



WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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CLOSURE ORDER WITH DISCONNECTION OF ELECTRICITY

WHEREAS, **M/S. MALLICK METAL**, (hereinafter referred as the industry) operates its' secondary lead smelting unit at Vill.: - Bamangachi (Murali), P. O. – Bamangachi, P. S. – Barasat, Dist. – 24 Parganas (North).

WHEREAS, a public complaint was lodged before the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred as the Board) alleging emission of toxic smoke by the industry resulting in health hazard to the neighbouring people.

WHEREAS, the inspection of the industry on 03-07-2007 revealed the following:

- ◆ The unit has installed Mandir Vatti for secondary lead smelting using lead bearing hazardous waste as raw material. During the time of inspection furnace was not in operation due to non-availability of raw materials.
- ◆ The unit has installed APC system for the Mandir Vatti comprising of suction hood, gravitational settling chamber, bag filter, wet settling chamber and a stack of 30 mtr. from G. L.
- ◆ Hazardous Slag generated from the process were found stored in open space indiscriminately
- ◆ As per the complainants, the unit generally operates during the nighttime. During the time of operation of the unit the complainants feel odour of pungent gases.
- ◆ The unit is operating without obtaining "Consent-to-Operate" from the Board and not even applied for the same.
- ◆ The unit is operating without obtaining registration from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) which is legally obligatory for the reprocessors of lead bearing hazardous waste as per the Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 2003 amendments. The unit also can not legally procure lead containing hazardous waste which is the main raw material used in the operation of the industry. The unit is also operating without obtaining Hazardous Waste Authorization.

All the activities referred above are violation of the provisions of the Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) attracting the direction issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in W. P. (C) No.657 of 1995.

WHEREAS, a hearing was conducted at the Head Office of the Board on 15-10-2007. Neither the representative of the unit nor the complainants appeared in the hearing.

WHEREAS, a technical hearing of the industry was conducted in the Head Office of the Board on 15-10-2007 for the above violation.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the fact and circumstances as stated above, **M/S. MALLICK METAL** is hereby closed by the Board. The electricity connection of **M/S. MALLICK METAL** will also be disconnected forthwith.

This order is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1989 and its subsequent amendments, .Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder and

The Secretary, WBSEB is requested to disconnect the electricity connection of the industry in question forthwith.

The Officer-In-Charge, Barasat 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, Barasat Police Station and the Secretary, WBSEB in conformity with the order of the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta dated 21-08-1998 and 28-04-1999 respectively.

Environmental Engineer, Barrackpore 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 and also ensure the disconnection of electricity of the unit.

This order has the approval of the Competent Authority.

Order

Sd/-

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