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To,

M/s CSON Paper Mills,
(Formerly known as M/s Gramox Paper & Boards Pvt Ltd),
Muvattupuzha, Ernakulam, Kerala-686673

DIRECTION (SHOW CAUSE NOTICE) 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, it is obligatory on the part of industries to install effluent treatment plants (ETPs) and air pollution control devices (APCDs) to comply with the effluent and emission standards as notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the Rules framed there under and also to meet the consent conditions granted by State Pollution Control Board (SPCBs)/ Pollution Control Committees (PCCs); and

WHEREAS, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) carried out the inspection of M/s CSON Paper Mills, Muvattupuzha, Ernakulam, Kerala (hereafter referred to as 'the Unit') on 14.05.2023 under 'Environmental surveillance of 17 categories of highly potential industries and common facilities' based on real-time OCEMS (online continuous effluent monitoring system) data program. The major observations made by the inspection team are as following:

1. The Unit was operational and was involved in the production of Paper board using wastepaper as raw material.
2. The Unit has valid integrated consent to operate (CTO) with validity up to 30.06.2023. The Unit has applied for renewal for 05 years in March 2023 which was under process during inspection.
3. The Unit, having ETP capacity of 966m³. It was informed that total 2400 m³ effluent is generated, out of which 1560 m³ is treated in primary system & re-circulated and balance 840 m³ is treated in secondary biological process.

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4. During inspection, samples were collected from the ETP outlet and analysis was conducted in Kerala PCB Lab. The analysis results indicates: pH-8.09 (against 5.5-9.0), TSS-10.3mg/l(against 100), COD-101.5 mg/l (against 250) & BOD-6.5mg/l (against 30) which is showing compliance w.r.t KSPCB standard.
5. During the visit, OCEMS reading for COD & pH were 64.02 & 8.9 respectively which is showing variation from the manual analysis results.
6. It was informed by the Unit that the, ETP was recently augmented and as per augmentation plan, 25m³ of treated wastewater is used for irrigation/agriculture. However, during inspection stagnated pool of wastewater was observed in the plot/land and there was no organized cultivation of crops apart from a few plantation trees and fodder grasses.
7. Presently treated water is partially discharged to Kothamangalam River and partially used for irrigation. However, as per the consent condition, entire treated water needs to be recycled.
8. During inspection, it was observed that the secondary clarifier overflow weir was completely dry which indicates intermittent operation of ETP.
9. A pit lined with rubble wall under the ETP sludge filter press was installed which is not being used and is accumulating wastewater due to seepage. This pit may be removed, if it is not used for any treatment purpose or it may be lined properly to stop seepage.
10. The plastics and other debris separated from the pulping machines are stored haphazardly in the premise.
11. Ash from rice husk fired boiler is stored in open space in contrary to Kerala SPCB direction to store under roof with three side barriers.
12. The OCEMS installed in the unit is not connected to the CPCB server and service provider/ industry needs to update the OCEMS registration with RTDMS with the details of new OCEMS instruments.
13. Display Board for display of environmental data at entry gate was not installed by the Unit.

WHEREAS, it was observed that **the name of M/s Gramox Paper & Board Ltd. was changed to M/s CSON paper Mills Pvt Ltd**, subsequent to demerger as per order dated 23.08.2018 of the National Company Law Tribunal(NCLT) Single Bench, Chennai u/s 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 in the matter of scheme of Arrangement (Demerger) between M/s Gramox Paper & Boards Ltd (Demerged Company) and M/s CSON Paper Mills Pvt Ltd (Resulting Company), and

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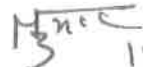
WHEREAS, as per clause 5 of the scheme of arrangement (Demerger), upon becoming the scheme effective i.e from the appointed date (01.10.2015), all the properties of the demerged business shall become the property of the resulting company and all the liabilities shall become the liabilities of the Resulting Company, and

WHEREAS, M/s Gramox Paper & Board Ltd. was issued closure direction u/s 5 of E(P)Act 1986 by CPCB on 30.08.2016 regarding non-installation & non-connectivity of OCEMS & directed to seek permission from CPCB before resumption of manufacturing operations, however, the Unit M/s CSON Paper Mills Pvt Ltd. has not obtained revoke direction from CPCB against aforesaid closure direction; and

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Environment, Forest, & Climate Change, 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 other standards and norms; and

NOW, therefore, in view of the above observations and in exercise of the powers delegated to the Chairman, CPCB under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, a **notice is hereby served to the Unit i.e. M/s CSON Paper Mills**, (Formerly known as M/s Gramox Paper & Boards Pvt Ltd), Muvattupuzha, Ernakulam, Kerala) **to Show Cause as to why the action as per law should not be taken against the Unit** for observed non-compliance's including levying of Environmental Compensation (EC) for operation of the Unit without seeking revoke direction from CPCB and connectivity of the OCEMS to CPCB server.

You are hereby given an opportunity to submit your reply /objection (duly notarized) to the above proposed direction within 15 days from the receipt of this notice, failing which it will be presumed that you have nothing to say and appropriate action, in accordance with the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, will be taken against the Units without giving any further notice.


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CHAIRMAN

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MEMBER SECRETARY

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