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Sahkar Surbhi Bapat Wadi, Near Vivekanand Colony, Amravati. Pin-444601. **"Your service is our duty"**

Date :-10/01/2022.

No : MPCB/PD/2201100001

To,

M/s. Akola Chemical (India) Ltd

Plot No. A-18, MIDC, Shivar Akola,

Tal. Dist. Akola.

- **Sub :** Proposed Directions under Section 33A of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.
- **Ref :** 1) Consent No. RO-AMRAVATI/CONSENT/1806000737 Dtd. 19/06/2018 valid upto 30.06.2026.
 - 2) Complaint received from Shri.Vinod Dadarao Tawar, Ward No. 13 At Shivar, Akola Tal. Dist. Akola on 18.11.2021.
 - 3) News published in daily news paper "Lokmat" dtd. 28.11.2021.
 - 4) Visit of undersigned dtd.29/11/2021.
 - 5) Warning Notice issued by SRO Akola vide letter no. MPCB/SRO Akola/428 dtd. 29/11/2021.
 - 6) News published in Daily Newspaper City News Superfast on 13/12/2021.
 - 7) Show Cause Notice issued vide letter no. MPCB/SCN/2112140001 dtd. 14/12/2021.
 - 8) Your reply dtd. 28/12/2021.

WHEREAS, you are operating your industry in Water and Air Pollution Prevention Area declared under the provisions of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974. AND WHEREAS, Board has granted consent to operate to the industrial activity with certain terms and conditions and it is obligatory on proprietors/ owners part to comply the same.

AND WHEREAS, in accordance with the above cited subject matter, this office is in receipt of complaint from Shri. Vinod Dadarao Tawar, Ward No. 13 At Shivar, Akola Tal. Dist. Akola on 22.11.2021 which states regarding discharge of substandard quality effluent outside factory premises and air pollution thereby giving rise to several environmental issues.

AND WHEREAS, Board Officials of this office visited your industry on 29/11/2021 to investigate the complaint matter and to ensure the compliance of the conditions stipulated in the consent to operate granted to your industry and reported non-compliances such as you were discharging substandard quality effluent outside factory premises, Board Officials of this office visited your industry on 29/11/2021 to investigate the complaint matter and to ensure the compliance of the conditions stipulated in the consent to operate granted to your industry on 29/11/2021 to investigate the complaint matter and to ensure the compliance of the conditions stipulated in the consent to operate granted to

your industry and reported following non-compliances you were discharging substandard quality effluent outside factory premises. You have provided ETP consisting of primary treatment and same was found inadequate. You have carried out expansion activity by installing additional 6 KL (GLR) without obtaining prior consent to establish and operate from M.P.C. Board. The activity of drying of protein powder in spray dryer was in progress. However, air pollution control system (scrubber) was not found in operation which resulting into smell nuisance in the vicinity. You have not provided air pollution control system to limit odoriferous emissions arising from liquid protein manufacturing reactor, activity of neutralization of protein, alkali digestion and enzymatic digestion. Housekeeping was found poor and needs improvement. You have not provided alarm system to ethyl mercaptan handling section. You have not provided online PH monitoring system alkali dosing system to scrubbing unit of mercaptan.

AND WHEREAS, in view of above non-compliances M.P.C.Board has issued Show Cause Notice to you vide letter cited at ref. no. 7.

AND WHEREAS, you have submitted your reply w.r.t. Show Cause Notice issued on 28/12/2021 which is not satisfactory.

AND WHEREAS, the above non-compliances amount serious violations and clearly shows your gross negligent attitude towards pollution control.

AND WHEREAS, it seems that, your industry is habitual defaulter and you are knowingly and willingly causing the grave injury to the Environment in the nearby area.

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred upon the undersigned under section 33A of the Water (P&CP) Act, 1974 and Air (P&CP) Act, 1981 I, hereby issue Proposed Directions against your industry as follows:

- 1. Why your unit shall not be directed to stop the manufacturing activities henceforth.
- 2. Why the competent authority shall not be directed to disconnect water/electricity supply to your unit?

You shall submit your reply/objections within a period of **15 days** from the date of receipt of these directions, failing which the Board will be constrained to issue appropriate final directions, as may deem fit in your case, which may be noted.

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE MAHARASHTRA POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD 7-2 Detaris v (Sanjay D. Patil) I/c Regional Officer, Amravati

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Copy submitted to :-

- 1. The Hon'ble Member Secretary, MPC Board, Mumbai
- 2. The Joint Director (APC), MPC Board, Mumbai.
- 3. The Law Officer (HQ), MPC Board Mumbai.

Copy to :-

Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Akola.

You are also directed to serve the copy to industry and ensure the compliance within time bound period.