed statutory period. In case the project site is extending beyond a State or Union Territory, the public hearing is mandated in each State or Union Territory in which the project is sited and the Applicant shall make separate requests to each concerned SPCB or UTPCC for holding the public hearing as per this procedure.

2.2 The Applicant shall enclose with the letter of request, at least 10 hard copies and an equivalent number of soft (electronic) copies of the draft EIA Report with the generic structure given in Appendix III including the Summary Environment Impact Assessment report in English and in the local language, prepared strictly in accordance with the Terms of Reference communicated after Scoping (Stage-2). Simultaneously the applicant shall arrange to forward copies, one hard and one soft, of the above draft EIA Report along with the Summary EIA report to the Ministry of Environment and Forests and to the following authorities or offices, within whose jurisdiction the project will be located:

- (a) District Magistrate/s
- (b) Zila Parishad or Municipal Corporation
- (c) District Industries Office
- (d) Concerned Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment and Forests

2.3 On receiving the draft Environmental Impact Assessment report, the above-mentioned authorities except the MoEF, shall arrange to widely publicize it within their respective jurisdictions requesting the interested persons to send their comments to the concerned regulatory authorities. They shall also make available the draft EIA Report for inspection electronically or otherwise to the public during normal office hours till the Public Hearing is over. The Ministry of Environment and Forests shall promptly display the Summary of the draft Environmental Impact Assessment report on its website, and also make the full draft EIA available for reference at a notified place during normal office hours in the Ministry at Delhi.

2.4 The SPCB or UTPCC concerned shall also make similar arrangements for giving publicity about the project within the State/Union Territory and make available the Summary of the draft Environmental Impact Assessment report (Appendix III A) for inspection in select offices or public libraries or panchayats etc. They shall also additionally make available a copy of the draft Environmental Impact Assessment report to the above five authorities/offices viz, Ministry of Environment and Forests, District Magistrate etc.

3.0 Notice of Public Hearing:

3.1 The Member-Secretary of the concerned SPCB or UTPCC shall finalize the date, time and exact venue for the conduct of public hearing within 7(seven) days of the date of receipt of the draft Environmental Impact Assessment report from the project proponent, **and advertise the same in one major National Daily and one Regional vernacular Daily.** A minimum notice period of 30(thirty) days shall be provided to the public for furnishing their responses;

3.2 The advertisement shall also inform the public about the places or offices where the public could access the draft Environmental Impact Assessment report and the Summary Environmental Impact Assessment report before the public hearing.

3.3 No postponement of the date, time, venue of the public hearing shall be undertaken, unless some untoward emergency situation occurs and only on the recommendation of the concerned District Magistrate the postponement shall be notified to the public through the same National and Regional vernacular dailies and also prominently displayed at all the identified offices by the concerned SPCB or Union Territory Pollution Control Committee;