DIRECTION

WHEREAS, M/s. Neo Carbons Pvt. Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the industry) located at Vill.-Barsundra, P.O.-Iswardahalpai, Dist.- Purba Medinipur, Pin- 721 654 is engaged in production of pulverized petroleum coke (capacity 3333.4 MT/month) from raw petroleum coke. The industry has obtained Consent to Operate for one(1) no. grinding/pulverizing machine which is connected to bag house followed by a stack of height 20m from G.L. as air pollution control device (APCD). The industry has two (2) nos. silo of capacity 100 MT each for storing the finished product.

AND WHEREAS, earlier the industry was called for a hearing by the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 19/11/2015 and subsequently a direction was issued to the industry on 08/12/2015 with imposition of Bank Guarantee of Rs. 2.00 lakh. The industry submitted the BG amount on 29.12.2015 which is valid upto 22.12.2016.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was again inspected by Board officials on 16/01/2016. The industry was not in operation during inspection. The industry is located besides NH-41 surrounded by agricultural land on three sides East, South & West. The village Barsundra is located opposite to the industry on northern side and on other side of NH-41. The industrial activity is carried out in a covered workshop of area about 2700 sq.m. The entire factory is surrounded by boundary wall. During inspection loading/unloading operation was observed in the workshop. Fugitive emission was noticed in the work area. Dust deposition was found on the roof of the shed and also in open space within the boundary wall of the industry. Dust deposition was also noticed outside the factory gate. The industry has acquired a land beside their existing plant which was being developed for expansion purpose. It was noticed that the industry had constructed approach road over the ‘nayanjuli’ besides the national highway.

AND WHEREAS, during inspection, the Board officials met the local people of Barsundra village and they have alleged that they are facing great inconvenience due to dust generated from the industry, especially during the summer. It was reported that the industry discharges blackish water to the adjacent land of the area. They also complained about hindrance to flow of water in the nayanjuli due to construction of approach road over it.

AND WHEREAS, during inspection no storage of raw materials outside the workshop was noticed. No measure to control fugitive emission was noticed. No progress of work for increase in the height of boundary wall was noticed. It was also observed during inspection that the industry has installed 4 nos. grinding/pulverizing machine without obtaining Consent to Establish from the Board of which 3 nos. are operated as reported by the industry representative. Light dust deposition was noticed on the tree leaves nearby the industry during inspection, no discharge of blackish water was observed.

AND WHEREAS, the surrounding area of the industry was further visited on 20.01.2016 by the officials from the head office of the Board to verify the nature of environmental pollution caused due to operation of the industry.

AND WHEREAS, the Consent to Operate of the industry is valid upto 31/08/2018.
AND WHEREAS, the industry was called for a hearing at the Head office of the Board on 03/02/2016 for the non-compliance of environmental norms as recorded above.

AND WHEREAS, the representatives of the industry appearing in the hearing submitted that they would replace the bags of the bag filter with higher quality bags and also install dust collection system within thirty(30) days to control fugitive emission. They mentioned that they have increased the height of boundary wall of the factory. They also stated that they have obtained permission from the National Highway Authority for constructing the culvert/approach road.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the nature of non-compliance as observed during inspection, M/s. Neo Carbons Pvt. Ltd. located at Vill.- Barsundra, P.O.- Iswardahajalpai, Dist.- Purba Medinipur, Pin-721 654 is hereby directed as follows:-

1. That, the industry shall not operate its additional four (4) grinding/pulverizing machines till installation of adequate pollution control measures for the existing unit and without obtaining Consent to Establish/Consent to Operate from the Board. The industry shall not proceed for any further production enhancement/expansion till such time.

2. That, the industry shall install proper dust collection system within 15th March, 2016 to control fugitive emission generated due to operation of the unit.

3. That, the industry shall operate the pneumatic product handling system instead of manual operation. Manual product bagging should not be done under any circumstances.

4. That, the industry shall always operate with efficient functioning of pollution control system attached with the grinding/pulverizing machine.

5. That, the industry shall erect adequate treatment system within one month for the effluent generated from washing activities. Under any circumstances, dust laden water should not be discharged to adjacent agricultural land.

6. That, the industry shall submit the copy of the permission obtained from National Highway Authority for constructing the culvert/approach road to the Board within 29.02.2016.

7. That, 50% of the existing Bank Guarantee of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh) i.e. Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh) stands forfeited for violation of environmental norms as well as Board’s direction.

The Environmental Engineer, In-charge, Haldia Regional Office of the Board will keep vigil on the industry and if the industry is again found to be non-complying, the Board will take strict regulatory action like issue of closure order with disconnection of electricity against 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