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M/s Maithri Drugs Pvt. Ltd.,
(formerly known as M/s Bajaj Organics Pvt. Ltd.)
Sy. No.222, 223, 224 & 225, IDA Bonthapally (V)
Jinnaram (Mandal) Sangareddy_Dist. Telangana

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

WHEREAS, 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 thereunder; 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, Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients Intermediates manufacturing company, M/s Maithri Drugs Pvt. Ltd., Telangana (hereinafter referred to as the Unit) was randomly selected for inspection based on the OCEMS surprise inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Unit was inspected by a team of official(s) from Regional Directorate – Chennai on January 23, 2024 to assess the adequacy of the existing pollution control measures and observed the following shortcomings/non-compliance:

- i. The Unit has not provided proper display board at the main entrance gate as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court order in WP-657/1995.
- ii. The ETP was not operational due to less effluent generation during the visit.
- iii. The team verified no data transfer to CPCB (1 Year) and TSPCB (6 months) servers for the flow meters.

- iv. Adequate number of flow meters were not installed and none of the flow meters were working and calibrated periodically.
- v. Low TDS effluent discharge (on an average 34 KLD) is more than the consented quantity 2.7 KLD.
- vi. The connectivity of LTDS flow-meter in the effluent stream pipeline is not proper and no records are maintained in respect of High TDS effluent generation, treatment and the quantity of condensate sent to Low TDS treatment.
- vii. The Unit does not maintain proper records of the other hazardous waste generated, stored, disposed, recovered and reused with respect to spent carbon, ETP sludge, waste oil, spent solvents, mixed solvents, containers and container liner.
- viii. Hazardous waste was not properly segregated, stored, packaged and leveled as per HOWM Rules, 2016.
- ix. The Unit was violating the consent condition by disposing the process organic residue, inorganic and MEE salt through co-processing. However, as per consent conditions, inorganic and MEE salt is to be disposed to TSDF for landfill.
- x. Fugitive emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were observed from solvents storage area.

WHEREAS, it was verified by IT division, Central Pollution Control Board, Delhi on February 26, 2024 that the flow meter of High TDS, Low TDS and RO Permeate outlet & camera is connected to CPCB server; and but the camera feed was not loading/streaming; and

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, the Unit is hereby directed to comply with the following directions within 60 days from receipt of the directions:

- i. The Unit shall provide proper display boards at the entrance gates in accordance with the Hon'ble Supreme Court order in WP-657/1995.
- ii. The Unit shall ensure uninterrupted connectivity of OCEMS flow meters and camera with CPCB server for real time data transfer without fail.
- iii. The Unit shall provide adequate numbers of flow meters and ensure ZLD conditions as per CTO .
- iv. The unit shall ensure generation of Low TDS effluent within the consented quantity or get the CTO amended from the TSPCB as per the requirement.
- v. The Unit shall remove all flexi pipelines connected in the ETP and provide permanent pipelines.

- vi. The Unit shall prepare water balance and shall maintain records of High TDS effluent generation and treatment and also the quantity of condensate sent to Low TDS treatment.
- vii. The Unit shall ensure proper fugitive emission control mechanism adopted in the production/process and hazardous waste storage area.
- viii. The Unit shall stop storage of spent/mixed solvent in open area and provide proper closed shed system for storage.
- ix. The Unit shall maintain records in respect of other hazardous waste and ensure that the hazardous waste is properly segregated, stored, packaged and leveled as per HOWM Rules, 2016.

In case of failure to comply with the above-mentioned directions, necessary action as deemed fit under the provision of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 will be taken by CPCB.

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(Tanmay Kumar)
Chairman

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