MEMO NO.: 2433-PCB-HOW/82-2008  DATE: 17-08-2009

SUSPENSION OF 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, M/S. KTPL was closed by the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred as the Board) in due consideration of the public complaint alleging gross contamination of water body (railway nayanjuli near Ghoghata Railway Station) beyond any human use through discharge of untreated/partially treated effluent and which has been confirmed by the Board through physical inspections of the unit followed by analysis of collected water samples both from the discharged effluent and the contaminated receiving water body.

WHEREAS, M/S. KTPL made an appeal through its letter dated 06-08-2009 for considering suspension of closure order accepting the charges mentioned in the Board’s Order for closure of the unit with submission of time bound action plan for compliance of the directions.

WHEREAS, M/S. KTPL subsequently made an appeal to the Chairman of the Board for considering suspension of closure order through its letter dated 10-08-2009 with commitment to carry out improvement/modification of the liquid effluent treatment plant as also excavation of the holding tank, recycling of the treated waste and changing the point of discharge directly to the Dhoramanna canal, as and when necessary, through laying of dedicated underground pipe line.

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the fact that the paper mill has taken responsibility for environmentally degrading the water body through discharge of its effluent and committing to take appropriate remedial action for modifying and upgrading the wastewater treatment plant making it suitable for recycling to the process with temporary retention in holding tanks being proposed to be constructed (having capacity of 45 days retention) and also regenerating the contaminated water body within a reasonable time frame, with proposal for discharging its effluent, if any in future, to Dhoramanna canal through a dedicated pipe line; the Board is hereby temporarily suspending the closure order issued against M/S. KRISHNA TISSUES PVT. LTD. vide Memo No.2282-PCB-HOW/82-2008 dated 03-08-2009 for sixty days from the date of issuance of this direction with the following conditions:
1. Upgradation/modification of Effluent Treatment Plant to treat the liquid waste

2. Excavation of holding tanks of sufficient capacity to hold the effluent for a minimum period of forty-five (45) days with an objective not to discharge any effluent to the adjoining water bodies.

3. Commissioning of fiber recovery unit in a manner so that the treated effluent can be recycled to the maximum possible extent.

4. Improving the coal handling & management system.

5. Improving the emission control system for the boiler to ensure smokeless stack.

6. Solid waste and ETP sludge should be managed properly and disposed in an environment friendly manner after taking permission from the Board mentioning the point of disposal.

7. The “Consent-to-Operate” which was revoked is hereby revalidated for three months.

8. The industry will submit a Bank Guarantee (proforma enclosed) of Rs.30.00 Lakhs (Rupees Thirty Lakhs only) valid for twelve months, within seven days for ensuring compliance of above direction within the time frame mentioned above with an overall objective of stopping any further contamination of water body. The Bank Guarantee will have to be submitted before the industry resumes its manufacturing operation.

9. The industry is also allowed six months time from the date of issuance of this direction for commissioning the drainage system for carrying treated effluent for direct discharge to Dhormanna canal.

10. Six months time is also granted to the industry for regeneration of water bodies so long used for discharge of untreated/partially treated effluent.

Any violation of this direction, including resuming operation without submitting the Bank Guarantee will attract immediate regulatory order without any further reference.

The industry will be monitored every fortnight for assessing the progress of the implementation of its action plan as per the commitment and as mentioned in this suspension of closure order.

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 duly approved by the Competent Authority.

By Order,

Sd/-
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