DIRECTION

WHEREAS, M/s. Skipper Ltd. (Unit-Uluberia) [hereinafter referred to as the industry] located at NH-6, Vill.- Maghavpur, P.O.- Mohishrekha, P.S.- Uluberia, Dist.- Howrah, Pin – 711 304 is engaged in galvanizing of M.S. & C.I. material and production of TMT & M.S. Round, HR Strips, ERW M.S pipes, PVC pipes, Steel poles/scaffoldings. The industry has coal gasifier plants (4000 Nm³X4) and 4 nos. (GI-I, II, III & IV) galvanizing sections.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was inspected on 31/03/2015 by the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board). During inspection all the four galvanizing sections were found in operation. APCDs of GI-I, II, III were found in operation except that of GI-4 due to breakdown of the motor. The acid pickling tanks of all the four sections are provided with side suction system and connected to wet scrubber and stack; the zinc melting baths are also provided with side suction system and connected to stack. But suction was found to be inadequate causing fugitive emission which was engulfing the surroundings.

AND WHEREAS, it is revealed from the inspection report that the industry operates its galvanizing section (GI-IV) without obtaining Consent to Operate from the Board. During inspection it was also observed that the industry has started some fabrication activity at their adjacent land without obtaining NOC from the Board.

AND WHEREAS, the industry has an effluent treatment plant (ETP) for treatment of acidic effluent which comprises of collection tank, neutralization tank, lamella clarifier, press filter, activated carbon filter, pressure sand filter, treated water collection pit (lined) and sludge drying bed. The industry has also installed one additional lime solution preparation tank of capacity around 8 K.L., 1 no. additional filter press and 6 nos. spent acid storage tank of capacities 10 KL each as a part of modification of the existing ETP. The ETP is operated in batch process. The treated effluent is recycled.

AND WHEREAS, during earlier inspection on 05/02/2015, effluent sample was collected and the industry failed to meet the effluent discharge standard (TSS-154 mg/l, BOD-158.68 mg/l & COD-1007.55 mg/l).

AND WHEREAS, the industry was earlier called for a hearing on 20/02/2014 for non-compliance of environmental norms and subsequently the industry was directed on 21/03/2014 to submit a Bank Guarantee of Rs. 10.00 lakh. The industry submitted the BG amount on 03.04.2014.

AND WHEREAS, the Consent to Operate for GI-I, II & III is valid upto 30/06/2015. The Hazardous Waste Authorization is valid up to 30/11/2015. The industry obtained NOC for GI-IV on 22/04/2014 and they have applied for Consent to Operate for the same on 12/12/2014.
AND WHEREAS, a hearing was conducted at the Head Office of the Board on 22/04/2015 for the non-compliance as observed during inspection.

AND WHEREAS, the Vice President of the industry appearing in the hearing agreed with the above mentioned observations of the Board. He submitted that they have approached their consultant for improvement of the suction system of APCD. Regarding failure to meet effluent discharge standard, they submitted that they would take necessary steps within 45 (forty-five) days for segregation of the canteen effluent and setting up a STP for its treatment. He also submitted that assembling job of tower (own product) is carried out at the adjacent land of the industry and no expansion activity is being carried out.

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the above mentioned non-compliance of environmental norms, M/s. Skipper Ltd. (Unit-Uluberia) located at NH-6, Vill.- Maghavpur, P.O.- Mohishrekha, P.S.- Uluberia, Dist.- Howrah, Pin – 711 304 is hereby directed as follows:

1. That, the industry shall take necessary steps for improvement of the suction arrangement of the air pollution control device within 30th June, 2015 in order to minimize fugitive emission.

2. That, the industry shall install STP for treatment of canteen effluent within 30th June, 2015.

3. That, the industry shall not operate the galvanizing section (GI-IV) prior to obtaining Consent to Operate from the Board.

4. That, the industry shall always operate with efficient functioning of the pollution control systems so as to maintain the environmental norms.

5. That, the industry shall not carry out any expansion activity without obtaining prior permission from the Board.

6. That, the validity period of the existing Bank Guarantee of Rs. 10.00 lakh (Rupees Ten lakh) only shall be further extended for the period upto 31st October, 2015 as an assurance to comply with the environmental norms as well as Board’s directions.

The Environmental Engineer, Howrah Regional Office of the Board will keep a strict vigil on the industry. If the industry is again found to be non-complying, the Board may take stricter regulatory action against the industry.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under the provision of Section 33A of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Section 31A of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder after being approved by the Competent Authority.

By Order,

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Chief Engineer
Operation & Execution Cell
West Bengal Pollution Control Board