



SPEED POST

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To,

M/s Globus Spirits Ltd. (Distillery unit),  
Plot No. B-7, Panagarh Industrial Park,  
P.O-Kota, District- Purba Bardhaman,  
West Bengal-713148

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**REVOCATION DIRECTION UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE ENVIRONMENT (PROTECTION) ACT, 1986**

**WHEREAS**, Distilleries 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/emission 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 discharge 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**, the Hon'ble NGT (EZ Bench), Kolkata, vide its order dated 27.07.2022; in the matter of All India Anti-corruption Organization Vs Govt. of West Bengal & Ors (O.A. No. 96/2022/EZ); directed for constitution of a Joint Committee comprising of officials from CPCB and WBPCB to examine the allegations against M/s Globus Spirits Ltd. (Distillery Unit) regarding discharge of its waste water flowing through sewage canal, namely, De Morol which further meets MC-Carmel and ultimately to Khari River; and

**WHEREAS**, in compliance of the said Hon'ble NGT order dated 27.07.2022, the team of CPCB and WBPCB carried out the joint inspection of the Unit on September 07-08, 2022. The major observations made by the joint inspection team during the visit are as follows:

1. The Distillery Unit was found operational during the visit.
2. During inspection leakage from collection tank of ETP-2(new) was observed & effluent was seen to find its way to storm water drain including wash water from production sections. The Unit has kept arrangement of pump & flexible pipes to return such water to

collection tank of ETP, but mixing of industrial wastewater with storm water is totally undesirable. Wastewater was seen to be discharged outside through an outlet in the southern boundary wall. The discharged untreated wastewater finds its way to sewerage channel/canals namely De Morol & MC-3. From the state of MC-3 canal specially, which had the characteristic odour of distillery wastewater, it was quite evident that the distillery Unit discharges its wastewater on regular basis thus violating the condition of ZLD as given in EC and NOC/CTO.

3. Water samples were collected from different locations, namely, New & Old ETPs and outlet Drain near CO<sub>2</sub> plant for analysis by the team.
4. Analysis results of the effluent outlet drain near CO<sub>2</sub> plant showed **pH-5.4, TSS-744 mg/L, COD-22047 mg/L & BOD-19148 mg/L** which clearly indicates the unit is discharging untreated wastewater to outside of the plant premises.
5. Analysis results of effluent sample from old ETP outlet showed **COD-1063 mg/L & BOD-497 mg/L** which indicates that ETP is not functioning well.
6. Analysis results of the effluent samples collected from various drains/canal (outside the plant boundary wall; De Moral Canal and MC-3 canal) showed **pH:4.8-5.7, BOD: 657-8874 mg/L & COD-1181-10827 mg/L** which clearly indicates the mixing of effluent from distillery Unit.
7. The analysis result of upstream and downstream of Khari River did not shown any significant impact of Distillery effluent in the downstream of Khari River. It may be due to the ongoing monsoon season or mixing of some other Canal water into Khari River.
8. The stack emission monitoring result showed that the Unit is complying with the Particulate matter (PM) standard.
9. The coal crusher section was observed to have no dust suppression arrangement. Fugitive emission from fly-ash silos was seen to be quite frequent. The Unit could not produce the documentation regarding generation and disposal of fly ash.

**WHEREAS**, as per the joint report, the said Distillery Unit is grossly violating the norms/consent order issued by WBPCB and also violating the ZLD condition as given in EC / Consent order. The discharge of untreated wastewater of such high organic load outside the Unit premises and Canal is posing grave injury to the surrounding environment, water body and Khari River; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the findings of joint inspection team, CPCB issued closure direction dated 21.12.2022 to M/s Globus Spirits Ltd. (Distillery Unit) under section 5 of E(P) Act, 1986 and directed to close all the manufacturing operations of the Unit till compliance of directions thereof; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Unit vide its letter dated 06.01.2023 and 16.01.2023 has submitted the compliance status of the closure direction dated 21.12.2022 along with 'self-certificate' wherein Unit has declared to have close down all its manufacturing operations w.e.f. 13.01.2023; and

**WHEREAS**, it is evident from above said observations that the Unit has continued to violate the consent conditions from 07.09.2022 till date of closure of the manufacturing operations i.e. 13.01.2023; and

**WHEREAS**, as per the formula developed for Environmental Compensation by CPCB, for the continuous operation of the Unit violating the environmental norms including terms & conditions of Consent to Operate, the total environmental compensation amount of **Rs.48,00,000/-** (Forty-Eight Lakhs only) is calculated for non-compliance period (07.09.2022 to 13.01.2023) i.e. 128 days; and

**WHEREAS**, in compliance of the said closure direction and to verify the compliance made by the Unit, a team of officials from CPCB inspected the Unit on 08.02.2023 to physically verify the compliance made by the Unit. The Unit was found closed during the visit and there was no discharge of effluent outside the plant premises and submitted the inspection report to CPCB; and

**WHEREAS**, CPCB has constituted a three member Committee vide office order dated 03.10.2017 having representative(s) from CPCB and MOEF&CC for examination and recommendation of the revocation of closure directions issued by CPCB; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee in its meeting held on 17.03.2023 reviewed the compliance made by the Unit & verified the submitted supporting documents in line with the agreed criteria and recommended that the Unit may be allowed to resume its manufacturing operation with conditions; and

**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 closure direction issued to the Unit [M/s Globus Spirits Ltd. (Distillery unit), Plot No.B-7, Panagarh Industrial Park, P.O-Kota, Purba Bardhaman, WB] is hereby revoked and the Unit is allowed to resume its manufacturing operations subject to the following conditions:

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1. The Unit shall deposit the Environmental Compensation(EC) amount of **Rs.48,00,000/-** (Forty-Eight Lakhs only) in CPCB account A/C No.532702050000164 (Bank Name: Union Bank Of India, IP Extension, Branch, Vikas Marg Extn.,Delhi; IFSC:UBIN0553271) for observed non-compliances/violation, before start of manufacturing operations.
2. The Unit shall communicate date of commencement of plant operation to CPCB and revocation would be granted for an initial period of three months after the commencement of operation and in case of compliance of conditions as stipulated below, the revocation direction shall be deemed to continuing on the stipulated conditions.
3. Before commencement of operations, the Unit shall obtain valid Consents under the Water Act, Air Act, and Authorization under Hazardous & other Wastes Rules, 2016 from SPCB and industry shall not operate under any circumstances without valid consent orders.
4. The Unit shall submit actual performance assessment report of installed ZLD system & ETP including analysis of treated effluent by the same reputed Govt. Institute within 60 days from the date of resumption of the operations.
5. The Unit shall ensure uninterrupted data connectivity of OCEMS with CPCB server after commencement of operation of the plant.
6. The Unit shall ensure periodic calibration of the OCEMS analyzers as per Standard Operating Procedure/recommendations of the supplier and submit the calibration results to CPCB.

In case of default in compliance of the above conditions, CPCB will be constrained to initiate further action against the Unit including withdrawal of the revocation direction, in accordance with the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, without giving any further notice.

M.K.C 6/4/23  
(TANMAY KUMAR)  
CHAIRMAN

Copy to:

1. **The Member Secretary,** : With a request to ensure  
West Bengal Pollution Control Board compliance of the above  
Paribesh Bhawan,10A, Block-LA, Sector-III, conditions please.  
Bidhannagar, Kolkata-700 106
2. **The Director,(CP Division),** : For information please.  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & CC  
Prithvi Block, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
Jorbagh Road,  
New Delhi - 110 003

3. **The Regional Director,**  
Regional Directorate, Central Pollution  
Control Board, 1582, Rajdanga Main Road,  
Kolkata 700107 : For follow up and  
ensuring compliance  
please
4. **The District Magistrate**  
Kachhari Road, Kalibazar Para, Burdwan,  
West Bengal 713101 : For information please
5. **The Director,(Distribution)**  
West Bengal State Electricity Distribution  
Company Limited (WBSEDCL),  
Administrative Building, 1st floor, Power  
House, Bardhaman, District - Purba  
Bardhaman Pin-713101. : With a request to restore  
the power supply to the  
unit please.
6. ✓ The Div. Head, IT Division, CPCB Delhi : With a request to upload  
the direction at CPCB  
website, please
7. The Div. Head IPC-III Divison For information please.

  
**(PRASHANT GARGAVA)**  
**MEMBER SECRETARY**

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