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To

M/s Numaligarh Refinery Limited,  
Pankagrang, District Golaghat  
Assam – 785699

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

WHEREAS, Oil Refineries 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, 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, **M/s Numaligarh Refinery Limited, District Golaghat, Assam** (the Unit) was inspected by a team of official(s) from the CPCB, Regional Directorate, Shillong on September 21, 2023 to assess the adequacy of the existing pollution control measures and and based on the clarification dated 07.11.2023, the following shortcomings/non-compliances were observed:

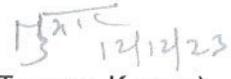

1. The flow meters provided to assess the flow of raw water do not display the actual flow. The treated water recirculated was not quantified as the flow meter was not installed at the outlet of the re-circulation pond.
2. Hazardous Waste was not stored in a designated place and was found stored openly. Designated place for storage of hazardous wastes as per Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016, was not found at plant premises during visit. Records pertaining to management of hazardous and other wastes (Form -3) were not maintained.

**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; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in view of the above observations, and in exercise of the powers vested to the Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, following directions are issued to the Unit (**M/s Numaligarh Refinery Limited, District Golaghat, Assam**) to comply with within 30 days:

1. The Unit shall provide flow meters at the raw water abstraction point and treated effluent reuse line to quantify the raw water consumed and quantity of treated effluent being reused and shall maintain proper records of the same.
2. The Unit shall provide designated space to store the hazardous waste and shall maintain proper records of maintenance of hazardous and other wastes (Form- 3) as per Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016.

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

  
(Tanmay Kumar)  
Chairman  


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