WHEREAS, M/s. Tara Glass & Silicate Works (hereinafter referred to as the industry) located at 226A, Bagmari Road, Manicktala, Kolkata – 700 054 is engaged in manufacturing Sodium Silicate using soda ash and quartz sand as raw material. The industry has 1 no. oil fired boiler of capacity 600 kg/hr. and 1 no. coal fired reverberatory furnace of capacity 5.5 MT/batch.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was directed earlier to convert its coal fired furnace into oil fired one within 30/04/2008 through ‘Consent to Operate’ certificate issued by the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) dated 09/10/2007 which was valid up to 31/12/2008. The industry had submitted a letter on 25/11/2008 requesting for extension of validity period of Consent to Operate and praying for some time for fuel conversion. The validity of ‘Consent to Operate’ was extended by the Board up to 31/12/2009 with condition that the industry should convert its coal fired furnace into oil fired one within this period. But during inspection on 22/10/2009 by the Board official, it was observed that the unit did not comply with the direction issued by the Board.

AND WHEREAS, the industry had submitted an undertaking on 15/12/2009 mentioning that they will shift the existing coal fired furnace to a new site, outside KMA area within next two years. They also mentioned that they have already purchased the land and they are in the process of obtaining necessary permission from the concerned authorities. The industry had obtained NOC from the Board on 06/04/2011 to set up a new unit at Amdanga, J.L. NO. 62 & 48, Dist.- North 24 Pgs., Pin – 743 221. The Board extended the validity period of Consent to Operate up to 31/01/2013. The industry again applied for renewal of ‘Consent to Operate’ on 26/02/2013 for three years for the period up to 31/01/2016. But ‘Consent to Operate’ could not be granted as they have neither converted the coal fired furnace to oil fired one nor shifted the same.

ANDWHEREAS, the industry was called for a technical hearing on 24.07.2013 at the head office of the Board for the non-compliance of Board’s direction.

AND WHEREAS, the proprietor of the industry appearing in the hearing agreed with the above mentioned observations of the Board. He submitted that they have already taken necessary steps towards shifting the coal-fired furnace to the site at Amdanga, J.L. NO. 62 & 48, Dist.- North 24 Pgs., Pin – 743 221 and for which they applied for electricity connection to WBSEDCL and deposited the requisite fees on 04/01/2012. He stated that till now they did not get the electricity connection. He requested to give time till January 2016 for shifting the same.
NOW THEREFORE, considering the submission made by the industry, M/s. Tara Glass & Silicate Works located at 226A, Bagmari Road, Manicktala, Kolkata – 700 054 is hereby directed to comply with the following:


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 State Board is requested to extend the validity period of Consent to Operate of the industry till January 2014. He will conduct an inspection of the industry after January 2014, and if the industry is found operating its coal-fired furnace at the current premises violating the Board’s direction, the Board will issue stricter regulatory order.

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