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DIRECTION

WHEREAS, the tanneries operating at the Calcutta Leather Complex, Dt. 24 Parganas (South) are causing serious environmental degradation through discharge of untreated as well as inadequately treated effluent.

WHEREAS, surprise inspections were conducted by officials of the **WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 12/03/2010 at several tanneries located within the Calcutta Leather Complex. The observations are summarized below in tabular form.

Sl.	Name & Address of Tanneries	Observations
1	M/s Radiant Leather Pvt Ltd. Plot no. 103, Zone- 2, CLC	Unit failed to meet the norms on earlier occasions i.e. on 27.01.2009 and 15.07.2009. In the last occasion i.e. on 12.03.2010 it was observed that the unit is operating without proper pollution control systems.
2	M/s Fashion Lederwaren, Plot no. 140, Zone- 2, CLC	During inspection on 12.03.2010 it was observed that the pollution control system was non-functional. Previously on 22.06.2009 also unit failed to meet the norms.
3	M/s G. A. Jolli, Plot no. 228, 229, Zone- 3, CLC	Previously the unit failed to meet the norms on 29.01.2009 and 01.08.2009. During inspection on 12.03.2010 it was observed that the effluent of the unit was going to the storm water line.
4	M/s Champion Tannery (P) Ltd. Plot no. 619, Zone- 8, CLC	Previously unit failed to meet the norms on two occasions. During last inspection on 12.03.2010 it was observed that the unit was discharging their waste water without any treatment.
5	M/s Euro International, Plot no. 508, Zone- 7, CLC	Previously the unit failed to meet the norms on 07.07.2009. During inspection on 12.03.2010 it was observed that the pollution control system was not functional.
6	M/s Yun Kiu Leather Export Corporation, Plot no. 772, Zone- 9, CLC	Previously the unit failed to meet the norms. During last inspection on 12.03.2010 it was observed that the unit again failed to meet the norms.
7	M/s Pioneer Tanning Industries, Plot no. 256, 257, Zone- 3, CLC	Previously the unit failed to meet the norms as observed from the analysis reports. Moreover, during inspection on 12.03.2010, the Chrome Recovery Plant was not functioning.
8	M/s Yun King Tannery, Plot no. 395, Zone- 5, CLC	Previously the unit failed to meet the norms but during inspection on 12.03.2010 pollution control system was functioning.
9	M/s Kamran Akhtar, Plot no. 657, Zone- 8, CLC	Previously the unit failed to meet the norms on two occasions. But during last inspection on 12.03.2010 it was observed that the pollution control system was functional.
10	M/s Nishad Traders, Plot no. 487, Zone- 7, CLC	Previously the unit failed to meet the norms on three occasions. During last inspection on 12.03.2010 it was observed that the Chrome effluent collection tank was overflowing.

WHEREAS, a technical hearing of the aforementioned tanneries was conducted by senior officials of the Board at the Head Office of the Board on 15/03/2010.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the observations made during the inspections and the submission made by the tanneries during the hearing, the following directions are issued by the Board with immediate effect.

Sl.	Name & Address of Tanneries	Direction
1	M/s Radiant Leather Pvt Ltd. Plot no. 103, Zone- 2, CLC	Unit is directed by the Board to be immediately Closed with Disconnection of Electricity.
2	M/s Fashion Lederwaren, Plot no. 140, Zone- 2, CLC	Unit is directed by the Board to be immediately Closed with Disconnection of Electricity.
3	M/s G. A. Jolli, Plot no. 228, 229, Zone- 3, CLC	Unit is directed by the Board to be immediately Closed with Disconnection of Electricity.
4	M/s Champion Tannery (P) Ltd. Plot no. 619, Zone- 8, CLC	Unit is directed by the Board to be immediately Closed with Disconnection of Electricity.
5	M/s Euro International, Plot no. 508, Zone- 7, CLC	Unit is directed by the Board to be immediately Closed with Disconnection of Electricity.
6	M/s Yun Kiu Leather Export Corporation, Plot no. 772, Zone- 9, CLC	Unit is directed by the Board to be immediately Closed with Disconnection of Electricity.
7	M/s Pioneer Tanning Industries, Plot no. 256, 257, Zone- 3, CLC	Unit is directed to operate their Chrome Recovery Plant properly within 15 (fifteen) days from hereof.
8	M/s Yun King Tannery, Plot no. 395, Zone- 5, CLC	Unit is directed to run pollution control system properly.
9	M/s Kamran Akhtar, Plot no. 657, Zone- 8, CLC	Unit is directed to clear the drains within 15 (fifteen) days to avoid regulatory action.
10	M/s Nishad Traders, Plot no. 487, Zone- 7, CLC	Unit is directed to take necessary action to rectify the Chrome effluent collection tank and run the pollution control system properly within 15 (fifteen) days from hereof to avoid regulatory action.

The Secretary, WBSEDCL is requested to take necessary steps to disconnect the electricity connection of the six (06) tanneries (Sl. Nos. 1–6) immediately.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder.

The Closure Order against the aforementioned six (06) tanneries (Sl. Nos. 1–6) will take immediate effect and the Officer-in-Charge, Calcutta Leather Complex Police Station, South 24 Parganas under West Bengal Police is directed to execute the Closure Order against the aforementioned six (06) tanneries (Sl. Nos. 1–6) and submit the compliance report to the State Board within seven (07) days from the receipt of this Memo.

This direction has been issued to the Officer-in-Charge, Calcutta Leather Complex Police Station and the Director, WBSEDCL, Bidyut Bhawan, Kolkata in conformity with the order of the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta dated 21/08/1998 and 28/04/1999 respectively.

The Environmental Engineer, Salt Lake Regional Office of the State Board is requested to take necessary steps for proper execution of the order for closure and disconnection of electricity of the six (06) tanneries (Sl. Nos. 1–6) and visit the tanneries involving the local police station and Nodal Police Officer of the concerned district. He is also requested to ensure compliance of the directions by the other four (04) tanneries (Sl. Nos. 7–10) respectively.

This has the approval of the Competent Authority.

By Order,

Sd/-

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Chief Engineer

West Bengal Pollution Control Board