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To,

**M/s Anheuser Busch InBev India Ltd.,
(formerly known as SAB MILLER India Ltd.)
Kankarkheda, Meerut Cant.,
Meerut, U.P. -250001**

**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 rules framed there under; and

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India, vide notification S.O.157(E) of 27.02.1996 has delegated powers vested under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) to the Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), to issue direction to any industry, Municipal Corporation, Municipal Council, Cantonment Board to any local or other Authority for the violation of emission and effluent standards notified under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986; and

WHEREAS, it is obligatory on the part of industries to install effluent treatment plants (ETPs) to comply with the effluent discharge 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 Anheuser Busch In Bev India Ltd. (formerly known as M/s SAB MILLER India Ltd.), Meerut Cant., U.P. (hereinafter referred as 'the Unit') is involved in the production of beer using malt, barley and rice flakes as raw material; and

WHEREAS, the unit was inspected by officials of CPCB and UPPCB on 27.03.2018 for compliance verification of industries generating effluent 100 KLD or above as per the Hon'ble NGT order dated 13.07.2017. The inspection report was examined and the following observations are made:

1. The unit with an installed production capacity of 30,000 KL/annum, was found operational at the time of inspection.
2. ETP of the unit consists of Bar screen, Equalization tank, Accelerated gravity separator, Buffer tank sludge separator, UASB, Aeration tank and Secondary clarifier.
3. The unit is abstracting 550 KLD fresh water from 3 bore wells.

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4. The unit has valid consents under Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 & Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 upto 31.12.2018.
5. The unit has not provided any information on the status of NOC from CGWA.
6. The unit has not installed flow meter at the outlet of the ETP.
7. The unit has not installed Online Continuous Monitoring Systems for Effluent (OCEMS).
8. Analysis result of samples collected from ETP outlet shows that BOD of **950 mg/l** (as against the standard limit of 30 mg/l), COD of **1621 mg/l** (as against the standard limit of 250 mg/l) and TSS of **240 mg/l** (against the standard limit of 100 mg/l) is being discharged into the Abu Nallah 2, thereby violating the effluent discharge norms as prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986.

AND WHEREAS, CPCB issued a closure direction dated 04.06.2018 under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, to the unit; and

WHEREAS, the unit's representation vide letter dated 12.06.2018 requesting permission to package 16900 HL beer in tanks was examined; and

WHEREAS, CPCB vide letter dated 15.06.2018 permitted the unit to undertake bottling of the already manufactured beer present in their storage tank within 10 days; and

WHEREAS, the unit vide letter dated 21.06.2018 requested permission for additional five days of bottling; and

WHEREAS, CPCB vide letter dated 25.06.2018 permitted the unit to undertake bottling of already manufactured beer present in their storage tanks under the supervision of officials of Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board (UPPCB) and officials of Department of Excise, Govt of Uttar Pradesh, from 16th to 29 June 2018, thereby completing the bottling operations within 15 days from the date of receipt of the letter issued dated 15.06.2018, with the condition that no effluent is discharged into the environment during the bottling process; and

WHEREAS, the unit's replies vide letter dated 04.07.2018 and 10.07.2018 were examined and following observations are made:

1. The unit has installed OCEMS and established connectivity with CPCB server.
2. The unit had applied for NOC from CGWA.
3. The unit has submitted adequacy assessment report validated by NSI, Kanpur.
4. As per the adequacy report, the installed capacity of the unit is 36000 KL/annum and ETP system is adequate.
5. ETP consists of equalization tank, accelerator gravity separator, buffer tank, UASBR, aeration tank, secondary clarifier tank and sludge holding tank.
6. ETP performance could not be determined since the plant was not in operation during the NSI visit.

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7. The unit utilizes the treated water in green belt while the surplus is discharged into Abu Nallah-2.
8. The unit has submitted requisite documents like self-certificate and affidavit.

AND WHEREAS, based on the recommendations of the Three Member Committee in its meeting held on 12.07.2018, CPCB issued a direction under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, on 07.08.2018 to comply with the following:

1. The unit shall operate for a period of 45 days and submit a revalidated adequacy assessment report clearly indicating ETP performance within 45 days of operation.
2. The unit shall submit daily analysis report of treated effluent for the parameters pH, BOD, COD and TSS through an EPA recognized laboratory for 45 days.
3. The unit shall close down its manufacturing operations after 45 days and seek permission from CPCB before resumption of operation.

AND WHEREAS, the unit replies vide letter dated 20.09.2018 and 24.09.2018, were examined and following observations are made:

1. The unit was in operation for a period of 45 days and submitted revalidated adequacy assessment report within the stipulated 45 days of operation.
2. As per the revalidated adequacy assessment report, the ETP plant of the unit is adequate in capacity and operation.
3. The unit has submitted daily analysis report of treated effluent through EPA recognised laboratory for all 45 days of operation, showing compliance as per the prescribed discharge limits.
4. The unit has installed and connected OCEMS with CPCB server.
5. The unit intimated the closure of manufacturing operations after completion of 45 days i.e. 23.09.2018, vide letter dated 24.09.2018 and has requested grant of permission to resume operations.

AND WHEREAS, a Three Member Committee constituted for examination and recommendation for revocation of the closure direction issued by CPCB, examined the representations of the unit in its meeting held on 04.10.2018 and recommended for revocation of closure direction; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in view of the above and in exercise of the powers delegated to the Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, **the closure direction issued to the unit M/s Anheuser Busch InBev India Ltd.** (formerly known as SAB MILLER India Ltd.) **on 04.06.2018 is hereby revoked** and the unit is directed to comply with the following:

1. The unit shall ensure proper maintenance of the ETP plant and shall maintain a logbook on ETP operations.
2. The unit shall provide copy of records of beer production, spent malt and spent grain generation on monthly basis (by 10th of every month) to CPCB/UPPCB.

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3. The unit shall submit a time bound action plan for implementation of recommendations given in the validated adequacy assessment report within 15 days.
4. The unit shall continue providing OCEMS data to CPCB server without fail.

In case of default in compliance with the above directions by the Unit **M/s Anheuser Busch InBev India Ltd.** (formerly known as SAB MILLER India Ltd.), 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

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