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MEMO NO.: 2225 -2A-Z-II-R/127-07/08 **DATE: 06/11/07**

CLOSURE ORDER

WHEREAS, **SHRI NIMAI GANGULY[PROPRIETOR]** operates **A BATTERY MANUFACTURING UNIT** (hereinafter referred as the unit) at 8/3/4, Baroda Basak Street, P. S. – Baranagore, Kolkata – 700 036

WHEREAS, a public complaint was lodged before the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred as the Board) alleging generation of carbon monoxide and noise during the operation of the unit.

WHEREAS, an inspection was conducted on 24-07-2007 and it was revealed that the unit is engaged in manufacturing of dry cell battery. The noise level monitored during the day of inspection was found not high enough to create annoyance to the neighbouring people. However, the inspection report revealed that the unit is operating without obtaining "Consent-to-Operate" from the board, which is the gross violation of the environmental statute.

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted in the Head Office of the Board on 31-08-2007 involving the unit and the complainants.

WHEREAS, during hearing, the Technical Committee rejected the allegation made by the complainants as generation of carbon monoxide is not possible from the battery manufacturing unit. The complainants have been apprised that the noise level monitored during the day of inspection was not high enough to take any legal action.

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred under Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 **THE BATTERY MANUFACTURING UNIT OF NIMAI GANGLY (PROPRIETOR)** is hereby closed by the Board for operating the unit without obtaining "Consent-to-Operate" from the Board.

Suspension of Closure Order will only be considered after the unit obtain "Consent-to-Operate" from the Salt Lake Regional Office of the Board.

The Officer-In-Charge, Baranagar Police Station under W. B. Police is directed to execute the Closure Order against the aforementioned unit and submit the compliance report to the State Board within seven days from the receipt of this Memo.

This direction has been issued to the Officer-In-Charge, Baranagore Police Station in conformity with the order of the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta dated 21-08-1998.

The Environmental Engineer, Salt Lake Regional Office of the State Board is requested to take necessary steps for proper execution of the closure order and also visit the units involving the local police station and Nodal Police Officer of the concerned district to oversee the proper execution of the closure order.

This has the approval of the Competent Authority.

Order

Sd/-
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