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CLOSURE ORDER INCLUDING DISCONNECTION OF ELECTRICITY

WHEREAS, **M/S. SOLUX GALFAB PVT. LTD.** (hereinafter referred as the industry) operates its galvanizing unit at Bagirhat, Diamond Harbour Road, Dist. – 24 Parganas.

WHEREAS, the unit was directed by the **WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** (hereinafter referred as the Board) through issuance of an order dated 22/024/01-2008 not to operate its galvanizing plant without obtaining permission from the Board. The industry was allowed to operate only their fabrication division.

WHEREAS, the industry through a letter dated 11th March, 2008 claimed that they have taken following measures for abatement of pollution from its galvanizing unit:

1. They have installed APC devices for hard coke fired drier
2. They have installed ETP and test results have been submitted along with the "CFO" application. They are recycling the wastewater completely.
3. They have installed the storage tank of Hazardous waste and storing the same there. They are also discussing with M/S. RAMKY for final disposal of their waste and in the process of finalizing the formalities.
4. They have also submitted application for obtaining hazardous waste authorization.
   They have also erected bilingual environmental display boards.

WHEREAS, the reports of inspection carried out by the Board Officials dated 26-03-2008 and 01-04-2008 revealed that the following:

1. That, the unit is operating its galvanizing division without obtaining permission from the Board violating the Board's direction.
2. The unit was in operation without operating the emission control system for galvanizing bath and drier.
3. Emission control system for pickling baths was found incomplete.
4. The effluent treatment plant was found inadequate to treat the liquid waste and in defunct condition.
5. Environmental information display board were found maintained improperly
6. Hazardous waste like zinc dross, zinc ash was found kept adjacent to the vat in the ground.
7. The unit is yet to become a member of the common hazardous waste facility at Haldia.

WHEREAS, a further technical hearing of the industry was conducted at the Head Office of the Board on 10-04-2008.

NOW THEREFORE, considering noncompliance of the Board's direction as revealed through Board's inspection reports dated 26-03-2008 & 01-04-2008, **M/S. SOLUX GALFAB PVT. LTD.** is hereby closed by the Board with disconnection of electricity.

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

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

1. Installs adequately designed emission control system for galvanizing plant
2. Installs adequately designed acid fume extraction system for pickling bath
3. Commissions adequately designed effluent treatment plant to treat its liquid waste containing metals
4. Becomes member of the common hazardous waste facility at Haldia for final disposal of hazardous waste
5. Obtains "Authorization" under the Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Rules after fulfilling the condition Nos. 1 to 3

The closure order will take immediate effect and Officer-In-Charge, Bishnupur 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, Bishnupur Police Station and the Secretary, WBSEB in conformity with the order of the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta dated 21-08-1998 & 28-04-1999 respectively.

The Environmental Engineer, Alipore Regional Office of the State Board is requested to take necessary steps for proper execution of the closure 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 closure order and also ensure the disconnection of electricity of the unit.

This order has been issued under the provisions of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Amendment Rules, 2003, especially notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder and Rules made thereunder after taking due approval of the Competent Authority.

Order

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