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To

M/s Ashoka Pulp and Paper Pvt. Ltd.,
Plot No. 11, Site-2, Loni Road, Industrial Area,
Mohan Nagar, Ghaziabad, UP

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 Pulp & Paper Pvt. Ltd., Mohan Nagar, Ghaziabad, UP (*hereafter referred to as 'the Unit'*) is engaged in manufacturing of Kraft paper using wastepaper as raw material with an installed capacity 150 TPD; and

WHEREAS, CPCB received a public complaint dated 19.09.2017, of Shri Jagannath, resident of Rajnagar, Ghaziabad, UP, forwarded by MoEFCC vide mail dated 23.10.2017 regarding discharge of untreated wastewater by the Unit in Hindon River through bypass drain; and

WHEREAS, the Unit was inspected by a team of officials from CPCB on October 26, 2017 to verify the compliance status and made the following observations:

1. The Unit is a waste paper based Kraft manufacturing mill with installed capacity of 150 TPD. During visit, the Unit was operational.
2. Before entering the industry, the Unit was found discharging untreated effluent through additional outlet (by-pass drain) and sample was collected from this outlet by the team at the boundary wall of the Unit and analysis result showed pH-5.65 (*norms-7.0-8.5*), TSS-5261 mg/l (*norms-50 mg/l*), BOD-5799 mg/l (*norms-30 mg/l*), COD-14789 mg/l (*norms-350 mg/l*), TDS-20544 mg/l and found non-complying with the prescribed effluent discharge standards.
3. During the visit of Unit, effluent sample from the bypass channel (within the premises) going outside the mill was collected. Effluent sample analysis report showed pH-5.66 (*norms-7.0-8.5*), TSS-4651 mg/l (*norms-50 mg/l*), BOD-7135 mg/l (*norms-30 mg/l*), COD-13563 mg/l (*norms-350 mg/l*), TDS-20484 mg/l and violating standards prescribed under E(P)Rules, 1986.
4. ETP was found operational and sample collected from the outlet of ETP showed pH-7.50 (*norms-7.0-8.5*), TSS-50 mg/l (*norms-50 mg/l*), BOD-165 mg/l (*norms-30 mg/l*), COD-371 mg/l (*norms-350 mg/l*), TDS-1712 mg/l and found non-complying with the prescribed effluent discharge standards.

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5. 'Consent to operate' issued by UPPCB under The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974 and The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981 is valid up to 31.12.2017 and Authorisation issued under Hazardous Waste Rules is valid up to 26.04.2019.
6. During the visit, no flow was observed in the outlet launders of primary clarifier. The aeration tank was operation but not receiving any effluent from primary clarifier. Secondary Clarifier was operational and final treated discharge, as per the water meter reading, was recorded as 0.09 m³/hr (2.16 KLD).
7. Primary Clarifier inflow was withdrawn through a pump & taken to the paper machine area as against the reuse of tertiary treated wastewater. No record of such withdrawal was found. This withdrawal from the clarifier with variable/higher velocity instead of uniform withdrawn with proper weirs will adversely affect the performance of Clarifier/ETP.
8. The unit has installed one Hill screen before feed of effluent into Primary Clarifier for sludge/fibre removal in the effluent. The provided system appears inadequate.
9. The Unit has not installed any mechanized sludge handling system and also not having any sludge drying beds for sludge management.
10. The unit has established environmental lab in one room for the analysis of environmental parameter but the required trained staff to ensure regular analysis with QA/QC was not deployed by the unit.
11. The unit has installed 01 DG set of capacity 75 KVA which was found without acoustic enclosure & not attached with the proper stack height.
12. The water meter record maintained for two borewell in the logbook and the actual borewell meter reading is not matching. As per the logbook records of borewell, water-meter reading is 26351 m³ (1st borewell) and 163211 m³ (2nd borewell) on 23.10.2017, however the actual water meter reading showed 27254 m³ and 21871 m³ during the visit on 26.10.2017, indicating mismatch of second borewell meter reading. Hence, the Unit claims of using freshwater @ 4.5 m³/ton paper does not stand.
13. No record of solid waste generated & disposal was maintained.
14. No Environmental Data Display Board was observed at the entrance gate.
15. Logbooks for the Hazardous waste & Solid waste generation and its Management was not available during the inspection
16. Housekeeping of the unit was found poor.

AND WHEREAS, CPCB issued closure direction vide letter dated 20.11.2017 under section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to **M/s Ashoka Pulp & Paper Pvt. Ltd.**, Ghaziabad, UP; and

WHEREAS, the unit replied vide letter dated 28.11.2017 and informed to have closed down all the manufacturing operation. The unit replied vide letter dated nil and submitted adequacy assessment reports, compliance *affidavit*, and status of CPCBs closure direction which was examined by CPCB; and

WHEREAS, CPCB has constituted a three-member Committee vide office order dated 03.10.2017 having representative(s) from CPCB and MoEF&CC for examination and review of closure directions issued by CPCB for revocation; and

WHEREAS, the Committee in its meeting held on 28.02.2018 reviewed the above matter and recommended for physical verification of the unit for ascertaining compliance status; and

WHEREAS, complaints regarding non-compliance of closure direction by aforesaid unit was received in CPCB and the same was forwarded to UPPCB office vide our letter dated 26.02.2018. Regional office, Ghaziabad, UP Pollution Control Board (UPPCB) vide its reply e-mail dated 27.02.2018 and letter dated 07.03.2018 informed that UPPCB officials inspected the unit on 16.02.2018 and 23.02.2018 and further reported that electricity supply to the Unit was not disconnected. The unit electric power supply was disconnected by Paschimanchal Vidyut Vitaran Nigam Limited (PVVNL) on 01.03.2018; and

WHEREAS, from the electricity bill provided vide abovementioned complaint and reported disconnection of electricity on 01.03.2018, it appears that the unit has not closed down its manufacturing operation, as stated in its letter dated 28.11.2017, submitted *affidavit* dated 08.12.2017 & has continued operation and for which action as per the law shall be initiated separately; and

WHEREAS, the unit was inspected by CPCB on 20.03.2018 for physical verification of the compliance status of CPCB closure direction. The Unit was found closed during the visit. The boilers were found closed and sealing done by UPPCB at the boilers ID fan and coal feeder pump was found intact during the visit; and

WHEREAS, the Committee in its meeting held on 17.04.2018 reviewed compliance status of unit and recommended for revocation of closure direction subject to conditions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in view of the compliance reported by the Unit & its compliance review by the aforesaid committee and in exercise of the powers delegated to the Chairman, CPCB under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Unit **M/s Ashoka Pulp and Paper Pvt. Ltd.** is allowed to resume its manufacturing operations subject to following conditions:

1. Before commencement of operations, industry shall obtain valid Consent to Operate under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Authorization under Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Trans-boundary Movement) Rules, 2016 from respective State Pollution Control Board and industry shall not operate under any circumstances without valid consent orders.
2. The Unit shall submit performance audit /evaluation report of the ETP system by CPPRI, Saharanpur, within 45 days of commencement of operations.

In case of default in compliance with the above direction, CPCB will be constrained to initiate appropriate actions against the Unit, without giving any further notice, in accordance with provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.


(S.P. SINGH PARIHAR)
CHAIRMAN

Copy to:

- 1 **The Member Secretary,**
Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board,
Building No-TC- 12 V, Vibhuti Khand,
Gomati Nagar, Lucknow-226010 : To ensure compliance of the
direction
- 2 **The Regional Director,**
Regional Directorate (Lucknow),
Central Pollution Control Board,
PICUP Bhawan, Ground Floor, Vibhuti
Khand, Gomati Nagar, Lucknow-226010 : For kind information
- 3 **The Advisor (CP Division)**
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,
Indra Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road,
New Delhi-110003 : For kind information
- 4 **The Managing Director,**
Paschimanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd.,
Urja Bhawan, Victoria Park,
Meerut- 250001 : **With a request to connect the
electric power supply of the Unit.**
- 5 **The District Magistrate,**
Collectorate office, Ghaziabad District, UP : For kind information
- 6 The In-charge, IT Division, CPCB, Delhi : To upload the direction at CPCB
website
- 7 The Master file (Pulp & Paper), IPC-III Division, :
CPCB, Delhi



(A. SUDHAKAR)
MEMBER SECRETARY