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-721657 is a carbon steel seamless tubes manufacturing unit having pickling activity (production capacity – 5000 ton/month). The industry 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.

AND WHEREAS, pickling is the main source of generation of liquid waste. The industry has an effluent treatment plant (ETP) consisting of an underground equalization tank, chemical dosing tank, flux mixing tank, plate settler, settling chamber, filter bed & media filter. The flux mixing tank and plate settler are newly installed.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was inspected by the officials of the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 09.01.2018. During inspection ETP was not in operation. Dark brownish effluent was observed to be accumulated in and around the ETP drainage. The low land in front of the industry can be seen filled with reddish brown effluent almost all the time. It appeared that though the industry had installed ETP, but it was not operated regularly.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was earlier inspected on 07.04.2017 and 20.06.2017; the situation was almost similar during the said inspections. A hearing was conducted on 23.08.2017 and direction was issued accordingly. The latest inspection reveals that though the industry has removed the by-pass line, but overall scenario of the industry has not improved much. A show-cause notice was issued to the industry on 19.03.2018 for such non-compliance, no reply has yet been received from the industry.

AND WHEREAS, the industry has applied for renewal of Consent to operate on 06.12.2017. The industry possesses hazardous waste authorization valid upto 31.01.2019.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was called for a hearing at the Head office of the Board on 12/04/2018 for the non-compliance of environmental norms as recorded above.

AND WHEREAS, the representative of the industry appeared in the hearing and submitted that the ETP is in fully operating condition and they are not discharging any untreated effluent outside the unit premises. He also submitted that they have generated approx. 18 MT ETP sludge during F.Y. 2017-2018 out of which they have disposed approx. 15 MT through West Bengal Waste Management Ltd. He requested the Board to inspect the unit any time.
NOW THEREFORE, considering the above, M/s. Lalbaba Seamless Tubes (P) Ltd. located at Kashberia, Bardhanyaghata, HPL Link Road, P.O. Dehboh, P.S. Bhabanipur, Haldia, Dist.-Purba Medinipur, Pin-721657 is hereby directed to operate the plant with efficient functioning of the pollution abatement system and complying with the environmental norms.

Haldia Regional Office and Waste Management Cell of the Board will jointly conduct a fresh inspection of the industry along with effluent sampling and submit the report. During inspection sludge from the outside low land will also be collected for analysis. Further action will be taken on the basis of the findings.

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