MEMO NO.: 1805 2306/WPB(HRO)-K/2009

DATE: 01/10/2010

NOTICE FOR CLOSURE

WHEREAS, M/s. Gokul Refoils & Solvent Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the industry) is engaged in refining of edible oil at HPL Link Road, City Centre, P.O.-Debog, P.S.Bhabanipur, Haldia, Dt.-Purba Medinipur, Pin–721 657.

AND WHEREAS, the Board had received a mass public complaint alleging environmental pollution from the operation of the industry resulting in health hazard to the nearby local residents. On the basis of the complaint, an inspection was conducted on 29/01/2010 when non-compliance was observed. Subsequently a hearing was held on 09/02/2010 and the industry was issued directions for compliance vide Memo No. 540-1A-16/2009 dated 09/03/2010. The industry was granted a time up to 31st May, 2010 for implementation of the directions issued by the Board under a Bank Guarantee of Rs.1.00 lakh.

AND WHEREAS, an inspection of the unit was conducted on 08/06/2010 to verify and assess the status of compliance of the Board’s direction. The observations made during inspection vis-à-vis the directions issued by the Board are as follows:-

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<td>01.</td>
<td>The industry should immediately control fugitive emission from the coal storage and ESP bottom area. Pneumatic dust handling system for ESP hopper dust should be installed.</td>
<td>The industry has covered coal storage area but the said covered area will be in use within the next 2-3 days as reported by the industry. Presently unused coal dumped in the open area covered by plastic sheet was observed.</td>
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<td>02.</td>
<td>The boundary wall near the boiler house/coal storage area should be raised immediately for control of dust proliferating to the nearby village.</td>
<td>The industry has installed a 12 ft. high brick wall as boundary near the coal storage area only. But the rest part of the wall has been raised by aluminium sheet metal.</td>
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<td>03.</td>
<td>The industry should provide sufficient water sprinklers for control of re-suspension of dust</td>
<td>The unit has provided manual sprinkling but it is not sufficient enough to control the re-suspension of dust.</td>
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<td>04.</td>
<td>Good housekeeping practices should be followed. Cleaning of boiler house, coal storage area and ESP area should be done on a regular basis.</td>
<td>The industry has failed to comply in this regard as the house keeping of the boiler house area, ESP area and TFH area was found unsatisfactory. Also wet as well as dry ash particles were found dumped here and there.</td>
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<td>05.</td>
<td>The industry should provide control measures for sound generated from the boiler and turbine immediately.</td>
<td>The unit has installed silencer at the steam exhaust duct to bring down the noise level.</td>
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Thus it is observed that the industry has failed to fully comply with the directions issued by the Board within the stipulated time. The ETP was found operative with no discharge.

**AND WHEREAS**, the results of analysis of the stack emission and liquid effluent during the past six months show total non-compliance of the discharge standards.

**AND WHEREAS**, the industry was called for a technical hearing on 30/07/2010 at head office of the Board due to the repeated violations of environmental norms and statutes as recorded above.

**AND WHEREAS**, the representatives of the industry appearing in the hearing submitted that they have been taking constant efforts towards upgradation/ modification of their pollution control system for compliance with the directions issued by the Board. About 85% of the work towards compliance of the directions has been completed. They requested for some more time for total completion of the job.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, considering the violations recorded above, the submission made by the industry, and the lackadaisical attitude of the industry towards compliance of the Board’s directions, **M/s. Gokul Refoils & Solvent Ltd.** is hereby granted a time period of 45 (forty-five) days only from hereof for undertaking total upgradation / modification of the emission control systems and effluent treatment plant of the industry so as to comply with the environmental norms at all times.

**Failure to comply with the direction above within the specified time frame of 45 (forty-five) days from hereof will attract immediate closure of the industry along with disconnection of electricity without any further reference.**

The Haldia Regional Office of the Board is requested to conduct a fresh inspection to verify and assess the status of compliance of the industry with the Board’s directions and the environmental norms after the stipulated time period of 45 (forty-five) days from hereof. On the basis of the status of environmental compliance of the industry, the final order will be issued by the Board.

It is further directed that the existing Bank Guarantee of Rs.1.00 lakh lying with the Board shall be totally forfeited.

This order is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under provisions of 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 after being approved by the Competent Authority.

**By Order,**

**Sd/-**

(Subrata Ghosh)

**Chief Engineer**

**Operation & Execution Cell**

**West Bengal Pollution Control Board**