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CLOSURE ORDER WITH DISCONNECTION OF ELECTRICITY

WHEREAS, M/s. SAPPHIRE PAPERS MILL PVT. LTD. (hereinafter referred to as the industry) is engaged in manufacturing of writing paper by hydro pulping with bleaching activity using waste paper as raw material at NH-31, Jagannathpur, P.O.- Bidhannagar, P.S.- Phansidewa, Dist.Darjeeling, Pin – 734 426.

WHEREAS, the industry failed to comply with the effluent discharge standard and also the particulate emission standard for the boiler during successive monitoring by the **WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 18/11/2008 and 14/01/2009 as depicted below:

Effluent				
Sl. No.	Date of Sampling	Sample collected from	Result obtained	Permissible limit
01.	14/01/2009	Outside of the factory (untreated)	TSS – 731.43 mg/l COD – 914.29 mg/l BOD – 512.34 mg/l	pH – 5.5-9.0 TSS – 100 mg/l BOD – 30 mg/l
02.	18/11/2008	Outside of the factory (near river outlet No. 1) (untreated)	TSS – 728 mg/l COD – 201.83 mg/l BOD – 62.50 mg/l	
		Outside of the factory (near river outlet no. 2) (untreated)	TSS – 590 mg/l COD – 183.49 mg/l BOD – 75 mg/l	
Emission				
Sl. No.	Date of Sampling	Sample collected from	Result obtained	Permissible limit
01.	14/01/2009	Boiler-6 TPH	PM– 3858.42 mg/Nm³ at 12% CO ₂	PM – 800mg/Nm ³

WHEREAS, although the industry was directed to submit a time bound action plan for compliance within 31/05/2009, they submitted the action plan in September 2009 and only after receiving a reminder from the Board.

WHEREAS, a further inspection of the industry was carried out by the Board on 16/07/2009. Boiler ash was found dumped at the river side without any guard wall to prevent spillage into the river. The waste water treatment system was defunct. A bypass outlet of the E.T.P. to the river was observed during inspection.

WHEREAS, a technical hearing was conducted at the Head Office of the Board on 20/04/2010 involving the industry.

WHEREAS, the representatives of the industry appearing in the hearing could not submit any proper explanation for the above violations. They also failed to explain proper details regarding the installed pollution abatement system.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the willful non-compliant attitude of the industry and also the failure to comply with the stipulated standard of the effluent discharge and particulate emission from the boiler, **M/s. SAPPHIRE PAPERS MILL PVT. LTD.** is hereby closed by the Board with immediate effect. The electricity connection of the industry is directed to be disconnected forthwith.

The Director (HR), WBSEDCL is requested to take necessary steps to disconnect the electricity connection of the industry immediately.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

The closure order will take immediate effect and the Officer-in-Charge, Phansidewa Police Station, Dist.-Darjeeling under West Bengal Police is directed to execute the Closure Order against the aforementioned industry 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, Phansidewa Police Station and the Director (HR), WBSEDCL, Bidyut Bhawan, Kolkata in conformity with the order of the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta dated 21/08/1998 and 28/04/1999 respectively.

The Asst. Environmental Engineer & Incharge, Siliguri Regional Office of the State Board is requested to take necessary steps for proper execution of the closure order and ensure the disconnection of electricity of the industry and also visit the industry involving the local police station and Nodal Police Officer of the concerned district.

This has the approval of the Competent Authority.

By Order,

Sd/-

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Operation & Execution Cell

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