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MEMO NO. : 105-173/WPB/SEE(K.O.)-GEN/2004(Pt-I)

DATED: 22/01/2010

SUSPENSION OF CLOSURE ORDER

WHEREAS, M/s. Rishabh Sponge Ltd., (hereinafter referred to as the industry) operates its Sponge iron unit of capacity 3x100 TPD rotary kilns at Barjora, Dist. Bankura.

WHEREAS, the industry was closed by the **WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** (hereinafter referred to as the Board) vide Order No.3727/173/WPB/SEE(KO)-GEN/2004 dated 24/12/2009 in consideration of the reports of inspection revealing repetitive non-compliance, the public resentment against sponge iron and ferro alloy units in Barjora Area and the submission of the Directors made during the hearing.

WHEREAS, the industry submitted letter dated 22/12/2009 and 31/12/2009 mentioning that they have already taken a voluntarily shut down of the industry thus complying with the Direction of the Board and further submitted that they have taken measures to improve the efficiency of the emission control system. The industry also detailed the recent developments under taken towards pollution control systems vide an undertaking dated 11/01/2010.

WHEREAS, the industry was inspected on 05/01/2010 and 11/01/2010 to ascertain whether the industry has taken shut down of the activities in compliance with the Board's Order and the status of its compliance. During inspection it was found that the industry has taken shut down in compliance of the Board's Direction dated 24/12/2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, in due consideration of the reports of inspection dated 05/01/2010 and 11/01/2010 and the submissions made by the industry towards compliance of environmental norms, the Closure Order issued by the Board vide Memo No.: 3727/173/WPB/SEE(KO)-GEN/2004 dated 24/12/2009 is hereby withdrawn for **ONE** month from hereof with the following conditions:

1. **THAT,** the industry to be monitored for ascertaining the emission level in full activity condition within a fortnight to check the efficiency of APC systems and subsequently the unit will be monitored by the Board as per routine schedule.
2. **THAT** the industry should ensure repairing of paved road and places in and around the Rotary Kiln area
3. **THAT** the industry should install adequate number of dry fog systems and water sprinklers
4. **THAT** the industry should carry out plantation of more tree saplings
5. **THAT** the fresh char shall be utilized in the power plant of those units who have CFBC & AFBC Boiler.
6. **THAT** the accumulated old char along with other solid dust may be either capped with clay and subsequently provided with green cover, or the same may be disposed off into abandoned coal mines. This may be done within 3 months by the industry.
7. **THAT** Opacity meter should be installed for monitoring of PM concentration for all ESP stacks
8. **THAT** the industry should ensure compliance with the Directions issued by Central Pollution Control Board vide letter dated 23/12/2009 under Memo No. B-33014/7/2009/PCI-II/10967
9. **THAT,** the industry should submit a Bank Guarantee of Rs. 5.00 Lakhs (Rupees Five Lakhs) only valid for twelve [12] months within fifteen [15] days from the date of issuance of this Order in favour of the **WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** as an assurance to comply with the Directions mentioned above.

In case of noncompliance of the above conditions, the Board may initiate regulatory action against the industry.

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/-

Subrata Ghosh

Chief Engineer

West Bengal Pollution Control Board