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NOTICE FOR CLOSURE

WHEREAS, M/s. M.B. Sponge & Power Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the industry) operates its a sponge iron unit having two rotary kilns of capacity 100 TPD each at **P.O.- Hijalgoda, P.S.- Jamuria, Dist.- Burdwan, Pin – 713 362.**

WHEREAS, the industry was inspected by officials of the **WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 21/05/2009 and stack monitoring was conducted. The concentration of PM was found as **450.53 mg/Nm³.**

WHEREAS, the industry was show caused on 17/06/2009 by the Board but no reply has been received. Again, the stack monitoring of the industry was conducted by the Board on 09/04/2010 and the industry again failed to comply with the norms for the cooler discharge stack No. 1 (PM – **154.55 mg/Nm³**). Visible emission from the stack of product house and cooler discharge – 1 was observed. Leakages were present in various sections of cooler discharge–1 and also in the fine coal injection section from where fugitive emission was being generated.

WHEREAS, the industry was called for a technical hearing on 24/06/2010 at head office of the Board due to the repeated violations of environmental norms and statutes as recorded above.

WHEREAS, the Director of the industry appearing in the hearing submitted that they have taken all possible measures for compliance of environmental norms. He mentioned that efforts had also been taken to maintain a permanent corporate social outreach program.

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the violations recorded above and the submission made by the industry, **M/s. M.B. Sponge & Power Ltd.** is hereby granted a time period of **45 (forty-five) days** from hereof for undertaking total upgradation / modification of the emission control systems attached to various operations of the DRI plant so as to comply with the environmental norms for both stack emission as well as fugitive emission at all times.

Failure to comply with the direction above within the specified time frame of 45 (forty-five) days from hereof will attract immediate closure of the industry along with disconnection of electricity without any further reference.

The industry is further directed to submit an action plan in this regard within 7 (seven) days from the date of issuance of this direction. This action plan shall also include corporate social responsibility program to be undertaken by the industry in future.

The industry shall submit a Bank Guarantee (proforma enclosed) for **Rs.2,00,000/-** (Rupees Two Lakhs) only, valid for twelve [12] months within fifteen [15] days from the date of issuance of this direction in favour of the **WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD**, as an assurance to comply with the above directions.

The Asansol Sub-Regional Office of the Board is requested to conduct a fresh inspection to verify and assess the status of compliance of the industry with the Board's directions and the environmental norms after the stipulated time period of 45 (forty-five) days from hereof. On the basis of the status of environmental compliance of the industry, the final order will be issued by the Board after conducting a hearing at Durgapur in presence of the representatives of ADDA.

This order is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under provisions of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder after being approved by the Competent Authority.

By Order,

Sd/-

(Subrata Ghosh)

Chief Engineer

Operation & Execution Cell

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