WHEREAS, M/s. Lalbaba Seamless Tubes (P) Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the industry) located at Kashberia, Bardhanyaghata, HPL Link Road, P.O.- Debhog, P.S.- Bhabanipur, Haldia, Dist.- Purba Medinipur, Pin – 721 657 is a carbon steel seamless tubes manufacturing unit having pickling activity (production capacity – 5000 ton/month). The unit has 2 (two) numbers heating furnaces (one LPG fired and another electrically heated), 2 nos. LPG fired Annealing furnace, 2 nos. acid pickling vats/tanks. LPG fired furnaces are connected with separate stack of height 21 m from GL. Pickling section is connected to a packed bed alkaline scrubber as Air Pollution Control system followed by a stack of height 14 m from GL. Pickling is the main source of generation of liquid waste. The unit has an ETP consisting of an underground equalization tank, chemical dosing tank, settling chamber, media filter and sludge storage tank.

AND WHEREAS, the unit was inspected by the State Board officials on 20.06.2017. During inspection ETP was not in operation. It appeared to the inspecting officials that the ETP was not in use for long time. Dark brownish effluent was observed to be accumulated in and around the ETP drainage, low land in front of the unit’s main gate. This indicates that the unit had been discharging untreated effluent outside the factory premises.

AND WHEREAS, the unit was also inspected earlier on 07.04.2017. During the said inspection also, similar observation like that observed on 20.06.2017, was made. Furthermore, a bypass line in the form of flexible hose pipe connecting the effluent storage tank and drainage system was observed during inspection on 07.04.2017.

AND WHEREAS, the unit was directed not to indulge in such practices, to upgrade the ETP and to submit a time bound action plan for the same. But the unit ignored the same as is evident from the observation made during inspection on 20.06.2017.

Consent to operate of the unit has expired on 30.06.2015 (CFO fee is valid up to 30.09.2017). The hazardous waste authorization is valid upto 31/01/2019.

AND WHEREAS, the unit was called for a hearing for non-compliance of environmental norms as observed during inspection by the Board officials.

AND WHEREAS, the representative of the industry appeared in the hearing submitted that they have removed the bypass system and is upgrading the existing ETP which will be completed within this month. The unit representative has requested for further inspection of the unit. He mentioned that they have applied online for renewal of Consent to Operate.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the submission of the industry, the Technical Committee recommends that:-

1. Haldia Regional Office shall cause a thorough inspection of the industry along with effluent sampling and based on the findings, further action will be taken.

2. the unit shall operate only with pollution abatement system and shall obtain consent to operate and hazardous waste authorization from the State Board.
In case of any non-compliance, Board will initiate strict regulatory action like 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/-
Sr. Environmental Engineer & In-Charge
Operation & Execution Cell
West Bengal Pollution Control Board