

# MAHARASHTRA POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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No. MPCB/ROR/TB/PD/22/2160001

Date: 16.12.2022

To,  
The Executive Engineer,  
Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation,  
Tal-Mahad, Dist-Raigad.

**Sub: Directions under section 33 (A) of Water (P&CP) Act, 1974 & under section 31 (A) of the Air (P & CP) Act, 1981.**

**Ref:** 1. Direction issued vide no. MPCB/ROR/TB/2111250003 dtd. 25.11.2021.  
2. Telephonic complaint received from Shirgaon Sarpanch regarding leakage of pipeline at Shirgaon dtd. 14.11.2022.  
3. Visit of Board officials dtd. 14.11.2022.  
4. Letter issued by SRO Mahad dtd 23.11.2021  
5. Proposal submitted by SRO Mahad vide no. MPCB-LEGAL-ACTIONS - 231121010.

**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 should have been provided with proper water supply, roads, drainage lines including proper collection and transportation of effluent line as well as treatment and disposal system to the waste water generated from MIDC area as per the approval of respective authorities.

**ANDWHEREAS**, the responsibility of treated effluent discharge line lies with MIDC and it was obligatory on your part to operate and maintain the same properly

**ANDWHEAREAS**, Board office has received telephonic complaint from Sarpanch of Village:-Shirgaon, Tal:-Mahad, Dist:- Raigad regarding leakage of pipeline at Shirgaon village, which resulted spreading of treated effluent over the area thereby causing smell pollution. Accordingly, Board officials has visited to the said site and verified the complaint and observed that leakage occurred on the said location.

**ANDWHEREAS**, as you are aware, said pipeline was built on a steep terrain due to topographical restrictions, causing the pipeline to have numerous crests and curves. Additionally, the pipeline in question was built 35 years ago, and its installed capacity is 25 MLD. However, due to the ageing impact, the CETP operator must only operate the pipeline at 25% of its normal speed and pressure in order to prevent similar mishaps. However, pipeline leakage accidents continue to happen. The operation of disposal was



subsequently shut down, which had an impact on the Common Effluent Treatment Plant's ability to treat water.

**AND WHEAREAS**, vide above reference no. 1, Board has already issued direction to MIDC regarding various points which includes not provided the storm water drain in MIDC area Mahad. Also, you have not to take adequate measures to avoid frequent leakage/ breakage of effluent carrying disposal pipeline from MMA-CETP to Disposal points (i.e. Ovale).

**AND WHEREAS**, after examining the records of your case, the reports of the Officers of the Boards and after making necessary enquiries, I have observed that you have violated the provisions of various Environmental Acts, this shows your negligent attitude towards environment protection.

**NOWTHEREFORE**, in exercise of the power confirmed by the Board upon me u/s 33A of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974. You are hereby directed to comply following directions:

- 1) You shall provide necessary arrangement to avoid spillages /leakages of effluent while replacing old, treated effluent carrying pipeline. Also, you shall take adequate measures to avoid leakage / breakage / blockage in chambers / effluent carrying lines and discharge of substandard effluent in water bodies from it.
- 2) You shall complete extension of MIDC treated effluent carrying pipeline by 2.2 KM into creek as per the earlier proposal submitted and submit the action plan within a period of 15 days.
- 3) You shall provide storm water drain with Pucca drainage system & CCTV camera to monitor illegal Tanker movement.

You are hereby called upon to submit your reply within a period of seven days from the receipt of this direction. Failure which, Board will have no option than to initiate appropriate legal action as deem fit in your case, which may please be noted.

**FOR AND ON BEHALF OF M.P.C. BOARD**

**(V.V. Killedar)**

**I/c. Regional Officer, Raigad.**

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1. The Regional Officer (BMW), MPC Board, Mumbai
2. The Law Officer, MPC Board, Mumbai

**Copy for information & necessary follow-up action to.**

The Sub-Regional Officer, MPC Board, Mahad.

-He is directed to serve this direction to above industry, keep the follow-up and report the compliance.