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To,

M/s Avanti Leathers Limited
Avanti, Kambakkam Village,
Varadaiahpalem (P&M)
Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh - 517541

Sub: Directions under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 regarding installation of on-line effluent monitoring system.

WHEREAS, the Tannery industries are identified as one of the 17 categories of highly polluting industries which have been discharging environmental pollutants directly or indirectly on land or into water, having potential threat to cause adverse effect on land and the water 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 inculcate habit of self monitoring within the industries for complying with the prescribed standards, and this can be achieved by the methods like installing online effluent monitoring devices; and

WHEREAS, for strengthening the monitoring and compliance through self regulatory mechanism, online effluent monitoring systems need to be installed and operated by the industries on 'polluter pays principle'; and

WHEREAS, a direction under section 18 (1) (b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 was issued on February 05, 2014 to all the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)/ Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) for installation of online effluent monitoring system in tannery industries by March 31, 2015 w.r.t. Flow and pH, TSS, BOD, COD and Cr parameters;

WHEREAS vide guidelines uploaded on website of CPCB dated November 7, 2014, CPCB clarified the methods for monitoring various prescribed parameters, and further clarified that flow meter & web camera may be installed in case of Units with zero liquid discharge (ZLD) by March 31, 2015, and vide FAQs posted on website of CPCB in September 2015, CPCB clarified the points related to CETP member units that such units shall install online electromagnetic flow meter and web camera; and

WHEREAS, considering the requests/ representations received from industries/ industrial associations/ SPCBs/PCCs, an extension of time up to June 30, 2015 for installation of online monitoring systems was granted vide directions dated March 02, 2015 under section 18 (1) (b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974;

WHEREAS, a letter dated May 29, 2015 was issued by the Chairman CPCB to all the SPCBs/PCCs informing that no further extension of time will be given after June 30, 2015 and withdrawal of consent to operate along with forfeiture of bank guarantee of non-complying Units; and

WHEREAS, concerned SPCB/ PCC issued directions under section 33A of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 to install the online monitoring system by June 30, 2015 and to submit bank guarantee of 100% of the cost of online effluent monitoring system;

WHEREAS, Chairman, CPCB in exercise of the powers delegated, under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, issued Notice under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 vide letter dated July 22, 2015 to the Tannery industries including M/s Avanti Leathers Limited, Avanti, Kambakkam Village, Varadaiahpalem (P&M), Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh – 517541 (hereafter referred as “Unit”) to show cause as to why they should not be closed down if unit has not complied fully with the directions issued w.r.t installation of Online Continuous Effluent Monitoring System by June 30, 2015 which also required submission of documentary evidence regarding status of installation of online effluent monitoring system; and

WHEREAS, the Unit vide letter dated 10.03.2016 informed that the installation of Online Continuous Effluent Monitoring System (OCEMS) is under progress; and

WHEREAS, the Unit did not communicate about the completion of installation and connectivity of Online Continuous Effluent Monitoring System (OCEMS) to CPCB; and

WHEREAS, Chairman, CPCB, vide letter dated 26.7.2016 issued directions to the Unit to close down all manufacturing operations immediately till installation of Online Continuous Effluent Monitoring System and its connectivity to CPCB and SPCB.

WHEREAS, the Unit vide letter dated 26.8.2016 informed about installation of OCEMS and its connectivity to CPCB;

WHEREAS, the Unit did not do the registration on CPCB Industrial Registration Portal and further problem in data connectivity was observed;

WHEREAS, the Unit vide letter dated 2.11.2016 informed about completion of registration on CPCB Industry Registration Portal and steps taken to resolve the problem of connectivity;

WHEREAS, the Unit vide e-mail 27.7.2017 forwarded copy of its letter dated 7.7.2017 requesting CPCB for revoke of closure orders, enclosing self certificate of closure and copy of valid consents under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

WHEREAS, the status of OCEMS connectivity was re-checked with CPCB, IT division and CPCB, IT division has confirmed connectivity;

NOW THEREFORE, in view of the compliance of the CPCB directions by the Unit and in exercise of the powers delegated to the Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 the closure directions dated 26.7.2017 are hereby revoked and the Unit: M/s Avanti Leathers Limited, Avanti, Kambakkam Village, Varadaiahpalem (P&M), Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh – 517541 is hereby permitted to restart the manufacturing operations.

The Unit shall ensure compliance with the prescribed discharge norms and proper functioning of OCEMS.

In case of failure of the Unit to comply with the norms action as deemed fit under the provision of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 shall be taken against the Unit.


(S.P. Singh Parihar)
Chairman

Copy to:

1. **The Chairman,** : For necessary action please
Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board
Paryavaran Bhavan, A-III, Industrial Estate,
Sanath Nagar, Hyderabad -A.P,
2. **District Magistrate,** : For necessary action please
Chittoor District, A.P.
3. **Chief Engineer,** : With the request to re-connect electricity
Southern Power Distribution Company of A.P. Ltd., supply
D.no:19-13-65/a, Srinivasapuram
Tiruchanoor road, Tirupati – 517503
4. **The Advisor (CP Division)**
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
Prithvi Wing, 2nd Floor, Room No. 216
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, JorBagh Road
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5. **The Regional Director,**
Central Pollution Control Board
Regional Directorate (South)
1st & 2nd Floors, Nisarga Bhavan
A-Block, Thimmaiah Main Road
7th D Cross, Shivanagar,
Bengaluru –560 079
6. **Divisional Head, IT Division, CPCB**



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