WHEREAS, M/s. M.B. Sponge & Power Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the industry) located Near Ikrah railway Station, P.O.-Hijolgara, P.S.-Jamuria, Dist.-Paschim Bardhaman, Pin-713362 is engaged in manufacturing of Sponge Iron. The industry has 02 nos. DRI Kilns of capacity 100TPD each attached with common stack of height 20m provided with ESP. The industry has Cooler Discharge, Product House, Raw material circuit, Stock house.

AND WHEREAS, Shri Ujjal Chattopadhyay & others submitted a mass petition to the Chairman, WBPCB dated 18.03.2019 regarding pollution from all industries situated in Jamuria Industrial Estate, Paschim Bardhaman.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was inspected by the official of the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 23/04/2019. During inspection the industry was in operation. Visible emission was observed from the ESP stack. High fugitive emission was observed from the different section of the plant. Water sprinklers for dust suppression was not noticed during inspection. Huge quantity of coal char, APC dust stored in open spaces inside the plant premises. Major non-Compliance was observed w.r.t. 16 point direction issued by the State Board vide memo no. 1044-4A/WPB/CE-II/GEN/2008 dated 01/06/2012.

AND WHEREAS, the Consent to Operate of the industry is valid up to 31/03/2022. As available in the office record the unit does not possess the Authorization for Hazardous waste.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was called for a hearing 09.07.2019 for non-compliance of environmental norms as observed during inspection by the Board official.

AND WHEREAS, the Director of the industry appeared in the hearing and agreed with the above mentioned observations. He admitted and agreed to maintain all APC systems to be in operative condition in future.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the above, M/s. M.B. Sponge & Power Ltd. located Near Ikrah railway Station, P.O.-Hijolgara, P.S.-Jamuria, Dist.-Paschim Bardhaman, Pin-713362 is hereby directed as follows:-

1. That, the industry shall always operate with proper functioning of pollution control systems so as to comply with the environmental norms.
2. 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.
3. That, the industry shall submit the Authorization for Hazardous Waste application immediately.
4. That, the industry shall execute a Bank Guarantee (proforma enclosed) of Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five 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 Sr. Environmental Engineer, Asansol Regional Office of the Board is requested to conduct an inspection of the industry after September, 2019 to verify the status of environmental compliance. If the industry is again found to be non-complying, the Board will take strict regulatory action against the industry including closure with disconnection of electricity, forfeiture of BG etc.

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