

SPEED POST

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February 27, 2019

To

M/s The Sirpur Paper Mills Ltd.  
Sirpur-Kaghnagar, Dist-Komarambheem  
Asifabad, Telangana-504296

**DIRECTIONS UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE ENVIRONMENT (PROTECTION) ACT, 1986**

**WHEREAS**, the Pulp and Paper industries (30 TPD and above) are identified as one of the 17 categories of highly polluting industries which have been discharging environmental pollutants directly or indirectly into the ambient water and air, having potential threat to cause adverse effect on the water and air quality; and

**WHEREAS**, there is need to inculcate habit of self-monitoring mechanism 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 and effluent monitoring systems w.r.t pH, Flow, BOD, COD, TSS & AOX parameters in Pulp and Paper industries; and

**WHEREAS**, it was clarified that flow meter and 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 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 33 (A) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and section 31 (A) 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 and effluent monitoring system; and

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**WHEREAS**, CPCB has explored installation of online monitoring device in other countries and has come to conclusion that the online monitoring devices are essential for improving compliance as the conventional monitoring system not able to capture violations on regular basis; and

**WHEREAS**, CPCB has held stakeholder consultations with industrial associations and SPCBs/PCCs on 06.08.2014, 19.09.2014, 29.09.2014, 08.10.2014, 16.10.2014, 09.01.2015, 08.04.2015, and 16.06.2015 regarding time bound implementation of installation of these devices; and

**WHEREAS**, CPCB issued showcause notice for closure vide letter dated 24.07.2015 under section 5 of the Environmental Protection Act, 1986 to the Unit for compliance of the following:

1. The Unit shall submit documentary evidence regarding status of installation of online effluent monitoring system.
2. The Unit shall submit the status on connectivity for submission of online 24x7 monitoring data to SPCBs/PCCs and CPCB.
3. The Unit shall submit the details as per the Annexure-I through
  - (a) E-mail id - cems.cpcb@nic.in
  - (b) Uploading the data on the link provided on CPCB Website (www.cpcb.nic.in) and
  - (c) By speed postto the Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board.

**AND WHEREAS**, the Unit did not submit any documentary evidence/ reasonable time bound plan for installation of online monitoring system to CPCB and the Unit is reported to be closed; and

**WHEREAS** CPCB issued a closure direction vide letter dated 28.03.2016 under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, to M/s The Sirpur Paper Mills Ltd, Telangana and directed to remain closed & not to resume their manufacturing operations till installation & commissioning of online effluent monitoring system, providing connectivity for submission of online 24x7 monitoring data to CPCB and SPCB/PCC server & obtaining valid consent under Water Act, Air Act & Authorization under HW Rule from TSPCB. The Unit shall seek permission from CPCB before resumption of operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Unit replied vide letter dated 24.12.2018, 14.01.2019 & 19.01.2019 & informed that OCEMS has been installed & submitted *self-certificate* to have closed down manufacturing operation. The Unit also informed that the company was shut since sept 28, 2014 due to financial problems and liquidity crunch and now the unit has been taken over by M/s JK Papers Ltd. The IT Division of CPCB verified connectivity status of real-time OCEMS on 05.02.2019 & 14.02.2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee in its meeting held on 14.02.2019 reviewed the compliance made by the unit & verified the supporting documents in line with the agreed criteria and recommended for revocation of closure direction with certain conditions; and

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Revocation direction u/s 5 of E(P) Act,1986 to M/s The Sirpur Paper Mills Ltd; Sirpur-Kaghaznagar, Asifabad, Telangana



**NOW, THEREFORE,** in view of the above and in exercise of the powers delegated to the Chairman, CPCB under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the aforesaid closure direction issued to **M/s The Sirpur Paper Mills Ltd.**, Komarambheem Asifabad, Telangana vide letter dated 28.03.2016 is hereby **revoked** subject to the following conditions:


- To ensure uninterrupted real-time OCEMS connectivity with CPCB server.

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 notice, in accordance with provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986

(S.P. SINGH PARIHAR)  
CHAIRMAN

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4. **The District Collector,** : For information pl.  
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5. **The Managing Director,** : With a request to connect the  
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of Telangana Ltd (TSNPDCL),H.No:2-5-31/2, Unit.  
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6. **Divisional Head, IT Div., CPCB, Delhi** : For uploading at CPCB website  
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(A. SUDHAKAR)  
MEMBER SECRETARY