WHEREAS, M/s. Everest Industries Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the industry) located at 1, Taratala Road, P.O. & P.S.: Garden Reach, Kolkata-700024 is engaged for manufacturing of Asbestos Sheet having Fiber mill, Cement mill, Cement Fly ash feeding point, cutting machine, cleaning table etc. Fiber mill, Cement Fly ash feeding point, hard waste grinding mill are attached with separate bag filter and stack of height 15m from G.L.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was inspected by the official of the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 19/02/2019. During inspection the following observations were made:-

1. Leakage of fiber from different joints of Bags opening device (BOD) was noticed. The extent of leakage was such that the industry had to clean the machine area after opening & shredding of each bag.
2. Spillage of oil was noticed in loading and unloading of oil in the oil tank area.
3. Process water is generally kept in open tank and reuse in the process. But during inspection said tank was found overflowing and falling into the storm water drain. The unit had stored its product all around the boundary and there was no access to the outfall of the said drain.
4. The overflowing process water was very much alkaline pH>10, as measured during inspection by the pH paper.
5. The unit has not yet installed the stack connected to spray painting unit.

AND WHEREAS, during inspection it was found that the scrap sheets were stored in a closed room. Wet lump and paste were also stored in a closed room, dust is recycled in production.

AND WHEREAS, during inspection 2 nos. air samples were collected from fiber mill & Cement mill and 1 no. effluent sample was collected from the outlet of ETP for analysis. Analysis report shows that both the air and water samples were complied with the environmental standard.

AND WHEREAS, show cause notice was issued to the unit on 26.02.2019, the unit has submitted a reply to the show cause notice on 12/03/2019.

AND WHEREAS, last ‘Consent to Operate’ of the unit was valid up to 31.08.2018 and the unit has applied for renewal of the same. As available in the office record the Authorization for Hazardous waste of the unit was expired on 31.08.2018.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was called for a hearing on 09.04.2019 for non-compliance of environmental norms as observed during inspection by the Board official.

AND WHEREAS, the General Manager of the industry appeared in the hearing and agreed with the above mentioned observations. He submitted that they have taken necessary arrangements of making the automatic bag opening device leak proof and would take utmost care so that bag opening device can run effectively. He mentioned that they reuse 100% process water with Alkaline content in the process itself. He also submitted that they have two settling pits of 80 KL capacity to store the process water and the day before the date of inspection by the Board official, there was no production due to machine cleaning and the process water was not utilized for the entire day. However he stated that they have increased the frequency of running the pumps to recycle more process water in the process. He mentioned that the drain adjacent to the settling pit is restricted with a guard wall which does not allow the process water to contaminate with storm water drain.
NOW THEREFORE, considering the above, M/s. Everest Industries Ltd. located at 1, Taratala Road, P.O. & P.S.: Garden Reach, Kolkata- 700024 is hereby directed as follows:-

1. **That**, the industry shall always operate maintaining all environmental norms and with efficient functioning of the pollution abatement systems.
2. **That**, the industry shall ensure that 100% process water is reused in the process.
3. That, the industry shall install the stack for its spray painting unit within 31st, July, 2019.
4. **That**, the industry shall always operate with valid Consent to Operate of the Board.
5. **That**, the industry shall execute a Bank Guarantee (proforma enclosed) of Rs. 20,00,000/- (Rupees twenty lakh) 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 (Corporation Bank IFSC Code CORP 0000663) as an assurance to comply with the above direction as well as environmental norms.

The Environmental Engineer, Camac Street Regional Office of the Board is requested to conduct an inspection of the industry after July 2019 to verify the environmental compliance and submit the report. If the industry is again found to be non-complying, the Board will take strict regulatory action like forfeiture of BG, closure with disconnection of electricity of the industry.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under the provision of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, 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