NOTICE FOR CLOSURE

WHEREAS, M/s. Kohinoor Paper & Newsprint Pvt. Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the industry) located at Falta Industrial Growth Centre, Sector-V, Phase-II, P.O.- Kalatalahat, P.S.- Ramnagar, Dist.- South 24 Pgs., Pin-743 504 is engaged in manufacturing of writing paper, printing paper & newsprint paper from waste paper (production capacity- 4200 MT per month). It has 6 MW cogeneration power plant.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was inspected by the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 23/02/2017 and 03/04/2017. The industry has an effluent treatment plant consisting of equalization tank, chemical mixing tank, primary clarifier, aeration tank, secondary clarifier. The treated effluent is recycled to paper machine, pulp mill and also used for gardening etc.

AND WHEREAS, the industry has a coal-fired 32 TPH boiler which is provided with ESP followed by a stack of height 60m from G.L., a coal handling plant (CHP) which is provided with bag filter and connected to a stack of height 40ft. from G.L. The industry was earlier directed vide letter dated 09/01/2017 & 06/03/2017 to raise the height of the stack connected to the CHP to 20m from G.L. The industry has not yet raised the stack height. During inspection on 23/02/2017, stack sampling of the boiler was conducted and the result shows non-compliance (311.63 mg/Nm$^3$ against the permissible limit of 50 mg/Nm$^3$). A show cause notice was issued to the industry on 27/03/2017, but no reply has been received from the industry till date.

AND WHEREAS, during inspection it was found that an expansion project for setting up of a 150 TPD Board Mill and installation of a new boiler are in progress for which they have obtained Environmental Clearance and Consent to Establish.

AND WHEREAS, the Consent to Operate of the industry expired on 31/03/2016. The industry has applied online for renewal of Consent to Operate on 13/04/2016 after which the industry was asked to pay the requisite fees. The industry has since then approached the Board for waiving of the four year advance fees and allowing them to pay only one year fee. The Board has informed the industry vide letters dated 09/01/2017, 06/03/2017 and 27/03/2017 that the competent authority has not considered the prayer of the industry and directed the industry to apply for renewal of Consent to Operate with requisite fees for four years. But the industry has not yet submitted the application for renewal of Consent to Operate.

AND WHEREAS, pulp and Paper industries have been categorized as Seriously Polluting Industry (SPI)'. Sufficient opportunity was given to the industry for submitting application for renewal of Consent to Operate, but they have not yet submitted the same.

AND WHEREAS, a hearing was conducted at the Head Office of the Board on 04/05/2017 for failing to comply with the Board’s direction.
AND WHEREAS, the representative of the industry appeared in the hearing and mentioned that they could not submit the Consent to Operate application with requisite fees due to financial constraint.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the submission of the industry, M/s. Kohinoor Paper & Newsprint Pvt. Ltd. located at Falta Industrial Growth Centre, Sector-V, Phase-II, P.O.-Kalatalahat, P.S.- Ramnagar, Dist.- South 24 Pgs., Pin-743 504 is hereby granted a time period of 30 (thirty) days from hereof for submitting the application for renewal of Consent to Operate along with requisite fees for five years and applicable arrear fees. The industry shall also complete all the relevant works related to control of air/water pollution as was directed by the Board from time to time.

Failure to comply with the direction above within the specified time frame of 30 (thirty) days from hereof will attract immediate closure of the industry along with disconnection of electricity without any further reference.

The Environmental Engineer, In-charge, Alipore Regional Office of the Board will send the status of the industry after expiry of the stipulated time period of 30 (thirty) days. On the basis of the status of compliance of the Board’s direction, further action will be initiated.

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

By Order,

Sd/-
Sr. Environmental Engineer & In-Charge
Operation & Execution Cell
West Bengal Pollution Control Board