



## WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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### CLOSURE ORDER WITH DISCONNECTION OF ELECTRICITY

WHEREAS, **M/S. GAUTAM PLASTIC (SHRI PRADEEP BEHANI, PROPRIETOR)**, (hereinafter referred as the industry) operates a plastic carry bag manufacturing unit at 88, Majilish Ara Road, P. O. – Paschim Putiary, P. S. – Behala, Kolkata – 700 041.

WHEREAS, the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred as the Board) in due consideration of the environmental impact caused due to littering of plastic carry bags, prohibited the manufacture, use & storage of plastic carry bags having thickness below 40 microns and size below 16” X 12” from June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007 within the territorial jurisdiction in the State of West Bengal. This order was issued by the Board on 04-06-2007 in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act read with Environment (Protection) Rules, 1996 in compliance with the direction of the Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal on the said matter.

WHEREAS, the Board placed an order on the M/s. Gautam Plastic for supply of 5,000 Nos. of carry bags having dimension 12” X 16” and thickness 40 micron at a cost of Re.1/- each + 4% VAT on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2007. The Board ordered for supply of such carry bags for demonstration of legal plastic carry bags to different stake holders. The industry supplied the bags on 05-07-2007. On examination of the individual bags it was noted that supplied bags do not conform to the specification and thus violated the provisions of the circular referred above.

WHEREAS, the unit was inspected by the Officials of the Board on 19-07-2007. During inspection it was noted that the unit in question was possessing plastic carry bags of different sizes and dimension and thickness non conforming to the specification as mentioned in the above circular, which is also a violation of circular specifying thickness and dimension of plastic carry bags as referred above. Samples of plastic carry bags were seized by the Officials of the Board during the above inspection.

WHEREAS, the unit was called for a hearing on 30-07-2007. The Technical Committed conducted the hearing apprised the owner of the violations of the circular restricting the manufacture, use and storage of plastic carry bags below a specified thickness and dimensions. The industry could not submit a satisfactory explanation to the Board for violation of the circular restricting the manufacture, use and storage having dimension 16” X 12” and thickness 40 micron.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the violation of environmental norms as stated by **M/S. GAUTAM PLASTIC**, having its plastic carry bag manufacturing unit at 88, Majilish Ara Road, P. O. – Paschim Putiary, P. S. – Behala, Kolkata – 700 041 is closed under the provisions

Environment (Protection) Act and Rules. The electricity connection of the unit is also directed to be disconnected.

This order has been issued after due approval from the Competent Authority of the Board.

The closure order will take immediate effect and Officer-In-Charge, Behala Police Station under W.B. Police, is directed to execute the Closure Order against the aforementioned unit and submit the compliance report to the State Board within seven days from the receipt of this Memo.

This direction has been issued to the Officer-In-Charge, Behala Police Station and the General Manager – Operations (C&M), CESC Ltd. in conformity with the order of the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta dated 21-08-1998 and 28-04-1999 respectively.

The Environmental Engineer Alipore Regional Office of the State Board is requested to take necessary steps for proper execution of the closure order and also visit the unit involving the local police station and Nodal Police Officer of the concerned district to oversee the proper execution of the closure order and disconnection of electricity of the unit.

### **Order**

**Sd/-**

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