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November 27, 2024

To,

M/s Somnath Craft Mill LLP  
(Old Name-Somnath Craft Mill Pvt Ltd)  
Plot no 50/2P1, Lakhdhirnagar - 363641,  
Morbi, Gujarat

**SHOW CAUSE NOTICE UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE ENVIRONMENT (PROTECTION) ACT, 1986**

**WHEREAS**, the pulp and paper industries (30 TPD and above) are identified as one of the 17 categories of highly polluting industries which have been discharging environmental pollutants directly or indirectly into the ambient water and air, 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**, 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**, M/s Somnath Craft Mill LLP (Old Name-Somnath Craft Mill Pvt Ltd), Plot no 50/2P1, Lakhdhirnagar, Morbi, Gujarat (hereafter referred to as 'the Unit') is engaged in the production of MG craft Paper (Corrugated Box & Packaging) using wastepaper as a raw material with consented production capacity of 6000MT/M. The Unit has obtained CC & A (Consolidated Consent and Authorization) having validity till 13.09.2026; and

**WHEREAS**, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) carried out the inspection of the Unit on 31.05.2024 under 'Environmental surveillance of 17 categories of highly potential industries and common facilities' based on real-time OCEMS (online continuous effluent monitoring system) data programme. The major observations made by the inspection team are given below:

1. The Unit has applied for NOC to CGWA for groundwater extraction from borewell. The record of groundwater abstraction is not maintained by the Unit.
2. During visit, no wastewater discharge/ storage was observed. As per the Consent, the generated wastewater after providing required treatment shall be recycled in the manufacturing process and shall maintain ZLD condition.
3. The Unit has installed flow-meter and camera at the backwater recycled water line. However, Camera is not connected to GPCB/CPCB server. Record of treated wastewater recycled in the process is not maintained in the logbook by the Unit.

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4. The Unit, having boiler of 16 TPH capacity using coal/lignite as fuel, has installed ESP & Alkali scrubber system (as APCD). The Stack monitoring was carried out and the lab analysis result showed PM-85.50mg/Nm<sup>3</sup> (against GPCB norms of 150mg/Nm<sup>3</sup>), **SO<sub>2</sub>-560.73 ppm** (against GPCB norms of 100ppm) & **NO<sub>x</sub>-295 ppm** (against GPCB norms of 50ppm). The results reveal that SO<sub>2</sub> & NO<sub>x</sub> monitored parameters are **non-complying** with the emission standard prescribed by GPCB.
5. As informed by the Unit, 62.30 metric tons (MT) of non-recyclable plastic waste disposed of through manifest system to M/s Gajambuja Cement, Junagad, Gujarat. During visit, about 80MT non-recyclable plastic waste was stored in the premises of industry.
6. The Unit information on the display board, installed at the entrance gate, was not visible as it was hidden behind the bushes.

**WHEREAS**, it is evident from the above observations that the Unit is violating the consent condition by **non-complying** with GPCB prescribed emission standard for SO<sub>2</sub> & NO<sub>x</sub> parameters. The Unit has not connected web camera with CPCB & GPCB server.

**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, the Unit i.e. **M/s Somnath Craft Mill LLP**, Lakhdhiragar, Morbi, Gujarat, **is hereby directed to show cause as to why the Unit should not be directed to close all its manufacturing operations** till compliance of the following:

1. The Unit shall immediately upgrade/optimize the performance of APCD including other measures, as necessary, to ensure consistent compliance with the prescribed emission and submit lab analysis result from the EPA/NABL recognized/accredited lab to CPCB within 30 days.
2. The installed PTZ camera shall immediately be connected to CPCB and GPCB server as per OCEMS guidelines of CPCB within 45 days.
3. The Unit shall install flow-meter at inlet of ETP and treated effluent recycle line.
4. The Unit shall maintain logbook record of freshwater intake (borewell), wastewater generation and treated water consumption/recycle in the process.
5. The plastic waste stored & generated shall be managed & disposed of as per the provision of Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 (as amended). As per the provision 8(1)(b) of Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 (as amended) "*Waste generator shall not litter the plastic waste and ensure segregated storage of waste*



*at source and handover segregated waste to urban local body or Gram Panchayat or agencies appointed by them or registered waste pickers', registered recyclers or waste collection agencies".*

6. The Unit shall calibrate the OCEMS (flow-meter & Camera) and submit the report to CPCB.
7. The display board at main entrance gate be properly displayed ensuring that the same is clearly visible to public and data shall be updated regularly.

You are hereby given an opportunity to submit your reply /objection (duly notarized) to the above proposed notice 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.

  
(TANMAY KUMAR)  
CHAIRMAN

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3. **The Director (CP Division)** : For kind information pl.  
Ministry of Environment, Forest  
and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran  
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(BHARAT KUMAR SHARMA)  
MEMBER SECRETARY

