DIRECTION

WHEREAS, M/s. Steel Crackers Pvt. Ltd. (Unit-II) (hereinafter referred to as the industry) located at Delhi Road, Vill.-Dhobapukur, P.O.-Bighati, P.S.-Bhadreswar, Dist.-Hooghly is engaged in manufacturing steel ingot and re-rolled bars using M.S. scrap, sponge iron and C.I. scrap as raw material. The industry has 2 nos. Induction Furnaces of capacity 5 Ton each provided with swiveling suction hood, spark arrester and bag filter as air pollution control devices (APCDs) and connected to stacks of height 15m and 33m 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 17/07/2012 noticing huge fugitive emission engulfing the surroundings while passing by Delhi Road. Although both Induction Furnaces were found in operation during inspection but APCD attached to the furnaces was found to be non-functional.

AND WHEREAS, the ‘Consent to Operate’ of the industry is valid up to 31/12/2013.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was called for a hearing at the head office of the Board on 14/09/2012 for the above mentioned non-compliance.

AND WHEREAS, the Directors of the industry appearing in the hearing submitted that the APC devices attached to the furnaces are always operated while the furnaces are in operation and the emission observed during inspection was due to temporary removal of the suction hood for raw material charging. They assured that they would take necessary precaution to avoid occurrence of such incident in future.

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the non-compliance as mentioned above, the Board is hereby pleased to direct, M/s. Steel Crackers Pvt. Ltd. (Unit-II) located at Delhi Road, Vill.-Dhobapukur, P.O.-Bighati, P.S.-Bhadreswar, Dist.-Hooghly 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 take necessary measures for controlling fugitive emission.

3. That, the industry shall submit a Pollution Cost of Rs. 50,000 /- (Rupees Fifty Thousands) 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.
The Environmental Engineer, Hooghly 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