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No. MPCB/RO/KOP/CD/ 24 11 110024

Date: 11)11)2024

To, M/s. Swati Minerals, S. No. 76(P), 83, 78(P), 81 & 82, Udagiri Bauxite Mines, A/p-Sittul, Tal. Shahuwadi, Dist. Kolhapur.

Sub: Closure Direction u/s 33A of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, 31 A of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 for not to restart mining activity till further directions of the Board.

- Ref: 1. Environmental Clearance issued vide no. F. No. J-11015/84/2006-IA-II (M) dated 20.12.2006.
 - Consent to Operate granted vide no. WP/RO/KOP/KRI/E-26 of 98/K-50/2684 dated 30.06.2009 valid up to 30.06.2014.
 - MoEF letter vide no. F. No. J-11015/84/2006-IA- II (M) dated 18.11.2013.
 - Closure Directions issued by the Board vide no. MPCB/RO/KOP/78/2014 dated 02.01.2014.
 - 5. Collector Office letter dated 23.08.2024.
 - 6. Forest Department letter dated 09.10.2024.
 - Legal Proposal vide no. MPCB-LEGAL_ACTIONS-211024002 Submitted by SRO Kolhapur on 24.10.2024.
 - 8. Approval received from HQ, M. P. C. Board, Mumbai on 05.11.2024.

AND WHEREAS, it is obligatory on your part to obtain valid Environmental Clearance from the competent authority as per provisions of EIA Notification, 2006, as amended for mining activity. AND WHEREAS, it is also obligatory on your part to obtain valid consent to operate from the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board u/s 26 of Water (P & CP) Act, 1974 & u/s 21 of Air (P & CP) Act, 1981.

AND WHEREAS, it is mandatory on the part of project proponent to provide adequate water and air pollution control devices, so as to prevent any sort of pollution in the surrounding area and to achieve the standards laid down under the provision of Environment (Protection) Act 1986.

AND WHEREAS, the Environmental Clearance had granted by the competent authority to your mining activity vide above reference at 1 & the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board had granted Consent to Operate vide above reference at 2.

AND WHEREAS, Ministry of Environment & Forest has issued letter for cancellation of Environmental Clearance vide above reference at 3. AND WHEREAS, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has issued Closure Directions to your mining activity vide above reference at 4.

AND WHEREAS, SRO Kolhapur has reported that at present the mining activity is not in operation & submitted legal action proposal vide above reference at 7 for issuance of Directions for not to start mining activity till to obtain valid Environmental Clearance from competent authority & valid Consent to Operate from Maharashtra Pollution Control Board.

AND WHEREAS after examining the record of your case, reports of officers of the Board & making necessary enquiries, it is confirmed that you have not obtained valid Environmental Clearance from competent authority & valid Consent to Operate from Maharashtra Pollution Control Board thereby violated the provisions of various environmental enactments.

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under Section 33A of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 & 31A of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, it is directed not to restart the mining activity without obtaining valid Environmental Clearance from competent authority & valid Consent to Operate from Maharashtra Pollution Control Board.

This is issued with approval of competent authority of the board.

(J^{l.} S. Hajare) Regional Officer, Kolhapur

Copy submitted to:-

1. The Member Secretary, M. P. C. Board, Mumbai.

2. Joint Director (APC), M. P. C. Board, Mumbai.

Copy to:-

The District Mining Officer, Kolhapur:-

It is directed not to issue permission for said mining activity till to obtain valid Environmental Clearance from competent authority & valid Consent to Operate from Maharashtra Pollution Control Board.

Copy to:-

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

It is directed to serve these Directions to the project proponent & ensure the compliance of same.