Date: 30/06/2017

DIRECTION

WHEREAS, M/s. Welmac Leathers (hereinafter referred to as the industry) located at Plot No. 474, Zone-7, Calcutta Leather Complex, P.O.- Bhojerhat, Dist.- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743 502 is a tannery engaged in manufacturing of finished leather from raw hide.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was inspected by the officials of the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 04/04/2017. The industry has installed pre-treatment plant for treatment of non-chrome bearing effluent and Chrome Recovery Unit (CRU) for treatment of chrome bearing effluent.

AND WHEREAS, during inspection the pre-treatment plant was found in defunct condition, the stirrer in the collection tank was also found to be defunct. Similar observation was made during earlier inspection on 04/07/2016 and the pump used for effluent lifting from collection tank to sedimentation tank and the concerned pipelines were found in dismantled condition. A show cause notice was issued to the unit on 12/07/2016. The industry replied to the said notice on 25/07/2016 mentioning that necessary rectification work was done and the pre-treatment plant was working properly.

AND WHEREAS, the Consent to Operate of the industry was valid upto 30/09/2016 (fees valid upto 28/02/2019).

AND WHEREAS, the industry was called for a hearing by the Board on 01/06/2017 for the non-compliance of environmental norms as observed during inspection by the Board officials.

AND WHEREAS, the partners of the industry appeared in the hearing. They submitted that during inspection on 04/04/2017, the pre-treatment plant was operational, only the stirrer in the collection tank was not working. They informed that the stirrer of the collection tank has been repaired and also a standby pump has been arranged for lifting the effluent from collection tank to sedimentation tank. They requested to conduct a fresh inspection and effluent sampling. They stated that presently chrome bearing effluent is sent to the CCRU of the complex.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the submission of the industry, M/s. Welmac Leathers located at Plot No. 474, Zone-7, Calcutta Leather Complex, P.O.- Bhojerhat, Dist.- South 24 Parganas, Pin-743 502 is hereby directed to comply with the following:

1. **That**, the industry shall prepare a preventive maintenance schedule for the pre-treatment plant and follow it properly to avoid occurrence of such incident in future.

2. **That**, the industry shall always operate in compliance with environmental norms with efficient functioning of the pollution control system.

3. **That**, the industry shall submit copy of the agreement with CLCTA for using the CCRU of the complex for treatment of chrome bearing effluent at the earliest.
The Environmental Engineer, Salt Lake Regional Office of the Board is requested to conduct a fresh inspection of the industry within a month along with effluent sampling and process the consent application of the industry and dispose of the same on merit. Based on the findings of the inspection, further action will be taken.

The In-charge of Salt Lake Regional Office is also requested to direct all the tannery units which transfer chrome liquor to the CCRU of the complex to submit monthly statement to the Board and CLCTA citing quantity of chrome liquor generation in individual tannery and quantity sent by the unit to CCRU.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and 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