



WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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CLOSURE ORDER WITH DISCONNECTION OF ELECTRICITY

WHEREAS, **M/S. HOWRAH DRUM** (hereinafter referred as the industry) is engaged in chemical drum cleaning activity in its unit at Chandmari, Bakultala, P. O. – Danesh Shaikh Lane, P. S. – Sankrail, 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 10-06-2008 revealed the following.

1. The unit is involved in cleaning of MS drums, mostly purchased from paint making industries and these type of drums are listed as hazardous waste items. The operation of the unit was found to be very poorly managed so far the environmental management is concerned.
2. Effluent treatment plant was in defunct condition.
3. No Environmental information display Boards have been installed.
4. Hazardous sludge was found dumped on the land/canal at the back side of the unit
5. No record regarding the Hazardous Waste is maintained by the unit.
6. The validity of Hazardous Waste Authorization under the Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Amendment Rules, 2003 expired on 31-12-2007. The unit thus operating without any valid Authorization.
7. Housekeeping of the unit was found to be very poor

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 18-07-2008 involving the industry.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the poor environmental management of the operation related to the cleaning hazardous waste containing drums, **M/S. HOWRAH DRUM** is hereby closed by the Board in due compliance with the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order 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, Sankrail 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, Sankrail 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.

By Order

Sd/-

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