MEMO NO.: 1954 -WPBA-RED(BWN)-CONT(340)/02

DATE: 30-09-2008

SUSPENSION OF CLOSURE ORDER

WHEREAS, M/S. Dhanbad Fuels Limited (hereinafter referred as the industry) having its sponge iron unit at Mangalpur Industrial Estate, Raniganj, Burdwan was closed by the Board for failing to comply with the Board’s direction vide Memo No.448-72-WPB-SEE-K.O./GEN/2002-PART-I dated 03/05/2007, issued for minimization of secondary emissions from its manufacturing operation.

WHEREAS, M/S. Dhanbad Fuels Limited subsequently appealed before the Board for withdrawal of the closure order submitting that they have complied with all the directives issued by the Board under Memo No. referred above.

WHEREAS, the inspection of the unit on 03-09-2008 revealed that the unit has complied with all the major directions leaving two minor ones still to be complied with.

WHEREAS, during the inspection the unit was found in operating condition violating the Board’s closure order.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the circumstances referred above M/S. Dhanbad Fuels Ltd. is hereby re-opened with the following conditions:

1. That, the industry is allowed time December, 2008 to make necessary arrangement for disposal of accumulated coal char, preferably in abandoned open cast coal mine. Under no circumstances the industry shall store any dust, including coal char, coal fines etc. in open space beyond the stipulated time.

2. That, the unit will have to pay a Pollution Cost of Rs.1.00 lakh (Rupees one lakh) only by Demand Draft payable at Service Branch, Kolkata/Banker’s Cheque within fifteen (15) days from the date of issuance of this order in favour of the WEST BENGALE POLLLUTION CONTROL BOARD for continuation of operation in violation of the Board’s order for closure. Renewal of “Consent-to-Operate” will be issued only after submission of the pollution cost as per the order.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder after taking due approval of the Competent Authority.

In case of noncompliance of the above directions within the stipulated time period, the Board may have to take recourse to its earlier direction without any further reference in the matter.

By Order

Sd/-

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