



## WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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### CLOSURE WITH DISCONNECTION OF ELECTRICITY

WHEREAS, **M/S. ELITE INDUSTRIES**, operates its lead battery and lead plate casting unit at Shiv Nagar, P. O. – Pradhannagar, P. S. – Matigara, Dist. – Darjeeling.

WHEREAS, an inspection of the industry on 23-10-2007, carried out by the Officials of the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred as the Board) revealed the following :

- The unit is operating without obtaining “Consent-Establish” & “Consent-to-Operate” and “Hazardous Waste Authorization”.
- The unit operates a diesel-fired oven for lead plate casting without any air pollution control device as also without any stack.
- 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 waste
- The unit does not maintain any register regarding generation of hazardous waste and their disposal.

WHEREAS, operating a hazardous waste generating unit without obtaining “Authorization” under the Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Amendments Rules, 2003 attracts the provisions 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 31-01-2008. However, the industry did not appear in the hearing.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the facts and circumstances as stated and the order of the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India **M/S. ELITE INDUSTRIES** is hereby closed by the Board. The electricity connection of **M/S. ELITE INDUSTRIES** is also ordered to be disconnected immediately.

Suspension of Closure will be considered after the unit fulfill the following conditions:

- 1 Installs and commissions treatment system for lead bearing liquid waste
- 2 Erects 30 Mtr. high chimney for the diesel-fired oven for lead casting
- 3 Obtains “Consent-to-Operate” after compliance of the above two conditions
- 4 Erects bilingual environmental display Boards outside the factory main gate.
- 5 Obtains “Authorization” under the Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Amendment Rules, 2003 after compliance of the above conditions

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 Environment (Protection)

Act, 1986 and Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Amendment Rules, 2003 especially notified under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

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, Matigara 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, Matigara 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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