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### **DIRECTION**

**WHEREAS, M/s. Austin Plywood Pvt. Ltd. (Formerly known as B.S. Progressive Pvt. Ltd.)** [hereinafter referred to as the unit] located at **Diamond Harbour Road, P.O. & P.S.– Bishnupur, Dist.– 24 South 24 Pgs., Pin–743 503** is a plywood manufacturing unit.

**AND WHEREAS,** in connection with a public complaint lodged by the local people for creating air pollution in the locality, the unit was inspected by the **West Bengal Pollution Control Board** (hereinafter referred to as the State Board) official on 07.07.2022. During inspection the following observations were made by the inspecting official:

- During inspection the unit was in operation. The unit has a waste veneer/firewood fired Thermic Fluid Heater (TFH) of capacity 35 lakh.Kcal/hr. which is provided with multi cyclone separator and ESP (2 field) followed by a stack of height 28m from G.L. as air pollution control device (APCD).
- Visible emission was observed at the time of charging fuel even when the APCD was in operation. During inspection stack sampling was carried out and the unit has failed to meet the emission discharge standard (**PM-238.59 mg/Nm<sup>3</sup>** against the permissible limit of 150 mg/Nm<sup>3</sup>).
- The Effluent Treatment Plant(ETP) was found in operation. Effluent sample was collected from the ETP outlet and final outlet of the unit and the analysis report shows compliance.
- No dedicated energy meter has been installed with APCD as well as ETP.
- There is a school namely Ramkrishna Sarada Mission just beside the unit. It was learnt from the Secretary of the said school that as such they are not facing any air pollution presently from this plywood manufacturing unit and as such no thick/noticeable deposition of dust within the school premises or outside the unit was observed.

**AND WHEREAS,** the Consent to Operate of the unit is valid upto 31.03.2024. Authorization for Hazardous Waste of the unit is valid upto 31.08.2024.

**AND WHEREAS,** the unit was called for a hearing on 22.11.2022 at the Head office of the Board for the non-compliance of environmental norms as recorded above. The complainants appeared in the hearing and alleged that they are suffering from severe air pollution generated due to operation of the unit and during night time emission level is increasing excessively. They also alleged that floors, roofs of their houses are always covered with thick black dusts.

**AND WHEREAS,** the General Manager on behalf of the unit appeared in the hearing and submitted that for the last two months the unit is under shut down due to resentment of local people. He mentioned that they have written a letter to the Labour Commissioner, West Bengal for creating disturbances by the local people. He also submitted that they have taken necessary steps to resolve the stack emission problem.

**NOW THEREFORE**, considering the above, **M/s. Austin Plywood Pvt. Ltd. (Formerly known as B.S. Progressive Pvt. Ltd.)** located at Diamond Harbour Road, P.O. & P.S.– Bishnupur, Dist.– 24 South 24 Pgs., Pin–743 503 is hereby directed not to resume the operation of the plant without prior permission of the State Board.

The industry shall approach the State Board for resumption of the operation of the unit after necessary rectification/modification of the pollution control system and after proper verification of the pollution control systems of the industry by the Alipore regional office, permission for resumption of the operation may be granted to the unit.

The Sr. Environmental Engineer & In-charge, Alipore Regional Office of the State Board is requested to keep a strict vigil on the unit. If the unit is again found to be non-complying with the Board's direction, the Board will take strict regulatory action against the unit.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under the provision of Section 33A of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Section 31A of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder.

By Order,

Sd/-


**Chief Engineer**  
**Operation & Execution Cell**  
**West Bengal Pollution Control Board**

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2. The Chief Engineer, Planning & EIM Cell, WBPCB
3. The Senior Law Officer, WBPCB
4. The Sr. Environmental Engineer & In-charge, Alipore Regional Office, WBPCB
5. T.A. to the Member Secretary, WBPCB
6. P.A. to the Chairman, WBPCB
7. Shri Alope Kr. Mondal and Ors., Vill.- South Kriparampur, P.O. Sukdevpur, Dist.- South 24 Pgs.
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