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CENTRAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय भारत सरकार
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE GOVT. OF INDIA

SPEED POST

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To

M/s Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd,
Ambalamugal, Ernakulam District,
Kerala- 682302

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

WHEREAS, the Petrochemical 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, 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, CO, NO_x, SO₂ parameters & online effluent monitoring system w.r.t. pH, BOD, COD, TSS, Flow parameters in petrochemical industries; and

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 up to 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 vide 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 on July 24, 2015 to the petrochemical units to show cause as to why the Unit should not be closed down if, the Unit has not complied fully with the directions issued w.r.t. installation of online emission & effluent monitoring system by June 30, 2015. Further it was directed to submit the documentary evidence regarding status of installation and connectivity; and

WHEREAS, the Unit has informed vide letter dated August 14, 2015 that the Unit installed online effluent monitoring system for pH and in process of installation of BOD, COD, TSS in the treated effluent outlet with connectivity to CPCB server will be completed by 31 December, 2015 and exempted from online stack monitoring by KSPCB vide consent No. PCB/HO/EKM/ICO-R/12/2012 dated 15/10/2012; and

WHEREAS, the Unit again informed by email dated October 27, 2015 that they have taken action for procuring and providing online data for BOD, COD & TSS in the treated effluent by December 2015; and

WHEREAS, An e-mail dated 03 February 2016 has been sent to the unit for providing connectivity of online monitoring system to CPCB; and

WHEREAS, An email dated February 16, 2017 sent to the unit to ensure installation and connectivity of Online monitoring system by February 28, 2017; 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 under Section-5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, you are directed to close down operations of your Unit (M/s Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd., Ambalamugal, Ernakulam District, Kerala) with immediate effect till the installation for Online Continuous Effluent monitoring system and connectivity of OCEMS with the CPCB.


(S.P. Singh Parihar)
Chairman

Copy to:

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With request to disconnect industrial electricity supply of Unit, and allowing supply only for domestic & security purposes.


(A.B. Akolkar)
Member Secretary