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SUSPENSION OF CLOSURE ORDER WITH RESTORATION OF ELECTRICITY

WHEREAS, **M/S. METRO CASHEW PRODUCT** (hereinafter referred as the industry) operates its cashew nut processing unit at Vill. – Dulalpur, P. O. – Khalisabhanga, Dist. – Purba Medinipur.

WHEREAS, the Board conducted a public hearing in response to a public complaint on 26-08-2006 and issued the following directions

- I. That, the unit should not discharge the black coloured liquid effluent without proper treatment and treatment arrangement for the same was to be made within two months.
- II. That, the unit was also directed to provide acoustic enclosure for the D. G. set within the two months time for reduction of the noise level so as to keep it within the permissible limit.

WHEREAS, an inspection of the industry conducted by the Board on 19-04-2007 revealed that the industry was still discharging its black coloured effluent without any treatment to soak pit and has not yet housed the D. G. set within acoustic enclosure, thus violating the Board's direction as referred above.

WHEREAS, in consideration of the inspection report, the industry was closed with disconnection of electricity for noncompliance of the direction issued by the Board under provisions of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder.

WHEREAS, **M/S. METRO CASHEW PRODUCT** submitted before the Board through its Learned Advocate, Shri Prasun Kr. Datta, on 19-06-2007 that the unit has taken appropriate measures for treatment of liquid waste and abatement of air pollution from its process and also controlling noise and smoke from the D. G. set.

WHEREAS, an inspection of the industry was carried out on 21-06-2007 by the Regional Office of the Board. Following observations were made during the inspection:

- A. The industry has erected a 50 ft. height common chimney for the roasting drum and hot chamber.
- B. The industry has constructed one oil water separating chamber followed by septic pit for treatment of black coloured effluent generated in the process.
- C. The industry has connected the small chimneys of the roasting drum with the 50 ft high chimney of the hot chamber for proper dispersion of the smoke.
- D. The industry has shifted the D. G. set away from the complainant's residence by 50 ft. and commissioned the same inside a close room with provision of chimney. The noise level was recorded at complainant's residence was within the permissible standard.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the Inspection Report dated 21-06-2007 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Air (Prevention & Control of pollution) Act, 1981 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder, the closure order issued against **M/S. METRO CASHEW PRODUCT** vide Memo No.877-2L/WPB-D(II)/2007 dated

07/08-06-2007 is hereby suspended by the Board with the following conditions. The electricity connection of the industry will also be restored.

1. That, the industry should treat its liquid effluent in oil water separate followed by septic tank and soak pit.
2. That, the noise generated during the operation of the D. G. Set should not cause annoyance to the neighbouring people including the complainant.

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

In case of non-compliance of the aforementioned directions by the said unit, the State Pollution Control Board will take recourse to its earlier order without any further reference.

This order has the approval of the Competent Authority.

By Order

Sd/-

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