

SPEED POST

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To

**M/s Natural growers Pvt.Ltd
Lakhandur mini industrial area, Village-Kinhala,
Taluka Lakhandur, Dist. Bhandara
Maharashtra-441803**

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

WHEREAS, Sugar industries are identified as part 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, CPCB has explored installation of Online Monitoring device in the other countries and has come to conclusion that the online monitoring devices are essential for improving compliance as the conventional monitoring systems not able to capture violations on regular basis; 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 monitoring system and online effluent monitoring system w.r.t. pH, COD, BOD, TSS and Flow parameters in Sugar industries; 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, 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 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,CPCB has already uploaded the sector specific requirement for the installation and connectivity of online emission and effluent monitoring systems for the 17 category of industries including Sugar industries, in the CPCB website at the following link; http://cpcb.nic.in/upload/thrust-area/Sugar_29.12.16.pdf; and

WHEREAS, it has been observed from the status of 17 categories of industries posted by SPCB's on the India e-track portal of CPCB that the unit, **M/s Natural growers Pvt.Ltd, Lakhandur mini industrial area, Village-Kinhala, Taluka Lakhandur, Dist. Bhandara, Maharashtra-441803** (herein after referred to as 'the unit') is operating a Sugar industry and has not provided connectivity of OCEMS till date to SPCB/CPCB and CPCB is not able to verify the data connectivity from the unit, as on date; and

WHEREAS, CPCB, issued show cause notice to the Unit dated 28.03.2018, as to why the unit shall not be directed to close down manufacturing operations, if the Unit has not complied fully with the directions issued w.r.t. installation of online emission & effluent monitoring. It was further directed to submit documentary evidence regarding status of installation and connectivity of online emission & effluent monitoring system; and

WHEREAS, CPCB did not receive any satisfactory reply of the notice issued to the unit and the unit has not provided connectivity of OCEMS to CPCB till date, as verified by the IT Division; 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

NOW, THEREFORE, in view of the failure of the unit w.r.t installation of online monitoring devices and providing its connectivity to CPCB in exercise of powers vested under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, it is hereby directed that the unit, **M/s Natural growers Pvt.Ltd, Lakhandur mini industrial area, Village-Kinhala, Taluka Lakhandur, Dist. Bhandara, Maharashtra-441803** shall close down all manufacturing operations and shall not restart its operations until the unit provides connectivity of the required online monitoring devices to the CPCB/SPCB server. The unit shall obtain permission from CPCB for restarting manufacturing operations after complying with the directions. A copy of the sector specific requirement of CPCB for the Sugar sector, available in the CPCB website, is enclosed for ready reference.

In case of default in compliance with the above directions by the unit, CPCB will be constrained to initiate appropriate action against the unit, in accordance with the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

(S.P. Singh Parihar)
Chairman

Copy to:

1. **The Member Secretary,** : For information and
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, ensuring compliance please.
2nd, 3rd & 4th floor, Opp. Cine planet, Near Sion
Circle, Sion (E),
Mumbai- 400 022
2. **The Advisor (CP Division)** : For information please.
Ministry of Env., Forest and Climate
Change, Prithvi Wing, 2nd Floor, Room No.
216, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jor
Bagh Road, New Delhi - 110003
3. **The District Magistrate,** : With request to ensure
Collectorate office, compliance of closure
Distt - Bhandara, direction please.
Maharashtra-441904
4. **The Superintendent Engineer,** : With request to dis-connect
Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Cor. Ltd., the power supply for
Distt -Bhandara industrial operations of the
Maharashtra-441904 unit please.
5. **The Regional Director,** : For information and follow
The Regional Directorate up please.
Central Pollution Control Board
PariveshBhawan Opp. VMC Ward Office No. 10,
Subhanpura,
Vadodara - 390 023
6. **The Div. Head, IT Division, CPCB** : For uploading at CPCB
website please.
7. **The Div. Head, I.P.C-III, CPCB** : For information please.


(Prashant Gargava)
MEMBER SECRETARY