

SPEED POST

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February 21, 2019

To,

~~The Unit Head~~  
M/s Mirdha Cement Pvt Ltd.,  
Ketlapur, PO- Rukni, PS- Para,  
Distt- Purulia, West Bengal- 723101

**Sub: Revocation of closure direction under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986**

WHEREAS, the cement 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, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (MoEFCC) has notified emission norms for Particulate matter, SO<sub>2</sub> & NO<sub>x</sub> vide GSR 612 (E) dated 25.08.2014; and amended it vide GSR 496 (E) dated 09.05.2016 for all cement industries and vide GSR 497 (E) dated 10.05.2016 for cement industries, carrying out co-processing of wastes in their cement kilns; and

WHEREAS, on request of cement industries, timeline was extended up-to March 31, 2017 to comply with the aforesaid notified emission standards; and

WHEREAS, the matter regarding reconsideration of notified standards was taken up by the Cement Manufacturers Association with MoEFCC. In this context, it has been decided by MoEFCC that general extension shall not be granted and any extension regarding compliance shall be based on due assessment and submission of clear/specific road map for compliance with notified standards in a time bound manner. Accordingly, Directions under Section 3 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 have been issued by MoEFCC to CPCB on 28.03.2017 to ensure implementation of notified environmental standards for cement industries; and

WHEREAS, you were reminded vide this office letter of even no. dated 30.03.2017 that new notified standards for cement industry have become effective from April 01, 2017 and you were directed to submit clear / specific time-bound action plan for compliance with new notified standards, before April 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, series of meetings were convened by Regional Directorates of CPCB with Cement industries and State Pollution Control Boards to expedite the submission of action plans and ensure compliance. Based on the inputs received, a standard format was developed to facilitate cement industries in submission of action plans in a precise & scientific manner and the same was circulated among cement manufacturers. Accordingly, all the cement industries were directed to submit the specific action plan as per the standard format before 30.04.2017; and

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WHEREAS, copies of all such communications/directions were uploaded on the website of CPCB also from time to time and are available; and

WHEREAS, closure direction vide letter dated 31.10.2017 was issued to the unit for not submitting specific action plan as per the standard format before 30.04.2017 as directed; and

WHEREAS, action plan of those units which informed to achieve compliance before August 31, 2018 were accepted and those units which proposed to achieve compliance after August 2018 were issued direction to achieve compliance by August 31, 2018; and



WHEREAS, M/s Mirdha Cement Pvt Ltd., Ketlapur, PO- Rukni, PS- Para, Distt- Purulia, West Bengal submitted compliance to the closure direction vide letter dated 09.01.2018, informing that the unit was undertaking up-gradation of ESPs to achieve PM-30 mg/Nm<sup>3</sup> limit and requires couple of months to complete the work. Further, the unit submitted monitoring reports dated 17.03.2018 & 02.11.2018 vide letter dated 08.11.2018 and monitoring report dated 17.12.2018 vide letter dated 24.12.2018, mentioning that the unit is complying with PM emission norm; and

WHEREAS, RD-Kolkata, CPCB inspected the unit on 13.12.2018 for verification of compliance and observed that the unit is complying with PM emission standards of 30 mg/Nm<sup>3</sup> (PM from ball mill stack -29 mg/Nm<sup>3</sup>) ; and

WHEREAS, a meeting of the three member committee, constituted for examination and recommendation for revocation of closure direction issued by CPCB, was held on 14.02.2019 and the committee recommended that the closure direction issued to the unit may be revoked ; and

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change 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

NOW, THEREFORE, exercising the powers delegated to the Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, closure direction issued to M/s Mirdha Cement Pvt Ltd., Ketlapur, PO- Rukni, PS- Para, Distt- Purulia, West Bengal dated 31.10.2017 is hereby revoked. However, any expansion of existing project in future shall be intimated to CPCB/SPCB and applicability/scope of the installation of OCEMS will be subjected to further verification.


  
24/4/19  
**(S.P. Singh Parihar)**  
Chairman  


M/s Mirdha Cement Pvt Ltd., Ketlapur, Distt- Purulia, West Bengal

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(Prashant Gargava)  
Member Secretary



