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To

M/s Komal Paper Mills (Unit-1),
National Highway, Village-Chak Gota,
Kathua, Jammu & Kashmir -711303

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, Forest, & Climate Change, 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 other standards and norms; and

WHEREAS, M/s Komal Paper Mills (Unit-1&2), Vill- Chak Gota, Kathua, J&K (hereafter referred to as '*the Unit*') having consented capacity of the unit-1 & unit-2 as 19008 TPA & 20790 TPA respectively and engaged in manufacturing of white paper, Kraft paper by using waste paper as raw material; and

WHEREAS, the Unit-1&2 was inspected by a team of officials from CPCB on 17.05.2018 to verify the compliance status of OCEMS under SMS Alert monitoring. The Unit was found bypassing untreated effluent and seriously violating the environmental norms. The Unit has common ETP for Unit-1 & 2. During the visit Unit-2 was operational @ 45 TPD production, however, Unit-1 was closed since last 8 months due to own reason; and

WHEREAS, CPCB issued direction vide letter dated 26.06.2018 under section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to the unit 1&2 for compliance with the following:

1. The unit shall close down all the manufacturing operations with immediate effect.
2. The unit shall stop bypassing of effluent immediately & shall dismantle/remove the bypass pipeline.
3. The Unit shall carry out adequacy assessment of its common ETP for both the units through reputed institute such as IIT/NEERI/CPPRI and accordingly upgrade its ETP and submit the report to CPCB.
4. The Unit shall obtain Authorisation under Hazardous & other Waste Rules, 2016.
5. The unit shall install electromagnetic flow meters at borewells and maintain proper logbooks.
6. The Unit should apply for NOC from Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) for the abstraction of groundwater.
7. The unit shall provide separate energy meter for the ETP & maintain proper log books.
8. The Unit shall install mechanised sludge management system.

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9. The unit shall ensure proper operation of air pollution control device (APCD) and provide adequate stack height in DG sets.
10. The real-time OCEMS shall be relocated at the final discharge outlet as per the CPCB guidelines instead of freshwater after sedi cell.
11. The Unit shall report to CPCB regarding closure of manufacturing operations immediately on receipt of this direction.
12. The Unit shall seek permission from CPCB before resumption of the manufacturing operation.

WHEREAS, a copy of said closure direction dated 26.06.2018 was endorsed to J&KPCB to ensure compliance of closure direction & issue amendments to consent orders incorporating condition/clause on treated effluent disposal system, common ETP for both the units & accordingly modify discharge norms applicable for large scale pulp & paper mills;

WHEREAS, M/s Komal Paper Mills (Unit-2) replied vide letter dated 25.07.2018, 31.07.2018 & 16.08.2018 and submitted required compliance documents. The Committee in its meeting held on 29.08.2018 reviewed the compliance made by the unit-2 & verified the supporting documents in line with the agreed criteria and recommended that the unit-2 may be allowed to resume its manufacturing operation with certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, CPCB issued revocation direction vide letter dated 17.09.2018 under section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to the unit-2 subject to the following:

- 1 M/s Komal Paper Mills (Unit-2) shall submit actual performance report of ETPs by the same institute which conducted ETP adequacy assessment, within 45 days of commencement of operations.
- 2 M/s Komal Paper Mills (Unit-2) shall submit analysis report of the treated effluent from ETP through EPA recognised laboratory within 15 days from the date of receipt.
- 3 M/s Komal Paper Mills (Unit-1) shall seek permission from CPCB before resumption of the manufacturing operation.

WHEREAS, CPCB issued a letter to J&K PCB vide letter dated 13.03.2019 & reminder letter dated 08.05.2019 & 13.06.2019 for providing views/clarification on certain observations/comments for further processing of revocation request of Unit-1;

WHEREAS, J&K PCB vide letter dated 23.07.2019 issued corrigendum incorporating changes in the prescribed standard in consent order dt 14.03.2017;

WHEREAS, M/s Komal Paper Mills (Unit-1) replied vide letter dated 11.02.2019, 13.02.2019 & 20.8.2019 and submitted '*self-certificate*', copy of application for renewal of '*consent to operate*', *adequacy assessment report* of Unit-1&2 by CPPRI, Saharanpur and requested for revocation of closure direction issued to Unit-1; and

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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 closure direction issued by CPCB; and

WHEREAS, the Committee in its meeting held on 04.10.2019 reviewed the compliance made by the unit-1 & verified the supporting documents in line with the agreed criteria and recommended that the unit-1 may be allowed to resume its manufacturing operation with certain conditions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in view of the above and in exercise of the powers delegated to the Chairman, CPCB under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the aforesaid closure direction issued to M/s Komal Paper Mills (Unit-1), Kathua, J&K vide letter dated 25.06.2018 is hereby revoked subject to the following conditions:

- 1 Performance assessment of the effluent treatment system including analysis of treated effluent by the same reputed government institute and the same shall be submitted to CPCB, within 60 days from the date of resumption of manufacturing operation.
- 2 Before commencement of operations, the unit shall obtain valid Consent to Operate under the Water Act, 1974 and the Air Act, 1981 and Authorization under Hazardous & Other Wastes Rules, 2016 from J&K SPCB and industry shall not operate under any circumstances without valid consent orders.

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

(S.P. SINGH PARIHAR)
CHAIRMAN

Copy to:

1. **The Member Secretary,** : For kind information pl.
J&K State Pollution Control Board,
Parivesh Bhawan, Shiekh-ul-Campus, behind
Govt. Silk Factory, Raj Bagh, Srinagar, (J&K)
2. **The Regional Director,** : For kind information pl.
Regional Directorate (Lucknow)
Central Pollution Control Board,
'Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow,
Uttar Pradesh 226010
3. **The Joint Secretary (CP Division)** : For kind information pl.
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate
Change, Indra Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh
Road, New Delhi - 110 003
4. **The District Magistrate,** : For kind information pl.
Collector Office, Kathua-184101
5. **The Development Commissioner (Power),** : To connect the electric power supply of the
Power Development Department (PDD) Govt of
Jammu & Kashmir, Lottery Building, Behind
Civil Secretariat, Srinagar, J&K
unit-1 in compliance of revocation direction
issued under section 5 of the E(P)Act, 1986 by
CPCB.
6. **The DH-IT Division, CPCB, Delhi** : To upload the direction at CPCB website pl.
7. **The DH- IPC-III Division, CPCB, Delhi** : For kind information pl.

(PRASHANT GARGAVA)
MEMBER SECRETARY