



WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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DIRECTION

WHEREAS, M/s. West Bengal Chemical Industries Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the industry) located at 145/1, Jessore Road, P.S. – Lake Town, Kolkata - 700089 is engaged in manufacturing of bulk drugs and other chemicals.

AND WHEREAS, an inspection was carried out on 22/01/2013. During inspection the industry was found in operation. During the inspection it was observed that the industry had taken several steps to reduce odor but pungent smell continued to persist in and around the industry. The industry was manufacturing Calcium Propionate in the old work shed violating the State Board's direction issued through Suspension of Closure Order dated 20/01/2012. Characteristic pungent smell was felt at the complainant's residence and also at the nearby locality of the industry. During previous inspection on 23/04/2012, it was observed that the suction and ducting arrangement of the production area of the main shop floor of the industry was connected to wet scrubber and carbon filter as air pollution control devices (APCDs). But during inspection on 22/01/2013, the APCDs were found to be disconnected from the said suction and ducting arrangements and fumes of production area was directly emitted to the atmosphere.

AND WHEREAS, the State Board received several public complaints against the industry from the residents of Block – A, Lake Town, Kolkata – 700089 for creating very pungent smell/odour and humming noise arising from the operations of the industry.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was issued closure order on 25/11/2011 following public resentment and non-compliance of environmental norms. Subsequently, 'suspension of closure order' was issued to the industry on 20/01/2012 for the period of three months.

AND WHEREAS, the industry has applied for renewal of 'Consent to Operate' on 29/11/2012.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was called for a hearing at the Head Office of the Board on 19/02/2013 for the above mentioned non-compliance.

AND WHEREAS, the representatives of the industry appearing in the hearing agreed with the above mentioned observations of the Board. They submitted that they had already shifted the manufacturing activities of Calcium Propionate from the old work shed to their main plant and due to exigency, one of the reaction steps was conducted at their old shed. They also submitted that on the day of the inspection, the APCD was disconnected from the suction and ducting arrangements of the production area of the main shop floor of the industry due to some upgradation/renovation work.

AND WHEREAS, the complainants appeared in the hearing and complained about the pungent and obnoxious odour, sound pollution generated from the industry causing several health problems to the local people. They also mentioned that the industry did not take any steps regarding shifting of the activity from its present location to some other place.

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the above non-compliances, M/s. West Bengal Chemical Industries Ltd. located at 145/1, Jessore Road, P.S. – Lake Town, Kolkata - 700089 is hereby directed as follows:

1. **That**, the industry shall totally stop manufacturing activity of Calcium Propionate in the old work shed and shift it to a suitable place within the premises of the industry, and under no circumstances, manufacturing activity of Calcium Propionate in the old work shed shall be carried out.
2. **That**, the industry shall always operate with efficient functioning of its APCD.
3. **That**, the industry shall monitor the gaseous substances i.e. Acetic acid and Propionic acid etc.
4. **That**, the industry shall execute a Bank Guarantee (proforma enclosed) of Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand) only valid for twelve (12) months within fifteen [15] days from the date of issuance of this direction in favour of the **WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** as an assurance to comply with the above direction.

The Environmental Engineer, Salt Lake Regional Office of the State Board is requested to keep strict vigil over the industry and if the industry is found to violate the direction of the Board stricter regulatory order including closure with disconnection of electricity will be issued.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under provisions of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder after being approved by the Competent Authority.

By Order,

Sd/-
Chief Engineer
Operation & Execution Cell
West Bengal Pollution Control Board