DIRECTION

WHEREAS, M/s. Sona Biscuits Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the industry) located at Delhi Road, Vill.- Monoharpur(E), P.O.- Dankuni Coal Complex, Dist.- Hooghly Pin – 712 310 is a biscuit manufacturing unit having production capacity 790 MT/month.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was inspected on 02/07/13 by the officials of the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred to as the Board). The industry has 3 nos. coal gas / F.O. fired ovens which are connected with a common stack of height 30 ft. from G.L. No air pollution control device (APCD) is attached with the ovens. During inspection the industry was found in operation. High emission was noticed through the stack attached with the ovens. The industry has an effluent treatment plant (ETP) comprising of oil water separator, equalization tank and aeration tank. During inspection the ETP was not in operation and untreated effluent was being discharged by the unit to the outside drain through a by-pass line.

AND WHEREAS, the ‘Consent to operate’ of the industry is valid up to 28/02/2014. The industry has applied for ‘Consent to Establish’ for expansion on 03/04/2013.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was called for a hearing on 21/08/13 at the head office of the board for non-compliance of environmental norms as observed during inspection by the Board officials.

AND WHEREAS, the representatives of the industry appearing in the hearing agreed with the above mentioned observations of the Board. They submitted that their ovens are mainly operated with coal gas but during unavailability of gas, the ovens are operated using furnace oil. They also submitted that on the day of inspection the ETP was non-functional as the compressor was out of order which has been repaired on the very next day and presently the ETP is running properly. The representatives of the industry mentioned that they have sealed the bypass line.

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the non-compliance as mentioned above, M/s. Sona Biscuits Ltd. located at Delhi Road, Vill.- Monoharpur (E), P.O.- Dankuni Coal Complex, Dist.- Hooghly, Pin – 712 310 as follows is hereby directed as follows:

1. That, the industry shall install air pollution control device for the ovens within six months.

2. That, under no circumstances, the industry shall discharge untreated effluent outside the plant premises bypassing the ETP.

3. That, the industry shall always operate maintaining all the environmental norms.

4. That, the industry shall execute a Bank Guarantee (proforma enclosed) of Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees Two 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, Hooghly Regional Office of the State Board will keep a strict vigil over the industry. If the industry is found to violate the direction of the Board, stricter regulatory order including closure with disconnection of electricity may 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