ORDER

WHEREAS, the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the ‘State Board’), enforces the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Rules made there under within the territorial jurisdiction of West Bengal for the purpose of controlling pollution discharged from the industries, domestic sources and also other commercial activities,

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Environment and Forest; Government of India through the notification SO 1533 dated 14.09.2006 has exempted the Building/Construction projects/ Area Development projects and Townships projects below a specified built-up area listed in schedule of this notification from Environment Clearance either from the Government of India or from the Government of West Bengal.

AND WHEREAS the environmental issues of Building/Construction projects/ Area Development projects and Townships projects with total built up area less than 20,000 sq mt could be addressed through existing municipal regulations

NOW THEREFORE, the State Board has decided the following policy to deal with such cases:

The West Bengal Pollution Control Board shall henceforth accept and process Consent to Establish/Consent to Operate applications for grant or rejection only in those cases, which shall apply with sanctioned plan covering total built up area greater than equal to 20,000 sq mt or covering an area greater than equal to 50 Ha.

This is in super session of all other previous directions/orders issued by the State Board in this connection.

This will take effect from the date of issue of this order.

Sd/-
Debal Ray
Member Secretary
West Bengal Pollution Control Board