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To,

**M/s. Vikas Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana
(Sugar and CO-Gen Plant)
553, 656, Vaishali nagar, Nivali
Tq. & Dist. Latur
Maharashtra-413511**

**DIRECION 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 thereunder and also to meet the consent conditions granted by State Pollution Control Board (SPCBs) / Pollution Control Committees (PCCs); and

WHEREAS, the inspection of the **M/s. Vikas SSK Ltd. (Sugar)**, Vaishali nagar, Nivali Tq. Dist. Latur, Maharashtra (hereafter referred as 'unit') was carried out on 14.03.2019 by the team from CPCB, Regional Directorate, Vadodara; and

WHEREAS, the unit was found non-complying w.r.t prescribed discharge norms for the parameters TSS, BOD &COD; and

WHEREAS, based on non-compliances found during inspection by the team of CPCB, a closure direction dated 15.04.2019 under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, was issued to **M/s. Vikas SSK Ltd. (Sugar)**, Vaishali nagar, Nivali Tq. Dist. Latur, Maharashtra and directed to close down all its manufacturing operations and not to restart manufacturing till it complies with the following directions and obtain permission from CPCB:

1. The unit should immediately discontinue discharge of effluent not conforming to the notified standards to the ground/irrigation.
2. Unit shall immediately stop discharge of spray pond overflow outside the premises. Entire effluent generated in Sugar Mill shall be channelled to ETP. In no case the effluent should be discharged outside the premises without proper treatment.
3. The unit should ensure operation & maintenance of the ETP so that to achieve the prescribed norms & submit ETP sample analysis report from EPA approval lab.
4. The unit shall install flow meter at all water abstraction points for measuring water consumption & maintain log book for the same.
5. The unit shall maintain the record of operation & maintenance of ETP w.r.t. effluent treated, energy & chemical consumption.
6. The unit shall carry out adequacy assessment of ETP through reputed organisation/institute preferably IIT/VSI/NEERI/NSI& accordingly upgrade its ETP so as to meet the prescribed discharge standards by MPCB.
7. The unit shall prepare and submit a comprehensive irrigation management plan for utilisation of treated effluent from ETP in accordance with the notified treated irrigation protocol for Sugar industries and ensure compliance of treated effluent loading rate for irrigation.
8. The unit shall ensure periodic calibration of the analyzers as per Standard Operating Procedure/recommendations of the supplier and submit the calibration results.
9. Unit shall ensure to engage skilled manpower for operation & maintenance of ETP.
10. Improve housekeeping within the plant and dispose stored fly ash for reutilization.

WHEREAS, the Unit submitted compliance status progressively till 14.07.2020 including adequacy assessment report of VSI, Pune, Completion report on required up gradation of ETP as suggested by VSI in adequacy report and requested for resumption of manufacturing operations; and

WHEREAS, the required physical verification of the unit was not possible due to COVID-19 pandemic situations and an e-inspection was carried out by a team of official who initially visited the unit including officials from CPCB-Delhi on 07.09.2020 to assess the status of compliance of CPCB directions dated

15.04.2019 and recommendations made in ETP adequacy assessment report of VSI, Pune; and

WHEREAS, the Committee in its meeting held on 09.10.2020 reviewed the compliance made by the unit & verified the supporting documents in line with the agreed criteria and recommended for revocation of closure direction 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. Vikas SSK Ltd. (Sugar)** Vaishali Nagar, Nivali, Tq. Dist. Latur, Maharashtra is **hereby revoked** subject to the following conditions:

1. Before commencement of operations, the unit shall obtain valid Consents under the Water Act, 1974 and Air Act, 1981 and Authorization under Hazardous & other Wastes Rules, 2016 from MPCB and industry shall not operate under any circumstances without valid consent orders.
2. The unit should submit performance assessment of the effluent treatment system including analysis of the treated effluent by the same Govt. institute within 60 days from the date of resumption of manufacturing operations.
3. The unit should replace all flexible pipes provided for conveyance of spray pond overflow into ETP with fixed PVC pipes or metal pipes, as agreed by the unit during e-inspection.
4. The unit should ensure periodic calibration of the OCEMS analyzers as per standard operating procedure/ recommendations of supplier and submit the calibration results to CPCB.
5. The unit shall intimate the date of resumption of operations to CPCB and shall be inspected by CPCB/MPCB randomly to verify the compliance within 90 days of resumption of operation.

In case of default in compliance with the above conditions, 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.


(Shiv Das Meena)
CHAIRMAN

Copy to:

- 1) The Member Secretary,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board
2nd, 3rd & 4th Floor,
Opp. Cine Planet, Near Sion Circle,
Sion (E), Mumbai- 400022
CPCB No. 200/2000 : For ensuring compliance of directions please.
- 2) The Regional Director,
CPCB Regional Directorate,
Parivesh Bhawan,
Opp. Ward No. 10 VMC Office Subhanpura,
Vadodara-390 023 : **With a request to inspect the unit within 90 days of resumption of operation to verify the compliance status please.**
- 3) The District Magistrate,
Collectorate office, Dist- Latur,
Maharashtra : For information and n.a please
- 4) The Superintendent Engineer,
Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution,
Dist- Latur, Maharashtra : **With a direction to restore the power supply to the industrial unit please.**
- 5) The In-charge, (CP Division),
Ministry of Environment, Forests & CC,
Prithvi Block, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jorbagh Road, New Delhi - 110 003 : For information, pl.
- 6) The Div. Head, IT Division, CPCB Delhi : To upload direction at CPCB Website, pl.
- 7) The Div. Head, IPC-VI, Division, CPCB Delhi : For information, pl.
- 8) The Div. Head, IPC-III Division, CPCB Delhi : For records purpose.


(Prashant Gargava)
MEMBER SECRETARY