DATED : 13-02-2007

DIRECTION

WHEREAS a public complaint was lodged against M/S. TITAGARH INDUSTRIES LIMITED having its steel casting unit at 1, A. Q. Road, Titagarh, Dist. – North 24 Parganas (hereinafter referred as the unit) before the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred as the Board) alleging serious air pollution by the unit.

WHEREAS the unit was inspected several times by the Regional Office of the Board during 2005 – 2006. During inspection it was noted that although two numbers of arc furnaces are fitted with a common cyclone separator followed by bag filter as air pollution control system, but because of poor design and in absence of adequate suction hood, air pollution control system remains non functional resulting in huge secondary emission from the arc furnaces. On number of occasions, during the visit, air pollution control system was found inoperative. During inspection it was also observed that the drains carry huge quantity of oil which are supposed to discharge into River Hooghly.

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted in the Head Office of the Board on 12-01-2007 involving the unit and the complainants.

WHEREAS, in the hearing Shri Subrata Guha, General Manager (Works) submitted that they have modified the suction system for proper functioning of air pollution control systems and the work has been completed a week before.

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred under Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder M/S. TITAGARH INDUSTRIES LIMITED located at 1, A. Q. Road, Titagarh, Dist. – North 24 Parganas is hereby directed as under :

1. That the unit is allowed three months time for compliance with air emission standard and liquid discharge standard.
2. That the unit should make arrangement for facilitating the emission testing in the arc furnaces by providing stack hole and platform as per the Rules.
3. That the unit should dismantle the bypass arrangement for the air pollution control system immediately.
4. The unit should install catch pits to arrest the oil in the drainage system.
5. That, the unit will submit a Bank Guarantee (Proforma enclosed) of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) in favour of the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD to ensure compliance of the above direction within fifteen (15) days from the date hereof.
In case of the non-compliance of the above directions by the industry within the stipulated time, the Board may have to issue necessary regulatory order without any further reference.

This has the approval of the Competent Authority.

Order

Sd/-
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