



**SPEED POST**

No. CPCB/PCI/ESS/HIL-Muri/2017 14760

20/12/2017

To,  
Sh. N. N. Roy,  
Joint President & Unit Head,  
M/s Hindalco Industries Limited,  
Muri Works, Chotamuri - 835 101,  
Dist. Ranchi,  
**JHARKHAND**

**Sub.: Direction under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986- Closure revoking.**

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Environment & forests, Govt. of India, vide notification no. 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 amendments thereof;

WHEREAS, CPCB carried out inspection-cum monitoring of the unit on 28/04/2014, wherein CPCB inspection team verified the compliance status with regard to the directions issued dated 01/01/2013;

WHEREAS, based on the findings of the aforesaid inspection, CPCB once again issued a 'show-cause notice' as to why the plant shall not be closed down until a new RMP is constructed vide letter no. CPCB/PCI/ESS/HIL-Muri/2015/7511, dated 27/02/2015;

WHEREAS, the industry in response to the aforesaid 'show-cause notice' submitted its detailed reply vide letters dated 31/03/2015, 06/04/2015 & 20/04/2015.

WHEREAS, in exercise of the powers delegated to the Chairman, CPCB under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986,

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issued directions dated 25/05/2015 to M/s Hindalco Industries Limited, Muri, Jharkhand as below:

- (i) The industry shall complete all the tasks for embankment strengthening and capacity augmentation of the RMP as recommended by CBRI, Roorkee & IIT, Mumbai and as permitted by JSPCB by 30/09/2016, under their supervision. The quarterly progress report of the action taken should be submitted to CPCB & Jharkhand SPCB.
- (ii) The industry shall extend the validity of the existing Bank Guarantee of Rs. 10.00 Lakhs upto 30/03/2017.

WHEREAS, based on the request made by industry vide letter dated 09/06/2017 and 29/06/2017, wherein the industry had indicated in the red mud management / work plan that it will complete all the tasks for embankment strengthening & capacity augmentation of the RMP by 30/09/2017. CPCB vide letter dated 17/07/2017 extended the deadline to complete the work till 30/09/2017.

WHEREAS, in reply to the above, the industry submitted its Compliance Report dated 03/10/2017, wherein it was mentioned that the unit has completed RMP capacity augmentation work as per design and drawings provided by the IIT, Mumbai adequately and rectified the inadequacies observed by CPCB inspection team during last visit.

WHEREAS, CPCB RD (East) carried out inspection of the industry on 05/10/2017 and submitted report to Head Office vide letter dated 23/10/2017 mentioning the following shortcomings:

1. The visiting team inspected the river stretch which is adjacent to industry and found that:
  - i) Along the river of Subarn Rekha in front of Hindalco colony (North Point) Seepage was observed which is coming from the industry and polluting the river.
  - ii) The industry has constructed a pit in front of Plant gate to collect industrial effluent and pump it back to ETP but the above arrangement made by the industry is not sufficient as it

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was observed that there is seepage from the pit to river Subarn Rekha, which needs to be stop immediately.

- iii) It was also observed there is by pass of effluent water from other point that is at plant gate. This effluent is also reaching to river Subarn Rekha and polluting the river.

WHEREAS, in view of serious threat to environment from above situation and in order to immediately stop these serious violations and in exercise of the powers delegated to the Chairman, CPCB under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, issued closure directions to M/s Hindalco Industries Limited, Muri, Jharkhand vide letter no. CPCB/PCI/ESS/HIL-Muri/2017/ 13404, dated 07/11/2017.

WHEREAS, the industry in response to the aforesaid 'closure directions', submitted its compliance report vide their letters dated 16/11/2017 and 22/11/2017.

WHEREAS, on receipt of compliance status from the unit, the joint team of CPCB & JSPCB inspected the unit on 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and recommended the following.

- i. As unit has made adequate arrangements to prevent seepages and discharge of effluent / any other water directly to river Subarn Rekha.
- ii. Unit may be advised to construct a storm water drain to prevent any possibility of effluent over flow / seepages to the river.

WHEREAS, a meeting was held on 08/12/2017, where a three membered committee, constituted for examination and recommendation for revocation of closure directions issued by CPCB, recommended that closure directions issued to M/s Hindalco Industries Limited, Muri Works, Jharkhand may be revoked with the condition that as recommended by the CPCB, the storm water drain to be constructed before start of operation to prevent any possibility of effluent over flow / seepages to the river.

Now THEREFORE, in view of the above and exercising the powers delegated to the Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 vide Ministry of Environment & forests, Govt. of India, vide notification No. S.O.157(E) of 27.02.1996, closure directions issued

to M/s Hindalco Industries Limited, Muri Works, Jharkhand is hereby revoked with the condition to construct the storm water drain to prevent any possibility of effluent over flow / seepages to the river. In case of non-compliance, appropriate action as deemed fit under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 will be initiated against the unit without any further notice.

(S.P. Singh Parihar)  
Chairman

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21.12.17

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W/S  
A. Sudhakar  
Member Secretary

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