



WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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DIRECTION FOR SUSPENSION OF OPERATION

WHEREAS, **M/S. DIAMOND ELECTROPLATERS**, (hereinafter referred as the industry) operating its electroplating unit at 17/1, Bed Ford Lane, KMC Ward No.61, P. S. - Park Street, Kolkata – 700 016.

WHEREAS, a public complaint was received by the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred as the Board) alleging spreading of obnoxious gases creating health hazard.

WHEREAS, inspection of the industry on 16-08-2007 revealed that the industry is operating without valid “Consent-to-Operate”. The validity of the last “Consent-to-Operate” expired in the year 2005 and renewal of the same could not be done for not installing the Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) violating the Board’s direction ETP. The industry is also operating without obtaining authorization under the Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1989 and its subsequent amendments in violation of the Order of the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India passed in W. P. (C) No.657 of 1995.

WHEREAS, a technical hearing was conducted at the Head Office of the Board on 15-10-2007 involving the industry and the complainants.

WHEREAS, Sk. A. Rahim, Proprietor of the industry appearing in the hearing could not submit any satisfactory explanation.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the inspection report dated 16-08-2007 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1989 and its subsequent amendments and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder **M/S. DIAMOND ELECTROPLATERS** is hereby directed that all the operation of the unit will remain suspended till the following are complied with.

1. The unit install adequate treatment system for treating its liquid effluent preferably through batch operation, as continuous operation of ETP is not a feasible option for such small unit. After ensuring the same, the unit should obtain renewal of “Consent-to-Operate” from the regional office of the Board
2. The unit should apply for authorization under Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Rules after compliance of the direction mentioned in Sl.No.1

3. The unit will only start operation of the plant after compliance of the above two directions and during the operation the plating bath should be covered with necessary chemical layering to minimize emanation of acid vapour. These types of chemicals are available from the dealers who deal with electroplating chemicals.

This order has the approval of the Competent Authority.

Order

Sd/-

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