



WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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CLOSURE ORDER WITH DISCONNECTION OF ELECTRICITY

WHEREAS, **M/S. SILIGURI BATTERY INDUSTRIES** (hereinafter referred as the industry) operates its lead battery plate casting as well as battery manufacturing unit at Bidhan Road, P. O. & P. S. – Siliguri, Dist. – Darjeeling.

WHEREAS, the inspection of the unit on 23-10-2007 by the Officials of the **WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** (hereinafter referred as the Board) revealed that the unit started operating without installing emission control system and effluent treatment plant. The unit generates hazardous waste in the form of lead dross and lead paste. They have not applied for “Authorization” under the Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1989 and its subsequent amendments which is 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 of the industry was conducted at the Head Office of the Board on 15-01-2008.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the facts and circumstances as stated above and considering the order of the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India **M/S. SILIGURI BATTERY INDUSTRIES** is hereby closed by the Board. The electricity connection of **M/S. SILIGURI BATTERY INDUSTRIES** will also be disconnected forthwith.

Suspension of closure order will only be considered by the Board after compliance of the following directions by the industry.

1. Installation of air pollution control system in the lead casting furnace with a chimney of 30 Mtr. height.
2. Installation of effluent treatment system for treating lead bearing liquid effluent.
3. Obtain “Authorization” under the Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1989 and its subsequent amendments.
4. Erecting bilingual environmental information display boards outside the factory main gate.
5. Renew the “Consent-to-Operate” after compliance of above four conditions.

The industry is at liberty to take advice from Sr. Environmental Engineer – Waste Management Cell towards compliance of all the above directions.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under 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.

The Secretary, WBSEB 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, Siliguri 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, Siliguri 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.

Assistant Environmental Engineer & In-Charge, Siliguri 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.

By Order

Sd/-

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