Notice for Closure

WHEREAS, M/s. Standard Galvanizer (hereinafter referred to as the industry) is engaged in galvanizing of pipes, angles, channels, rods etc. at Makardah Road, P.O.- Bankra (Kabarpara), P.S.- Domjur, Howrah – 711 403.

AND WHEREAS, an inspection of the industry was conducted on 03/03/2010 by officials of the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred to as the Board). The industry was not in operation during inspection. The representative of the industry informed that the industry has been closed for about a month for repair work.

AND WHEREAS, during inspection the following non compliances were observed:

1) Loading of galvanized parts onto a truck was being done during the time of inspection. However no repair work was observed.
2) The effluent treatment plant was in a defunct condition.
3) The HDPE lined pit was filled with ETP sludge.
4) In addition to the existing galvanizing bath, the industry operates an additional galvanizing bath and a drier which are not equipped with any pollution control system. The industry does not possess CFE / CFO of the Board for these additional facilities.
5) Records of hazardous wastes generation could not be shown during inspection.
6) Despite accumulation of 10,739 kg of zinc dross and 5,134 kg of zinc ash (as on 31/03/2009) as per the annual returns, stored recyclable wastes could not be shown during inspection.
7) Although the industry has displayed environmental information on the outside wall, the information was last updated in June 2008.
8) The industry has taken a membership of CHWTSDF in November 2006. As per available records, the industry is yet to dispose off sludge to the facility at Haldia.

AND WHEREAS, a technical hearing was conducted at the Head Office of the Board on 30/07/2010 involving the industry.

AND WHEREAS, the representative of the industry appearing in the hearing could not submit any proper explanation for the gross non-compliance as recorded above.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the report of inspection and the non-compliant nature of the industry towards environmental norms, M/s. Standard Galvanizer is hereby granted a time period of 45 (forty-five) days from hereof for undertaking total upgradation / modification of its emission control systems as well as the effluent treatment systems so as to comply with all the environmental norms as also the provisions of the Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2008 as amended. The industry is further directed to operate only those facilities for which the Board has granted Consent to Operate. The industry shall obtain Consent for all additional facilities prior to operation of the same.
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 closure order will take immediate effect and the Officer-in-Charge, Domjur Police Station, Dist.-Howrah 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.

The Environmental Engineer, Howrah 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.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder especially provisions of the Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2008 as amended, after being approved by the competent authority.

By Order,

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