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### **DIRECTION**

**WHEREAS, M/s. Walzen Strips Pvt. Ltd.** (hereinafter referred to as the industry) located at Benaras Road, Biradingi, P.O. Netajigarh, P.S. Dasnagar, Dist.- Howrah, Pin – 711 108 engaged in manufacturing of cold rolled steel strips, high tensile steel strapping and hardened & tempered steel strips.

**AND WHEREAS,** closure order was issued against the industry on 23/11/2010 for the non-compliance of environmental norms by the **WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** (hereinafter referred to as the Board). A Pollution Cost of Rs. 25,000/- was also imposed upon the industry. The industry filed writ petition before the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta against the said closure order issued by the Board and the Hon'ble High Court directed the Board on 03/01/2013 to make further inspection and take appropriate decision in the matter.

**AND WHEREAS,** as per the Court's direction, the industry was inspected by Board officials on 08/02/2013. The industry has two lines/sets of plant and machineries for manufacturing hardened and tempered steel strips, comprising of hardening furnace followed by oil quenching bath and tempering furnace. Individual machines are connected with a common chimney (exhaust of the DG set is also connected with this chimney). However, one of the hardening furnaces is not connected with this chimney. During inspection the industry was found in operation and fugitive emission was noticed inside the plant. Two austempering lines having two Pb baths in each line are provided with suction hoods and connected to a common chimney via water scrubber and ID Fan. Although this section of the industry was found in operation during inspection but the APC system was in defunct condition and ID Fan was also in idle condition. 3 nos. Annealing furnaces are connected to a common chimney but no ID Fan is attached. This section was also found in operating condition during inspection. The industry has 1 no. cold rolling mill but the same was not in operation. It was observed that hazardous waste materials were not properly stored and the industry could not show any document/record to the inspecting officials for disposal of hazardous waste through authorized vendor. Environmental Information Display Board was also found but it was not properly maintained.

**AND WHEREAS,** the industry was called for a hearing on 16/05/13 at the head office of the Board for violation of the environmental norms observed during inspection by the Board officials.

**AND WHEREAS,** the representatives of the industry appearing in the hearing agreed with the above mentioned observations of the Board. They submitted that they would install fixed hood, ID fan, chimney for the hardening and tempering furnace within three (3) months. They also stated that the pump of the water scrubber attached with the lead baths was out of order during inspection which had been repaired later on. The representative of the industry submitted that they possess HWA which is valid up to 31.7.2013.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, considering the Court's direction and the non-compliance as mentioned above, **M/s. Walzen Strips Pvt. Ltd.** located at Benaras Road, Biradingi, P.O. Netajigarh, P.S. Dasnagar, Dist.- Howrah, Pin – 711 108 is hereby directed as follows :

1. **That**, the industry shall complete the installation work of the APCD for the hardening and tempering furnace within 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2013.
2. **That**, the industry shall dispose of all the accumulated hazardous wastes immediately as per the conditions imposed in the Hazardous Waste Authorisation dated 26.02.2009 and also follow the provisions of the HWM Rules..
3. **That**, the industry shall execute a Bank Guarantee (proforma enclosed) of Rs. 3,00,000/- (Rupees three lakhs) 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 Sr. Environmental Engineer, Howrah Regional Office of the State Board will inspect the industry after 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2013 to verify the status of compliance. If the industry is found to violate the direction of the Board, stricter regulatory order including closure with disconnection of electricity may be issued.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under provisions of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 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**