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**SUSPENSION OF CLOSURE ORDER WITH RESTORATION OF
ELECTRICITY**

WHEREAS, **M/S. KAMAL ENGINEERING WORKS**, (hereinafter referred as the industry) was engaged in non-ferrous casting using two crucible furnaces along with machining & engineering operation for manufacturing of nuts, bolts, screws etc. at Vill. & P. O. – Hantal, P. S. – Jagatballavpur, Dist. – Howrah.

WHEREAS, a public complaint was lodged before the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred as the Board) against the industry for creating air and noise pollution.

WHEREAS, an inspection was made on the basis of the public complaint by the Howrah Regional Office of the Board on 30-03-2007. During inspection, it was observed that the unit was operating two coal/coke fired crucible without any chimney and pollution abatement systems. During the inspection the unit was found operating without “Consent-to-Establish and “Consent-to-Operate for metal casting operation which is Red Category activities.

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted on 27-04-2007 involving the industry and the complainants. Although the complainants appeared in the hearing, the industry failed to appear for the same.

WHEREAS, in consideration of the inspection report and submission of the complainants closure order was issued against the industry on 10/14-05-2007 for operating the two coal/coke fired crucible furnaces for metal casting without installing any pollution abatement system and chimney, as also operating without obtaining “Consent-to-Establish” and “Consent-to-Operate” for Red Category activity.

WHEREAS, the industry submitted through a letter dated 21-05-2007 that they are operating legally with valid “Consent-to-Establish” and “Consent-to-Operate” issued by the General Manager, District Industries Centre, Howrah.

WHEREAS, the General Manager, District Industries Centre issued “Consent-to-Operate” for manufacturing general engineering metal products like, nuts, bolts, screws etc. without any heat treatment, the industry was having no permission for operating metal casting division involving crucible furnaces.

WHEREAS, in consideration of the “Consent-to-Operate” condition and in consideration of the operation that is actually being carried out, the Board advised the industry to obtain necessary “Consent-to-Establish” and “Consent-to-Operate” from the Howrah Regional

Office of the Board for carrying out “Red Category” activity (operation coal/coke fired crucible furnaces) after installation of adequate pollution control system.

WHEREAS, the industry preferred an appeal before the Hon’ble High Court, Calcutta against the closure order of the Board. The Hon’ble High Court, Calcutta upon hearing the counsels of both the parties was pleased to pass an order on 05-06-2007, directing the Board to conduct another hearing within ten days from date of issuance of this order.

WHEREAS, in compliance with the direction of the Hon’ble High Court, a public hearing was again conducted on 15-06-2007 involving the industry and the complainants in the Head Office of the Board.

WHEREAS, in the hearing the complainants submitted that the industry was continuing its operation including operation of the coal/coke fired furnaces violating the Board’s Order. However the industry was found closed during the inspection conducted by the Howrah Regional Office of the Board on 14-06-2007

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of all the facts and circumstances stated above and in exercise of the powers conferred under Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder the Board hereby suspends the closure order issued against **M/S. KAMAL ENGINEERING WORKS** with the following conditions:

1. That, the industry will only operate its machining and engineering operations for manufacturing of metal products like nuts, bolts, screws etc. without any heat treatment as per the condition of the “Consent-to-Operate” issued by the General Manager, District Industries Centre, Howrah.
2. That, the industry will operate its coal/coke fired crucible furnaces for metal casting only after obtaining “Consent-to-Establish” and “Consent-to-Operate” from the Howrah Regional Office of the Board.
3. That, the industry will install pollution abatement system for the crucible furnaces in the form of gravity settling chambers followed by small bag filtration system with a chimney having a minimum height of 15 mtr. for obtaining “Consent-to-Operate” for Red Category activity.

The Secretary, WBSEB, is requested to restore the electricity connection of the industry immediately.

This has the approval of the Competent Authority.

By Order

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