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CLOSURE ORDER

WHEREAS, M/s. CORPORATE ISPAT ALLOYS LTD. (hereinafter referred to as the industry) operates its ferro alloy unit having a coal-based captive power plant of capacity 20 MW at **Degual Avenue, Durgapur – 713 012, P.S. – Coke Oven, Dist.- Burdwan.**

WHEREAS, the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) had been facing repetitive complaints from the nearby residents of Bidhannagar area in Durgapur, alleging very high air pollution from operation of the industry.

WHEREAS, closure order with disconnection of electricity was issued against the industry on 05/10/2009 following observations of gross non-compliance recorded by Board officials. Subsequently order for suspension of closure along with restoration of electricity was issued on 30/10/2009. A Pollution Cost of Rs.1.00 lakh and a Bank Guarantee of Rs.5.00 lakhs were imposed on the industry as an assurance for compliance with the environmental norms and the directions issued by the Board.

WHEREAS, a recent inspection of the industry was conducted by Board officials on 12/03/2010. During inspection the Captive Power Plant was in operation with a working load of 10 MW. Out of five fields of the ESP, the first two fields were not in operation resulting in heavy stack emission.

WHEREAS, a technical hearing was conducted at the Head Office of the Board on 20/05/2010 involving the industry.

WHEREAS, the representatives of the industry appearing in the hearing could not submit any proper explanation to the above non-compliance observed during inspection.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the repeated non-compliance as observed by the inspecting officials of the Board and also the strong public resentment against the unit, **the captive power plant** of **M/s. CORPORATE ISPAT ALLOYS LTD** is hereby closed by the Board with immediate effect.

The Bank Guarantee of Rs.5.00 lakhs (Rupees five lakhs) only lying with the Board is hereby totally forfeited and the industry is directed to submit a fresh Bank Guarantee (proforma enclosed) 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.**

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under the 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, Coke-Oven Police Station, Dist.-Burdwan 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 (07) days from the receipt of this Memo.

This direction has been issued to the Officer-in-Charge, Coke-Oven Police Station in conformity with the order of the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta dated 21/08/1998.

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 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/-

(Subrata Ghosh)

Chief Engineer

Operation & Execution Cell

West Bengal Pollution Control Board