MEMO NO.:  2282-PCB-HOW/82-2008  DATE:  03-08-2009

CLOSURE ORDER

WHEREAS, M/S. KRISHNA TISSUES PVT. LTD. (hereinafter referred as KTPL) operates its coated duplex board manufacturing unit at Vill. – Madari, P. O. – Barunda, P. S. – Bagnan, Dist. – Howrah using waste paper as raw material through hydro pulping process.

WHEREAS, KTPL was granted “Consent-to-Establish” by the WEST BENGALE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred as the Board) with the condition that the unit should treat the wastewater adequately in an effluent treatment plant comprising of primary and secondary clarifier, aerated lagoons and polishing lagoon. The machine backwater should be treated through a DAF clarifier for recovery of fibers before being recycled back to the process.

WHEREAS, KTPL started operating without commissioning the fiber recovery unit.

WHEREAS, since the industry started its operation, the Board is receiving complaints alleging discharge of effluent from the unit contaminating the receiving water body adjacent to Ghoraghata Railway Station which is linked to abadi canals and irrigation canals and are reported to be used for irrigation in agricultural field, flouriculture, psiciculture and bathing purpose by the local residents.

WHEREAS, the Board’s monitoring in May and July, 2009 clearly revealed that the water of the receiving water body (Railway nayanjuli/canal) is heavily contaminated by the discharge of liquid effluent of the industry beyond any human use. The quality of the discharged effluent also does not conform to the permissible discharge standard.

WHEREAS, the local authorities including Zilla Sabahadhipati of the Howrah District had several meetings with the management of the industry for redressal of the sufferings of the local people from the pollution of the water bodies putting specific target with date for compliance by the industry.

WHEREAS, till date no tangible results could be achieved as revealed from the analysis report of the contaminated water as also final discharge of the industry.

WHEREAS, a technical hearing was conducted by the Board at its Head Office at Paribesh Bhavan on 29-07-2009 involving both the industry and the complainants.

WHEREAS, the representative of KTPL appearing in the hearing submitted that issuance of “Consent-to-Operate” by the Board inter alia proves that the unit is under environmental
compliance. The Technical Committee explained that as per the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and its subsequent amendments, the Board can collect water at any time for assessment of compliance of the discharge standard and on the basis of any current result of monitoring, the Board has sufficient power to revoke the “Consent-to-Operate” or even close the unit.

NOW, THEREFORE, in due consideration of the facts and circumstances as stated above including the latest environmental condition of the receiving water bodies, the operation of M/s. KRISHNA TISSUES PVT. LTD. is closed forthwith. The Consent-to-Operate” issued by the Board under Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 is hereby revoked.

Suspension of closure will only be considered after the unit complies with the following conditions:

1. Compliance of liquid discharge standard as well as particulate emission standard from the boiler by improvement/ modification of pollution abatement systems.
2. Regeneration of the water body which has been contaminated from the discharge of untreated or partially treated effluent to the same.
3. The point of discharge of the treated effluent will have to be relocated to Dhoramanna canal through laying of underground pipeline as proposed by the unit through its letter dated 15th July, 2009
4. Holding ponds of adequate capacity is to be made as buffer storage facility and for reuse of the treated water.
5. Adequately treated effluent should be recycled as far as practicable.
6. There should be arrangement for proper storage and disposal of ETP sludge. Sludge cannot be discharge to any water body under any circumstances.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder after being approved by the Competent Authority.

The closure order will take immediate effect and the Superintendent of Police, West Bengal Police, Dist. - Howrah is requested 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 police authority in conformity with the order of the Hon’ble High Court, Calcutta dated 21-08-1998.

By Order,

Sd/-

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