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No. MPCB/ROK/SROK-II/PD/TB-2007240003

Siddhivinayak Sankul, 3rd Floor, Near Oak Baug, Station Road,

Kalyan (West) – 421 301. Date: 24 / 07 /2020.

To,
M/s. Sontara Organic Industries,
Shed No. W - 6 & 16, MIDC Chemical Zone, Ambernath,
Tal. Ambernath, Dist. Thane.

Sub: - Proposed Directions u/s 33A of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and/or u/s 31A of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

Ref:- 1. Enforcement Policy published by the Board vide dtd. 29/02/2016.

2. Consent to Operate granted by the Board vide no. MPCB/19/09/1901000090 dtd, 02/01/2019.

3. Complaint of Shri. Jitendra Kamtaprasad Mishra regarding water pollution

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air Pollution.

4. Visit of Board officials to your unit on 20/01/2020.

5. Proposal received from Sub-Regional Officer, Kalyan – II through legal portal having no. 310120018.

WHEREAS, you are operating the industry in the pollution prevention area declared under the Provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Hazardous & Other Wastes (Management & Trans boundary Movement) Rules, 2016.

AND WHEREAS, it is obligatory on your part to obtain Conditional Combined Consent and Authorization to operate your industry to discharge sewage and trade effluent in water pollution prevention area subject to certain terms and conditions more precisely under the provisions of 26 of the Water (P&CP) Act, 1974 and section 21 of the Air (P&CP) Act, 1981 and the Hazardous & Other Wastes (Management & Trans boundary Movement) Rules, 2016. AND WHEREAS, it is also obligatory on your part to provide adequate and efficient pollution control devices and take adequate measures to control air & water pollution from all sources so as to achieve the standards prescribed in the Environment (Protection) Act 1986.

AND WHEREAS, Board has published Enforcement Policy vide under reference no. 1 to integrate various aspects including inspections, monitoring, standards, compliances, directions, remedial measures as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and other Environmental Laws based on culpability environmental damages, severity of pollution, repeated violations etc.

AND WHEREAS, Board has granted Consent to Operate with certain terms and conditions therein vide under ref. no. 2 which is valid up to 31/03/2022.

AND WHEREAS, Sub-Regional Officer, Kalyan – II has received complaint regarding water pollution & air Pollution problems caused by your unit.

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AND WHEREAS, Board officials has visited your unit on 20/01/2020 to verify the compliance of Consent conditions and to investigate the complaint.

AND WHEREAS, Sub-Regional Officer, Kalyan – II has submitted proposal to initiate action due to non-compliance observed during the visit wherein it is reported following non-compliance –

1. Provided effluent treatment plant was not in operation.

2. Seepages of industrial effluent found in storm water drain which further meets to local nalla near ACMA CETP.

3. You have failed to provide sampling arrangement i.e. port hole, ladder & platform to the stack provided to furnace oil fired boiler.

AND WHEREAS, after examination of the record of your case the reports of the officers of the Board and after making necessary inquiry, I am satisfied that you are violating above consent conditions and causing serious pollution in the surrounding area.

NOW THEREFORE, in the exercise of the power conferred upon me by Board under section 33 A of the Water (P &CP) Act, 1974 and under Section 31 A of the Air (P &CP) Act, 1981, the following directions are proposed to be issued, if you failed to comply these directions.

a) Why the Consent to Operate granted by the Board shall not be revoked / withdrawn?

b) Why your manufacturing activities shall not be stopped? till you take remedial measures in respect of above non-compliance.

c) Why the competent authorities shall not be directed to disconnect electricity and water supply of your plant on account of above non-compliances?

NOW THEREFORE, you are hereby directed to submit substantive reply / objections to these Proposed Directions within a period of 07 days, failing which, the Board will have no option than to confirm above directions against you, which may please be noted.

Regional Officer, Kalyan

Copy Submitted to for information:

1) Member Secretary, MPC Board, Sion, Mumbai.

2) Principal Scientific Officer, MPCB, Sion, Mumbai.

Copy for information: - Law officer, MPCB Sion, Mumbai.

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1) Sub Regional Officer, MPC Board, Kalyan – II – He is directed to ensure that PD to be served to the industry & submit the compliance report of PD after verification without fail.

2) Master File.