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May 31, 2024

The Member Secretary  
State Pollution Control Board Sikkim  
Forest Secretariat, C-Block  
Deorali, Gangtok – 737102,  
East Sikkim, India

**Sub.: Directions Issued under Section 18 (1) (b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Section 18 (1) (b) of The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 in the matter of pollution caused by M/s Ideal Cures Pvt Ltd., plot No 137-138, Kitgolai, Pacheykhani, Rorathang-Pakyong Road East Sikkim-737106 — reg.**

WHEREAS, under section 17 sub-section (1) clause (o) of the Water Act, 1974, and with parallel provision under section 17 sub-section (1) clause (i) of the air (Prevention & control of pollution) Act, 1981, hereinafter referred to as Air Act, 1981, one of the functions of the State Pollution Control Board, Sikkim (SPCB, Sikkim) constituted under the Water Act, 1974, is to plan a comprehensive program for prevention, control of abatement of pollution of streams and wells and air pollution in the state and secure the execution thereof; and

WHEREAS, The Ministry Of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide Notification G.S.R. 541 (E) dated August 06, 2021 amended the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 w.r.t. effluent and emission discharge standards for Bulk Drug and Formulation (Pharmaceutical) industries ; and

WHEREAS, there is need to promote self-regulation and self-promotion within the industries for complying with the prescribed standards and this can be achieved by the methods like installing online effluent and emission monitoring devices; and

WHEREAS, M/s Ideal Cures Pvt Ltd., East Sikkim is a formulation (Pharmaceutical) unit (herein after referred to as the Unit) and was inspected under standard surveillance programme; and

WHEREAS, the Unit was inspected by a team of official(s) from Central Pollution Control Board, Regional Directorate, Shillong on February 28, 2024 to assess the adequacy of the existing pollution control measures and observed the following short-comings:

1. The Unit was operating without valid consent to operate of SPCB, Sikkim beyond 31.03.2023. However, the Unit has applied for renewal of CTO to SPCB, Sikkim on 29.03.2023.
2. The hazardous waste authorization obtained from Sikkim Pollution Control Board has been expired since 31 March, 2023.
3. The analysis results of ETP outlet revealed that the treated effluent is acidic i.e. pH - 5.66 (<6.0-8.5) and oil & grease were found exceeding the prescribed limits (24.60 mg/l >10 mg/l) as specified by Environment (Protection) Amendment Rules notified under G.S.R. 541(E) dated 6th August 2021.
4. The treated ETP effluent is used partly for gardening purpose and ZLD condition is not maintained by the Unit as per the consent condition prescribed by SPCB, Sikkim.
5. The Unit has not maintained records of Form-3 as per the Hazardous and other wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016.

6. The storage provision for hazardous waste w.r.t used oil, ETP sludge was not proper.
7. The unit has not calibrated the OCEMS analyzers at regular intervals as per CPCB guidelines.

WHEREAS, upon perusal of the Consent to Operate (CTO) granted to the unit by State Pollution Control Board, Sikkim under section 25 of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and section 21 of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 on 04.02.2021, observed that no trade effluent shall be discharged and Management shall maintain zero discharge status but, the treated ETP effluent is used partly for gardening purpose by the Unit and also not meeting the norms ; and

WHEREAS, it was verified by IT division, Central Pollution Control Board, Delhi on May 01, 2024 that the unit has provided connectivity of OCEMS w.r.t pH,BOD,COD,TSS and flow meter but data from outlet flow meter was last received on 24.11.2023 ; and

NOW, THEREFORE, on the basis of observations and recommendations of inspection team and in exercise of the power conferred under 18 (1) (b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Section 18 (1) (b) of The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, State Pollution Control Board, Sikkim is hereby directed to ensure that:

- I. Consent to Operate granted to the Unit may be examined based on the water balance, as the Unit does not maintain zero liquid discharge and uses the untreated effluent for gardening purpose. If required, the Consent to Operate may be revised accordingly.
- II. The Unit is not allowed to operate without valid CTO and hazardous waste Authorisation granted by SPCB, Sikkim.
- III. The Unit upgrades/operates ETP properly to achieve effluent standards prescribed by SPCB, Sikkim.
- IV. The Unit reuses the treated effluent for the process/utility purpose and treated domestic effluent shall be used for gardening purpose as per the consent condition prescribed by SPCB, Sikkim.
- V. The Unit calibrates the analyzer at regular interval and maintains calibration certificates for OCEMS, as per CPCB guidelines.
- VI. The Unit maintains records of the hazardous waste and that the hazardous waste is properly segregated, stored, packaged and stored as per the Hazardous & Other Wastes (M & T M) Rules 2016.

The compliance of above direction shall be submitted to this office within 30 days of the receipt of the directions.

  
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