



SPEED POST

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To

M/s. Blue Circle Organics Pvt. Ltd.,
Plot No. B-12, C-4 & E-2, MIDC Ambernath,
Dist. Thane- 421506
Maharashtra

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

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, M/s. Blue Circle Organics Pvt. Ltd., Maharashtra (herein after referred to as the Unit) which comes under pharmaceutical category, has installed the Online continuous effluent Monitoring system (OCEMS) for the parameters pH, BOD, COD, TSS and Flow, as the Unit is discharging the treated effluent to the land; and

WHEREAS, it was observed by the IT division of the CPCB that the 148 sms alert were generated for the parameters COD, BOD & TSS of Online continuous effluent Monitoring system (OCEMS) during the month of 15 December 2017- 15 January 2018; and

WHEREAS the Unit was inspected by a team of official(s) from the CPCB Regional Directorate, Vadodara on January 18, 2018 to assess the adequacy of the existing pollution control measures and online effluent monitoring system, observations of team are as follows:

1. The treated effluent sample results exceed the prescribed limits of MPCB w.r.t parameters COD (2382 > 250 mg/l), TDS (5752 > 2100 mg/l), BOD (872 > 100 mg/l), NH₃-N (192.1 > 50 mg/l), SO₄²⁻ (4224 > 1000 mg/l), Cl⁻ (1517 > 600 mg/l).
2. The OCEMS results showed that the OCEMS was not working properly.
3. The aerator and clarifier were dismantled and renovation work was under progress.
4. The unit does not separate the low COD and High COD waste water streams, which is reflected in the higher results of BOD and COD.
5. The unit has one steam fired boilers which was non-operational during visit. The unit has not provided the stack monitoring facility as per the CPCB guidelines.
6. The unit has not provided proper shed for the storage of Hazardous waste as the contaminated empty drums and old used drums were stored in open area.
7. The unit has stored spent activated carbon and fly ash of the boilers, should be disposed to CHWIF.

WHEREAS, in view of observations of the inspecting team a confirmed direction was issued to the unit vide letter dated March 19, 2018 with a time limit of 30 days; and

WHEREAS, the Unit submitted a reply through email dated April 14, 2018 and requested to extended the time limit of the CPCB direction upto May 30, 2018 according the time limit was extended upto May 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Unit has submitted a compliance letter through email dated May 25, 2018 that the Unit has complied with all points of the confirmed direction issued from the CPCB; and

WHEREAS, CPCB has requested to RD, Vadodra vide letter dated May 25, 2018 to verify the compliance letter submitted by the unit, accordingly a RD, Vadodra inspected the Unit on June 14, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a closure direction was issued to the Unit vide letter dated August 08, 2018 under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, as the following:

1. The upgradation work of ETP was not completed, installation and commissioning of MEE and RO plant was under progress.
2. The Unit has not segregated the High COD and Low COD streams and both of the streams are collected in same collection tank.
3. The Unit has not provided the proper automatic sampling technique for OCEMS. The sensor was kept in 5 litre carboys, the treated water sample collected manually and replaced at every 3 hour interval.
4. The TSS value in the OCEM system was having error during visit.
5. The port hole provided in all the 3 stacks are not at suitable location for isokinetic sampling and the unit has not provided safe ladder and platform for stack monitoring.
6. The unit has provided adequate space (covered shed of 6x7 meters) for storage of hazardous waste. However, glass wool and waste containing drums are stored in open ground and dumped at many places in the premises.

WHEREAS, the Unit vide letter dated August 16, 2018 submitted the undertaking duly notarized, Effluent monitoring laboratory analysis report, copy of consent valid upto April 30, 2023 and requested to revoke the closure direction; and

WHEREAS, the Unit informed vide letter dated that the Unit has stopped its operation w.e.f. August 13, 2018, no new batches are charged in compliance of CPCB closure direction; and

WHEREAS, the Unit has submitted an undertaking dated August 16, 2018 that "the Unit has complied with all directions issued by CPCB and if plant is found non-compliant during verification by CPCB officials, the Unit accept to close down operations immediately and shall not operate till full compliance is achieved; and

WHEREAS, the Unit has submitted third party analysis report from Potence Controls Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai vide letter dated August 16, 2018 and the results are found within the norms prescribed by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board w.r.t parameters pH, BOD, & COD; 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 August 29, 2018 examined the compliance report and inspection report of the MPCB dated August 10, 2018 submitted by the Unit and recommended that the Unit may be allowed to resume operation only for three months, within this period the Unit will conduct performance adequacy report of Effluent treatment plant from Expert Government Institute and submit the report to CPCB. The report shall be placed before this committee for final revocation of the CPCB closure direction dated August 08, 2018; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of powers vested to Chairman CPCB under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, and in view of undertaking of compliance submitted by the Unit with relevant direction under reference, the direction issued under the Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to the Unit (M/s. Blue Circle Organics Pvt. Ltd., Maharashtra) vide letter dated August 08, 2018 is hereby revoked only for three months, within this period the Unit will conduct performance adequacy report of Effluent treatment plant from Expert Government Institute and submit the report to CPCB. The report shall be placed before this committee for final revocation of the CPCB closure direction dated August 08, 2018. The Unit will ensure compliance with the norms. In case of non-compliance by the Unit action as deemed fit under the provisions of Environment (P) Act, 1986 shall be taken.


04.09.18
(S. P. Singh Parihar)
Chairman


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3. The Chairman
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5. The Incharge, IT, CPCB
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(Prashant Gargava)
Member Secretary