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CENTRAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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SPEED POST MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE GOVT. OF INDIA

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To

M/s Punjab Alkalies & Chemicals Ltd.
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Sub: Directions under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 -reg.

WHEREAS, the Chlor alkali 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, the M/s Punjab Alkalies & Chemicals Ltd., Punjab (herein after referred as the Unit) which comes under Chlor Alkali category, has installed the online continuous effluent monitoring system for the parameters pH, TSS & Flow and online continuous emission monitoring system (OCEMS) for the parameter HCl & Cl₂; and

WHEREAS, a closure direction under section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 was issued to the Unit dated March 17, 2017 as per IT Division, CPCB report dated March 10, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Unit vide letter dated July 24, 2017 requested to revoke the CPCB directions and submitted self certificate stating that the Unit has stopped all the operations w.e.f. May 10, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a closure direction under section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 dated March 17, 2017 was revoked on July 27, 2017 with a condition that the Unit shall obtain valid CTO from PPCB & mentioned that the Unit has closed manufacturing operation after one month of receipt of CPCB directions dated March 17, 2017, which is non compliance for which action as per law shall be initiated separately; and

WHEREAS, a closure direction was issued to the Unit vide letter dated November 07, 2017 under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 in view of non-compliance observed during inspection by a team of officials from CPCB Regional Directorate, Lucknow on October 06, 2017 which are as following:

1. Effluent Treatment Plant was not operational;
2. The effluent samples from preliminary collection tank of ETP were highly acidic pH (3.08 < 6.5-9.0) with high TDS (3641 mg/l > 2000 mg/l) & Chloride (2718 mg/l > 1000 mg/l);
3. Ground water samples analysis result were exceeding permissible limits of BIS w.r.t TDS (5584 mg/l > 2000 mg/l) & Cl (3027 mg/l > 1000 mg/l) in Piezometer well.

WHEREAS, the Unit vide letter dated January 23, 2018 requested to revoke the CPCB directions and submitted self certificate stating that the Unit has stopped all the operations w.e.f. 22.01.2018 after the receipt of CPCB directions on November 17, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the CPCB directions issued under the Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 vide letter dated November 07, 2017 was revoked on March 12, 2018 and mentioned that the Unit was found non-complying w.r.t CPCB directions dated March 17, 2017 & November 07, 2017 for which action as per law shall be initiated separately for recovery of environmental damage; and

WHEREAS, The Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT), Principal Bench in the matter of OA No. 593/2017 (WP (CIVIL) No. 375/2012, Paryavaran Suraksha Samiti & Anr. Vs. Union of India & Ors. directed Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to take penal action for failure,

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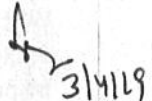
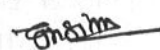
those accountable for setting up and maintaining STPs, CETPs & ETPs and CPCB may also assess and recover compensation for damage to the environment and said fund may be kept in a separate account and utilized in terms of an action plan for protection of the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Unit was found non-complying w.r.t. CPCB direction dated March 17, 2017 & November 07, 2017 for a period of 42 days (March 29, 2017 to May 09, 2017) & 64 days (November 17, 2017 to January 21, 2018) respectively, as per formula derived for environmental compensation (EC) by CPCB, the total EC charges was calculated Rs 31,80,000/- and same shall be deposited by the unit at CPCB within 15 days for the non-compliance period; 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.

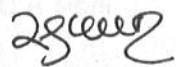
NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of powers vested to Chairman CPCB under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Unit [M/s Punjab Alkalies & Chemicals Ltd., Punjab] is directed to deposit Rs 31,80,000/- within 15 days in CPCB A/c No. 532702050000164 (Bank name: Union Bank Of India, IP Extension Branch, Vikas Marg Extn., Delhi; IFSC: UBIN0553271) for the total non-compliance period of 106 days [42 days (March 29, 2017 to May 09, 2017) & 64 days (November 17, 2017 to January 21, 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.


31/11/19
(S. P. Singh Parihar)
Chairman


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