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To

M/s H.J. Tannery Pvt. Ltd,
9th Km Stone, Jansath Road,
Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh

Sub: Revocation of Closure Directions issued under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 on 23. 07.2018.

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 Rules framed there under; and

WHEREAS, all industries are required to install and regularly operate the requisite pollution control facilities to comply with the standards for discharge of environmental pollutants; and

WHEREAS, CPCB has developed a protocol for selection of industries for inspection based on SMS alerts generated from OCEMS due to non-compliance of effluent discharge norms and non-connectivity of OCEMS; and

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India, vide Notifications No. S. O. 157 (E) of 27.02.1996, 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; and

WHEREAS, M/s H.J. Tannery Pvt. Ltd, 9th Km Stone, Jansath Road, Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh was selected for inspection in view of SMS alerts generated from OCEMS [Online Continuous Effluent Monitoring Systems] due to non-compliance of effluent discharge norms; and

WHEREAS, inspection of M/s H.J. Tannery Pvt. Ltd, 9th Km Stone, Jansath Road, Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh (hereafter referred as "Unit") was conducted by a team of officers from CPCB Regional Directorate Lucknow on November 7, 2017 to check the status of compliance of prescribed norms; and

WHEREAS, it was observed during inspection that the unit has ful-fledged infrastructure for processing raw goat / sheep skins / hides to finished leather through chrome tanning with reported installed capacity of 300 hides/day. The observations were as follows :

1. The Unit was in partial operation as only dry processes such as colouring / painting on finished leather was in process. Although no wet process was observed during inspection but site conditions indicated that the unit is used to carry out wet process.
2. The Unit was carrying out operation without valid consent from UPPCB.
3. The Unit has not installed flow meter at bore well used for groundwater extraction. The Unit has not obtained NOC for groundwater extraction from CGWA.
4. Proper mixing arrangements are not provided in the equalization tank.
5. Proper arrangement for segregation of chrome bearing stream not provided by the Unit.
6. ETP sludge was not stored in covered area and indiscriminately disposed in low lying area.
7. DG set was not provided with acoustic enclosure.
8. Drain provided for conveyance of treated effluent was found damaged.

WHEREAS, CPCB issued show Cause Notice under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to the Unit on 20.12.2017 so as to grant an opportunity for clarifying its position and rectification of the short-comings; and

WHEREAS, the unit replied vide letters dated 16.1.2018 and 23.1.2018 and the same had been examined. Accordingly, re-inspection of the Unit was conducted by a team of Scientists from CPCB Regional Directorate Lucknow on 19.4.2018 so as to check the status of rectification of the shortcomings communicated through Show Cause Notice 20.12.2017; and

WHEREAS, it was observed that the Unit was not in operation and the electricity was disconnected. It was informed by the Unit that it was under self-closure since last 2 months and on request, the electricity was disconnected. Also Unit was seen as undertaken works to rectify the majority of shortcomings pointed out by CPCB vide SCN dated 20.12.2017. However, their working could not be verified due to non-operational stage of the industry; and

WHEREAS, in order to verify the operational / compliance status of the pollution control devises & measures taken by the unit , an inspection was again conducted by a joint team of Scientists / Engineers from CPCB and UPPCB on 04.07.2018 and following observations requiring attention of CPCB were made:

1. Although the Unit was not in operation but the conditions of raw materials, machineries , intermediate and final products revealed that the operations were stopped recently. This was assessed as in view of the visit of the joint inspection team so as to hide actual operating conditions.
2. It is claimed by the unit that the it is not in operation since 2 months. It is not acceptable as at the time of inspection, huge piles of raw hides, semi finished and finished hides were seen stored at the yard and inside the plant.
3. At present, Unit has installed 13 drums, 12 nos. of paddle pits and other machineries for processing hides. Entire process area & ETP were found as

- poorly maintained and need to be revamped for its operation in an environmentally sound manner.
4. The Unit has not provided proper effluent segregation system so as to segregate chrome bearing and other waste streams and channelize to CRP and ETP respectively.
 5. Chrome Recovery unit was observed in defunct condition. Chrome Collection tank and Chrome Recovery Tank were seen filled with fresh spent chrome liquor. This indicated regular operation of the unit. In spite of best efforts, the operation of Chrome Recovery Unit could not be demonstrated by the industry. In view of this, possibility of bypass / discharge of this highly toxic chrome bearing effluent without treatment can't be ruled out.
 6. Although equalization tank was full of fresh effluent but many of the ETP units were in the rusted and damaged conditions. The ETP was found as non-operational. Under such circumstances possibility of discharge of untreated effluents can't be over ruled.
 7. The OCEMS were not in the working condition.
 8. The industry has not obtained Authorization under the Hazardous & Other Wastes (Management & Transboundary Movement) Rules , 2016 for handling of Hazardous and other Wastes.
 9. Shaving dust, other types of wastes including hazardous sludge generated while processing, are being stored haphazardly in an unscientific manner.
 10. Unit has not obtained NOC for extraction of groundwater from Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA).
 11. The Unit has one baby boiler and is not equipped with any Air Pollution Control Device.
 12. Records of ETP operation, details of various wastes generated and their disposal, extraction of ground water etc. are not being maintained.
 13. Overall housekeeping of the Unit was found as very poor.
 14. During last 3 inspections , it is observed by CPCB that although the industry is in operation at full swing but intentionally stops either full or many of the processes during inspection. This is confirmed by the availability of raw materials, intermediate and finished products and working conditions of processing drums, liming tanks and other machineries.

WHEREAS, in view of the above non-compliances and in exercise of powers vested to the Chairman, CPCB under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the closure directions were issued on 23.07.2018 to the Unit namely **M/s H.J. Tannery Pvt. Ltd, 9th Km Stone, Jansath Road, Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh** to close down its manufacturing activities with immediate effect. The Unit was further directed for the following:

1. The Unit shall submit a time-targeted action plan within 15 days for rectification of short comings as described above.
2. The unit shall rectify the shortcomings as per time targeted action plan.
3. The Unit shall not re-start its manufacturing activities without written permission from CPCB.

WHEREAS, the Unit vide letter dated 14/12/2018 has informed about the steps taken to improve pollution control practices and requested for revocation of the Closure Directions. The industry has submitted following documents as documentary evidences in support of measures taken :

- a. An undertaking on stamp paper duly notarised to the effect that compliance of the CPCB directions has been done.
- b. Copies of Consents issued under the Water Act, 1974 and Air Act, 1981 as issued by UPPCB . These Consents are valid upto 31.12.2019.
- c. Copy of the Permanent Membership Certificate dated 06.10.2015 with Common TSDF namely UP Waste management Project (RAMKY) .
- d. A report on ETP Adequacy prepared by IIT Roorkee in Dec. 2018.
- e. Photographs on measures undertaken by the industry to improve pollution control practices so as to ensure compliance of CPCB Directions.

WHEREAS, the case of revocation of the closure directions issued to the unit was examined by the '3 Member Committee' constituted by CPCB during its meeting convened on 08.01.2019 and the Committee has recommended for revocation of Closure Directions issued to the Unit subject to certain conditions;

NOW THEREFORE, in view of the above and in exercise of the powers delegated to the Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the closure directions issued to the Unit namely : **M/s H.J. Tannery Pvt. Ltd, 9th Km Stone, Jansath Road, Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh** are hereby revoked subject to following fulfilment of conditions :

1. Before starting the manufacturing operations , the Unit shall obtain Authorization under the H&OW (M&TBM) Rules, 2016 from UPPCB and 'No Objection Certificate' from Central Ground Water Authority for extraction of ground water.
2. Based on satisfactory compliance of condition no. 1 as stated above, the unit can resume the operations.

The Unit shall ensure compliance of these directions failing which action shall be taken against the Unit, without giving any further opportunity, in accordance with provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

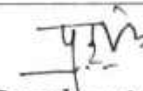

(S.P. Singh Parihar)
Chairman

20.01.2019



Copy for kind information & Compliance to :

1.	The Chairman, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board, Building No. TC-12V, Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow - 226010.	With a request to ensure compliance of the directions please.
2.	The Managing Director U.P. Power Corporation Limited Shakti Bhawan 14 Ashok Marg, Lucknow [U.P.]	The electricity supply to the industry be restored till further orders.
3.	The District Magistrate - Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh	For information , please.
4.	The Joint Secretary (CP Division), Ministry of Environment, Forest & C.C., Prithvi Block, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi - 110003.	
5.	The Regional Director, Regional Directorate- North, Central Pollution Control Board, PICUP Bhawan, Gound Floor, Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow - 226010.	
6.	The Divisional Head , IT Division, CPCB-HO., Delhi	
7.	The Divisional Head , IPC-VI Division, CPCB-HO., Delhi	


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