



**SPEED POST**

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To

M/s Solitaire Foods Pvt. Ltd.  
Gangol Road, Khasra no 376,  
Gangol Road Behind Shopia School,  
Partapur, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh 250103

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

**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 rule framed there under; and

**WHEREAS**, Dairy units are identified as one of the Grossly Polluting Industries which have been discharging environmental pollutants directly or indirectly into the ambient air and water, having potential threat to cause adverse effect the water; 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**, 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 emission and effluent standards and rules notified under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 and amendment thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, it is obligatory on the part of industries to install effluent treatment plants (ETPs) to comply with the effluent discharged standards as notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the rules framed there under and also to meet the consent conditions granted by State Pollution Control Board (SPCBs)/Pollution Control Committees (PCCs); and

**WHEREAS**, M/s Solitare Foods Pvt. Ltd. Gangol Road, Khasra no 376 Gangol road behind Shopia school, Partapur, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh 250103 (hereafter referred to as the 'Unit') is manufacturing/processing of milk. and

**WHEREAS**, the unit was jointly inspected by CPCB and UPPCB officials on 27.03.2018 and following observations made during the inspection:

1. The Unit was found in operation during the inspection.
2. ETP consists of equalization tank, aeration tank and clarifier. The effluent is discharged in to local drain (Khandauli), which ultimately meets East Kali river.
3. The Unit is withdrawing water from one borewell without having any flow meter and maintained logbook for the same.
4. No flowmeter or V Notch installed at inlet and outlet of ETP.
5. Aeration tank was found non-operational at the time of inspection.
6. The Unit has not maintained logbook for ETP and energy meter.
7. Analysis of ETP outlet sample shows **BOD: 92 mg/l** (as against the norms of 30 mg/l), **COD: 189 mg/l** (against the norms of 250 mg/l), **TSS: 104 mg/l** (against the norms of 100 mg/l) and **TDS: 1388 mg/l**, **MLSS: 10mg/l** which indicates un-stabilized aeration tank of ETP system.

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8. The unit was found **non-complying w.r.t. BOD: 92 mg/l (as against the norms of 30 mg/l) and TSS: 104 mg/l (against the norms of 100 mg/l).**
9. The value of **MLSS (10mg/l)** in aeration tank was low which indicates that aeration tank was not stabilized.
10. The Unit has not installed the OCEMS.

**WHEREAS**, CPCB issued closure direction dated 07.05.2018 under section 5 of the Environment (protection) Act, 1986 to the unit; and

**WHEREAS**, a complaint was received on 18.06.2018 regarding continued operation of the unit in violation of CPCB closure direction under dated 07.05.2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the unit was inspected by CPCB officials on 28.06.2018 and following observations are made:

1. The unit was found operational at the time of inspection which is in **violation of CPCB closure direction dated 07.05.2018.**
2. The unit is involved in the processing and packaging of milk.
3. The unit meets water requirements through one borewell.
4. ETP was operational at the time of inspection and comprises of an oil skimmer, dosing tanks (02), collection tank, tube settler, aeration tank, secondary clarifier and sludge drying beds.
5. The unit has installed OCEMS at the outlet of the ETP.
6. The unit has valid Air and Water consents upto 31.12.2018.
7. Two boilers were found in the unit. However, as informed by the unit representative, one boiler was sealed by UPPCB.
8. Effluent samples were collected from ETP inlet, aeration tank and outlet. The analysis report of treated effluent samples taken from outlet shows **BOD: 198 mg/l** (against the norms of 30 mg/l), **TSS: 228 mg/l** (against the norms of 150 mg/l) and **pH: 8.62** (against the norms of 6.5-8.5), which indicate that the unit is non-complying with the discharge standards.

**It is evident that the unit is discharging its partially treated/untreated effluent, thereby posing serious threat to the surface and groundwater quality.**

**AND WHEREAS**, the unit did not close its manufacturing operations immediately after receiving the closure direction from CPCB, which is in violation of CPCB direction dated 07.05.2018 issued under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and for which appropriate legal action and environmental compensation shall be charged separately; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in exercise of powers vested under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the following directions are being issued to **M/s Solitaire Foods Pvt. Ltd. Gangol Road, Khasra no 376 Gangol road behind Shopia school, Partapur, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh 250103:**

1. The Unit shall close all plant operations with immediate effect and inform CPCB.
2. The Unit shall augment/ upgrade its ETP system and submit the details to CPCB.
3. The unit shall submit the time bound action plan for upgrade of ETP duly validated by reputed government institution.
4. The unit shall stabilize aeration tank to achieve desired MLSS level.
5. After completion of the above said measures, the Unit shall report to CPCB and seek permission from CPCB before resumption of their manufacturing operations.

In case of default in compliance with the above directions, CPCB will be constrained to initiate action without any further notice, in accordance with the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

  
(S. P. SINGH PARIHAR)  
CHAIRMAN

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**Copy to:**

- 1) **Chairman,**  
Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board, : for information please.  
Building No. TC-12V, Vibhuti Khand, Gomti  
Nagar, Lucknow-226 010, Uttar Pradesh
- 2) **Joint Secretary (CP) division** : for information please.  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate  
Change, Prithvi Wing, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room No. 216,  
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New delhi-110003
- 3) **Regional Director,** : for information please.  
Central Pollution Control Board  
Regional Directorate (North), PICUP Bhawan  
Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar,  
Lucknow - 226 010
- 4) **District Magistrate** : [To ensure closure by sealing of the unit in  
**Meerut.** Uttar Pradesh compliance of the direction]
- 5) **Managing Director** :[To disconnect the electricity supply to the  
Paschimanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd., Unit]  
Victoria Park, Meerut-250001, Uttar Pradesh
- 6) ✓ I/c IT division, CPCB, Delhi : for uploading the direction at CPCB website.
- 7) Master copy (Dairy), WQM-II Division.

  
(PRASHANT GARGAVA)  
MEMBER SECRETARY

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