WHEREAS, M/s. Essen Synthetics Pvt. Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the industry) located at 15/A, Shyamsundar Ghat Road, P.O. & P.S.- Khardah, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin – 700 117 had obtained ‘Consent to Establish’ in 1988 for manufacturing phthalate plasticizers. Later on the industry applied to the State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) on 18.3.2011 for obtaining Environmental Clearance for manufacturing rubber based adhesives (activity falls under Ordinary Red category). The Committee exempted the industry from the Environmental Clearance procedure on 13/04/2011.

AND WHEREAS, inspection of the industry was carried out on 11/07/2013 by the officials of the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred to as the Board). During inspection the industry was not in operation but presence of stored raw materials and products and installed equipment inside the industry indicated that the industry might had started its production. The rubber adhesive manufacturing process involves mixing chloroprene rubber with Benzene, phenolic resin, methanol and magnesium oxide in a stainless steel mixing vessel cooled by circulating water. Industrial water will not be required in the manufacturing process except cooling water.

AND WHEREAS, the industry is situated in a predominantly residential area, near the river Hooghly and adjacent to Shri Shri Mata Annapurna temple.

AND WHEREAS, fire licence of the industry for storing methanol and benzene expired on 18/05/2013. The industry obtained trade licence for manufacturing of chemicals from Khardah Municipality which has expired on 31/03/2013.

AND WHEREAS, Shri Shri Mata Annapurna Estate, the owner of the plot on which M/s. Essen Synthetics Pvt. Ltd. is located, informed the Board in April 2012 that the registered lease with the industry had expired and requested the Board not to issue any permission in favour of the industry. They also alleged that since the industry is situated on the banks of the river Hooghly, they might be discharging trade effluent into the river Hooghly.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was called for a hearing at the head office of the Board on 21/08/2013 following a public complaint received from Shri Shri Mata Annapurna Estate, 1/2A, Biswanath Motilal Lane, Kolkata – 700 012.

AND WHEREAS, both the industry and the Complainant appeared in the hearing. The complainants informed that the matter is sub-judice in the Hon’ble Court.
NOW THEREFORE, considering the submission of both parties during hearing and as it is a sub-judice case, the matter is disposed of from the Board. M/s. Essen Synthetics Pvt. Ltd. is directed not to carry out any manufacturing activity at the existing premises without obtaining prior permission from the Board.

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