DIRECTION

WHEREAS, M/s. Skipper Ltd. (Unit-Uluberia) [hereinafter referred to as the industry] located at NH-6, Vill.- Madhavpur, P.O.- Mohishrekha, P.S.- Uluberia, Dist.- Howrah, Pin – 711 303 is engaged in galvanizing of M.S. & C.I. material and production of TMT & M.S. Round, HR Strips, ERW M.S pipes, PVC pipes, Steel poles/scaffoldings. The industry has 4 nos. (GI-I, II, III & IV) galvanizing sections, coal gasifier plant (4000 Nm³X4).

AND WHEREAS, the industry was inspected by the official of the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 10/01/2017. During inspection the following observations were made:

- Huge fugitive emission from galvanizing sections. A huge cloud of smoke engulfing the industry was observed from the highway NH-6.
- High fugitive emission was observed in rolling mill section.
- Very high fugitive emission of acid mist arising from pickling baths in the galvanizing area was observed. The suction system appeared to be absolutely out of order and also inadequate.
- Scrubber in the G.I. plants was not in operation.
- The heat treatment furnaces were not connected to any chimney/stack.
- The E.T.P for the galvanizing section appeared to be inadequate. Strong smell of acid mist and heat generated from the neutralizing section rendered the whole area to be extremely corrosive and inaccessible. No clarifier was present after neutralization tank.
- The hazardous waste i.e. E.T.P sludge was stored randomly in open area.
- The spent acid storage tank was not properly covered, it was found full to the brim with spillages occurring all over.
- High emission was observed from stacks of the rolling mill & G.I sections.
- The stacks and the ducting appeared to be totally corroded and worn out. In fact climbing on some of the platforms, ladders and landings of the stacks and in E.T.P. area appeared to be very risky.
- Erection and construction work for expansion was found to in progress.

AND WHEREAS, the effluent treatment plant (ETP) of the industry comprises of collection tank, neutralization tank, lamella clarifier, press filter, ACF, PSF, treated water collection pit (lined) and sludge drying bed. The ETP is operated in batch process. The industry has installed a separate treatment plant for its canteen effluent.

AND WHEREAS, earlier the industry was called for a hearing on 22/04/2015 for non-compliance of environmental norms and subsequently it was directed on 20/05/2015 to submit a Bank Guarantee of Rs. 10.00 lakh. The industry submitted the BG amount.
AND WHEREAS, the Consent to Operate and the Hazardous Waste Authorization of the industry are valid upto 30/06/2018 and 30/11/2020 respectively. The industry has obtained Consent to Establish (expansion) on 29/02/2016 for manufacturing of Angles-90,000Ton/year, fabricated high mast & poles with galvanization-32,000 ton/year, fabricated tower & parts with galvanization-40,000 ton/year, pickling of MS wire, rod- 5000 ton/year.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was called for a hearing by the Board on 17/03/2017 for such non-compliance of environmental norms as observed during inspection by the Board officials.

AND WHEREAS, the representatives of the industry appeared in the hearing. The industry has submitted a letter on 20.03.2017 giving point-wise reply to the above mentioned non-compliances. They have mentioned that the suction system in the pickling section has been rectified, the recirculation pump of the scrubber in the GI plant has also been rectified and made functional, modification of the existing ETP will be completed within one month, painting/repairing of ducts/stacks will be done at the earliest, spent acid storage tank has been covered and spillage has been controlled.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the repetitive non-compliance on the part of the industry and submission made by the industry, M/s. Skipper Ltd. (Unit-Uluberia) located at NH-6, Vill.-Madhavpur, P.O.- Mohishrekha, P.S.- Uluberia, Dist.- Howrah, Pin – 711 303 is hereby directed to take urgent steps to rectify all the shortcomings as pointed out above and complete necessary rectification/modification work within 30th April, 2017.

The industry is also directed to execute a Bank Guarantee (proforma enclosed) of Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten 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 Board’s direction.

The Environmental Engineer, Howrah Regional Office of the Board is requested to conduct an inspection of the industry after April 2017 to verify the status of compliance, if the industry is found to violate the Board’s direction, strict regulatory action like forfeiture of bank guarantee and closure with disconnection of electricity of the industry will be initiated.

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