MEMO NO.: 1537 -7-WPBD-CONT (731)/99       DATE: 26-08-2008

SUSPENSION OF CLOSURE ORDER INCLUDING RESTORATION OF ELECTRICITY

WHEREAS, M/S. KARTHIK ALLOYS LTD. (hereinafter referred as the industry) a ferro alloy manufacturing unit Raturia Industrial Area, Angadpur, Durgapur Dist. – Burdwan was closed by the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred as the Board) through an order dated 12-08-2008 for operating the plant, inefficiently functioning of the emission control system as was noted through inspection on 13-05-2008.

WHEREAS, the industry made an appeal for suspension of closure including restoration of electricity through its letter dated 19th August, 2008 assuring compliance of environmental norms as they have already rectified the bag filtration system for the arc furnaces along with ID fan.

NOW, THEREFORE, in due consideration of the appeal made by the industry as referred above, the closure order issued vide Memo No.1376-7/WPBD-CONT(731)/99 dated 12-08-2008 against M/S. M/S. KARTHIK ALLOYS LTD. is hereby withdrawn by the Board with the following conditions:

1. The unit will have to always operate the emission control system efficiently for the submerged electric arc furnaces to comply with the emission standard and ensure minimum fugitive emission from the operation of the furnaces.
2. That, the industry will take a shut down of its manufacturing operation in case of non-operation of the emission control systems for whatever reasons and the same should be intimated to the Board.
3. In case of any repetition of non-compliance as recorded in the closure order the Board will issue closure order forfeiting the entire Bank Guarantee amount.
4. That, the industry will have to submit a Bank Guarantee of Rs.3.00 Lakhs (Rupees Three Lakhs only) valid for twelve [12] months within fifteen (15) days from the date of issuance of this order in favour of the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD as an assurance of compliance of the above directions.
5. That, the industry will have to submit a Pollution Cost of Rs.1.00 Lakh (Rupees One Lakh only) by Demand Draft payable at Service Branch at Kolkata/Banker’s Cheque within fifteen (15) days from the date of issuance of the direction for operating the industry without operation of the emission control systems.
6. In case of non-submission of Bank Guarantee and Pollution Cost as referred above, the Board will revert back to its closure order.

That, the electricity connection of the industry is also ordered to be restored immediately.
The Secretary, Durgapur Projects Ltd. is requested to take action to restore the electricity connection of the industry in question immediately.

This order has been issued under the provisions of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder after being approved by the Competent Authority.

Order

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