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CENTRAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय भारत सरकार
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE GOVT. OF INDIA
October 31, 2017

To

M/s. Alta Laboratory Ltd.,
Khopoli, Tal. Khalapur- 410203,
Maharashtra

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

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, M/s. Alta Laboratory Ltd., Maharashtra (herein after referred to as the Unit) which comes under pharmaceutical category, has installed the Online continuous effluent Monitoring system (OCEMS) for the parameters pH, BOD, COD, TSS and Flow, as the Unit is discharging the treated effluent to the land; and

WHEREAS, it was observed by the IT division of the CPCB that the 268 sms alert were generated for the parameter pH of Online continuous effluent Monitoring system (OCEMS) during the month of 15 May- 15 June 2017; and

WHEREAS the Unit was inspected by a team of official(s) from the CPCB Regional Directorate, Vadodara on August 10, 2017 to assess the adequacy of the existing pollution control measures and online effluent monitoring system, observations of team are as follows:

1. Treated effluent samples from the sensor and from the storage tank are exceeding the MBCP norms with respect to parameters TSS (276, 200 > 100 mg/l) & COD (308, 326 > 250 mg/l) respectively.
2. The analysis results of water samples from old well showing high COD (2834 mg/l), BOD (1911 mg/l), Phenol (210.59 mg/l) and TDS (9639 mg/l).
3. The location of OCEMS was not appropriate as it is not at the outlet of final treated effluent storage tank.
4. The OCEMS readings are significantly vary with the analysis results. The Calibration and other maintenance requirement of the OCEMS are not available with the unit.
5. The unit has not provided the proper space for the storage of hazardous waste as the HDPE bags are left in the open area near Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP).
6. The housekeeping was found poor w.r.t to leakages, foul smell in the unit area with accumulation of waste water.

WHEREAS, a closure direction was issued to the Unit vide letter dated September 21, 2017 under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, as the following:

1. The Unit shall immediately close down all the plant operations and shall not resume till permission is obtained from the CPCB for the same.
2. The Unit shall operate the ETP properly so as to achieve the notified standards.
3. The Unit shall change the location of OCEMS at the outlet from final treated effluent storage tank for disposal of effluent.

4. The Unit shall calibrate & validate the Online monitoring system and also provide the calibration and maintenance requirement details of the Online monitoring system.
5. The Unit shall remove the untreated effluent from the unlined natural well and send it to the effluent treatment plant for treatment.
6. The Unit shall not store any effluent into the well and the old well should be covered.
7. The Unit shall provide proper storage space for the Hazardous waste.
8. The Unit shall improve the housekeeping in the Unit premises.

WHEREAS, the Unit vide letter dated September 26, 2017 submitted the compliance status in response to CPCB closure direction dated September 21, 2017 and requested to revoke the closure direction; and

WHEREAS, the Unit vide letter dated September 26, 2017 submitted the undertaking duly notarized, Effluent monitoring laboratory analysis report, copy of consent valid upto November 30, 2019 and requested to revoke the closure direction; and

WHEREAS, the Unit has submitted an undertaking dated September 25, 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

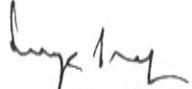
WHEREAS, the Unit has submitted third party analysis report dated September 08, 2017 from Enviocare Labs Pvt. Ltd. and the results are found within the norms prescribed by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board w.r.t parameters TSS ($58 < 100$ mg/l) & COD ($62 < 250$ mg/l);

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 with condition that the compliance report submitted by Unit shall be verified by CPCB within 30 days of resumption of 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 Chairman CPCB under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, and in view of undertaking of compliance submitted by the Unit with relevant direction under reference, the direction issued under the Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to the Unit (M/s. Alta Laboratory Ltd., Maharashtra) vide letter dated September 21, 2017 is hereby revoked. The Unit will ensure compliance with the norms. In case of non-compliance by the Unit action as deemed fit under the provisions of Environment (P) Act, 1986 shall be taken.


(S. P. Singh Parihar)
Chairman

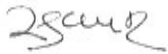


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1. The Chairman
Maharashtra State Pollution Control Board
Kalpataru Point, 3rd & 4th floors, Sion Matunga
Scheme, Road No. 8, Opp. Cine Planet,
Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai - 400 022
2. The Advisor (CP Division)
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
Prithvi Wing, 2nd Floor, Room No. 216, Indira Paryavaran
Bhawan Aliganj, JorBagh Road, New Delhi-110003
3. The Chairman : With request to restore the
Maharashtra State Electricity : electricity supply of Unit.
Distribution Comapny Limited
Hongkong Bank Building,
M.G. Road, Fort, Mumbai-400001
4. The Regional Director : With a request to ensure inspection
Central Pollution Control Board : of this Unit within 30 days of
Parivesh Bhawan, Opp VMC Ward : resumption of operations and to
office no 10, Subhanpura, Vadodara-390 023 : report the findings to HO.
- ✓ 5. The Incharge, IT, CPCB
6. The Incharge, IPC-VI, CPCB

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(A. Sudhakar)
Member Secretary