Memo No. 344-5L/WPB-2015/U-0008

Date: 21/12/2015

DIRECTION

WHEREAS, M/s. Universal Processing (hereinafter referred to as the industry) located at Vill.- Taldharia, P.O.- Taldharia Kapashia, P.S.- Duttapukur, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin – 700 130 had obtained Consent to Establish from the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 28/01/2014 for fabrics bleaching (production capacity 10,000 kg/month) using a 800 kg./hr. HSD fired boiler, but did not obtain Consent to Operate from the Board.

AND WHEREAS, a public complaint was lodged by the villagers of Taldharia, P.O.- Taldharia Kapashia, North 24 Parganas alleging that the industry was discharging its process effluent directly outside the factory premises without any treatment causing serious health hazards to the neighbouring people. A boiler accident was also occurred on 30/08/2014 at the industry premises causing death of two persons and damage of factory premises.

AND WHEREAS, a hearing was conducted by the Public Grievance Cell of the Board on 18/06/2015 wherein the Advocate appeared on behalf of the industry submitted that the industry was under suspension of work. Nobody appeared on behalf of the complainant. A hearing was again conducted by the Technical Cell of the Board on 19/11/2015.

AND WHEREAS, the partners of the industry appearing in the hearing submitted that they have not yet started operation of the plant. They also submitted that they would install effluent treatment plant and would apply for Consent to Operate to the Board before starting operation. Nobody appeared on behalf of the complainants during the hearing.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the above, M/s. Universal Processing located at Vill.- Taldharia, P.O.- Taldharia Kapashia, P.S.- Duttapukur, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin – 700 130 is hereby directed not to start the manufacturing activity without obtaining Consent to Operate from the Board.

The Environmental Engineer, Barrackpore Regional Office of the Board will keep strict vigil on the industry. In case of non-compliance of Board’s direction, order for closure with disconnection of electricity will be issued by the Board.

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