ORDER FOR RESTORATION OF ELECTRICITY

WHEREAS, M/s. Impex Ferro Tech Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the industry) operates its ferroalloy unit at Kadavita Dendua Road, P.O.-Kalyaneswary, P.S.-Kulti, Dist.-Burdwan, Pin–713369.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was earlier closed by the Board with disconnection of electricity on 15/12/2010 for repeated failure to comply with the environmental norms as observed during successive inspections by Board officials.

AND WHEREAS, previously, the industry was penalized by the Board with a Pollution Cost of Rs. 5.00 lakhs for their failure to comply with the environmental norms and a direction was issued on 31/05/2010 giving the industry thirty (30) days time for modification / upgradation of the pollution abatement system.

AND WHEREAS, the industry submitted an appeal for withdrawal of order for closure and disconnection of electricity to the Board on 23/12/2010 mentioning that they were willing to take corrective action from their end regarding operation of emission control system for the Submerged Electric Arc Furnaces as directed by the Board and also submit a Bank Guarantee of Rs. 5.00 lakhs as a part of their commitment.

AND WHEREAS, considering the aforementioned appeal, the industry was called for a hearing on 28/12/2010. The Chairman of the industry appearing in the hearing submitted that they have already taken complete steps for rectification / upgradation of the emission control system (bag filter) for furnace nos. 1, 2, 3 & 5. He requested the Board to provide a time period of 1(one) month for total upgradation /modification of bag filter system for unit No. 4. A stamp paper undertaking to this effect has been submitted by the Industry wherein it has also been mentioned that they will not operate furnace No. 4 before completion of the upgradation / modification job.

AND WHEREAS, an inspection of the industry was carried out by the Asansol Sub Regional Office of the Board on 27/12/2010. The industry was found under complete shut down and no production activity was observed in any of the furnaces. The electricity connection was found to be disconnected. A letter from the Chief Engineer, D.V.C regarding implementation of the electricity disconnection order has also been received by the Board.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the report of inspection and the submission made by the Chairman of the industry during the hearing, the Board is hereby pleased to allow the restoration of electricity connection of the industry immediately for facilitating the erection / upgradation of the emission control system for furnace no. 4.
The Secretary, Damodar Valley Corporation is requested to take necessary steps for restoration of electricity connection of the industry immediately.

The Asst. Environmental Engineer – Incharge, Asansol Sub Regional Office, WBPCB is requested to inspect the industry for verification of the claim made by the Chairman of the industry regarding completion of modification / upgradation job for the furnaces 1, 2, 3 & 5 to the satisfaction of the Board for consideration of suspension of closure order of the industry.

The industry shall however not operate the furnace no. 4 before completion of the upgradation work for the attached bag filter system and also pending further inspection in this regard.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under the 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