



WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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CLOSURE ORDER WITH DISCONNECTION OF ELECTRICITY

WHEREAS, **M/S. AMBICA DHATU PVT. LTD.** (hereinafter referred as the industry) operates its Zinc Oxide Manufacturing unit at Jalan Industrial Complex, NH-6, Vill.: & P. O. – Biprannapara, P. S. – Domjur, Jangalpur, Howrah – 711 411.

WHEREAS, the report of inspection carried out by the official of the **WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** (hereinafter referred as the Board) on 28-01-2008 and the application for “Consent-to-Operate” submitted by the unit dated 15-01-2008 revealed the following.

1. That M/s. Ambica Dhatu Pvt. Ltd. manufactures zinc oxide using zinc dross and zinc scraps along with zinc metal ingot and zinc residues.
2. That, the industry operates one of the two coal fired furnaces without installing any air pollution control system and without obtaining “Consent to Operate” for the same.
3. That the industry operates four coal fired ovens for manufacturing zinc chloride without any emission control system and without obtaining “Consent to Operate” for the same.

WHEREAS, the reprocessing of zinc and zinc scrap (classified as hazardous waste) requires registration from the Central Pollution Control Board under the Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Rules. The activity not only requires consent to operate from the Board but also Environmental clearance from the State EIA Authority as per the EIA Notification dated 14th September, 2006.

WHEREAS, the unit has not only violated the provisions of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act but also failed to comply with the Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, as well as EIA Notification dated 14th September, 2006

WHEREAS, a technical hearing involving the industry was conducted at the Head Office of the Board on 28-02-2008.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the gross violation of the environmental statutes as referred above especially the provision of Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Amendment Rules, 2003 **M/S. AMBICA DHATU PVT. LTD.** is hereby closed by the Board in compliance with the Order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India passed in W.P. (C) No.657 of 1995. The electricity connection of the industry is also ordered to be disconnected forthwith.

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

Suspension of closure will only be considered after the industry complies with the following conditions:

1. Obtains EIA clearance from the State EIA authority for manufacturing zinc oxide using zinc containing hazardous waste through formation of zinc ingot as intermediate product.
2. Installs adequately designed emission control systems for coal-fired furnace used for zinc oxide manufacturing and for the zinc chloride manufacturing operation.
3. Obtains "Consent-to-Operate" for all the unit operations after fulfillment of condition No.2
4. Obtains "Authorization" under the Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 2003
5. Obtains "Registration" from the Central Pollution Control Board for reprocessing zinc bearing hazardous waste.

The closure order will take immediate effect and Officer-In-Charge, Domjur 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, Domjur 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.

The Environmental Engineer Howrah 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 is issued in exercise of the power conferred under Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, especially Hazardous Waste (Management and Handling) Amendment Rules, 2003 Notified under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder.

This order has the approval of the Competent Authority.

Order

Sd/-

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