WHEREAS, M/S. LOMEX AGENCIES PVT. LTD. operates its veneer-manufacturing unit at Jalan Industrial Complex, Baniara, P. O. – Begri, P. S. – Domjur, Dist. – Howrah.

WHEREAS, the inspection of the unit on 06-11-2007 revealed that the unit was operating one of its wood-fired thermic fluid heater without any air pollution control system. Dense black smoke was observed coming out from the chimney of the unit. Photographs of such emission was taken and maintained as office record. Moreover, it was also revealed during the inspection that the unit has installed another thermic fluid heater without obtaining “Consent-to-Establish” from the Board violating the environmental statute.

WHEREAS, a hearing of the industry was conducted in the Head Office of the Board on 07-12-2007.

WHEREAS, the industry through a letter dated 10-12-2007 requested the Board that they may be allowed sixteen weeks time to install air pollution control device for the thermic fluid heater for which the industry has placed order.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the submission of the industry (letter dated 10-12-2007) reports and the inspection made by the Board on 13-12-2007 M/S. LOMEX AGENCIES PVT. LTD. is hereby directed as under:

1. That, the unit is allowed time up to 31-03-2008, for commissioning the bag filter system as emission control system for the thermic fluid heater as proposed by the industry itself.
2. That the unit should submit a Bank Guarantee of Rs.2.00 Lakh (Rupees Two Lakh only) (proforma enclosed) valid for twelve [12] months time within fifteen [15] days from the date of issuance of this order IN FAVOUR OF THE WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD to ensure compliance of condition 1.
3. That, the unit should submit a pollution cost of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) within fifteen [15] days by a Demand Draft/Banker’s Cheque drawn on service branch, KOLKATA for starting operation of the 2nd thermic fluid heater without obtaining “Consent-to-Establish”
4. That, the “Consent-to-Operate” for the second thermic fluid heater will be issued by the Board after completion of commissioning pollution control device for the first as also the second thermic fluid heater.
In case of non-compliance of the aforementioned directions by the said unit, the State Pollution Control Board will issue necessary regulatory order without any further reference.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and rules made thereunder.

This order has the approval of the Competent Authority.

By Order

Sd/-
(Dr. D. Chakraborty)
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