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B-29016/04/06/IPC-I/ 2278

28 June , 2022

M/s Lakshmi Druga Drugs and Intermediates Pvt Ltd,
#94 & 95 (P), KIADB Industrial Area
Humanabad, Bidar, 500085
Karnataka

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

WHEREAS, the 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 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, Pharmaceutical unit, M/s. Lakshmi Druga Drugs and Intermediates Pvt Ltd, Karnataka (herein after referred to as the Unit) was randomly selected for inspection based on the SMS alerts generated through the OCEMS installed at the Unit; and

WHEREAS, the Unit was inspected by a team of official(s) from the CPCB Regional Directorate Bengaluru on February 17, 2021 to assess the adequacy of the existing pollution control measures and observed the following shortcomings:

1. The Unit is using MEE condensate for cooling tower make up water which is exceeding the norms w.r.t pH- (5.3 < 6-8.5), COD- (5555mg/l > 250mg/l), BOD-(2950mg/l > 30mg/l and TDS - 22234 mg/l > 2100 mg/l. The other set of sample which were analysed by M/s Nexus Test Labs Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru was also exceeding w.r.t. these parameters.
2. The spent solvent drums kept openly in the premises.
3. The Unit has not provided display board at hazardous waste storage room and display board at main entrance gate was updated.
4. The spillage collection drains for collection of spilled solvents and chemicals are not provided in the process area and these spillages are manually collected in drums.
5. The Unit has not calibrated online flow meter since its installation i.e. 20.01.2016.
6. The online OCEMS data at TPDS server and CPCB RTDMS server are mismatching and video streaming is not available.

WHEREAS, in view of non compliance observed during inspection, a show cause notice vide letter no. B-29016/04/06/IPC-I/1555 dated June 02, 2021 was issued to the Unit; and

WHEREAS, a reply was received from the Unit on July 05, 2021 wherein the unit submitted point wise compliance along with a copy of analysis report from MoEF&CC recognize lab Nexus Test Lab wherein the value of pH, TDS, COD, BOD is within the prescribed limits; and

WHEREAS, the Unit was re-inspected for compliance verification by RO, Bidar, Karnataka SPCB on August 23, 2021 and observed that MEE condensate sample was exceeding the prescribed norms w.r.t. COD (360 mg/l > 250 mg/l), BOD (69 mg/l > 30 mg/l); and

WHEREAS, on the basis of non-compliance observed, a closure direction under section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act 1986 was issued to the Unit vide letter no. B-29016/04/06/IPC-I/9440 dated December 08, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Unit has submitted the compliance of directions vide letter dated April 27, 2022, and submitted self-certificate dated December 09, 2021 that the Unit has already stopped all its manufacturing operations in compliance to the directions; and

WHEREAS, the Unit has submitted an ETP system adequacy report dated April 26, 2022 from Institute of Science and Technology, Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad copy of authorization under HOWM Rules, 2016 & consent to operate under the Water & Air Act valid up to June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, CPCB constituted a Three-member committee vide office order dated 03.10.2017 having representative(s) from CPCB and MoEF&CC for examination and recommendation for revocation of the closure direction issued by CPCB; and

WHEREAS, the Three-member committee in its meeting held on June 8, 2022 examined the ETP system adequacy report and recommended for revocation of closure direction with following conditions that:

1. The Unit shall communicate date of commencement of plant operation to CPCB and revocation would be for an initial period of three months after the commencement of the plant operation, and in case of compliance of the effluent/emission as per prescribed standards, further revocation would be deemed as having been granted.
2. The Unit shall submit performance assessment of the treatment system including analysis of treated effluent by the same reputed Government Institute, within 60 days from the date of resumption of manufacturing operations.
3. The Unit shall ensure uninterrupted data connectivity of OCEMS with CPCB server after commencement of operation of the plant.

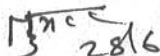
WHEREAS, the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India, vide Notifications No. S. O. 157 (E) of 27.02.1996 and S. O. 730 (E) dated

10.07.2002, has delegated the powers vested under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) to the Chairman, 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, Central Pollution Control Board under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, and in view of the compliance of above directions, the directions issued under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to the Unit (M/s. Lakshmi Druga Drugs and Intermediates Pvt Ltd, Karnataka) vide letter dated December 8, 2021 is hereby revoked with following conditions:

1. The Unit shall communicate date of commencement of plant operation to CPCB and revocation would be for an initial period of three months after the commencement of the plant operation, and in case of compliance of the effluent/emission as per prescribed standards, further revocation would be deemed as having been granted.
2. The Unit shall submit performance assessment of the treatment system including analysis of treated effluent by the same reputed Government Institute, within 60 days from the date of resumption of manufacturing operations.
3. The Unit shall ensure uninterrupted data connectivity of OCEMS with CPCB server after commencement of operation of the plant.

In case of failure to comply with the aforesaid directions necessary action as deemed fit under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 including imposition of environmental compensation will be taken by Central Pollution Control Board against the unit.


(Tanmay Kumar)
Chairman



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3. The Additional Secretary (CP Division)
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4. The Chairman
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of the Unit.
5. Divisional Head, IT, CPCB
6. Divisional Head, IPC VI, CPCB


(B. Vinod Babu)

For Member Secretary