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To

December 26, 2017

M/s. Travancore Titanium Product Ltd. (TTP),
Kochu Veli, Thiruvananthapuram,
Kerala-695021

Sub: Directions under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986-
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WHEREAS, the Chemical industry, M/s Travancore Titanium Product Ltd. (TTP), Kochu Veli, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala (herein after referred as the Unit) is identified as one of highly polluting industries; and

WHEREAS, a public complaint was received against (herein after referred as the Unit) from Shri Justin Vareed Arony through mail dated February 24, 2017 that the Unit has been operating without any effluent treatment plant and discharging sulphuric acid directly in the sea which is causing the severe marine pollution; and

WHEREAS, Regional Directorate, Bengalore was asked to investigate the matter and a team of officials from Regional Directorate, Bengalore inspected the unit on April 28, 2017 to assess the adequacy of the existing pollution control measures; and

WHEREAS, a closure direction u/s 5 of E(P) Act 1986 issued dated May 18, 2017 to the Unit with the following non compliance observed by the RD, Bengalore:

- i. The Unit shall immediately stop discharging the untreated acidic effluent into the Sea.
- ii. The Unit shall install and operate the adequate effluent treatment plant so as to achieve the prescribed effluent discharge standards.
- iii. The Unit shall obtain valid Consent under the Water Act 1974, the Air Act 1981 and authorization under hazardous waste rules from the Kerala State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB).
- iv. The Unit shall reuse the effluent to the maximum possible extent in accordance to the consent condition given by KSPCB.
- v. The Unit shall provide proper storage shed for the Hazardous waste.
- vi. The Unit shall remove the chemical contaminated sand deposited near the beach for safe disposal.

WHEREAS, the Unit approached to Kerala High Court against CPCB closure direction & Hon'ble High court stayed closure vide order WP (C) No. 18315/2017 dated June 02, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Unit was inspected by KSPCB on June 1, 2017 & June 9, 2017 and submitted the compliance verification report to CPCB, which was found non complied w.r.t the CPCB direction dated May 18, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Unit submitted the progress report on October 10, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Directorate, Bengalore inspected the Unit on November 27, 2017 to verify the compliance progress report submitted by the Unit & found complied w.r.t. the closure direction u/s 5 of E(P) Act, 1986 dated May 18, 2017; and


WHEREAS, CPCB constituted a Three-member committee vide office order dated 03.10.2017 having representative(s) from CPCB and MoEF&CC for examination and recommendation for revocation of the closure direction issued by CPCB; and

WHEREAS, the Three-member committee in its meeting held on 19.12.2017 examined the compliance report submitted by the Unit and recommended that the Unit may be allowed to resume operation with condition subject to the final outcome of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala; 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 to Chairman CPCB under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, and in view of undertaking of compliance with relevant direction, submitted by the Unit, the direction issued under the Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to the Unit [M/s Travancore Titanium Product Ltd. (TTP), Kochu Veli, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala] vide letter dated May 18, 2017 is hereby revoked with a condition subject to the final outcome of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala. The Unit will ensure compliance with the norms. In case of non-compliance by the Unit action as deemed fit under the provisions of Environment (P) Act, 1986 shall be taken.

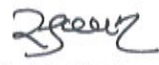
(S. P. Singh Parihar)
Chairman


27.12.17

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With a request to restore electricity supply of the Unit.


(A. Sudhakar)
Member Secretary