

WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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CLOSURE ORDER WITH DISCONNECTION OF ELECTRICITY

WHEREAS, a public complaint was received by the **WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** (hereinafter referred as the Board) alleging emission of poisonous gases and generation of sound from the operation of the sponge iron and ferro alloy units operating in Angadpur area.

WHEREAS, M/S. SHYAM FERRO ALLOY (hereinafter referred as the industry) operating its ferro alloy unit at Angadpur, Durgapur, Dist. – Burdwan, PIN – 713 215 was inspected through a surprise inspection on 21-05-2008.

WHEREAS, during a surprise inspection on 21-05-2008 high level of emission was observed from all the stacks connected to the submerged electric arc furnaces. Fugitive emission from the furnaces were also very significant during the time of inspection. These observations corroborate the allegations regarding air pollution in Angadpur area.

WHEREAS, a technical hearing of the industry was conducted at the Head Office of the Board on 03-07-2008.

WHEREAS, the representatives of the industry appearing in the hearing could not submit any satisfactory explanation for the above non-compliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the serious public complaint, nature of noncompliance as recorded during the inspection as also the previous environmental track records of the industry, **M/S. SHYAM FERRO ALLOYS LTD.** is hereby closed by the Board. The electricity connection of the unit is also ordered to be disconnected immediately.

The Secretary, Durgapur Projects Limited is requested to disconnect the electricity connection of the industry in question forthwith.

This order is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder after being approved by the Competent Authority.

The Officer-In-Charge, Coke Oven 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, Coke Oven Police Station and the Secretary, Durgapur Projects Ltd. in conformity with the order of the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta dated 21-08-1998 and 28-04-1999 respectively.

Environmental Engineer Durgapur 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 and also ensure the disconnection of electricity of the unit.

By Order

Sd/-

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