



## WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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### CLOSURE ORDER WITH DISONNECTION OF ELECTRICITY

WHEREAS, **LOKENATH TRADERS** [hereinafter referred as the Industry] operates its brass/copper rolling strips manufacturing unit at 323, B. B. D. Road, P. O. – Bhadrakali, P. S. – Uttarpara, Dist. – Hooghly, PIN – 712 232.

WHEREAS, there was a public complaint alleging air pollution due to emission of black smoke and obnoxious gases by the industry resulting in health hazard to the local residents.

WHEREAS, an inspection of the industry carried out by the officials of the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred as the Board) on 30-11-2007 revealed the following:

1. The unit operates two coal-fired crucible furnaces without installing any emission control system.
2. The unit has permission for only one crucible furnace
3. The unit is also engaged in pickling operation without installing any emission control system for arresting acid fumes from the activity. For pickling operation the unit has neither obtained "Consent-to-Operate" nor the "Hazardous Waste Authorization" from the Board.
4. The unit uses copper scraps (hazardous waste) as one of the major raw materials without obtaining "Authorization" under the Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Amendment Rules, 2003 and the "Registration" from the Central Pollution Control Board, New Delhi for recycling/reprocessing of the non-ferrous metal containing hazardous waste. This is a gross violation of the provision of the Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Amendment Rules, 2003 and attracts the closure of the unit as per the Order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India passed in connection with W. P. (C) No.657 of 1995.
5. The unit has not installed any environmental information display boards.

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted in the Head Office of the Board on 02-05-2008 involving the industry and the complainants.

WHEREAS, during hearing the complainants also submitted that the unit has no regard for controlling environmental pollution and they are suffering badly from the air pollution from the industry.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in due consideration of the serious public complaint, gross noncompliance of environmental norms as also the environmental statutes as recorded above, **M/S. LOKENATH TRADERS** is hereby closed by the Board with immediate effect 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 General Manager – Operations (C&M), CESC LTD. is requested to take action to disconnect the electricity of the industry in question immediately.

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

1. Commissioning of adequately designed air pollution control system both for coal-fired crucible furnaces and acid pickling operation.
2. Obtaining authorization under the Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Amendment Rules and Registration from the Central Pollution Control Board, New Delhi for recycling/reprocessing copper containing hazardous waste.

This direction has been issued in exercise of the powers conferred under Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, especially Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Amendment Rules, 2003 Notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder after being approved by the Competent Authority.

The closure order will take immediate effect and Officer-In-Charge, Uttarpara 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, Uttarpara Police Station and the General Manager – operation (C & M) ,CESC Ltd., in conformity with the order of the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta dated 21-08-1998 and 28-04-1999 respectively.

Environmental Engineer, Hooghly 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.

Order

**Sd/-**

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