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CLOSURE ORDER WITH DISCONNECTION OF ELECTRICITY

WHEREAS, M/s. Electrometal Enterprise (hereinafter referred to as the industry) is engaged in assembling and repairing along with electrical charging of lead acid batteries and repairing of electronic goods like inverter at **57, Mishrapara Road, P.O.- Rajpur, P.S.- Sonarpur, Dist.- South 24 Parganas.**

WHEREAS, a public complaint was received by the **West Bengal Pollution Control Board** (hereinafter referred to as the Board) from the residents of Ward No. 16, Mishrapara, Rajpur Sonarpur Municipality alleging severe air pollution and fire hazard from the industry. The complaint also mentioned that the industry is engaged in melting of lead and handling of other chemicals and acids along with illegal dumping of hazardous solid waste giving rise to water pollution.

WHEREAS, an inspection of the industry was conducted on 16/12/2009 by the officials of the Board. It was observed that one diesel fired pot furnace for melting of lead is present, as the emission source. The pot furnace is not attached with any fume collection system or APC device. An asbestos pipe was attached with the pot furnace to vent out the smoke arising from the operation. The pot furnace was not in operation during inspection, but within the industry few grid casted plates coated with red oxide was found. The industry is located in a residential area within the municipal boundary of KMA.

WHEREAS, the industry did not obtain NOC or Consent to Operate from WBPCB for its operations but obtained the trade licence of the Rajpur Sonarpur Municipality wherein, the nature of trade has been mentioned as repairing of battery.

WHEREAS, a technical hearing was conducted at the Head Office of the Board on 24/06/2010 involving the industry and the complainants.

WHEREAS, the complainants attending the hearing alleged that the industry is engaged in lead melting and battery plate manufacturing. They submitted that they were facing severe problems due to the fumes generated from the operation of the industry. Moreover, they also complained that the scrap battery parts have been kept scattered in an around the premises, the runoff from which might lead to water pollution.

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

NOW THEREFORE, considering the fact that the industry is being operated violating the siting criteria and the environmental norms and also the public complaint against the industry, **M/s. Electrometal Enterprise** is hereby **permanently closed** by the Board. 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.

The Rajpur Sonarpur Municipality is requested not to issue any further trade licence to this industry for melting and processing of lead since it violates the Siting Criteria of the Board.

The industry however, will be at liberty to shift its activity from its present location to some other place in compliance with the siting criteria of the Board and with installation of full proof emission control system for the lead melting furnace after obtaining necessary permission from the Board.

The closure order will take immediate effect and the Officer-in-Charge, Sonarpur Police Station, Dt.-South 24 Parganas 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, Sonarpur 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 Environmental Engineer, Salt Lake Regional Office of the 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 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.

This has the approval of the Competent Authority.

By Order,

Sd/-

(Subrata Ghosh)

Chief Engineer

Operation & Execution Cell

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