WHEREAS, M/s. Om Shakti Smelters Pvt. Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the industry) located at 3513, Lenin Sarani, P.O. MAMC, P.S. Durgapur, Burdwan – 713210 is a steel based industry engaged in production of M.S. Ingot using 2 nos. Induction Furnaces of capacity 5 MT/heat each. The Induction Furnaces are provided with swiveling suction hoods, water scrubber and I.D. Fan as air pollution control device (APCD) and connected to a common stack of height 25m (approx.) from G.L. No permanent platform and ladder has been installed.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was inspected by the officials of the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 07/07/2017. During inspection one (1) no. Induction Furnace and CCM were found in operation without operating the APCD resulting in very high fugitive emission. Hood cover was not placed properly. Similar type of non-compliance was also observed during earlier successive inspections on 17/12/2015, 20/07/2016 and 29/09/2016.

AND WHEREAS, a hearing of the industry was conducted at the Durgapur R.O. on 08/03/2017 and the industry was directed to stop its production till proper action to combat environmental pollution is taken. But the recent inspection report dated 07/07/2017 reveals that the industry is in operation and is deliberately flouting the environmental norms as well as Board’s direction.

AND WHEREAS, Consent to Operate of the industry expired on 31/08/2016. The industry has applied for renewal of Consent to Operate on 26/12/2016.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was called for a hearing by the Board on 14/09/2017 for non-compliance of environmental norms as observed during inspection by the Board officials.

AND WHEREAS, the Director of the industry appeared in the hearing and agreed to the above mentioned observations. He submitted that they have completed the repairing work of suction hood, chimney and they would install new I.D. Fan for the Induction Furnaces within 25/09/2017. He also requested to allow the unit to run 1 (one) number induction furnace with old ID fan.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the above, M/s. Om Shakti Smelters Pvt. Ltd. located at 3513, Lenin Sarani, P.O. MAMC, P.S. Durgapur, Burdwan – 713210 is hereby directed as follows:-

1. That, the industry shall not operate its furnaces till modification/rectification of the air pollution control system. After modification/rectification of the APC system, the industry shall operate their induction furnaces only after obtaining Consent to Operate (CFO) from the State Board.

The Environmental Engineer, Durgapur Regional Office of the Board is requested to keep strict vigil on the industry. If the industry is again found to be non-complying, the State Board will take regulatory action like closure with disconnection of electricity.
This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under the provision of 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