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The Member Secretary
Andhra Pradesh State Pollution Control Board
D.No. 33-26-14 D/2, Near Sunrise Hospital,
Pushpa Hotel Centre, Chalmvari Street,
Kasturibaipet, Vijayawada- 520010
Andhra Pradesh

Sub.: Direction 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. Chromo Medcare Private Limited, Plot No. 66-A, AP IIC Industrial Park Gajulamandyam (V), Renigunta (M) Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh — 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 Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB) constituted under the Water Act, 1974, is to 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 Chromo Medcare Private Limited, Andhra Pradesh is a Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient(API)/bulk- drug manufacturing unit (hereinafter referred to as the Unit) was inspected in reference to Environmental Surveillance based on SMS alerts; and

WHEREAS, the Unit was inspected by a team of official(s) from Regional Directorate – CPCB, Chennai and APPCB officials from Regional Office, Tirupati on 29.10.2024 to assess the adequacy of the existing pollution control measures and the following shortcomings/non-compliance were observed:

1. The validity of Consent to operate (CTO) and hazardous waste authorisation issued of the Unit has expired since 31/07/2024.
2. The unit has stopped operation of ETP(10 KLD capacity) since August 2024 and sending the High TDS effluent to CETP (90 KL) located at Nellore without

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obtaining valid consent from APPCB which is violation of ZLD conditions of CTO.

3. The Unit has mixed solid waste with hazardous waste (cat. 33.1- Empty Container contaminated with hazardous chemical) which is violation of the Authorisation conditions.
4. The information in the display board installed at the entrance of the industry is not updated.

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, APPCB is hereby directed to take necessary actions and ensure that:

- I. The Unit operates only with valid Consent to Operate (CTO) and hazardous waste authorization issued by APPCB.
- II. The Unit disposes/treats the High TDS and Low TDS effluent as per the conditions mentioned in the CTO or as amended by APPCB.
- III. The Unit segregates hazardous waste properly and disposes the hazardous waste (cat. 33.1-Empty Container contaminated with hazardous chemical) and contaminated wastes contaminated with hazardous waste, as per the Hazardous Waste (O & TM) Rules 2016.
- IV. The Unit displays updated information in the display board at the entrance gate as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court order in WP 657/1995.

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


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