WHEREAS, M/s. UIC UDYOG LIMITED (hereinafter referred to as the industry) operating its galvanizing unit at Industrial Growth Centre, Phase–III, Kalyani, Dist.–Nadia is engaged in manufacturing of G.I. wires, black wire and M.S. black wire.

WHEREAS, the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred to as the Board) received a public complaint from the residents of Uditi Co-operative Housing Society, A-5, Phase- III, Kalyani, Nadia alleging air pollution due to emanation of acid fumes and generation of black dust/soot from the operation of the industry resulting in health problems to the residents. The complaint was forwarded by the Executive Officer, Kalyani Municipality.

WHEREAS, on an earlier occasion, the unit was directed to comply with the following directions vide Memo No. 8385- 94/WPB/SEE(K.O.)-GEN/2003 dated 12/03/2007:

1. The industry should always comply with the environmental norms with efficient functioning of the pollution abatement systems.
2. The industry should take a shutdown of its manufacturing activity whenever the pollution abatement systems fail to function.
3. The industry should submit Pollution Cost of Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand) only for violating the environmental norms by operating the pickling unit keeping the scrubber in idle condition.

WHEREAS, the industry was inspected by the Board officials on 14/10/2009. It was observed that the industry had started operation of a new galvanizing line without obtaining “Consent to Establish” / “Consent to Operate” from the Board. The galvanizing line is not even attached with any emission control system. Acidic smell was felt at the pickling section as well as G.I. sections due to inefficient functioning of the fume extraction system. Fugitive emission was also observed at the flue gas line.

WHEREAS, a technical hearing was conducted at the Head Office of the Board on 14/12/2009 involving the industry, the complainants and the representatives of Kalyani Municipality.

WHEREAS, the Managing Director of the industry appearing in the hearing squarely agreed with the observations made by the inspecting officials of the Board and submitted that they will be taking necessary steps towards compliance of environmental norms.
NOW, THEREFORE, considering the observation of the inspecting officials and the submission made by the industry, M/s. UIC UDYOG LIMITED is hereby directed as under:

1. THAT, the operation of the new galvanizing line for which the industry had not obtained “Consent to Establish” and “Consent to Operate” from the Board should be stopped forthwith.

2. The industry should always comply with the environmental norms with efficient functioning of the pollution abatement system for the other unit operations.

3. The industry should submit a Pollution Cost of Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand) only within fifteen [15] days from the date hereof by Demand Draft to be drawn on Service Branch, Kolkata/Banker’s cheque in favour of the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD for operating the industry with inefficient fume extraction system and starting the operation of a new galvanizing line without obtaining permission from the Board.

If the industry is found continuing to violate the environmental norms and the above directions, the Board will be at liberty to take regulatory action including closure of the whole unit.

The concerned Environmental Engineer is requested to oversee the compliance of this direction and send report to the headquarters accordingly.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under the provision of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder.

This has the approval of the Competent Authority.

By Order,

Sd/-
(Subrata Ghosh)
Chief Engineer
West Bengal Pollution Control Board