Memo No. 168-hg-Co-s/05/1120

DIRECTION

WHEREAS, M/s. Steel Crackers Pvt. Ltd. (Unit-II) [hereinafter referred to as the industry] located at Delhi Road, Vill.- Dhopapukur, P.O.- Bighati, P.S.- Bhadreswar, Dist.- Hooghly, Pin-712 225 is engaged in manufacturing of steel ingot, M.S. Billet and Re–Rolled Bars, using M.S. scrap, Sponge iron and C.I. scrap. The industry has 3 nos. Induction furnace of capacity 2 x 5 MT/heat and 1 x 4MT/heat provided with individual swiveling Hood, spark arrestor and bag filter.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was inspected by the official of the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 22/05/2019. During inspection the industry was in operation. 2 nos. Induction furnaces (2x5MT/heat) were in operation but APC systems of the Induction furnaces were in inoperative condition. Huge fugitive emission was observed from the industry engulfing the surrounding area including Delhi Road. The industry is located at the side of Delhi Road which is national Highway.

AND WHEREAS, the Consent to Operate of the industry is valid up to 31/12/2021. The industry has not obtained Authorization for Hazardous waste.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was called for a hearing on 26.07.2019 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 observation. He submitted that henceforth they would not use scrap as raw material in the melting furnaces.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the above, M/s. Steel Crackers Pvt. Ltd. (Unit-II) located at Delhi Road, Vill.- Dhopapukur, P.O.- Bighati, P.S.- Bhadreswar, Dist.- Hooghly, Pin-712 225 is hereby directed as follows:

1. That, the industry shall not use scarp as raw material in the melting furnaces, only sponge iron and cast iron will be used as raw material.

2. That, the industry is also directed to always operate with efficient functioning of the pollution control system in order to comply with environmental norms.

3. That, the industry shall submit an Environmental Compensation (EC) of Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees Two lakh) only, by Demand Draft in favour of WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD payable at Kolkata for non-compliance of environmental norms.

4. That, the industry shall submit 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 environmental norms in future.
The Environmental Engineer, Hooghly Regional Office of the Board is requested to keep a strict vigil on the unit. If the industry is again found to be non-complying, 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 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