



SPEED POST

B-Tannery/IPC-IV/2018-19/ 16780

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To

M/s T Abdul Wahid Tanneries Pvt. Ltd.
A-Tannery S.F. No. 166-3A, 167-1 & 162-2
MC Road, Solur Village Ambur, Vellore
Tamil Nadu - 635802

Sub.: Closure Directions under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 regarding non-compliance of notified norms.

WHEREAS, the tanneries 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, the Central Government has notified the standards for discharge of environmental pollutants from various categories of industries under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the rules framed there under; 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 effluent monitoring system w.r.t. pH, BOD, COD, TSS, and Flow parameters in Tanneries; 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; and

WHEREAS, concerned SPCB/ PCC 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, 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; and

WHEREAS, M/s T Abdul Wahid Tanneries Pvt. Ltd., A-Tannery S.F. No. 166-3A,167-1&162-2, MC Road, Solor Village Ambur, Vellor, Tamil Nadu - 635802 was inspected by a team of Scientists from Regional Directorate - South, CPCB, Bengaluru on 20.12.2018 based on OCEMS readings. It is observed that the industry is a full-fledged tannery and engaged in processing of raw hides to finished leather. The observations requiring attention of Regulating Authorities and recommendations by the inspection team are as follows:

1. The unit has an open well inside the premises, which is near to ETP area. During inspection, it was noticed that the well water is dark in colour and gives foul smell which indicates discharge / mixing of untreated effluents with well water. The industry needs to stop mixing of trade effluent into the well and drain out contents of well completely and treat the same as per the norms.
2. A sample was collected from this open-well. The analysis results confirms the mixing of untreated effluent into the open well:

Parameters	pH	TSS	TDS	COD	BOD	Sulphide	Cr.VI	Chloride
Well sample (mg/l)	7.4	50	2260	191	17	0.82	BDL	478

3. The unit is not maintaining any data on water consumption. It is informed that fresh water is purchased from outside agency through tankers and RO permeate is also utilized.
4. As per recording of flow meters, variations in quantities of treated effluents comparing to effluents at inlet of ETP and RO, which is around 802.41 m³ are observed, which evidently shows that the effluent is by-passed without treatment.
5. The quantity of effluent fed to RO is 871.978 m³ but variation in quantity observed by adding permeate & reject which is 975.142 m³.

6. The unit has not disposed any solid waste after 2016.
7. The unit has not provided any details on generation & storing of solid waste.
8. Sludge storage shed of the Unit was found damaged.
9. The unit is operating without valid consents under Water Act and Air Act . These are expired in March 2017.
10. The unit is operating without valid Authorisation under the Hazardous Waste which expired in June 2016.
11. Looking towards the above non-compliances the industry needs to undertake following remedial actions :
 - a. Installation of piezo metric wells as per groundwater gradient around the area and one reference well to know the extent of pollution. Monitoring of the ground water around the plant and nearby school is also needed to know the quality and extent of damage.
 - b. To submit the ground water remediation plan with time frame.
 - c. To ensure complete treatment of trade effluent without by-passing.
 - d. To maintain proper records on fresh water consumption, waste water generation and solid wastes generation and disposal.
 - e. Storage of solid wastes shall be in covered area and its disposal as per rules. .
 - f. Installation of cameras at an appropriate places so as to monitor and ensure that no effluent is by-passed without treatment.
 - g. DG sets shall be covered under acoustic enclosure and dismantle the unused/non-operational DG sets.
 - h. Operation of industry with valid Consents and Authorization from TNPCB.

NOW, THEREFORE, in view of aforesaid non-compliance and in exercise of powers delegated to the Chairman, CPCB under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, M/s T Abdul Wahid Tanneries Pvt. Ltd., A-Tannery S.F. No. 166-3A,167-1&162-2, MC Road, Solur Village Ambur, Vellor , Tamil Nadu - 635802 is hereby directed to close all of its manufacturing activities with immediate effect till the actions as per 11 above are taken. The unit is also directed for the following:

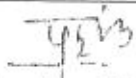
1. The unit is directed to pay an Environmental Compensation of Rs. 11,20,000/- only [Rs. Eleven Lacs , Twenty Thousand only] @ Rs 20,000/- per day wef 20.12.2018 i.e. the date of inspection till 20.02.2019, as per Environmental Compensation Policy framed in compliance of NGT order dtd. 31.08.2018 in OA no. 593/2017. This amount shall be deposited in CPCB Bank Account No. 532702010009078 in Union bank of India having IFSC Code UBIN0553271 and Branch - I.P. Extension, Delhi.
2. The unit shall not re-start its operations without written permission from CPCB.

In case of default in compliance with the above directions, CPCB will be constrained to initiate appropriate actions against the Unit, without giving any further opportunity, in accordance with provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.


[S.P.S. Parihar]
Chairman

Copy for kind information & Compliance to :

1.	The Chairman, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board 76, Anna Salai, Guindy Industrial Estate, Race View Colony, Guindy, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600032	For information and with a request to ensure compliance
2.	The Chairman cum Managing Director Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited, Tamil Nadu Electricity Board 10 th floor, NPKRR Maaligai,144,Anna Salai, Chennai - 600 002 [email- chairman@tnebnet.org]	The Electricity supply to <i>M/s T Abdul Wahid Tanneries Pvt. Ltd.</i> , A-Tannery S.F. No. 166-3A,167- 1&162-2, MC Road, Solur Village Ambur, Vellor , Tamil Nadu - 635802 , be disconnected with immediate effect.
3.	The Joint Secretary - CP Division Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi - 110003	For information please.
4.	The Regional Director, Central Pollution Control Board Regional Directorate (South) 1st & 2nd Floors, Nisarga Bhavan A-Block, Thimmaiah Main Road, 7th D Cross, Shivanagar, Bengaluru -560 079	
5.	The Divisional Head , IT Division, CPCB-HO., Delhi	
6.	The Divisional Head , IPC-VI Division, CPCB-HO., Delhi	


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Member Secretary