MEMO NO.: 601 -PCB-HOW-08(02)2007

DATE: 28-05-2008

CLOSURE ORDER WITH DISCONNECTION OF ELECTRICITY

WHEREAS, M/S. GIRIRAJ ISPAT (P) LTD. (hereinafter referred as the industry) operates a rolling mill at Dhulagarh Industrial Estate, Sankrail, Dist. – Howrah.

WHEREAS, the report of inspection carried out by the Officials of the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred as the Board) on 31-01-2008 revealed that the industry is operating a coal-fired furnace without installing any air pollution control system violating the NOC condition. The industry has been noted to be operating without “Consent-to-Operate” from the Board and causing serious air pollution through emission of dense black smoke through the chimney of the furnace.

A technical hearing was conducted at the Head Office of the Board on 28th February, 2008. No body on appeared behalf of the industry.

NOW THEREFORE, M/S. GIRIRAJ ISPAT (P) LTD. is hereby closed by the Board with disconnection of electricity for operating its unit without possessing valid “Consent-to-Operate” as also for violation of NOC conditions and creating serious air pollution in the area.

Suspension of closure will only be considered only after compliance of the following conditions by the industry.

1. Commissioning of adequately designed emission control systems (as per the condition of the “NOC” issued to the industry on 5th June, 2007) for the coal-fired furnace to comply with the emission standard and ensure smokeless stack.
2. Obtaining “Consent-to-Operate” from the Howrah Regional Office of the Board after compliance of the above condition.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder.

The Secretary, WBSEB is requested to take action to disconnect the electricity connection of the said industry immediately.

The closure order will take immediate effect and Officer-In-Charge, Sankrail Police Station under W.B. Police, is directed to execute the Closure Order against the aforementioned unit and submit the compliance report to the State Board within seven days from the receipt of this Memo.
This direction has been issued to the Officer-In-Charge, Sankrail Police Station and the Secretary, WBSEB, in conformity with the order of the Hon’ble High Court, Calcutta dated 21-08-1998 and 28-04-1999 respectively.

Environmental Engineer, Howrah Regional Office of the State Board is requested to take necessary steps for proper execution of the closure order and also visit the unit involving the local police station and Nodal Police Officer of the concerned district to oversee the proper execution of the closure order and also ensure the disconnection of electricity of the unit.

This order has the approval of the Competent Authority. 

By Order

Sd/-
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West Bengal Pollution Control Board