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**DIRECTION**

WHEREAS, M/s. Calcutta Felt Industries Pvt. Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the industry) located at NH-2, Bangihati, P.O. & P.S.- Sreerampur, Dist.- Hooghly, Pin-712203 is a waterproofing felt manufacturing unit.

AND WHEREAS, the industry has two bitumen melting furnaces, two mixing kettles, bitumen reservoirs with FO burners and furnace oil tank with FO burners.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was called for a hearing on 14/03/2013 following non-compliance observed during inspection by the officials of the **WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 14/02/2013. During hearing the unit submitted that the height of the stacks had been raised to 30 meters and they claimed that they did not install any additional bitumen melting furnace, they had only installed the FO reservoir for storing purpose. They also submitted that they would obtain NOC from the State Board before installation/operation of additional bitumen melting furnace. Considering the submission made by the industry during hearing, the Technical Committee recommended further inspection of the unit to verify the status.

AND WHEREAS, inspection of the unit was further carried out on 08/07/2013. During inspection the unit was found in operation. Stack emission as well as fugitive emission were noticed during inspection. It was observed during inspection that the unit had raised the stack height up to 20 meters only. The stacks are not equipped with any air pollution control device (APCD). The unit has also installed additional bitumen column and 2 nos. FO reservoirs without valid Consent to Establish (NOC) from the Board. A shed was also found to be constructed in the adjacent plot which belongs to the said unit (as reported by the unit representative) without obtaining permission from the Board. Housekeeping of the unit was found to be very poor; signs of bitumen spillage were noticed within the unit premises and the spillage from the floor was leading to drains without any treatment. Drums were found to be scattered within the premises. The similar observations were also made during inspection on 14/02/2013.

AND WHEREAS, the conditional consent of the unit was valid till 31/03/2013 and the unit is yet to obtain Hazardous Waste Authorisation.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was called for a hearing on 21/08/2013 at the head office of the Board for non-compliance of environmental norms as observed during inspection by the Board officials.

AND WHEREAS, the Directors of the industry appeared in the hearing and stated that they had raised the stack height to approx. 30 m., however, they assured that they would again check the stack height and if it is found to be less, they would increase the height. They also submitted that they would apply for Consent to Establish for the additional bitumen column at the earliest. The representatives of the industry informed that the new shed in the adjacent plot of the unit belongs to M/s. Namit Mahuvakar & Ors. for which they have got clearance from the Board and a copy of the same was submitted by the unit.
NOW, THEREFORE, considering the non-compliance as mentioned above M/s. Calcutta Felt Industries Pvt. Ltd. located at NH - 2, Bangihati, P.O. & P.S.- Sreerampur, Dist.- Hooghly, Pin-712203 is hereby directed as follows:

1. **That**, the industry shall not operate the additional bitumen column prior to obtaining Consent to establish and Consent to operate from the State Board.
2. **That**, the industry shall install suitable APCD for the bitumen melting furnaces and increase the stack height up to 30 meters.
3. **That**, the industry shall obtain Hazardous Waste Authorisation from the Board and shall improve the house-keeping.
4. **That**, the industry shall execute a **Bank Guarantee** (proforma enclosed) of Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand) only valid for twelve (12) months within fifteen [15] days from the date of issuance of this direction in favour of **WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** as an assurance to comply with the above direction.

The Environmental Engineer & In-charge, Hooghly Regional Office of the State Board will keep strict vigil on 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 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 (O & E Cell)
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