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D I R E C T I O N

WHEREAS, **M/s. Eqbal Ahmed & Co.** (hereinafter referred to as the industry) is a relocated tannery, engaged in manufacturing of finished leather by processing of raw hide. It is located at Plot No. 251, Zone-3, Calcutta Leather Complex, Bhangar, Dist.- South 24 Parganas, Pin – 743502.

AND WHEREAS, the process generates chrome bearing effluent and non-chrome bearing effluent. The industry has own preliminary treatment plant for treatment of non-chrome bearing effluent. The chrome liquor is sent to CCRU of the complex. Non-chrome bearing effluent is discharged to CLC sewer line for final treatment in the CETP.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was inspected by officials of the **WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 25/07/2013. During inspection the industry was found in operation and the Preliminary treatment plant was found to be functional. The effluent sample collected from the outlet of pre-treatment plant during inspection failed to comply with the liquid effluent discharge standard. Earlier the unit also failed to meet the standard for the sample collected on 22/11/2012. The results are tabulated below:-

Parameters	Sampling point	Results as on 22/11/2012	Results as on 25/07/2013	Standard
pH	Outlet of sedimentation tank	8.02	8.82	6.5-9.0
TSS		1070.00 mg/l	1610.00 mg/l	600 mg/l
Total Cr		54.22 mg/l	0.109 mg/l	45 mg/l

AND WHEREAS, a show cause notice was issued to the industry on 21/12/2012 for failing to comply with the liquid discharge standard during inspection on 22/11/2012. The industry submitted a reply on 11/01/2013 and assured that they would take necessary steps to bring down the parameters within permissible standard.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was earlier called for a hearing on 21/04/2011 for failing to comply with the liquid discharge standard. Subsequently the industry was directed on 23.05.2011 to submit a Pollution Cost of Rs. 50,000/-. The industry submitted the Pollution Cost amount.

AND WHEREAS, the validity of last 'Consent to Operate' fees of the industry expired on 30/06/2012. The industry has applied for renewal of 'Consent to Operate' on 03/09/2012 with fees cleared up to 30/06/2014.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was called for a hearing by the Board on 21/11/2013 for the non-compliance as stated above.

AND WHEREAS, the partner of the industry appearing in the hearing agreed with the above mentioned observations of the Board. He submitted that they are always trying to operate the pre-treatment plant efficiently and during last inspection on 25/07/13 they have met the standard of chromium. Regarding failure to meet the TSS standard, the representative of the industry committed that they would undertake thorough check up of the pre-treatment plant and take necessary steps to maintain the TSS level within permissible limit.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the nature of non-compliance as recorded above, **M/s. Eqbal Ahmed & Co.** located at Plot No. 251, Zone-3, Calcutta Leather Complex, Bhangar, Dist.- South 24 Parganas, Pin – 743 502 is hereby directed to comply with the following:

1. **That**, the industry shall always operate with efficient functioning of pollution control system and under any circumstances, untreated effluent shall not be discharged outside the plant premises.

2. **That**, the industry shall execute a Bank Guarantee (proforma enclosed) of Rs. 1,50,000/- (Rupees one lakh 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 Board is requested to keep vigil on the industry and if it is again found continuing to violate the environmental norms, the Board will be at liberty to take stricter regulatory action without any further notice.

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, after being approved by the competent authority.

By Order,

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