Direction

WHEREAS, M/s. Tata Housing Development Co. Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the project proponent) has obtained Environmental Clearance for their project ‘Avenida’ located at Plot No. 11G/7, Action Area-II, New Town, P.O. & P.S.- New Town, Dist.- North 24 Pgs., Pin-700 135 for a residential complex comprises of 7 nos. tower.

AND WHEREAS, the project site was inspected by the officials of the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 08/03/2019. During inspection construction project was going on. No cover was found in the active construction area of the unit premises. Construction materials were not covered during transportation and it was also found to be stored in uncovered condition. Unit claimed majority piling work is being done through transportation of RMC. No diesel engine was found within the unit premises. No cover was found on the excavated earth and debris. No permanent water sprinkler was found in the premises. Provision for rain water harvesting was not found. Solid wastes were found to be stored indiscriminately in the premises. Thin green plantation was found near the boundary wall of the unit. It was observed during inspection 4 nos. tower are ready for possession and 3 nos. tower are under construction.

AND WHEREAS, the project proponent was called for a hearing on 11/04/2019 for non-compliance of environmental norms as observed during inspection by the Board official.

AND WHEREAS, the representatives of the project appeared in the hearing and admitted about the unsatisfactory compliance status of environmental norms. They pointed out that in the Show-Cause notice issued by the State Board vide memo no. 357-2N-17/2019 dated 05.04.2019 it has been mentioned that they have already undertaken construction activity without obtaining statutory permission from the Competent Authority, however they have already obtained Environmental Clearance and subsequently Consent to Establish for the project in concern. The point was noted and State Board officials admitted that the same was mentioned inadvertently in the said notice.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the above non-compliances, M/s. Tata Housing Development Co. Ltd. for their project ‘Avenida’ located at Plot No. 11G/7. Action Area-II, New Town, P.O. & P.S.- New Town, Dist.- North 24 Pgs., Pin-700 135 is hereby directed as follows:

1. That, time bound implementation program of CSR conditions given in the Environmental Clearance should be submitted within 07 days.
2. That, the unit shall strictly comply with the conditions given in the Environmental Clearance and subsequent Consent to Establish.
3. That, the industry shall submit 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 directions as well as environmental norms in future.
4. In case of non-compliance of this direction necessary legal action will be initiated.
The Environmental Engineer, Salt Lake Regional Office, WBPCB is requested to keep strict vigil on the unit.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under the provision of Section 33A of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Section 31A of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and rules made thereunder after being approved by the Competent Authority.

By Order,

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