



WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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CLOSURE ORDER WITH DISCONNECTION OF ELECTRICITY

WHEREAS, M/S. **TEXPRO [PROPRIETOR : SOLIM MOLLA]** (hereinafter referred as the industry) operates its dyeing & bleaching unit at X-4, Akra Road, P. O. – Battala, KMC Ward No.140, Kolkata – 700 018.

WHEREAS, a public complaint was lodged before the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred as the Board) alleging discharge of untreated wastewater, sound pollution and spreading of obnoxious gases.

WHEREAS, an inspection of the industry on 20-09-2007 revealed the following:

- ◆ The unit is operating without installing Effluent Treatment Plant
- ◆ The unit is operating one HSD fired oven without any stack
- ◆ The wastewater is discharged to KMC drain without any treatment. Other wastes generated from the process i.e. thermocol balls etc. are discharged to a pond.
- ◆ The unit is operating without obtaining “Consent-to-Operate” from the Board.
- ◆ The unit is also operating without obtaining Authorization under the Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1989 and its subsequent amendments thus attracting the provision of the Order of the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India passed in W. P. (C) No.657 of 1995.

WHEREAS, it may be mentioned here that the dyeing & bleaching activity falls under “Red Category” of activities and setting up of such industry within the municipal boundary of Kolkata Metropolitan Area is not permitted as per the prevailing siting policy of the Board and the unit in question only obtained NOC from the DIC., 24 Parganas (North) only on 11-06-2007 for other activity other than dyeing i.e. well after the restriction for dyeing & bleaching activity in the area by the Board in December, 1997.

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted at the Head Office of the Board on 16-11-2007 involving the industry and the complainants. The complainants did not appear in the hearing.

WHEREAS, during hearing, the proprietor of the industry could not submit any satisfactory explanation about the above violations.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the facts and circumstances as stated above and considering the order of the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India **M/S. TEXPRO [PROP.: SOLIM MOLLA]** is hereby closed by the Board. The electricity connection of **M/S. TEXPRO [PRO.: SOLIM MOLLA]** will also be disconnected forthwith.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder and especially the Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1989 and its subsequent amendments notified under Environment (Protection) Act

Suspension of closure order will only be considered after compliance of the following directions and verification of the same through inspection by the Board Officials:

1. The industry should install the Effluent Treatment Plant and comply with the liquid discharge standard.
2. The industry should stop discharging other wastes like thermocol balls etc. generated during its process.
3. The industry will have to obtain Authorization under the Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1989 and its subsequent amendments.
4. The industry will have to apply for obtaining "Consent-to-Operate" to the Board after complying with the above directions mentioned in Sl.Nos. 1, 2 & 3.

The General Manager – Operations (C & M),CESC LTD. is requested to take action for disconnection of the electricity of the said unit immediately.

The closure order will take immediate effect and Officer-In-Charge, Nadial 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, Nadial 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, Camac Street 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 also ensure the disconnection of electricity of the unit.

This order has the approval of the Competent Authority.

Order

Sd/-

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