SUSPENSION OF CLOSURE ORDER INCLUDING RESTORATION OF ELECTRICITY

WHEREAS, M/S. M. B. SPONGE & POWER LTD. (hereinafter referred as the industry) operates its sponge iron unit at P. O. – Hijalgora, P. S. - Jamuria, Dist. – Burdwan, PIN – 713 362 was closed by the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred as the Board) through an order dated 05/06-08-2008 for operating the industry keeping the emission control system idle.

WHEREAS, the industry made an appeal for suspension of closure including restoration of electricity through its letter dated 13th August, 2008 admitting their fault.

NOW, THEREFORE, in due consideration of the appeal made by the industry as referred above, the closure order issued vide Memo No.1299-363/WPB-SEE-K.O.-GEN/2006 dated 05/06-08-2008 against M/S. M/S. M. B. SPONGE & POWER LTD. is hereby withdrawn by the Board with the following conditions:

1. In case of any repetition of similar offence as recorded in the closure order the Board will issue closure order forfeiting the entire Bank Guarantee amount.
2. That, the industry will immediately go to a shut down mode of their rotary kilns in case of any problem in the emission control system. For other unit operations, the unit will take a shut down of that operation in case of non-operation of the respective emission control system.
3. The unit will have to always comply with the particulate emission standard by efficient functioning of the emission control systems.
4. That, the industry will have to submit a Bank Guarantee of Rs.10.00 Lakhs (Rupees Ten Lakhs only) valid for twelve [12] months within fifteen (15) days from the date of issuance of this order in favour of the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD as an assurance of compliance of the above directions.
5. That, the industry will have to submit a Pollution Cost of Rs.5.00 Lakhs (Rupees Five Lakhs only) by Demand Draft payable at Service Branch at Kolkata/Banker’s Cheque within fifteen (15) days from the date of issuance of the direction for operating the industry without operating the emission control system.
6. In case of non-submission of Bank Guarantee and Pollution Cost as referred above, the Board will revert back to its closure order.

That, the electricity connection of the industry is also ordered to be restored immediately.
The Chief Engineer (T&D and Administration), Dishergarh Power Supply Corporation Ltd. is requested to take action to restore the electricity connection of the industry in question immediately.

This order has been issued under the provisions of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder after being approved by the Competent Authority.

Order

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