D I R E C T I O N

WHEREAS, M/s. Crown Tannery (hereinafter referred to as the industry) is a relocated tannery engaged in manufacturing of finished leather by processing of raw hide. Located at Plot No.- 388 & 388A, Zone-V, P.O.- Bhojerhat, P.S.- Kolkata Leather Complex, Dist.- South 24 Parganas, Pin – 743502.

AND WHEREAS, the process generates chrome bearing effluent and non-chrome bearing effluent. The industry has a preliminary treatment plant for pre-treatment of non-chrome bearing effluent and own chrome recovery unit for chrome bearing effluent. Non-chrome bearing effluent is discharged to CLC sewer line through preliminary treatment plant.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was inspected by officials of the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 20/12/2012. During inspection, the industry was found in operation. Both the Preliminary treatment plant and CRU were found in operation during inspection. Effluent sample was collected during inspection and the industry failed to comply with the liquid discharge standard in respect of TSS (3110.00 mg/l against the permissible limit 600.00 mg/l) & pH (11.16 against the permissible limit 6.5-9.0).

AND WHEREAS, the industry was earlier called for hearing on 21/04/2011 and was directed to stop their own CRU plant operations and to enter into an agreement with the CCRU operator for treatment of chromium bearing effluent. A Pollution Cost of Rs. 50,000/- was also imposed on the industry and they have deposited the same. But the industry has not yet made agreement with CCRU operator as revealed from the inspection report.

AND WHEREAS, the validity of last ’Consent to Operate’ of the industry expired on 31/05/2010. The industry has applied for renewal of Consent on 19/11/2012 with fees cleared up to 31/05/2014.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was called for a hearing by the Board on 19/02/2013 for the noncompliance as stated above.

AND WHEREAS, the representatives of the industry appearing in the hearing agreed with the above mentioned observations of the Board. They submitted that they have taken several positive steps such as installation of additional Bar screen and regular cleaning of sedimentation tank to comply with the liquid effluent discharge standard in future.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the nature of non-compliance as recorded above, M/s. Crown Tannery located at Plot No.- 388 & 388A, Zone-V, P.O.- Bhojerhat, P.S.- Kolkata Leather Complex, Dist.- South 24 Parganas, Pin – 743502 is hereby directed to comply with the following:

1. That, the industry shall take necessary corrective measures to comply with liquid effluent discharge standard and also comply with the directions issued by Board from time to time.

2. That, the industry shall execute a Bank Guarantee (proforma enclosed) of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One lakh) 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 Environmental Engineer, Salt Lake Regional Office of the Board is requested to keep a vigil over the industry and if it is again found continuing to violate the environmental norms, the Board will be at liberty to take stricter regulatory action without any further notice.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 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