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To

M/s Punjab Alkalies & Chemicals Ltd.
Nangal-Una Road,
Naya Nangal, Dist. Ropar
Punjab-140 126

Sub: Directions under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 regarding installation of on-line effluent and emission monitoring system-reg.

WHEREAS, the Chlor alkali 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, there is need to inculcate habit of self monitoring 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, for strengthening the monitoring and compliance through self regulatory mechanism, online source emission and effluent monitoring systems need to be installed and operated by the industries on 'polluter pays principle'; and

WHEREAS, a direction under section 18 (1) (b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 was issued on February 05, 2014 to all the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)/ Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) for installation of online emission monitoring system w.r.t. Cl₂, HCl parameters & online effluent monitoring system w.r.t. pH, TSS, Flow parameters in Chlor alkali industries;

WHEREAS it was clarified that flow meter & web camera may be installed in case of Units with zero liquid discharge (ZLD) by March 31, 2015 vide guidelines uploaded on website of CPCB dated November 7, 2014; and

WHEREAS, considering the requests/ representations received from industries/ industrial associations/ SPCBs / PCCs, an extension of time up to June 30, 2015 for installation of online monitoring systems was granted vide direction dated March 02, 2015 under section 18 (1) (b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981; and

WHEREAS, a letter vide dated May 29, 2015 was issued by the Chairman CPCB to all the SPCBs/ PCCs informing that no further extension of time will be given after June 30, 2015 and withdrawal of consent to operate along with forfeiture of bank guarantee of non-complying Units will be the only option; and

WHEREAS, concerned SPCB/ PCC have issued directions under section 33A of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and section 31A of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 to install the online monitoring system by June 30, 2015 and to submit bank guarantee of 100% of the cost of online emission & effluent monitoring system; and

WHEREAS, CPCB has explored installation of Online Monitoring device in the other countries and has come to conclusion that the online monitoring devices are essential for improving compliance as the conventional monitoring systems not able to capture violations on regular basis; and

WHEREAS, CPCB has held stakeholder consultations with industrial associations and SPCBs/PCCs on 06.08.2014, 19.09.2014, 29.09.2014, 08.10.2014, 16.10.2014, 09.01.2015, 08.04.2015 and 16.06.2015 regarding time bound implementation of installation of these devices; and

WHEREAS, a Show Cause Notice under Section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act 1986, was issued on July 22, 2015 to the Chlor alkali industries 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 effluent monitoring system by June 30, 2015. Further it was directed to submit documentary evidence regarding status of installation and connectivity; and

WHEREAS, the Unit has submitted a reply vide letter no. PACL:GM(W):2015/789 dated September 07, 2015 wherein it was informed that a tender notice have been placed by the Unit for installation of online monitoring system; and

WHEREAS, the CPCB again issued a letters vide dated October 14, 2015 and February 03, 2016 to the Unit for completion of the installation & data connectivity for online effluent monitoring system; and

WHEREAS, a reminder through email dated June 10, 2016 at the email address(es) registered/provided by the Unit was again sent from the CPCB for completion of the installation & data connectivity for online effluent monitoring system; and

WHEREAS, the Unit has again submitted a reply vide letter no. PACL:QCD:2016/1599 dated February 17, 2016 wherein it was informed that the installation of online monitoring system is under progress; and

WHEREAS, the Unit has not communicated the completion of the installation & connectivity of the online monitoring system to the CPCB till date; and

WHEREAS, the unit i.e. **M/s Punjab Alkalies & Chemicals Limited** has not provided connectivity to the CPCB portal till date and the same was verified by the IT-Division, CPCB; and

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Environment & Forests, 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 exercise of powers vested under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, you are directed to close down operations of your Unit (M/s Punjab Alkalies & Chemicals Limited) with immediate effect till online effluent and emission monitoring systems are installed in notified process units/areas and the same are uplinked with CPCB website.

21/3/17
(S. P. Singh Parihar)
Chairman

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Punjab State Pollution Control Board
Vatavaran Bhawan, Nabha Road,
Patiala-147001

2. The Managing Director
Punjab State Power Corporation Limited: industrial electricity supply of
PSEB Head Office, The Mall Unit, allowing supply only for
Patiala, Punjab-147001 domestic & security purposes.

3. The Advisor (CP Division)
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
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4. The Regional Director
Central Pollution Control Board
Zonal Office (North), PICUP Bhawan
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5. IPC-VI, CPCB (Shri P.K. Gupta, Sc'E')

6. I/C, IT Division
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(A.B. Akolkar)
Member Secretary

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