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To

M/s. Krebs Bio Chemicals Limited,
Unit-II, Kothapalli(V), Kasimkota (M),
Visakhapatnam-531031, Andhra Pradesh

Sub: Directions under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 regarding installation of on-line effluent and emission monitoring system

WHEREAS, the Pharmaceutical industries 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, 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 effluent and 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, 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 effluent monitoring system w.r.t. flow, pH, BOD, COD, TSS, Chromium (Cr), and Arsenic (As) parameters in Pharmaceutical industries;

WHEREAS, it was clarified that flow meter & web camera may be installed in case of Units with Zero liquid discharge (ZLD) by March 31, 2015 vide guidelines uploaded on website of CPCB dated November 7, 2014; 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 withdrawal of consent to operate along with forfeiture of bank guarantee of non-complying Units will be the only option; and

WHEREAS, concerned SPCB/ PCC have 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, a show cause notice under section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act 1986 was issued to M/s. Krebs Bio Chemicals Limited, AP (herein after referred to as the Unit) vide letter no. B-29016/04/06/IPC-1/6816 dated July 27, 2015 for installation of Online Monitoring device along with connectivity for submission of online 24x7 monitoring data to SPCBs/PCCs and CPCB; and

WHEREAS, the Unit informed vide letter dated September 09, 2015 that the installation of online monitoring system is not completed; and

WHEREAS, a closure direction under section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act 1986 was issued to the Unit vide letter no. B-29016/04/06/IPC-1/7058 dated

July 27, 2016 directing the Unit to close to operation and not to restart the production till online effluent monitoring system is installed and connected, and

WHEREAS, the Unit submitted a reply vide letter dated January 04, 2018 that the online connectivity status to CPCB by providing URL, user ID & password and requested to revoke the closure direction; and

WHEREAS, the connectivity of online data submitted by the Unit was verified by the IT division and compliance was observed on January 11, 2018 by CPCB; and

WHEREAS, the Unit has informed vide self certificate dated January 18, 2018 that the Unit has stopped all the operation w.e.f August 23, 2016 in response to the CPCB closure direction dated July 27, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the closure verification report from Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board submitted through email dated November 20, 2017 wherein it is mentioned that the unit has installed flow meter and web camera and issue a notice to the unit to revoke the CPCB direction before the restart of the plant operation; 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 19.01.2018 examined the compliance report submitted by the Unit and recommended that that the Unit may be allowed to resume operation with condition that Unit will submit one month data of effluent water quality analysis report from the date of resume of the plant operation; 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 compliance with relevant direction under reference, the direction issued under the Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to the Unit (M/s. Krebs Bio Chemicals Limited, Unit-II, Andhra Pradesh) vide letter dated July 27, 2016 is hereby revoked with a condition that the Unit shall submit one month data of effluent water quality analysis report from the date of resume of the plant operation. 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



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supply of the Unit.
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4. The Regional Director
Central Pollution Control Board
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6. The Incharge, IPC-VI, CPCB


(A.Sudhakar)
Member Secretary