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To

M/s Sterling Agro Industries Ltd.,  
Plot No.74-76, Phase I, HSIDC Industrial Area  
Kundali, Sonapat - 131028  
Haryana

**Sub: Directions under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 -reg.**

WHEREAS, the Food processing industries are identified as one of the Grossly Polluting Industries which have been discharging effluents directly or indirectly on land and into water, having potential threat to cause adverse effect on land and the ambient water quality; and

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 thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is obligatory on the part of industries to install and operate Effluent Treatment plant (ETP) 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 (SPCB)/ Pollution Control Committees (PCCs); and

WHEREAS, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the matter of Paryavaran Suraksha Samiti Vs Union of India & Others dated 22/02/2017 directed that no industry which requires "consent to operate" from the concerned Pollution Control Board, is permitted to function, unless it has a functional effluent treatment plant, which is capable to meet the prescribed norms for removing the pollutants from the effluent, before it is discharged; and


WHEREAS, a team of officers from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Delhi inspected M/s Sterling Agro Industries Ltd., Sonapat (herein after referred as the Unit) on April 05, 2019 to assess the adequacy of the existing pollution control measures; and

WHEREAS, the inspecting team observed that the Unit was found non-operational during the inspection; 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,** based on all facts and observations, in exercise of powers vested under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Unit **M/s Sterling Agro Industries Ltd., Sonapat** is hereby directed to remain closed and not to restart the operations until necessary action to ensure compliance to prescribed standards for effluent discharge is taken and permission is obtained from the CPCB and HSPCB for the same.

In case of failure to comply with the said directions necessary action as deemed fit under the provision of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 will be taken by Central Pollution Control Board.

  
27/01/14  
(S.P. Singh Parihar)  
Chairman  
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Copy to:

1. The Chairman  
Haryana State Pollution Control Board  
C-11, Sector - 6  
Panchkula, Haryana
2. The Joint Secretary (CP Division)  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change  
Prithvi Wing, 2nd Floor, Room No. 216  
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan  
Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road  
New Delhi - 110003
3. The Managing Director,  
Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Ltd.  
(UHBVNL) Vidyut Sadan,  
Plot No: C16, Sector-6,  
Panchkula, Haryana : With request to disconnect  
industrial Electricity supply of  
the Unit, allowing the supply  
only for domestic & security  
purposes.
4. The Incharge, Regional Directorate  
Central Pollution Control Board  
Ground & First Floor, PICUP Bhawan  
Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar  
Lucknow - 226 020
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6. The D. H. IPC-III, CPCB

  
(Prashant Gargava)  
Member Secretary