



SPEED POST

October 31, 2017

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To

M/s Hikal Ltd.
Plot no. 629,630,
GIDC, Panoli – 394116
Gujarat

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

WHEREAS, Pesticide units 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;

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, a letter vide 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;

WHEREAS, concerned SPCB/ PCC issued directions under section 33A of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and section 31A of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 to install the online monitoring system by June 30, 2015 and to submit bank guarantee of 100% of the cost of online emission & effluent monitoring system;

WHEREAS, Show Cause Notice under Section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act 1986, was issued on July 22, 2015 to all Pesticide units to show cause as to why the unit should not be closed down if, the unit has not complied fully with the directions issued w.r.t. installation of online emission & effluent monitoring system by June 30, 2015. Further it was directed to submit documentary evidence regarding status of installation and connectivity; and

WHEREAS, the unit has informed vide letter dated August 20, 2015, regarding confirmation of OCEMS installation and connectivity to CPCB Central Server; and

WHEREAS, the unit was inspected by official of CPCB Regional Directorates, Vadodara on June 22, 2017 regarding on-line Continuous Effluent/Emission Monitoring System (OCEMS) under offline status; and

WHEREAS, closure direction was issued to the unit dated August 10, 2017 on the following points;

- (i) The unit has installed OCEMS for the parameters pH, BOD, COD, TSS and OCEMS analyzers were in operation during the visit but showing same results for a long duration.
- (ii) The effluent sample collected at the ETP outlet w.r.t COD (1922 mg/l > 1000 mg/l) and TSS (272 mg/l > 150 mg/l) are not meeting with the revised FETP inlet norms prescribed by GPCB.

WHEREAS, the unit has submitted an undertaking on August 21, 2017 that "the Unit has complied with all directions issued by CPCB and if plant is found non-compliant during verification by CPCB officials, the Unit accept to close down operations immediately and shall not operate till full compliance is achieved; and

WHEREAS, the unit (M/s Hikal Ltd. Panoli, Gujarat) has submitted the analysis report w.r.t COD (462 mg/l < 1000 mg/l) and TSS (59 mg/l < 150 mg/l) and unit has rectified clarifier rack arm motor which lead to less efficient, and now COD and TSS are meeting with the revised FETP inlet norms prescribed by GPCB;

WHEREAS, closure direction has revoked for 60 days vide letter dated August 29, 2017 on the basis of affidavit, laboratory analysis report and valid CTO up to April 24, 2018 and

WHEREAS, the unit has inspected by official of CPCB Regional Directorates, Vadodara on September 26, 2017 for verification and found comply w.r.t COD (848 mg/l < 1000 mg/l) and TSS (143 mg/l < 150 mg/l); 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 25.10.2017 examined the compliance report submitted by the Unit and recommended that the Unit may be allowed to resume operation; and

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 and the affidavit produced by the unit, the directions issued under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to M/s Hikal Ltd. Panoli, Gujarat vide letter dated August 10, 2017 is hereby revoked. In case of non-compliance by the unit, action as deemed fit under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 shall be taken.

(S. P. Singh Parihar)
Chairman

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Copy to:

1. The Chairman
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382043, Gujarat
2. General Manager,
Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Ltd, : With request to restore electricity supply of the Unit.
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Race Course, Vadodara 390007
3. The Advisor (CP Division)
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
Prithvi Wing, 2nd Floor, Room No. 216
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Aliganj, JorBagh Road, New Delhi - 110003
4. The Regional Director,
Central Pollution Control Board
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Subhanpura, Vadodara-390 003
5. The Incharge, IPC-VI, CPCB
6. The Incharge, IT, CPCB

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