MEMO NO.: 1896  2S(HW)-2357/2008

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D I R E C T I O N

WHEREAS, M/s. HALFTONE.COM (hereinafter referred to as the industry) is engaged in gravure printing cylinder making at Chandigori, P.O.-Badu, P.S.-Barasat, Dt.-North 24 Parganas, Pin 700128.

AND WHEREAS, an inspection of the industry was conducted on 25/05/2010 by official of WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred to as the Board). During inspection the industry was in operation and the following non-compliance were observed:

1) The ETP which is operated in batch process, is located inside a room. The tanks of the ETP were found empty and rusted indicating that the ETP was seldom used. Pipeline from the collection tank to the pump was observed to be removed.
2) The sludge drying bed was observed to be almost empty. The HDPE drum kept inside the room contained some sludge.
3) The chrome plating section was connected with fume extraction system leading to a chimney of inadequate height.
4) Display Boards were observed to be kept in a corner inside the main gate.
5) Records of hazardous waste generation could not be shown during inspection.
6) Though the industry has become a member of the CHWTSDF at Haldia in February 2008, as per records available, the industry is yet to dispose the waste to the facility at Haldia.

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

AND WHEREAS, the representative of the industry appearing in the hearing submitted that the ETP pump motor was malfunctioning on the day of the inspection and maintenance work was in progress.

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the violations recorded above and the submission made by the industry, M/s. Halftone.com is hereby directed as follows:

1. That the industry shall submit a Pollution Cost of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh) 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 the gross non-compliance observed during inspection.

2. That the industry shall ensure continuous compliance with all environmental norms including provisions of the Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2008 as amended.
The Environmental Engineer, Barrackpore Regional Office of the Board is requested to conduct an inspection jointly with the Waste Management Cell of the Board to verify the status of compliance on the part of the industry. If the industry is still found continuing to violate the Board’s directions, the Board will be at liberty to take further stricter regulatory action without any further notice.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under provisions of 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)
Chief Engineer
Operation & Execution Cell
West Bengal Pollution Control Board