



WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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CLOSURE ORDER

WHEREAS, **M/S. VIKING BATTERY INDUSTRIES**, (hereinafter referred as the industry) operates its lead acid battery manufacturing unit involving lead plate casting unit at 10, Dr. Ambedkar Path, Upper Bhanu Nagar, 2nd Mile (Near Power House), P. O. – Sevoke Road, P. S. – Bhaktinagr, Dist. – Jalpaiguri.

WHEREAS, the Regional Office of the **WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** (hereinafter referred as the Board) carried out inspection of the industry on 23-10-2007, which revealed that the industry is operating without valid “Consent-to-Operate” from the Board. Validity of last “Consent-to-Operate” expired on 07-10-2005 and the unit has not submitted application for renewal of the same since then. The industry has not even submitted application for obtaining “Authorization” under the Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Amendment Rules, 2003 and thus attracting the Order of the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India passed in W. P. (C) No.657 of 1995. The inspection also revealed that the unit operates one diesel-fired oven for lead plating casting without any air pollution control devices. Entire process emission is being ventilated to the atmosphere through exhaust fans and other openings. The unit has no arrangement for treatment of lead bearing liquid effluent.

WHEREAS, a technical hearing of the industry was conducted at the Head Office of the Board on 31-01-2008.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the violation of the environmental statute and in consideration of the order of the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India, **M/S. VIKING BATTERY INDUSTRIES** is hereby closed by the Board.

Suspension of closure order will only be considered after compliance of the following conditions:

1. That, the unit will have to install adequate emission control system for its diesel fired oven for lead plate casting.
2. That, the unit will have to raise the chimney height up to 30 Mtr. from G. L. for the diesel fired oven.
3. That, the unit will have to obtain “Consent-to-Operate” from the Regional Office of the Board after fulfillment of the above two conditions.
4. That, the unit will have to obtain “Authorization” under the Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Amendment Rules, 2003.

The closure order will take immediate effect and Officer-In-Charge, Bhaktinagar 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, Bhaktinagr Police Station, in conformity with the order of the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta dated 21-08-1998.

The 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.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and rules made thereunder and Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Amendment Rules, 2003.

This order has the approval of the Competent Authority.

By Order

Sd/-

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