WHEREAS, M/s. Bhagabati Sponge Iron Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the industry) located at Jamuria Industrial Area, Vill. & Mouza- Ikrah, P.O. Jamuria Hat, P.S.- Jamuria, Dist.- Burdwan, Pin- 713336 is engaged in manufacturing sponge iron. The industry has 2X100 TPD Rotary Kilns. The Rotary Kilns are provided with ESP followed by Gas Conditioning Tower (GCT) and connected to a stack of height of 32m from Ground level (G.L.)

AND WHEREAS, inspection of the industry was conducted by the officials of the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 01/08/2012. During inspection both the Rotary Kilns were found in operation. Huge fugitive emission was observed at injection coal platform and product house section. High cap leakage was noticed from After Burner Chamber (ABC) top cap of Rotary kiln no. 1. Large quantity of coal was found to be stored in an open space which is causing dispersion of fine particles in the surrounding areas. Internal road condition was poor.

AND WHEREAS, huge fugitive emission at injection coal platform and product house sections was also observed during the inspection on 29/02/2012.

AND WHEREAS, the Board received a mass complaint from the residents of village Ikrah against the sponge iron units located at Jamuria area alleging severe air pollution in the locality. The said village is located within 500m from this unit on southern side.

AND WHEREAS, ‘Consent to Operate’ of the industry is valid up to 30/04/2013. The industry did not apply for ‘Hazardous Waste Authorisation’ till date.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was called for a hearing on 14/09/12 at the Head office of the Board for non-compliance of environmental norms observed during inspection by the Board officials.

AND WHEREAS, the representative of the industry appearing in the hearing agreed with the above mentioned observations of the Board. He submitted that they had taken shut down of the kiln no. 1 for necessary repairing/maintenance work.

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the non-compliance as mentioned above, the Board is hereby pleased to direct, M/s. Bhagabati Sponge Iron Ltd. located at Jamuria Industrial Area, Vill. & Mouza- Ikrah, P.O. Jamuria Hat, P.S.- Jamuria, Dist.- Burdwan, Pin- 713336 as follows:

1. That, the industry shall take necessary steps to comply with environmental norms with efficient functioning of air pollution control devices attached to all units operations.
2 That, the industry shall comply with the direction issued by the Board vide Memo No. 1044-4/WPB/CE-II/GEN/2008 Dated 01.06.2012.

3 That, the industry shall obtain Hazardous Waste Authorisation from the Board as per the provisions of Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling & Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2008.

4 That, the industry shall submit a Pollution Cost of Rs 50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand) 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.

5 That, the industry shall execute a Bank Guarantee (proforma enclosed) of Rs 50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousands) only valid for twelve (12) months within fifteen [15] days from the date of issuance of this direction in favour of the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD as an assurance to comply with the above direction.

The Asst. Environmental Engineer & In-charge, Asansol Sub- Regional Office of the State Board is requested to keep vigil over the industry and if the industry is found to violate the direction of the Board stricter regulatory order including closure with disconnection of electricity will be issued.

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