WHEREAS, M/s. Banshidhar Chemicals (hereinafter referred to as the industry) located at Patelnagar, Post: Md. Bazar, Dist.-Birbhum, Pin-731132 is engaged in production of Accimel, Chlorobenzene, Hexachlorobenzene, 2, 4 Dichloro Phenoxy Acetic Acid, Hydrochloric acid etc.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was inspected by the official of the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 09/12/2015. The industry has a coal fired baby boiler and 2 nos. coal fired sublimator (furnace attached to Hexachlorobenzene) connected to stack of 30m height. No air pollution control device was observed. During inspection the boiler and furnaces were not in operation. The industry has no waste water treatment facility, only collection tank exists. Effluent sample was collected during inspection from collection tank and concentration of pH was < 1.0 and COD-1213.9 mg/l, Sulphate-4.97 mg/l. A letter was issued to the industry on 09/02/2016 by the regional office regarding completion of installation of ETP.

AND WHEREAS, earlier the industry was directed by the Board on 14/07/2015 to immediately stop manufacture of Hexachlorobenzene as per the direction of MoEF &CC, GoI vide memo no. 22-4/2014-HSMD dt. 25/06/2015 and notification of Ministry of Agriculture dated 27th March, 2014 regarding banning of Hexachlorobenzene. But the industry did not comply with the Board’s direction and continued to manufacture Hexachlorobenzene. The industry submitted a letter on 25/07/2015 requesting to allow Hexachlorobenzene production as it is supplied only to M/s. PMC Rubber Chemicals India Pvt. Ltd., Rishra, Hooghly, a rubber chemicals manufacturing industry and is not used for any other purpose like destroying/repelling any insects, fungi or weeds. The Board has forwarded this letter to MoEF, GoI on 26/08/2015 seeking advice for further course of action but no response is received.

AND WHEREAS, the Consent to Operate and the Hazardous Waste Authorisation of the industry were valid upto 31/12/2015 and 30/05/2016 respectively. The industry has applied for renewal of Consent to Operate on 02/11/2015, but the same could not be granted as ETP construction work was not completed. Accordingly, the industry was directed by the concerned Regional Office of the Board vide letter dated 09.02.2016 to complete the ETP construction work and also to comply with Board’s direction dated 14/07/2015.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was called for a hearing by the Board on 16/06/2016 for the above mentioned non-compliance.

AND WHEREAS, the representatives of the industry appearing in the hearing submitted that liquid effluent is mainly generated during 2,4 Dichloro Phenoxy Acetic Acid manufacturing, but at present it is not being manufactured. They informed that construction work of the ETP has been completed but it is not operated as 2,4 Dichloro Phenoxy Acetic Acid manufacturing is not being done now. The industry representatives stated during hearing that they would search for alternative of Hexachlorobenzene and accordingly submit a proposal to the Board.
NOW THEREFORE, considering the Notification of the Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India dated 27/03/2014 regarding banning of Hexachlorobenzene and direction of MoEF & CC, GoI vide memo no. 22-4/2014-HSMD dt. 25/06/2015, M/s. Banshidhar Chemicals located at Patelnagar, P.O. & P.S.- Md. Bazar, Dist.- Birbhum, Pin – 731 132 is hereby directed to immediately stop the production of Hexachlorobenzene and submit compliance report to the Board within fifteen days.

The Durgapur Regional Office of the Board will inspect the industry to verify the status of compliance of Board’s direction. If the industry is again found operating violating the Board’s direction, Board will issue closure order 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,

Sd/-
Chief Engineer
Operation & Execution Cell
West Bengal Pollution Control Board