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CLOSURE ORDER WITH DISCONNECTION OF ELECTRICITY

WHEREAS, **M/S. M. B. SPONGE & POWER LTD.** [hereinafter referred as the industry] operates its sponge iron unit at P. O. – Hijalgora, P. S. – Jamuria, District – Burdwan PIN – 713 362

WHEREAS, the unit was inspected on 30-05-2008 during nighttime in connection with the public complaint alleging that the sponge iron units situated in the Jamuria Industrial Estate and adjoining areas are operating without operating the emission control systems during the nighttime.

WHEREAS, during inspection it was revealed that the unit was operating its two rotary kilns keeping the emission control system idle, corroborating the public complaint.

WHEREAS, during further inspection on 03-06-2008, the unit was again found operating both the rotary kilns keeping the cap of ABC wide open making the ESP totally non-functional. High level of emission was observed from the top of ABC caps. Considerable fugitive emission was also noticed.

WHEREAS, a technical hearing of the industry was conducted at the Head Office of the Board on 18-07-2008.

WHEREAS, Shri S. Agarwal, Director of the industry appearing in the hearing could not submit any satisfactory explanation for the repetitive violations of environmental norms.

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the violations as referred above **M/S. M. B. SPONGE & POWER LTD.** is hereby closed by the Board. The electricity connection of the unit is also ordered to be disconnected immediately.

The Chief Engineer (T & D and Administration), Dishergarh Power Supply Corporation Ltd. is requested to disconnect the electricity connection of the industry in question forthwith.

This order is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder after being approved by the Competent Authority.

The Officer-In-Charge, Jamuria 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, Jamuria Police Station and the Chief Engineer (T & D and Administration) Dishergarh Power Supply Corporation Ltd. in conformity with the order of the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta dated 21-08-1998 and 28-04-1999 respectively.

The In-Charge, Asansol Sub-Regional Office of the State Board is requested to take necessary steps for proper execution of the closure order and also visit the units 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.

By Order

Sd/-

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