



WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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MEMO NO.: 1923 -363-WPB-SEE-K.O.-GEN/2006

DATE: 21-09-2007

CLOSURE ORDER

WHEREAS, **M/S. MB SPONGE & POWER LTD.** (hereinafter referred as the industry) operates its sponge iron unit at P. O. – Hijalgora, P. S. – Jamuria, Dist. – Burdwan

WHEREAS, inspection of the industry on 11-04-2007 revealed that the industry was operating Kiln No.1 without operating the pollution control system. High secondary emission was also observed from the cooler discharge and product house area.

WHEREAS, for the above violation, the industry was called in a hearing in the Head office of the **WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** (hereinafter referred as the Board) on 08-06-2007.

WHEREAS, for the gross violation of the environmental norms as stated above, the industry was penalized through an order dated 12-07-2007 bearing No1222-363/WPB/SEE-K.O.-GEN/2006. The industry was also provided with an opportunity to comply with the environmental norms under a Bank Guarantee of Rs.5.00 Lakhs (Rupees Five Lakhs only)

WHEREAS, the industry submitted the Bank Guarantee as referred above but failed to submit the Pollution Cost.

WHEREAS, a reminder was issued to the industry through Memo No.: 1401-4A-30/2006 dated 01-08-2007 instructing them to submit the Pollution Cost within seven days from the date of issuance of the letter.

WHEREAS, the industry preferred an appeal before the Competent Authority of the Board to reduce the amount of pollution cost to Rs.1.00 lakh or fully waive the same.

WHEREAS, the Competent Authority considered and rejected the appeal of the industry which was communicated to the industry through Board's Memo No. 1508-4A-30/2006 dated 14-08-2006.

WHEREAS, the Board finally issued a show cause notice to the industry asking them to explain why regulatory action will not be taken against the industry for violating the Board's direction by not paying the Pollution Cost.

NOW THEREFORE, **M/S. MB SPONGE & POWER LIMITED** is hereby closed by the Board for violating the environmental statute by operating the Rotary Kiln without operating the pollution control system as revealed through inspection dated 11-04-2007.

This order is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made there under.

The Officer-In-Charge, Jamuria 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, Jamuria Police Station in conformity with the order of the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta dated 28-04-1999.

The In-Charge, Asansol Sub-Regional Office of the State Board is requested to take necessary steps for proper execution of the closure order and also visit the units involving the local police station and Nodal Police Officer of the concerned district to oversee the proper execution of the closure order.

This has the approval of the Competent Authority.

Order

Sd/-

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