WHEREAS, M/s. Sin Sin Tannery (hereinafter referred to as the industry) located at 47, South Tangra Road, Kolkata – 700 046 is engaged in manufacturing of leather goods from finished leather.

AND WHEREAS, earlier the industry was issued Closure order with Disconnection of Electricity by the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 13/01/2014 for carrying out tannery activity violating the Order of the Hon’ble Supreme Court as also non-compliance of environmental norms. The Suspension of closure order with restoration of electricity was issued on 03/02/2014 with the condition that the industry shall never carry out any tannery activity within its premises.

AND WHEREAS, the industry obtained Consent to Establish from the Board on 07/02/2014 for manufacture of leather goods from finished leather. The industry has applied for Consent to Operate to the Board on 24/09/2014.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was inspected on 13/11/2014 in connection with the public complaint alleging that the industry is performing tannery process activity and generating polluted effluent which is being discharged into KMC drain.

AND WHEREAS, during inspection it was observed that the entire premises of the industry comprises of two sections. The leather goods section is situated at left side of the entrance of the industry premises and is housed in ground and 1st floor of a G+1 storied building. The tannery section of the industry is situated at right side of the entrance. This section was found under lock and key. On request, the industry representative opened this section for verification of the activities. Various tannery related machineries were found in this section such as 4 nos. shaving machine, 2 nos. large drum of wet process and 2 nos. small sample drum. Most of the machineries were found in dismantled condition. During inspection no tannery related activities were observed in this section. Leather goods manufacturing activity was found in progress. Besides the above two sections there are one office room and one godown for storage of various goods like old, rejected leather goods, metal fittings, broken chairs and tables etc.

AND WHEREAS, a hearing was called by the Board on 24/12/2014 involving both the industry and the complainant.

AND WHEREAS, the representatives of the industry appearing in the hearing submitted that presently they are operating leather goods manufacturing unit only, the tannery activity was closed long back and its machineries have been dismantled. They also submitted that as per order of the Hon’ble High Court, Calcutta, they cannot remove any machinery from the factory premises to any other place.
AND WHEREAS, the complainant appeared in the hearing and alleged that the industry is still carrying out some tannery activity and wet leather drying activity. He also alleged that tannery activities are being carried out by the industry at night hours.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the report of inspection and submission of the industry, M/s. Sin Sin Tannery located at 47, South Tangra Road, Kolkata – 700 046 is hereby directed to comply with the following:

1. **That**, the industry shall never carry out any tannery activity within their premises.

2. **That**, the industry shall operate with valid ‘Consent to Establish’ and ‘Consent to Operate’ of the Board

3. **That**, the industry shall always operate in compliance with the environmental norms.

As the matter is pending with the Hon’ble High Court, Calcutta and no tannery activity could be observed at the premises of the industry during inspection by the Board officials, hence the matter related to complaint is disposed off from this end.

The Environmental Engineer, Salt Lake Regional Office of the Board is requested to keep strict 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