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**M/s. Honour Lab Limited (Unit 3B)
Plot No. A-88, MIDC, Kurkumbh,
Tal. Daund, Dist- Pune**

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

WHEREAS, the Pharmaceutical 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 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, there is need to promote self-regulation and self-promotion within the industries for complying with the prescribed standards and this can be achieved by the methods like installing online effluent and emission monitoring devices; and

WHEREAS, a direction under section 18(1)(b) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 was issued on February, 05, 2014 to all the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) / Pollution Control Committee (PCCs) to ensure installation of online emission monitoring system and online effluent monitoring system in pharmaceutical industries; and

WHEREAS, Pharmaceutical unit, **M/s. Honour Lab Limited (Unit 3B) Plot No. A-88, MIDC, Kurkumbh, Tal. Daund, Dist-Pune** (herein after referred to as the Unit) was randomly selected for inspection based on the No-SMS status generated through the OCEMS installed at the unit; and

WHEREAS, the Unit was inspected by a team of official(s) from the CPCB Regional Directorate Pune on September 26, 2023 to assess the adequacy of the existing pollution control measures and observed the following shortcomings/non-compliances:

1. The Unit was not operational due to shut down for preventive maintenance during the visit.
2. The Unit has provided a common ETP for the treatment of effluent generated from its own operations and, also for the effluent generated from its sister concern industry (i.e. M/s Honor Lab Limited (Unit-3A), Plot no. D-10, MIDC, Kurkumbh) located in the same MIDC area.
3. The ETP was operational during the visit considering the need of treatment for other sister concern industry (i.e. M/s Honor Lab Limited (Unit-3A), which was operational.

4. The Unit is taking effluent from the sister unit for treatment in the ETP and same is not mentioned in CTO of M/s. Honour Lab Limited Unit 3B, located at Plot No. A-88 MIDC Kurkumbh, Tal Daund, Dist Pune of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB).
5. The concentration of TDS-7068 mg/l, BOD-775 mg/l and COD- 1832 mg/l exceeding more than 100 % of permissible limit at the outlet of ETP (RO permeate) and revealed that the treatment at ETP is not proper to meet with the quality of treated effluent for the use in cooling towers.
6. The industry has not obtained the amended CCA (Consents & Authorization) w.r.t addition of number of stack, addition of waste category (MEE/ATFD Salt) etc from MPCB.
7. The flow meter for MEE condensate has not provided and not connected with CPCB/MSPCB server.
8. As per the CTO of its sister concern unit M/s. Honour Lab Limited Unit 3A, located at Plot No. D-10 MIDC Kurkumbh, Tal Daund, Dist Pune, there shall be bilateral agreement signed jointly and severally responsibility for the use of ETP & STP. If M/s. Honour Lab Limited Unit 3B, located at Plot No. A-88 MIDC Kurkumbh, Tal Daund, Dist Pune fails to achieve standard prescribed in the consent, then M/s. Honour Lab Limited Unit 3A, located at Plot No. D-10 MIDC Kurkumbh, Tal Daund, Dist Pune should stop the manufacturing activity. In case of non-compliance, both units will be jointly & severally liable for any legal action.

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and climate change, 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; and


NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of powers vested under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, a notice is hereby served to the Unit (M/s. Honour Lab Limited (Unit 3B), Pune) to show cause as to why both the units including sister concern unit should not be closed down, as the Unit is not complying with the norms and in view of the above mentioned observations.

You are hereby given an opportunity to file your objections, if any, within 15 days from the receipt of this notice, failing which action as deemed fit under the provision of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 will be taken by CPCB.


(Tanmay Kumar)
Chairman

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