Memo No. 255-1A/ZII/R(Sp.)/T/18-13  Date: 14/05/2014

**DIRECTIO**

**WHEREAS,** M/s. Ram Das & Others (hereinafter referred to as the industry) is a relocated tannery engaged in manufacturing of finished leather by processing of raw hide and skin. It is located at Plot No. 797, Zone-9, CLC, Bhangar, Dist.- South 24 Parganas, Pin – 743 502.

**AND WHEREAS,** both chrome bearing effluent and non-chrome bearing effluent are generated from the manufacturing activity. The industry has its own preliminary treatment plant for treatment of non-chrome bearing effluent and a chrome recovery unit (CRU) for treatment of chrome-bearing effluent. Non-chrome bearing effluent is discharged to CLC sewer line for final treatment in the CETP.

**AND WHEREAS,** the industry was inspected by the officials of the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 15/01/2014. During inspection the industry was found in operation. Effluent sample was collected from the outlet of the pre-treatment plant during inspection and the industry failed to comply with the liquid effluent discharge standard in respect of TSS (1350.00 mg/l).

**AND WHEREAS,** the industry was earlier issued Closure Order with Disconnection of Electricity vide Memo No. 416-CLC/Camac/WBPB/1A-194/06 dated 07/06/2013 for repeated non-compliance of environmental norms. Subsequently, the Suspension of Closure Order with Restoration of Electricity was issued on 05/08/2013.

**AND WHEREAS,** the ‘Consent to Operate’ of the industry is valid up to 31/05/2014.

**AND WHEREAS,** the industry was called for a hearing by the Board on 27/03/2014 for the non-compliance of environmental norms as observed during inspection.

**AND WHEREAS,** the partner of the industry appearing in the hearing agreed with the above mentioned observations of the Board. He submitted that the failure in meeting the effluent discharge standards occurred due to improper cleaning of the internal drains as well as sedimentation tank of the pre-treatment plant. He stated that they have cleaned the internal drains, collection tank and sedimentation tank of the pre-treatment plant and assured that such cleaning would be carried out twice a week to maintain the PM level within limit in future. The Technical Committee directed the industry to submit a stamp paper undertaking within seven days in this regard. The industry has submitted the undertaking on 04.04.2014.

**NOW THEREFORE,** considering the nature of non-compliance as recorded above and submission made by the industry, M/s. Ram Das & Others located at Plot No. 797, Zone-9, CLC, Bhangar, Dist.- South 24 Parganas, Pin – 743 502 is hereby directed to comply with the following:

1. **That,** the industry shall always operate in compliance with environmental norms with efficient functioning of pollution control system.

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 environmental norms in future.
The Environmental Engineer, Salt Lake Regional Office of the Board is requested to keep 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