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To,

M/s Ashoka Kraft Paper Mills Ltd.,  
Vill-Baihata, NH-31, P.O-Kamalpur,  
Dist-Kamrup, Assam

**DIRECTION UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE ENVIRONMENT (PROTECTION) ACT, 1986**

**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 there under; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ministry of Environment, Forest, & Climate Change, Govt. of India, vide notification S.O.157(E) of 27.02.1996 has delegated powers vested under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) to the Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), to issue direction to any industry, Municipal Corporation, Municipal Council, Cantonment Board, to any local or other Authority for the violation of emission and effluent standards notified under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 and other standards and norms; and

**WHEREAS**, M/s Ashoka Kraft Paper Mills Ltd. (*hereafter referred to as 'the Unit'*), Kamalpur, Kamrup, Assam is pulp & paper mill with consented production capacity of 30,000 TPA Kraft paper using wastepaper as raw material; and

**WHEREAS**, CPCB received a public complaint of Shri Aman Verma through e-mail dated 04.03.2018 regarding pollution caused by the said industry in the surrounding area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Unit was inspected by a team of officials from CPCB on March 13, 2018 to verify the compliance status and following observations were made:

1. The production capacity of the unit specified in *consent to establish* for Kraft paper production is 30,000 MTPA using wastepaper as raw material. The consent order issued by Pollution Control Board-Assam under Water and Air Act is valid upto 31.03.2018. The Unit has not taken Authorisation under Hazardous & other Waste Rules, 2016.
2. The Unit production for 10 months (April 2017 to January 2018) is 32,150 MT which is more than the consented annual production of 30, 000 MTPA.
3. The Unit has not installed any water meter at the borewell, therefore, actual consumption of water could not be assessed. However as per the consent application form, 3596 KLD of water is used for industrial and domestic purpose.
4. The Unit claims that it does not discharge any process water, but recycles within the plant in process and for its recycling, unit has back water tank, sedicel and clear water tank.
5. The ETP comprises of aeration tank and clarifier and there is no neutralisation pit and sludge management system.
6. The storm water drain (near product dispatch section) was found full of effluent and unit has pumping system to pump the effluent from the drain to the aeration tank directly.
7. The effluent sample from the clarifier outlet was collected and found pH-6.47, TSS-110 mg/l, COD-1962 mg/l. However, no discharge was found during the visit.
8. Stack monitoring of 14 TPH capacity boiler shows Particulate Matter (PM) concentration of 274 mg/Nm<sup>3</sup> (*against the norms of 600 mg/Nm<sup>3</sup>*) indicating compliance with the emission norms.

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9. The DG set of 500 KVA capacity has inbuilt acoustic enclosure, however, there is no chimney attached to the DG set for releasing emission.
10. The Unit should streamline disposal of plastic waste and fly ash should be disposed of to nearby cement plant, in a scientific manner.

**The Unit claims to be zero discharge plant, requires supplementary documents such as water mass balance report and installation of water meter at the borewells. The Unit also does not have neutralisation tank/equalisation tank and sludge handling system. The outlet of clarifier has high COD value & discharge of this quality of effluent shall pose threat to the environment and as per the *consent to operate* of Assam-PCB unit is permitted to discharge its treated effluent. The Unit production is more than the consented production as granted by Assam PCB and also the unit has not taken Authorisation under Hazardous & other Waste Rules, 2016. It is also observed that unit has not installed & connected the online effluent monitoring system (for discharging unit) or flow meter & camera (for ZLD unit) to CPCB server, as per the CPCB guidelines, which is mandatory for the 17 category of highly polluting industry including pulp & paper.**

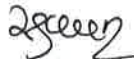
**AND NOW, THEREFORE**, in view of the above observations and in exercise of the powers delegated to the Chairman, CPCB under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, **notice is served herewith to show cause why M/s Ashoka Kraft Paper Mills Ltd., Kamrup, Assam should not be closed down** until all the necessary pollution control measures are planned and implemented including installation and connectivity of online effluent monitoring system to CPCB server, to the satisfaction of CPCB.

You are hereby given an opportunity to file your objections (if any) to the above proposed directions within 15 days from the receipt of this notice, failing which it will be presumed that you have nothing to say and appropriate action, in accordance with the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, will be taken against the Unit without giving any further notice.

  
**(S.P. SINGH PARIHAR)**  
**CHAIRMAN**

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1. **The Member Secretary,** : For kind information  
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3. **The Regional Director,** : To follow-up the matter  
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**(A. SUDHAKAR)**  
**MEMBER SECRETARY**