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MEMO NO.: 2962 - 243-WPB-SEE-K.O.-GEN/04

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ORDER FOR CLOSURE WITH DISCONNECTION OF ELECTRICITY

WHEREAS, M/S. BAHUBALI FERROTECH & POWER PVT. LTD., (hereinafter referred as the industry) operates its ferroalloy unit having one 3 MVA submerged arc furnace (SEAF), two induction furnaces of capacity 6 MT each at Mouza – Bamunara, P. O. – Gopalpur, P. S. – Kanksa, Durgapur, Dist. – Burdwan.

WHEREAS, the unit was earlier called for a technical hearing on 12-12-2008 for starting operation of the unit without obtaining “Consent-to-Operate” from the Board and that too without installing any emission control system. After the hearing the unit was directed by the Board vide Memo No.:973-243-WPB-SEE-K.O.-GEN/2004 Dated 21-04-2009 to comply with the following conditions:

1. The unit will only operate after commissioning adequate emission control system for its furnaces and obtaining “Consent-to-Operate”.
2. The industry was warned not to operate the plant without efficient operation of the emission control system.

WHEREAS, the unit was recently inspected by the Officials of the Board on 27-08-2009 and observed the following:

- ❶ Submerged arc furnace was in operation for production of silico manganese without operation of the emission control system as the same was in dismantled condition.
- ❷ Considerable fugitive emission was observed around the furnace.
- ❸ Both the induction furnaces were in operation
- ❹ The emission control systems for the induction furnaces were also not in operation resulting in huge fugitive emission.

In summary the industry is still operating without obtaining “Consent-to-Operate” from the Board without operating the emission control systems installed in arc furnace and induction furnaces

WHEREAS, the industry was called for a technical hearing on 11-09-2009 at the Head Office of the Board, but nobody on behalf of the industry appeared in the hearing which reflects the recalcitrant attitude of the industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the total noncompliance of environmental norms causing serious air pollution problem in the area, the ferro alloy unit of **M/S. BAHUBALI FERROTECH & POWER PVT. LTD.** is herewith closed by the Board. The electricity connection of the industry is also ordered to be disconnected immediately.

The Secretary, Damodar Valley Corporation is requested to disconnect the electricity connection of the industry in question forthwith.

The Officer-In-Charge, Kanksa 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, Kanksa Police Station and the Secretary, Damodar Valley Corporation in conformity with the order of the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta dated 21-08-1998 and 28-04-1999 respectively.

The Environmental Engineer, Durgapur 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.

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

By Order,

Sd/-

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