



WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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CLOSURE WITH DISCONNECTION OF ELECTRICITY

WHEREAS, M/S. BHOSLA TANNERY (hereinafter referred as the tannery) was in operation at B/168A/H/1, Tiljala Road, P. S. – Tiljala, Kolkata – 700 046.

WHEREAS, a public complaint was lodged before the **WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** (hereinafter referred as the Board) alleging illegal operation of a tannery creating environmental pollution and thereby causing health hazard.

WHEREAS, an inspection of the tannery was conducted on 22-08-2008 when it was observed that the unit was continuing its operation illegally violating the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

WHEREAS, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India passed an order on 19-12-1996 in connection with the W. P. (C) No.3727 of 1995 which reads as under:

“We direct the Deputy Commissioner / Superintendent Police of the area concerned to close all the tanneries operating in Tangra, Tiljola, Topsia and Pagla Danga area of the city of Calcutta by September 30, 1997. No tannery shall function or operate in these areas after September 30, 1997.”

WHEREAS, very recently on 12-12-2008 the Hon'ble Calcutta High Court in connection with the W. P. (C) No.21315(W) of 2008 passed an order directing the Chief Secretary, the Home Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal as also the Commissioner of Police and Superintendent of Police 24 Parganas South to ensure that the tanneries positively stop functioning in the area which has been specifically forbidden by the Supreme Court.

WHEREAS, the Board conducted a public hearing on 12-12-2008 directing both the complainant and the tannery representative to appear before the Technical Committee. Although the complainant was present no body appeared on behalf of the industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the inspection report that the unit is continuing its operation and discharging untreated effluent, the Board hereby reaffirms the closure order on **M/S. BHOSLA TANNERY** in compliance with the order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and Hon'ble Calcutta High Court. The electricity connection of the tannery is also ordered to be disconnected immediately.

The General Manager – Operations (C & M), M/S. CESC LTD. is requested to take necessary action to disconnect electricity connection of the tannery immediately.

The Officer-In-Charge, Tiljala Police Station should ensure that the tannery unit is closed as per the Board's direction.

Order

Sd/-

(Dr. D. Chakraborty)

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