



WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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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 and printing paper by hydro-pulping using waste paper as raw material, under Special Red category and operating at NH-31, Jagannathpur, P.O.- Bidhannagar, P.S. – Phansidewa, Dist.- Darjeeling, Pin. – 734 426.

AND WHEREAS, it is revealed from the inspection report conducted by Siliguri Regional office of the **WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** (hereinafter referred to as the Board) that the industry was issued closure order with disconnection of electricity on 02/06/2010 for having failed to comply with the effluent discharge standard and also particulate emission standard for boiler. Thereafter the industry through its letter dated 09/06/2010 appealed for suspension of closure order with restoration of electricity following which the closure was suspended on 28/06/2010 with conditions that the industry should complete installation of new ETP and also install adequate emission control system for the husk fired boiler within three months so as to comply with the standard . It was mentioned that during construction phase of ETP, no effluent will be discharged outside the factory premises. A Bank Guarantee of Rs. 2.00 lakhs was imposed upon the industry which was duly submitted by the industry and is valid upto 11/07/2011.

AND WHEREAS, on completion of the time granted i.e three months from 28/06/2010 an inspection of the industry was conducted on 25/11/2010 by Siliguri Regional Office of the Board. During inspection it was found that the proposed ETP was still under construction. Circular type primary and secondary clarifiers along with weir flow arrangements have been constructed but the aerators are incomplete. Also plumbing and mechanical works like clarifiers bridge are incomplete. The industry is still under discharging the effluent inside the premises.

AND WHEREAS, stack sampling was conducted for the husk fired boiler wherein the industry miserably failed to comply with the standard of 800 mg/Nm³ as the particulate emission standard of the said boiler was found to be 4810 mg/Nm³.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was called for a technical hearing at the Head Office of the Board on 27.01.2011 for the above non-compliance .

AND WHEREAS, the Directors of the industry appearing in the hearing admitted that they failed to comply with the direction issued by the Board within the stipulated time frame and requested for some more time for compliance with the Board's directions.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the reluctant attitude of the industry to comply with the directions issued by the Board and the fact that the time granted to the industry had already elapsed in September 2010 and also the present dismal environmental scenario regarding discharge of effluent within the factory premises, **M/s. Sapphire Papers Mill Pvt. Ltd.** located at NH-31, Jagannathpur, P.O.- Bidhannagar, P.S. – Phansidewa, Dist.- Darjeeling, Pin. – 734 426. 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, Bidyut Bhavan, Salt Lake City, Kolkata- 7000 91, is requested to take necessary steps to disconnect the electricity connection of the industry immediately.

Further, the entire B.G amount of Rs. 2.00 lakhs submitted by the industry earlier shall be forfeited as Pollution Cost.

The industry may approach the Board for consideration of suspension of closure order on completion of the upgradation/modification measures taken for total compliance both for installation and commissioning of the effluent treatment plant so as to comply with the effluent discharged standard and also upgradation of the emission control system for their husk fired boiler for compliance with the particulate emission standard.

The order will take immediate effect and the Office-in Charge, P.S. Phansidewa under W.B Police is directed to execute closure order against the aforementioned industry and submit compliance report to the Board within seven (07) days from receipt of this Memo.

This direction has been issued to the Officer-in Charge, P.S Phansidewa and Director (HR), WBSEDL in conformity with order of the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta dated 21/08/1998 and 28/04/1999 respectively.

The Asst. Environmental Engineer and In-Charge of Siliguri Regional Office is requested to take necessary steps for proper execution of the closure order and also inspect the industry after expiry of the time period i.e 11/07/2011 to know the status of ETP and also visit the industry involving local police station and Nodal Police Officer.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under the provision of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 as amended and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder after being approved by the Competent Authority.

By Order,

Sd/-

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