WHEREAS, M/s. Embee Ferro Alloys Pvt. Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the industry) located at Plasto Steel Park, P.O.- Ghutgoria, P.S.- Barjora, Dist.- Bankura, Pin-722 138 is a ferro alloy (ferro-manganese, ferro-silicon, silico-manganese) manufacturing industry having 1X9 MVA Sub-merged Electric Arc Furnace (SEAF) which is provided with bag filter as air pollution control device (APCD) and connected to a stack of height 30m from G.L.

AND WHEREAS, an inspection of the industry was carried out by the officials of the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 15/04/2016. The industry was found in operation during inspection, but the APCD attached to SEAF was not functioning. High emission through the bypass stack was observed during inspection.

AND WHEREAS, the industry obtained Environment Clearance from MoEF on 09.09.2014 and Consent to Establish from the Board on 17/10/2014 for 2X9 MVA SEAFs. The industry has applied for Consent to Operate (first time) for 1X9 MVA SEAF on 25/08/2015. A direction was issued to the industry on 24/02/2016 by EE, DRO directing the industry not to operate before obtaining Consent to Operate and to increase the height of stack connected to SEAF upto 46m from G.L. as per NOC condition. But the unit did not submit any reply in this regard till date and continued to operate violating the Board’s direction.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was called for a hearing at the Head office of the Board on 24/05/2016 for the non-compliance of environmental norms as recorded above.

AND WHEREAS, the Director of the industry appearing in the hearing agreed with the above mentioned observations of the Board. He submitted that they have taken shut down of the plant and work for increasing the height of the stack is in progress. As soon as the work is completed, they will inform the Board. He also submitted that they will not resume the operation of the plant without taking necessary permission from the Board.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the above, M/s. Embee Ferro Alloys Pvt. Ltd. located at Plasto Steel Park, P.O.- Ghutgoria, P.S.- Barjora, Dist.- Bankura, Pin-722 138 is hereby directed as follows:

1. That, the industry shall resume its manufacturing activity only after obtaining Consent to Operate from the Board.

2. That, the industry shall complete the work of increasing the stack height and inform the Board accordingly.

3. That, the industry shall take shut down of its manufacturing activity whenever the pollution control system fails to function and the same shall be intimated to the Board.
The Environmental Engineer, Durgapur Regional Office of the Board will keep a vigil on the industry and in case of non-compliance with Board’s direction, the Board will be at liberty to take strict action including closure of the industry with disconnection of electricity etc.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under the provision 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