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May 24, 2018

To

~~The Unit Head  
M/s Ratna Cements (Y) Ltd.  
Survey No. 251, Yadwad Village  
Gokak Taluka, Belgavi  
591 136  
Karnataka~~

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

WHEREAS, the cement plants 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, 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 thereunder; 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 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. PM, NOx and SO<sub>2</sub> in cement industries ; and

WHEREAS, considering the requests/representations received from industries/ industrial associations/SPCBs/PCCs, an extension of time upto 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 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PCCs informing that no further extension of time will be given after June 30, 2015 and consent to operate will be withdrawn along with forfeiture of bank guarantee of non-complying units; and

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WHEREAS, concerned SPCB/ PCC 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, as per action plan submitted for implementation of revised norms vide letter dated 06.07.2017, it has been claimed that the unit is already complying the revised emission norms; and

WHEREAS, M/s Ratna Cements Ltd., Gokak, Belgavi, Karnataka was inspected on 24/03/2018 to assess compliance of the environmental norms. The inspecting team made following observations:

1. The Unit has installed and connected OCEMS for Raw mill & kiln stack only and not installed OCEMS for Cement Mill, Cooler Stack and Coal Mill.
2. Unit should obtain H.W. Authorisation under the Hazardous and other wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016.
3. The unit should provide three side covered shed for coal storage and three side cover to existing storage shed for clinker gypsum and slag storage to reduce fugitive emission.

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India, vide Notification 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;

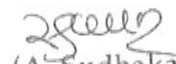
Now, THEREFORE, in view of the above observations and exercising the powers delegated to the Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, M/s Ratna Cements Ltd., Gokak, Belgavi, Karnataka is hereby directed to close operations of the unit with immediate effect till installation of online continuous emission monitoring system with all the stacks as per CPCB guidelines is completed alongwith establishment of their connectivity with CPCB server and then seek permission from CPCB to restart operation. Further, it is directed that the unit shall comply w.r.t. point 2 & 3 above. In case of non-compliance, appropriate action as deemed fit under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 will be taken against the unit without any further notice.

28/05/18  
(S.P. S. Parihar)

Chairman

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1	The Chairman Karnataka State Pollution Control Board 'Parisara Bhawan' 4th & 5th Floor 49, Church Street, Bangalore-560 001	For information & ensuring compliance please.
2	The District Magistrate Belgaum Distt, Karnataka	
3	The Managing Director Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd. 82, Shakthi Bhawan, Race Course Road, Bangalore -560001, Karnataka	
4	Central Pollution Control Board 1st & 2nd Floors, Nisarga Bhawan A- Block Thimmaiah Main Road 7th D Cross, Shivanagar Opposite Pushpanjali Theatre, Bangalore 560 010	For information please.
5	The Additional Secretary (CP Division) 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	

  
(A. Sudhakar)  
Member Secretary



