Direction

WHEREAS, M/s. Everest Industries Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the industry) located at 1, Taratala Road, P.O. & P.S.- Garden Reach, Kolkata – 700024 is an asbestos based industry engaged in manufacturing of Asbestos products (Asbestos Cement Corrugated sheet - production capacity 14700 MT/month and Asbestos Cement Roofing Accessories - production capacity 300 MT/month). The industry has a fiber mill section which is equipped with automatic Bag Opening Device, dust extraction unit, bag filter, secondary filter system and stack of height 11m from G.L., Carbo cutting machine which is equipped with bag filter and stack of height 15m from G.L.

AND WHEREAS, inspections of the industry were carried out on 13/03/2014 & 11/09/2014. During inspections samplings of stack connected to fiber mill were carried out and on both the occasion the industry failed to meet the PM emission standard (3.57 mg/Nm$^3$ & 6.03 mg/Nm$^3$ against the permissible limit of 2 mg/Nm$^3$). A show cause notice was issued to the industry on 10/06/2014 for the failure in respect of stack analysis report dated 13/03/2014. The industry replied to the show cause notice on 12/06/2014, but again failed to meet the PM emission standard on 11/09/2014.

AND WHEREAS, the Consent to Operate and Hazardous Waste Authorisation of the industry are valid upto 31/10/2015 & 31/08/2015 respectively.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was called for a hearing at the head office of the Board on 24/12/2014 for the above mentioned non-compliances.

AND WHEREAS, the representatives of the industry appearing in the hearing agreed with the above mentioned observations of the Board. They submitted that they conduct bi-monthly checking of its air pollution control device (APCD) and stated that they have changed the damaged bags of bag filter in November 2014. However they would further undertake thorough maintenance of APCD in order to meet the PM emission standard in future and requested to grant time upto 28$^{th}$ February, 2015 to complete the said work.

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the above M/s. Everest Industries Ltd. located at 1, Taratala Road, P.O. & P.S.- Garden Reach, Kolkata – 700024 is hereby directed as follows:

1. That, the industry shall complete the maintenance work of the air pollution control system connected to the asbestos fibre mill within 28$^{th}$ February, 2015 so as to maintain the emission level within permissible standards.

2. That, the industry shall always operate maintaining all environmental norms and with efficient functioning of the pollution abatement systems.

3. That, the industry shall execute a Bank Guarantee (proforma enclosed) of Rs 5,00,000/- (Rupees five 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 Asst. Environmental Engineer & In-charge, Camac Street Regional Office of the State Board is requested to conduct an inspection after February 2015 to verify the status of compliance.

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