



WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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ORDER FOR CLOSURE WITH DISCONNECTION OF ELECTRICITY

WHEREAS, M/S. GANESH ENTERPRISE (hereinafter referred as the industry), operates its electro-zinc plating unit at 38/3, Haltu Main Road, P. O. – Haltu, P. S. – Kasba, Kolkata – 700 078.

WHEREAS, a public complaint with received by the **WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** (hereinafter referred as the Board) alleging serious health hazard due to obnoxious smell and emanation of acid fumes from the activity of the unit.

WHEREAS, the unit was inspected on 26-06-2008 during which the following observations were made:

1. The unit is operating within a residential building.
2. The unit is operating without installing any acid fume extraction system and the effluent treatment plant.
3. The untreated effluent is being discharged directly to KMC sewer
4. The unit is operating without obtaining valid “Consent-to-Operate” from the Board since 27-08-2000. In spite of issuance of reminder on 22-02-2007 to submit application for “Consent-to-Operate” till date the unit has not submit the same.
5. The unit is also operating without obtaining authorization under the Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Amendment Rules, 2003 thus attracting the order of the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India passed in connection with W. P. (C) No.657 of 1995

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted at the Head Office of the Board on 19-09-2008 involving the industry and the complainant.

WHEREAS, although the complainants were present during the hearing, no body on behalf of the unit appeared in the hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the location of the unit, nature of violation and the recalcitrant attitude of the unit towards the statutory authority **M/S. GANESH ENTERPRISE** is hereby closed by the Board in compliance with the order of the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India as referred. The electricity connection of the industry is also ordered to be disconnected immediately.

The General Manager – Operations (C&M) is requested to make arrangement to disconnect the electricity connection of the unit in question forthwith.

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

1. Installs adequately designed acidic fume extraction system for the plating activity.
2. Installs Effluent Treatment Plant for treating the liquid waste to meet with the liquid discharge standard.
3. Obtains “Consent-to-Operate” from the Regional Office of the Board after fulfilling the condition No.1 & 2
4. Obtains Hazardous Waste Authorization from the Head Office of the Board.

This order is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution), 1974 Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Amendment Rules, 2003 especially notified under 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, Kasba Police Station under West Bengal 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, Kasba Police Station and the General Manager – Operations(C&M), **M/S. 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, Camac Street 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.

By Order

Sd/-

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