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To

M/s Bihar Sponge Iron Limited,
Umesh Nagar, Chandil,
Dist.- Seraikela - Kharsawan,
Jharkhand - 832 401

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

Ref.: CPCB Closure Letter No. B-33014/3/2016/PCI-II/7512, dated-18.01.2016.

WHEREAS, integrated iron and steel plants and sponge iron units are identified as one of the 17 categories of highly polluting industries which discharge environmental pollutants directly or indirectly into the ambient 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, 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 and emission monitoring devices; and

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

WHEREAS, for installation and connectivity of the Online Continuous Emission / Effluent Monitoring System (OCEMS) CPCB prepared "Guidelines for Real-time Effluent Quality Monitoring System" and "Revised Guidelines for Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems August 2018", and

WHEREAS, a direction under section 18 (1) (b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 was issued on February 05, 2014 to all the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)/ Pollution Control

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Committees (PCCs) for installation of OCEMS (effluent and emission) in iron & steel industries and sponge iron units; and

WHEREAS, considering the representations received from industries/ industrial associations/ SPCBs / PCCs, an extension of time up to June 30, 2015 for installation of OCEMS was granted vide directions dated March 02, 2015 under section 18 (1) (b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981; and

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, a notice under Section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act 1986, was issued on July 23, 2015 to all integrated iron & steel plants and sponge iron units to show-cause as to why the units should not be closed if the units have not complied fully with the directions issued w.r.t. installation of OCEMS by June 30, 2015. Further it was directed to submit documentary evidence regarding status of installation and connectivity; and

WHEREAS, it was informed by M/s Bihar Sponge Iron Limited, Umesh Nagar, Chandil, Saraikela - Kharsawan, Jharkhand that the unit was not in operation. Therefore, in exercise of powers vested under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, M/s Bihar Sponge Iron Limited, Umesh Nagar, Saraikela - Kharsawan, Jharkhand was directed on 18.01.2016 to not restart operation till OCEMS is installed and the same is uplinked with CPCB website; and

WHEREAS, M/s Bihar Sponge Iron Limited, Umesh Nagar, Saraikela - Kharsawan, Jharkhand submitted OCEMS compliance status dated-12.08.2021 and 16.09.2021 also informing that it has adopted ZLD management practices for effluent. The verification of OCEMS has been done by IT Division on 08.09.2021; and

WHEREAS, the unit has submitted required self-certificate dated-15.9.2021 and proof of applying for Consent vide letter dated-16.09.2021 and 20.09.2021; and

WHEREAS, in view of the above compliance the case was placed before the Three-Member Committee on 05.10.2021 for consideration and the Three-Member Committee has recommended the case for revocation of direction. The Committee recommended that units will operate with valid Consent from SPCB and ensure that OCEMS is installed and maintained as per CPCB guidelines.

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,

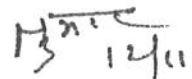

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Central Pollution Control Board, to issue directions to any industry or any local body or any other authority for violations of the standards and rules notified under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 and amendment thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of powers vested to the Chairman, CPCB under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, and in view of compliance with relevant direction under reference, the closure direction issued under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, to **M/s Bihar Sponge Iron Limited, Umesh Nagar, Saraikela - Kharsawan, Jharkhand** vide letter dated 18.01.2016 is hereby revoked with conditions that:


1. The Unit shall communicate date of commencement of plant operation to CPCB and the revocation conveyed vide the aforesaid would be for an initial period of three months after commencement of the plant operation, and in case of compliance of the emission/effluent as per prescribed standards, further revocation would be deemed as having been granted.
2. The Unit shall ensure uninterrupted data connectivity of OCEMS with CPCB server after resumption of operation of the plant.
3. The Unit shall obtain valid consent to operate from Jharkhand SPCB before commencement of operations.
4. The unit shall ensure periodic calibration of the analyzers as per standard operating procedure/ recommendations of the supplier and submit the calibration results.

In case of non-compliance by the Unit action as deemed fit under the provisions of Environment (P) Act, 1986, including imposition of environmental compensation as per Environmental Compensation Policy framed by CPCB in compliance of Hon'ble NGT order dt.-31.08.2018 in OA No. 593/2017, shall be taken.


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Chairman


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