



WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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CLOSURE ORDER WITH DISCONNECTION OF ELECTRICITY

WHEREAS, **M/S. NASEER AHMED** (hereinafter referred as the industry) is engaged in chemical drum cleaning activity in its unit at Vill.: - Ankurhati, P. O. – Prashatu, P. S. – Domjur, Dist. – Howrah.

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 revealed the following.

1. Hazardous wastes (ETP sludge, oil soaked saw dust, waste oil and grease) are not properly stored in HDPE drums.
2. Effluent treatment plant was in defunct condition.
3. Environmental information was not properly displayed on the display boards.
4. A heap of piled empty plastic bags and containers with traces of chemical on them was observed indiscriminately dispersed within the premises of the unit.
5. The validity of Hazardous Waste Authorization expired on 31-12-2007 and the unit is operating without authorization.

WHEREAS, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India directed the Pollution Control Boards to close down the hazardous waste generating industries immediately who are operating without valid "Authorization" under the Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Amendment Rules, 2003 or operating violating the authorization conditions, through an order dated 14-10-2003 in W.P. (C) No.657 of 1995.

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

NOW THEREFORE, considering the poor environmental management of the operation related to the cleaning hazardous waste containing drums, **M/S. NASEER AHMED** is hereby closed by the Board in compliance with the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India as referred above. 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.

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 Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, 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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