



SPEED POST

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To

M/s. Forel Labs Pvt. Ltd.,  
Sy. No.55,176,177 & 178, JN Pharmacy,  
Parawada, Visakhapatnam-5310021,  
Andhra Pradesh

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

WHEREAS, the Pharmaceutical 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, 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. flow, pH, BOD, COD, TSS, Chromium (Cr), and Arsenic (As) parameters in Pharmaceutical industries;

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 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 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 to M/s. Forel Labs Pvt. Ltd., Andhra Pradesh (herein after referred to as the Unit) vide letter no. B-29016/04/06/IPC-I/1015 dated April 13, 2018 for installation of Online Continuous Effluent Monitoring System (OCEMS) along with connectivity for submission of online 24x7 monitoring data to SPCBs/PCCs and CPCB; and

WHEREAS, no response to this notice was received from the unit; and

WHEREAS, direction under section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act 1986 was issued to the Unit vide letter no. B-29016/04/06/IPC-I/2750 dated June 12, 2018 directing the Unit to close down the operations and not to restart the production till online effluent monitoring system is installed and connected to the CPCB; and

WHEREAS, the Unit has submitted vide letter received on June 19, 2018 that the plant operation has been stopped since June 2016 due to financial crises and the unit will provide installation & connectivity of OCEMS before restart of the operation; and

WHEREAS, the Unit has submitted the compliance of directions vide letter received on February 05, 2019 along with original self-certificate, copy of consent valid upto March 31, 2019 and informed that the Unit has stopped plant operations w.e.f. June 15, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Unit vide letter received on February 05, 2019 submitted that the online connectivity has been provided for OCEMS and requested to revoke the closure direction; and

WHEREAS, the connectivity of online data submitted by the Unit was verified by the IT division of the CPCB and as per report dated February 11, 2019 the Unit was found connected w.r.t. flow meters at High TDS & Low TDS streams and camera feed with CPCB; and

WHEREAS, CPCB constituted a Three-member committee vide office order dated 03.10.2017 having representative(s) from CPCB and MoEF&CC for examination and recommendation for revocation of the closure direction issued by CPCB; and

WHEREAS, the three-member committee in its meeting held on February 14, 2019 examined the compliance report submitted by the Unit, recommended that the Unit may be allowed to resume operation with condition that:

1. The Unit shall ensure uninterrupted connectivity of OCEMS data with CPCB server.


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 to Chairman CPCB under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, and in view of compliance with relevant direction under reference, the direction issued under the Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to the Unit (M/s. Forel Labs Pvt. Ltd., Andhra Pradesh) vide letter dated June 12, 2018 is hereby revoked with condition that:

1. The Unit shall ensure uninterrupted connectivity of OCEMS data with CPCB server.

In case of non-compliance by the Unit action as deemed fit under the provisions of Environment (P) Act; 1986 shall be taken.

  
(S. P. Singh Parihar)

Chairman

28.02.19

Copy to:

1. The Chairman  
A.P. Pollution Control Board,  
Paryavaran Bhawan, Industrial Estate  
Sanath Nagar, Hyderabad- 500 038, A.P
2. The Chairman  
Southern Power Distribution  
Company of A.P Limited;  
D.NO:19-13-65/A Srinivasapuram,  
Tiruchanoor Road, Tripati-517503,  
Chittoor A.P  
: With request to restore the electricity  
supply of the Unit.
3. The Advisor (CP Division)  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change  
Prithvi Wing, 2nd Floor, Room No. 216, Indira  
Paryavaran Bhawan Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi - 110003
4. The Regional Director,  
Central Pollution Control Board  
1st & 2nd Floors, Nisarga Bhavan, A-Block,  
Thimmaiah Main Road, 7th D Cross, Shivanagar,  
Opp. Pushpanjali Theatre, Bangalore -560 010
5. Divisional Head, IT, CPCB
6. Divisional Head, IPC-VI, CPCB

  
(A. Sudhakar)

Member Secretary

