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To

The Unit Head
M/s Cement Corporation of India Ltd
Village- Rajban,
Taluk- Paonta Sahib
Sirmour, H.P- 173001

Sub: Closure Direction under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

WHEREAS, the cement industries are identified as one of the 17 categories of highly polluting industries which have been discharging environmental pollutants directly or indirectly into the ambient air and water, having potential threat to cause adverse effect on the water and air quality; and

WHEREAS, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change has notified emission norms for Particulate matter, SO₂ & NO_x vide GSR 612 (E) dated 25.08.2014; and amended it vide GSR 496 (E) dated 09.05.2016 for all cement industries and vide GSR 497 (E) dated 10.05.2016 for cement industries, carrying out co-processing of wastes in their cement kilns; and

WHEREAS, on request of cement industries, timeline was extended up-to March 31, 2017 to comply with the aforesaid notified emission standards; and

WHEREAS, the matter regarding reconsideration of notified standards was taken up by the Cement Manufacturers Association with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC). In this context, it has been decided by MoEFCC that general extension shall not be granted and any extension regarding compliance shall be based on due assessment and submission of clear/specific road map for compliance with notified standards in a time bound manner. Accordingly, Directions under Section 3 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 have been issued by MoEFCC to CPCB on 28.03.2017 to ensure implementation of notified environmental standards for cement industries; and

WHEREAS, you were reminded vide this office letter of even no. dated 30.03.2017 that new notified standards for cement industry have become effective from April 01, 2017 and you were directed to submit clear / specific time-bound action plan for compliance with new notified standards, before April 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, series of meetings were convened by Regional Directorates of CPCB with Cement industries and State Pollution Control Boards to expedite the submission of action plans and ensure compliance. Based on the inputs received, a standard format was developed to facilitate cement industries in submission of action plans in a precise & scientific manner and the same was circulated among cement manufacturers. Accordingly, all the cement industries were directed to submit the specific action plan as per the standard format before 30.04.2017; and

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WHEREAS, copies of all such communications/directions were uploaded on the website of CPCB also from time to time and are available; and

WHEREAS, as per action plan submitted for implementation of revised norms vide letter dated, 29.06.2017, it has been claimed that the unit is already complying the revised emission norms; and

WHEREAS, M/s CCI Ltd, Rajban, Sirmour, H.P was inspected by CPCB, RD-Lucknow on 22.01.2018 to assess compliance of the environmental norms and made following observations:

1. **During source emission monitoring, PM emission from raw mill/kiln was 626 mg/Nm³, grossly violating revised emission norms(30 mg/Nm³).**
2. **The unit has not installed online emission analyser for SO₂ and NO_x parameter with the stack attached to raw mill/kiln. Also, as per IT division report, the last data for PM received on CPCB server was on 26.02.2018.**
3. The value recorded in online emission monitoring system (16 mg/Nm³) is much less than the lab analyzed value (626 mg/Nm³). Therefore, the unit needs to ensure regular maintenance & operation and calibration of OCEMS to obtain reliable and accurate results.
4. The unit needs to maintain the log book of tripping data of ESPs attached to Raw mill/kiln.
5. The unit needs to build concrete roads in plant premises for dust suppression.
6. All the raw materials including fly ash, finished product should be transported in closed containers.
7. All roads on which vehicle movement of raw material or product takes place are not paved. which should be paved.
8. The workers/supervisors were not wearing personal protective equipments (PPE). PPE should be provided to workers and should be mandated to wear.
9. Spillage of cement was observed. Housekeeping should be improved.

WHEREAS, Show Cause Notice under Section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act 1986, was already issued on July 24, 2015 to all cement plants to show-cause as to why the unit should not be closed down, if the unit has not complied fully with the directions issued w.r.t. installation of online emission monitoring system; and



WHEREAS, the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India, vide Notifications No. S. O. 157 (E) of 27.02.1996 and S. O. 730 (E) dated 10.07.2002, has delegated the powers vested under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) to the Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, to issue directions to any industry or any local body or any other authority for violations of the standards and rules notified under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 and amendment thereof;

Now, THEREFORE, in view of the above observations with material facts available with CPCB and in exercise of the powers delegated to the Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, M/s CCI Ltd, Rajban, Sirmour, H.P is hereby directed to close all operations with immediate effect and is further directed to comply with the following:

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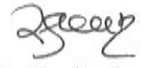
1. The unit shall take corrective measures to bring down PM emissions within the revised notified norms, install online emission monitoring system for NOx and SO2, provide connectivity with CPCB server and address other shortcomings as mentioned above.
2. An adequacy report of measures taken to control emission from a Government Institute and an undertaking on stamp paper with duly notarized/signed by Oath Commissioner shall be submitted, stating that industry has taken all the corrective measures w.r.t. above observations and in case, during verification by CPCB officials, if their plant is found non-complying, they accept to close down the industry immediately and not to operate till full compliance is achieved.

The compliance report of the above direction shall be submitted within 15 days. In case of non-compliance, appropriate action as deemed fit under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 will be launched against the unit without any further notice.


27/11/18
(S. P. Singh Parihar)
Chairman


Copy to:

1	The Chairman Himachal Pradesh Pollution Control Board Paryavaran Bhawan Phase – III, New Simla – 171 009	For information & ensuring compliance please.
2.	Deputy Commissioner Distt. Sirmaur Himachal Pradesh 173001	
3.	The Chairman Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Ltd Vidyut Bhawan Shimla Himachal Pradesh 171004	
4	The Regional Director Regional Directorate (North) Central Pollution Control Board Ground Floor, PICUP Bhawan Vibhuti khand, Gomti Nagar Lucknow – 226 020 U.P.	For information please.
5	The Additional Secretary (AKM) Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change Prithvi Wing, 2nd Floor, Room No. 216 Indira Paryavaran Bhawan Aliganj, JorBagh Road, New Delhi - 110003	
6	The Divisional Head, IT, CPCB, Delhi	
7.	The Divisional Head (PKG), IPC-VI, CPCB	


(A. Sudhakar)
Member Secretary