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No. MPCB/ROR/Direction/2023/ **230210-FTS-0100**

Date: **10.02.2023**

To,
**M/s. Deputy Engineer,
MIDC Sub-Div, Roha,
MIDC Dhatav, Tal. Roha,
Dist. Raigad.**

Sub: Directions under section 33 (A) of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and/or u/s. 31A of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 to take necessary steps to stop the overflow/leakages of effluent in to the Ganga and Kundalika river.

Ref:

- 1 Board consent No. Format 1.0/CC/UAN NO. 0000127535/CR/2207001646 dated 30.07.2022 which is valid upto 31.12.2026.
- 2 Direction issued by the board dated 09.04.2021 and 08.08.2022.
- 3 Letter issued by SRO Raigad-2 dated 31.01.2023 regarding overflow/leakages of effluent carrying chambers in MIDC Roha.
- 4 News appeared in Daily Newspaper Pudhari dated 03.02.2023 regarding pollution of Kunalika River due to discharge of chemical effluent.
- 5 Visit of Field Officer dated 03.02.2023.
- 6 Action proposal submitted by SRO Raigad-2 through legal module dated 07.02.2023.

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WHEREAS, the Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) is the planning Authority for providing infrastructure facilities for the MIDC area and also to ensure that the industries located in the MIDC area have been provided with all necessary infrastructure facilities viz. proper water supply, roads, drainage lines including proper collection and sewerage line as well as treatment and disposal system to the wastewater generated from the industries located in MIDC. AND WHEREAS, the responsibility of proper operation & maintenance of treated effluent discharge line is with MIDC and it was obligatory on your part to maintain the same properly.

AND WHEARS, The news appeared in daily newspaper "Pudhari on 03.02.2023 regarding pollution of Kundalika River due to overflow from effluent collecting chambers in MIDC Roha. Accordingly, the Board official visited the MIDC on 03.02.2023 for investigation, after visiting the entire area it is observed that the effluent carrying pipeline in the lane of M/s. DMC and M/s. Clariant are connected to CETP collection chambers. The leakages were observed from theses chambers. The same incidence was also taken place in the month of January 2023 and same is communicated to you vide letter dated 31.01.2023. Further, the substandard effluent observed flowing through the storm water drain which leads to further Ganga River. The Ganga River flowing behind the M/s. DMCC & M/s. Solvey Specialities which meet to Kundalika river. Therefore, it is very clear that Operation & Maintenance of MIDC drainage chambers are very poor resulting in leakages / overflow into Kundalika river

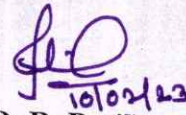
AND WHEREAS, due to such substandard effluent discharge to Kundalike river through storm water drain, may cause river pollution resulting fish kill in Kundalika river.

AND WHEREAS, after examining all the reports and records available with this office, I have come to the conclusion that you are knowingly and wilfully violating the provisions of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 & Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management, & Transboundary Movement) Rules 2016.

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by the Board u/s. 33 A of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, you are hereby directed to:

1. Repair & revamp treated effluent carrying pipeline on immediate basis.
2. Take appropriate Operation & Maintenance of chambers to avoid overflow of effluent into the Kundalika river.
3. Prepare comprehensive and 'Time bound' action plan for above work.

You are hereby directed to submit your reply within 03 days to the aforesaid show cause notice and **be present at 3:30 pm on 15.02.2023 at Regional Office, Raigad along with action taken report**. Failure which, Board will have no option then to initiate appropriate legal action against your unit, as may be deem fit in your case, which may please be noted.



(D. B. Patil)

Regional Officer, Raigad

Copy submitted for favour of information to:-

1. Hon'ble Chairman, MPC Board, Mumbai.
2. Member Secretary, MPC Board, Mumbai.

Copy forwarded with compliments to:-

1. Joint Director (APC), MPC Board, Sion, Mumbai.
2. Joint Director (WPC), MPC Board, Sion, Mumbai.
3. Law Officer, MPC Board, Sion, Mumbai.

Copy forwarded for information to:-

RIA Association, MIDC Dhatav, Tal. Roha, Raigad

Copy for information and necessary follow-up action to:-

Sub Regional Officer, Raigad-2 – He is directed to ensure that letter to be served to the CETP association & submit the compliance report of in stipulated time.