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To

The Unit Head

M/s The Travancore Cements Ltd.,
Nattakom, Kottayam District,
Kerala - 586 013

Sub: Revocation of Closure Direction under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

WHEREAS, the cement 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, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change has notified emission standards for Particulate matter, SO₂ & NO_x vide GSR 612 (E) dated 25.08.2014; and amended it vide GSR 496 (E) dated 09.05.2016 for all cement industries and vide GSR 497 (E) dated 10.05.2016 for cement industries carrying out co-processing of wastes in their cement kilns; and

WHEREAS, RD- Bengaluru carried out inspection of M/s The Travancore Cements Ltd., Nattakom, Kottayam District, Kerala, during 17.09.2019 w.r.t SMS alerts/offline status and made following observations:

1. As per emission monitoring results, unit was observed grossly exceeding the PM emission limit from packing section stack i.e 298 mg/Nm³ against limit of 30 mg/Nm³.
2. The CTO under the Air & Water Act expired on June 30, 2018 & the unit has applied for renewal of consent on July 31, 2018.
3. Spillages and fugitive emissions were noticed during operation of the packing section. Unit should control the fugitive emissions in packing section area.
4. Most of the times the online value of PM in all the stacks is recorded as zero though the unit is operational, indicating that online opacity monitors are not calibrated/maintained as per the guidelines/manual.

WHEREAS, in view of the non compliance of emission norms, closure direction was issued to the unit on 14.10.2019; and

WHEREAS, request for revocation of closure direction, enclosing compliance status w.r.t. points mentioned in closure direction, was submitted by the unit vide letter dated 30.10.2019. In reply, a letter was sent to the unit on 19.11.2019 to submit requisite documents i.e. adequacy report of emission control system and self certificate of closure for consideration of revocation and the same were submitted by the unit vide letters dated 05.12.2019 and 29.01.2020; and

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WHEREAS, a meeting of the three member committee, constituted for examination and recommendation for revocation of closure direction issued by CPCB was held on 11.02.2020 and the committee approved that the closure direction issued to M/s The Travancore Cements Ltd., Nattakom, Kottayam District, Kerala may be revoked with the condition that the unit shall submit performance audit report of emission control system from Govt. institute within 60 days and obtain valid CTO before resuming operation ; and

Now THEREFORE, in view of the above and exercising the powers delegated to the Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 vide Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India Notifications No. S. O. 157 (E) of 27.02.1996 and S. O. 730 (E) dated 10.07.2002, the closure direction issued to M/s The Travancore Cements Ltd., Nattakom, Kottayam District, Kerala vide letter dt. 14.10.2019 is hereby revoked with the condition that the unit shall submit performance audit report of emission control system from Govt. institute within 60 days and obtain valid CTO before resuming operation.

In case of non-compliance, appropriate action as deemed fit under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 will be initiated against the unit without any further notice.

(Ravi S. Prasad)
Chairman

Copy to:

1	The Chairman Kerala State Pollution Control Board Plamoodu Junction, Pattam Palace P.O. Thiruvananthapuram - 695 004, Kerala	For information & ensuring compliance please.
2.	The District Collector Kottayam, Kumily Road, Kerala	
3	The Chief Engineer (Distribution South KSEB office) Nalanda, Moolavaltom, Nattakom, Kerala - 686 013	
4	Regional Director, Central Pollution Control Board Regional Directorate-South 1st & 2nd Floors, Nisarga Bhawan A- Block Thimmaiah Main Road 7th D Cross, Shivanagar Opposite Pushpanjali Theatre, Bangalore 560 010	For information please.
5	The Joint Secretary (CP Division) Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change Prithvi Wing, 2nd Floor, Room No. 216 Indira Paryavaran Bhawan Aliganj, JorBagh Road, New Delhi - 110003	
6	The Divisional Head, IT, CPCB, Delhi	
7	The Divisional Head (PKG), IPC-VI, CPCB	

(Prashant Gargava)
Member Secretary

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