



## WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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### **CLOSURE ORDER WITH DISCONNECTION OF ELECTRICITY**

WHEREAS, **M/S. ASSOCIATED PIGMENT LTD.** (hereinafter referred as the industry) operates its lead smelting and lead refining unit at Mouza Kanakpur, P. O. – Naranda, P. S. – Panskura, Dist. – Purba Medinipur.

WHEREAS, the industry was called for a technical hearing at the Head Office of the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred as the Board) as the inspection of the unit on 22-05-2007 revealed that they have started operating both the rotary furnace (used for lead smelting) and pot furnace (used for metal refining) without valid “Consent-to-Operate” from the Board and also Registration from the Central Pollution Control Board for reprocessing of lead bearing hazardous waste.

WHEREAS, the Managing Director of the industry appearing in the hearing submitted that they were not operating the rotary furnace day of inspection and was operating only the refining pot furnace. He, however, agreed that they are currently ( from 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2007) operating of rotary furnace for secondary lead smelting using lead containing wastes.

WHEREAS, the industry has violated the provisions of Water (Prevention & control of Pollution) Act, and Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 by starting operating the unit without obtaining “Consent-to-Operate” under the referred Acts & Rules thereto.

WHEREAS, the industry has also violated the provisions of Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1989 and its subsequent amendments Notified under Environ (Protection) Act, 1986 by procuring and reprocessing lead bearing hazardous waste without obtaining mandatory registration from the Central Pollution Control Board under the Rule.

NOW THEREOFRE, considering the facts and circumstances as stated above **M/S. ASSOCIATED PIGMENT LTD.** is hereby closed by the Board. The electricity connection of **M/S. ASSOCIATED PIGMENT LTD.** is also ordered to be disconnected forthwith.

Suspension of closure order will only be considered after compliance of the following conditions:

1. The unit obtains authorization under the Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1989 and its subsequent amendments after joining the common facility operated by M/s. West Bengal Waste Management Ltd. at Haldia for safe treatment and disposal of hazardous waste generated. The unit will also take adequate environmental safeguard for the abandoned hazardous waste facility by proper capping of the same to the satisfaction of the Board.
2. The unit after compliance with the Condition No.2 will have to obtain “Consent-to-Operate” from the Board.

3. The unit then subsequently obtains Registration from the Central Pollution Control Board for reprocessing lead bearing hazardous wastes.

This order is issued under provisions of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 & Rules made thereunder, Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1989 and its subsequent amendments and also in compliance of the Order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India passed in W. P. (C) No.657 of 1995.

The Secretary, WBSEB is requested to take action to disconnect the electricity connection of the industry forthwith.

This direction has been issued to the Officer-In-Charge, Panskura Police Station and the Secretary, WBSEB, in conformity with the order of the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta dated 21-08-1998 and 28-04-1999 respectively.

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

This has the approval of the Competent Authority.

By Order

**Sd/-**

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