DATED: 12-07-2007

DIRECTION

WHEREAS, M/S. MB SPONGE & POWER LTD. (hereinafter referred as the industry) operates its sponge iron unit at P. O. - Hijalgora, P. S. – Jamuria, Dist. – Burdwan.

WHEREAS, the industry was inspected on 11-04-2007 by the Regional Office of the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred as the Board). From the inspection report it was revealed that the industry was operating Kiln No.1 without operating the pollution control system. There was also high level of secondary emission from the cooler discharge and product house areas.

WHEREAS, a hearing was conducted involving the industry on 08-06-2007 in the Head Office of the Board.

WHEREAS, during hearing the industry submitted that due to some problem in the control panel, they could not operate the ESP at the time of inspection and the control panel was subsequently rectified. Regarding the secondary emission from cooler discharge and product house areas, the industry submitted that they have replaced the older bags in the bag house for taking care of high secondary emission.

WHEREAS, the explanation of the industry for non functioning of the ESP due to the problem in control panel can not be accepted by the Technical Committee, as they could have opted for put the plant in hold mode if the control panel was out of our for a short period of time.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the non compliance recorded above and in exercise of the powers conferred under Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder M/S. MB SPONGE & POWER LTD. is hereby directed as under:

1. That, the industry should shut down its manufacturing activity whenever the pollution abatement system fails to function due to whatever reason and the same should be intimated to the Board
2. That, the industry should always ensure compliance of particulate emission standard for all unit operations of the sponge iron plant by efficient functioning of the pollution control system
3. That, the industry should submit pollution cost of Rs.5.00 Lakh (Rupees Five Lакhs only) by Demand Draft payable at Service Branch, Kolkata/Banker’s Cheque within fifteen (15) days from the date hereof in favour of the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD for violating the environmental norms
4. That, the industry should submit a Bank Guarantee (proforma enclosed) for Rs.5.00 Lakh (Rupees Five Lакhs only) valid for twelve months within fifteen (15) days from the date hereof in favour of the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD to ensure compliance of the environmental norms in future.

In case of the non-compliance of the above directions by the industry within the stipulated time the Board may have to issue necessary regulatory order without any further reference.

This has the approval of the Competent Authority.

Order

Sd/-

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