DIRECTION

WHEREAS, M/s. Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (hereinafter referred to as the industry), located at P.O. & P.S.- Chittaranjan, Dist.- Burdwan, Pin – 713 331 is an electric locomotive engine manufacturing plant.

AND WHEREAS, inspection of the industry was carried out by the officials of WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 24/04/2014. During inspection the 15MT/batch EAF with its APCD was found in operation and it was reported by the representative of the industry that both the furnaces (15 MT & 7 MT) are operated alternatively.

AND WHEREAS, the industry has submitted an application for Consent to Establish for setting up an additional electric arc furnace (EAF) of capacity 10 MT/batch on 25/02/2014. The industry has started civil foundation work for installation of the said EAF. In principal approval of the said activity had been obtained by the industry on 15/01/2014 with the condition that the 7 MT/batch EAF must be phased out by March 2014. But during inspection it was observed that the industry did not phase out the said EAF till date.

AND WHEREAS, as per the condition of the NOC for expansion dated 31/08/2001, the industry was supposed to phase out and dismantle the old 7 MT/batch EAF after installing the new electric arc furnace of 15 MT/batch. The industry was further directed vide order dated 10/12/2012 & 06/03/2013 to phase out and dismantle the said EAF.

AND WHEREAS, the unit has two STPs, one is Activated Sludge Plant and other is Bio Filter Plant. The domestic effluent from Area-6 Colony and Hill Colony is treated in the Activated Sludge Plant whereas the effluent from Fatehpur and Simjhuri Colony is treated in the Bio Filter Plant. During inspection Activated Sludge Plant was found in operation. Some components of the Bio Filter Plant such as Trickling filter and motor of secondary clarifier were found to be under repair.

AND WHEREAS, the industry informed the Board that the operation of the incinerator at painting booth has been totally stopped. The industry submitted a proposal for installation of a new paint booth section.

AND WHEREAS, the ‘Consent to Operate’ of the industry is valid up to 31/03/2016.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was called for a hearing on 24/07/2014 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 submitted that the operation of 7 MT/batch EAF has been stopped w.e.f. April 2014 and the said furnace has been condemned. They mentioned that disposal / dismantling of the said furnace will be done through auction.
NOW, THEREFORE, considering the non-compliance as recorded, M/s. Chittaranjan Locomotive Works located at P.O. & P.S.- Chittaranjan, Dist.- Burdwan, Pin – 713 331 is hereby directed as follows:

1. That, the industry shall not operate the 7 MT/batch EAF under any circumstances and shall dismantle it at the earliest.

2. That, the industry shall complete the repairing job of Trickling filter and motor of secondary clarifier of the Bio Filter Plant immediately and operate the STPs efficiently.

The Environmental Engineer, Asansol Regional Office of the State Board is requested to keep vigil over the industry and if the industry is found running violating the Board’s direction, the Board will be at liberty to take stricter regulatory action.

This direction is issued in exercise of the power 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