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Date 19/12/2022

To,
M/s. Shree Dudhganga Vedganga Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Bidri
Bidri (Mouninagar),
Tal. Kagal, Dist. Kolhapur.

Sub: Directions under section 33 A of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, 31 A of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 & Hazardous Waste (M, H & T) Rules, 2008 as amended.

- Ref: 1. Consent granted by the Board .
2. The news published in Daily Pudhari Newspaper on 10.12.2022 regarding fish kill mortality in River Dudhganga.
3. Visit of Committee to your unit dated 10.12.2022.
4. Online Proposal submitted by SRO Kolhapur.

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WHEREAS, you are operating your unit in 'Pollution Prevention Area' declared under Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 & Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 & Hazardous Waste (Management & TM) Rules, 2008 as amended 2016.

AND WHEREAS, it is obligatory on your part to provide adequate water and air pollution control devices and adequate health and safety & accidental precautionary measures and to operate it round o'clock so as to prevent any sort of pollution in the surrounding area and to achieve the standards laid down under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

AND WHEREAS, Board Officials visited your unit on 10/12/2022 for investigation of the News published in Daily Pudhari Newspaper on 10.12.2022 regarding fish kill mortality in River Dudhganga and observed following non compliances.

1. During visit, few dead fishes were observed in the Bandhara. Local villager Shri. Sanjay Agale informed that the incident of fish kill mortality was occurred before 4 to 5 days.
2. During visit, it was observed that you were discharging spray pond effluent without any treatment through odha located left side of ETP.
3. During visit leakages were observed from aeration Tank II & you were discharging the same effluent through nearby nalla which further meets to odha & finally to river Dudhganga.
4. During inspection overflow of equalization tank was observed accumulated at backside of ETP As per representative the incident of overflow was occurred before 2 Days.
5. You have provided bypass arrangements from equalization tank in case of overflow situation.
6. During inspection at OCMS the value of parameters shows as pH – 8.75, TSS – 84.2, BOD – 54.5, COD – 181 mg/l after that drained sample collection tank of OCMS & filled with tertiary treatment outlet & the values of parameter shows as pH – 8.75, TSS – 209, BOD – 172 COD – 573 mg/l.

7. Operation and maintenance of the Effluent Treatment plant found very poor as well as discharging the overflow of pond with effluent into nalla which further meets to River Dudhaganga.
8. You have yet not submitted the Bank guarantees of Rs. 1600000/- as per consent conditions dated 23.12.2021 and also not submitted the Bank Guarantee of Rs. 2500000/- as per consent conditions dated 10.11.2022.

AND WHEREAS, after examining the record of your case, reports of officers of the Board & making necessary enquiries, I am satisfied that you are causing Environmental Pollution problems in the surrounding area and knowingly & wilfully causing grave injury to the environment thereby violating various Environment enactments.

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred on the undersigned by the Board under section 33A of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and section 31A of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 it is proposed to issue the following directions (for avoidance of doubt, the directions include closure, prohibition or regulation of your activities).

- I) Why your industry shall not be closed down forthwith?
- II) Why competent authorities shall not be directed to disconnect your water/electricity supply till you comply with the provisions of the said Acts?

You are directed to file your reply to these directions if any, within seven days from the receipt of this notice, failing which Board shall consider issuance of appropriate further legal action as may be deemed fit in your case, which may please be noted.

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD



(J.S. Salunkhe)
Regional Officer,
M.P.C. Board, Kolhapur

Copy submitted for information.

- 1) Member Secretary, M.P.C. B, Mumbai.
- 2) Joint Director (Water Pollution Control) Mumbai.

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Sub-Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kolhapur

- He is directed to serve the directions to the above industry and submit the compliance Report along with clear cut remarks accordingly.