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CLOSURE ORDER WITH DISCONNECTION OF ELECTRICITY

WHEREAS, M/S. HARISH METAL WORKS (hereinafter referred to as the industry) operates its aluminium utensils manufacturing unit at **98/1, Naskarpara Road, Ghusuri, P.S. Malipanchhora, Howrah -7.**

WHEREAS, the industry was earlier called for a hearing by the **WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 31/01/2009 following repeated public complaints alleging environmental pollution from the operation of the industry. The following directions were issued to the industry vide Memo No. 1201-PCB-HOW-104-2009 dt.18/05/2009 :

- 1) The unit will have to stop its acid washing operation immediately so that the acid fumes do not cause annoyance to the nearby residents.
- 2) Coal-fired chullas which are now being operated without emission control system should be phased out within two (02) months.
- 3) The unit should take adequate measure for minimizing emanation of noise from the activity.
- 4) Pending compliance of the condition no. 3, the activity of the unit should be restricted from 08.00 A.M. in the morning to 08.00 P.M. in the evening.
- 5) For addressing the problem of discharging night soil the unit will have to convert the soak pit to septic tank within (02) two months.

WHEREAS, even after issuance of the aforesaid Board's direction, the Board received persistent complaints.

WHEREAS, an inspection was conducted by the Board officials on 07/10/2009. The following observations were made :

1. Industry has not stopped its acid washing operation.
2. Coal fired chullah has not been phased out. Operating conditions remain as before.
3. Industry has not taken any measure for curbing sound pollution.
4. Industry is presently operating from 08.00 a.m. to 08.00 p.m. as directed but complainant submitted that it is functioning from 06.00 a.m. for other production related works although the machineries are started from 08.00 a.m.
5. The problem of discharging night soil still remains the same as before.

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

WHEREAS, the proprietor of the industry appearing in the hearing could not submit any proper explanation for the non-compliance as recorded above.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the willful non-compliant attitude of the industry as observed during inspection, **M/s. Harish Metal Works** is hereby closed by the Board with immediate effect. The electricity connection of the industry is directed to be disconnected forthwith.

The General Manager – Operations (C&M), CESC Ltd. 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, Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder.

The closure order will take immediate effect and the Officer-in-Charge, Malipanchghora Police Station, Dist.-Howrah under West Bengal Police is directed to execute the Closure order against the aforementioned industry and submit the compliance report to the Board within seven (07) days from the receipt of this Memo.

This direction has been issued to the Officer-in-Charge, Malipanchghora Police Station and the General Manager – Operations (C&M), CESC Ltd. 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 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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Chief Engineer

Operation & Execution Cell

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