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**CLOSURE ORDER WITH DISCONNECTION OF ELECTRICITY**

**WHEREAS**, M/s. NORTH EAST ENGINEERING CO. (P) LTD. (hereinafter referred to as the industry) is engaged in manufacturing of black wire, G.I. wire, wire nails and barbed wires at Suboljote, P.O.- Nemai, P.S.- Matigara, Dist.- Darjeeling, Pin – 734 010.

**WHEREAS**, the industry was earlier called for a hearing by the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 06/07/2007 and specific direction was issued for compliance under a Bank Guarantee of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand) and a Pollution Cost of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand) only was imposed upon the industry.

**WHEREAS**, the industry was again called for a hearing on 01/09/2007 by the Board and the Director of the industry submitted an undertaking stating that they would ensure compliance with the environmental rules.

**WHEREAS**, an inspection of the industry was carried out by the Board officials on 25/02/2010. During inspection, the industry was in operation but the scrubber for the G.I. section was not in operation. Acidic smell was felt from outside the factory. No ladder and platform exists for the stack. Black smoke was observed from the annealing furnace.

**WHEREAS**, during inspection it was also noticed that the ETP was not in operation and the chemical dozing tank was empty. The effluent from cold dip plant was not coming to the ETP indicating the presence of a bypass line. The premise was not accessible as it was found under lock and key and the key was not present at the industry. There is no treatment facility for waste water generated from the acid pickling bath.

**WHEREAS**, the hazardous waste generation register on 28/08/2007 shows a stock of 3.165 T as on 30/06/2007 but during the inspection on 25/02/2010 only about 100 kgs. of sludge was observed. The bilingual environmental information display board was not upgraded.

**WHEREAS**, a technical hearing was again conducted at the Head Office of the Board on 24/06/2010 involving the industry due to the numerous violations environmental norms and statutes as recorded above.

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the industry appearing in the hearing could not submit any proper explanation for the non-compliance recorded above except for construction of Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) in 2008. He admitted that the whole construction of the ETP had been done on the sludge drying bed from which the hazardous sludge had not been removed and remained embedded in the ground as a result of which the stock of hazardous waste as shown in 2010 has drastically reduced.

**NOW THEREFORE**, considering the gross non-compliance of environmental norms as observed during inspection, M/s. NORTH EAST ENGINEERING CO. (P) LTD. is hereby closed by the Board with immediate effect. The electricity connection of the industry is directed to be disconnected forthwith.

The Director (HR), WBSEDCL is requested to take necessary steps to disconnect the electricity connection of the industry immediately.
The closure order will take immediate effect and the Officer-in-Charge, Matigara Police Station, Dist.-Darjeeling under West Bengal Police is directed to execute the Closure order against the aforementioned industry and submit the compliance report to the State Board within seven (07) days from the receipt of this Memo.

This direction has been issued to the Officer-in-Charge, Matigara Police Station and the Director (HR), WBSEDCL, Bidyut Bhawan, Kolkata in conformity with the order of the Hon’ble High Court, Calcutta dated 21/08/1998 and 28/04/1999 respectively.

The Asst. Environmental Engineer & In-charge, Siliguri Regional Office of the State Board is requested to take necessary steps for proper execution of the closure order and also visit the industry involving the local police station and Nodal Police Officer of the concerned district.

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

This has the approval of the Competent Authority.

By Order,

Sd/-
(Subrata Ghosh)
Chief Engineer
Operation & Execution Cell
West Bengal Pollution Control Board