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To,

The Member Secretary,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Kalpataru Point, 3rd& 4th floors,
Opp. Cine Planet Cinema, Nr. Sion Circle, Sion (E),
Mumbai 400 022,
Maharashtra.

Sub: Directions under Section 18 (1) (b) of The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and under Section 18 (1) (b) of The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 in the matter of M/s Shree Pushkar Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd., B-102/103, MIDC Lote Pardhuram, Tal. Khed, District Ratnagiri, Maharashtra- 415722 - 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, one of the functions of the State Pollution Control Board is to perform such functions as may be prescribed or as may, from time to time entrusted to it by the Central Board; and

WHEREAS, the Central Government has notified the standards for discharge of environmental pollutants from various categories of industries under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the rules framed thereunder; and

WHEREAS, M/s Shree Pushkar Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd., B-102/103, MIDC Lote Pardhuram, Tal. Khed, Dist. Ratnagiri, Maharashtra- 415722 (the unit) which is a Dye and Dye Intermediate manufacturing industry, was inspected by Central Pollution Control Board, RD Pune office on 05.05.2024 to assess the adequacy of the existing pollution control measures and the following shortcomings were observed by the inspection team:

- i. The flash mixer installed at the Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) was malfunctioning at the time of the visit. However, the treated effluent was observed complying with the prescribed norms which may indicate the possibility of dilution of effluent during treatment.
- ii. Raw materials (dry chemicals) were found stored along the drains inside the unit premises.
- iii. The generated hazardous wastes were stored in an open area. Shed for the hazardous waste storage area was under construction.
- iv. The ETP sludge drying area was observed to be inadequate and lacking a leachate collection system. The sludge drying bed was under construction.
- v. The unit has not provided a proper hazardous waste display board at its entrance.
- vi. Fly ash from the cyclone collector was observed collected in bags and stacked in the nearby area. These bags were observed kept in open without any dedicated storage area.
- vii. Di-Calcium Phosphate (DCP) produced by the unit using spent acid generated during the process, has been categorised as hazardous waste and the unit has been authorised to sell to authorised party under Rule 9 of Hazardous and Other Wastes

(Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016. It was observed that the DCP is sold for being used as an additive in poultry and cattle feed to unit not having such authorisation under Rule 9 of the Rules.

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the power conferred under Section 18 (1) (b) of The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Section 18 (1) (b) of The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) is directed herewith to ensure that:

- i. ETP of the Unit is maintained and operated properly and shall also ensure that dilution of effluent is not being practiced by the unit.
- ii. Proper facility for raw materials storage is provided by the Unit so as to prevent any spillage.
- iii. Adequate hazardous waste storage facility is provided by the Unit to ensure proper containment of hazardous wastes in order to prevent any environmental contamination.
- iv. Appropriate sludge drying beds with proper leachate collection facility is provided.
- v. Proper display board is provided at its entrance gate in accordance with the Hon'ble NGT order dated 26.08.2019 in OA no. 804/2017.
- vi. Adequate facility for storage of fly ash is provided by the Unit.
- vii. The sale and manufacturing of Di Calcium Phosphate from the Spent acid (acidic effluents) for use as poultry/ cattle feed additives by the unit shall be in accordance with the provisions laid down under Rule 9 of the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016 and conditions stipulated thereto by MPCB.

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


(Bharat Kumar Sharma)
Member Secretary

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