West Bengal Pollution Control Board  
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\textbf{DIRECTION}

\textbf{WHEREAS}, M/s. RAIC Integrated Sponge & Power Pvt. Ltd. located at Vill. & P.O.- Ikra, P.S.-Jamuria, Dist.- Paschim, Bardhaman, Pin-713 362 (hereinafter referred to as the industry) is a sponge iron manufacturing industry and has applied for consent to operate (CFO) for the first time for their expansion project for ferro-alloy manufacturing activities, induction furnaces, captive power plants etc.

\textbf{AND WHEREAS}, the officials of the \textit{West Bengal Pollution Control Board} (hereinafter referred to as the State Board) carried out stack sampling from their existing plants on 04.07.2018 and 26.06.2019. In both the consecutive occasions the industry has failed to meet the prescribed standard for Particulate Matter (PM). Details of the stack sampling results in which the industry has failed to meet the prescribed standard are given below.

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\textbf{Date of} & \textbf{Sample collected from} & \textbf{Concn. of PM} & \textbf{Permissible limit} \\
\textbf{sampling} & & \textbf{(in mg/Nm$^3$)} & \textbf{(in mg/Nm$^3$)} \\
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04.07.2018 & Stack connected to Rotary kiln no. 1 & 119.36 & 100 \\
& & & \\
26.06.2019 & Stack connected to Rotary kiln no. 1 & 121.48 & \\
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\textbf{AND WHEREAS}, the State Board officials also inspected the industry on 07.08.2019. Inspection reports reveal that tree plantation is less than 1\% of the total area instead of 33\% of the total area as per the condition of the Environmental Clearance (EC) obtained from the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change MoEF & CC), GoI and Consent to Establish (CFE) obtained from the State Board.

\textbf{AND WHEREAS}, the Consent to Operate of the unit is for their existing DRI manufacturing activities (3 x 100 TPD) is valid upto 31.05.2021.

\textbf{NOW THEREFORE}, considering the abovementioned noncompliance, M/s. RAIC Integrated Sponge & Power Pvt. Ltd. located at Vill. & P.O.- Ikra, P.S.- Jamuria, Dist.- Paschim, Bardhaman, Pin-713 362 is hereby directed as follows:

1. \textbf{That}, the industry shall submit an Environmental Compensation (EC) of \textbf{Rs. 20,00,000/-} (Rupees twenty lakhs) only within ten [10] days from the date of issuance of this direction, by Demand Draft in favour of \textbf{WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD} payable at Kolkata for non-compliance of Environmental norms.

2. \textbf{That}, the industry shall execute a \textbf{Bank Guarantee} (proforma enclosed) of \textbf{Rs. 30,00,000/-} (Rupees thirty lakhs) only, valid for twelve (12) months within fifteen [15] days from the date of issuance of this direction in favour of the \textbf{WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (Corporation Bank IFSC Code CORP 0000663)} as an assurance for proper functioning of the pollution control systems and for ensuring compliance of the environmental norms.

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The Senior Environmental Engineer, In-charge of Asansol Regional Office of the State Board is requested to keep a strict vigil on the industry. In case of further non-compliance, the Board will take strict regulatory action like forfeiture of BG, closure with disconnection of electricity of the industry.

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/-
Chief Engineer
Operation & Execution Cell
West Bengal Pollution Control Board