

MAHARASHTRA POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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MPCB/ROR/TB/CD/2024- 2403280013

Date: 28/03/2024

To,
M/s. VRK Buildtech Pvt. Ltd.,
S. No. 62/1, Vill:-Kundevahal,
Tal:-Panvel, Dist:- Raigad.

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

Ref: -

1. Consent to Operate granted by Board.
2. Sitting of Stone Crusher criteria issued by MPC Board dtd. 04.03.2020.
3. Environmental Guidelines for Stone Crushing Units issued by CPCB, July 2023 which was circulated by the Board on 10.04.2023.
4. Various Complaint received to this office, regarding Air Pollution due to stone crushing units located at Ovle & Kundevahal area.
5. Hon'ble Bombay High Court passed order on dtd. 10.11.2023 for mitigating the Air Pollution levels in and around Mumbai area.
6. Proposed Direction issued by the Board vide MPCB/ROR/TB/PD-2311290004 dtd. 28.11.2023.
7. Visit of Boad officials dtd. 18.03.2024.
8. Proposal received from SRO Raigad -I, through legal module No. Legal Action No. MPCB-LEGAL_ACTIONS- 241123020 which was duly approved by the Competent Authority of the Board.

WHEREAS, your activity is located in the "Pollution Prevention area" under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 under the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and under the Hazardous and Other Wastes (M & TM) Rules, 2016 and amendment thereto. **AND WHEREAS**, it was also obligatory on your part to provide adequate and suitable pollution control equipment and take adequate measure to control air & water pollution from all sources, it was also obligatory on your part to operate & maintain pollution control devices & avoid nuisance to surrounding area.

AND WHEREAS, as per above reference No-2, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has published the "Sitting Criterial for Stone Crusher in the State of Maharashtra" dtd. 04.03.2020 in compliance of Hon'ble NGT Order in the matter of O.A. No-843/2018, wherein, it was clearly mentioned the distance criteria for Stone Crusher Plant. It is also recommended to take necessary pollution control measures of various aspects. i.e. a) Applicability, b) Sitting Criteria, c) Installation and operation of Stone Crusher units, d) Environmental Standards, and e) Miscellaneous.

AND WHEREAS, as per above reference No-3, Central Pollution Control Boad has issued Environmental Guidelines for Stone Crushing Units in July 2023, which was circulated by the Board on 10.04.2023 after approval in the Board meeting dtd. 16.10.2023.

AND WHEREAS, as per above reference No-5, SUO MOTU Public Interest Litigation No. 3 of 2023 Hon'ble Bombay High Court passed order dtd. 10.11.2023 and 18.03.2024. The Hon'ble High Court has directed MPC Board to check the compliance of units for mitigating the Air Pollution levels in the MMR area.

AND WHEREAS, as per above reference No-6, the Board has issued the Proposed Direction and Interim Direction to your activity, despite the sufficient and reasonable time period till date you have failed to submit the reply to this office.

AND WHEREAS, as per above reference No-7, the Board officials visited to your activity for checking of compliance of Consent & Proposed Direction conditions and reported that,

1. You have provided water sprinkling arrangement at Jaw Crushing section however, same was not in operation during visit.
2. You have not provided water sprinkling arrangements at loading and unloading area including plant area.
3. You have not provided the wind breaking wall to all side of stone crusher.
4. You have not provided metallic roads within the premises for the movement of vehicles.
5. You have not provided detail land document i.e. 7/12 or CIDCO NOC.
6. You have obtained Consent from Board which was valid upto 31.01.2024, However, you have not applied for renewal of consent till date.


AND WHEREAS, after going through the record of your case, reports, information of the Board officials and making necessary enquiries, I came to the conclusion that; you have failed to comply with consent conditions / various directions issued by the Board and provision of various Environmental Acts. Causing grave injury to the Environment in a least bothered way.

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of powers conferred upon me by the Board u/s 33A of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and u/s 31 A of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, **I, the undersigned hereby direct you to close down your activity safely within 72 hours.**

In case, you fail to comply with the above directions, the Board will have no option then to initiate appropriate legal action including filling of prosecution as per the provisions of various environmental enactments, which may please be noted.

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

**For and on behalf of
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board**


(J.S. Hajare)

Regional Officer, Raigad

Copy submitted for favor of information to:-

1. PS to the Hon'ble Member Secretary, MPC Board, Mumbai
2. The Joint Director (APC), MPC Board, Mumbai

Copy forwarded with compliments for necessary action to:

1. **Executive Engineer, MSEDCL, Panvel (Rural), Tal:- Panvel, Dist.-Raigad.**
-- He is directed to disconnect the electric supply of said industry within 72 hours, after receipt of this directions.
2. **Executive Engineer, Water Supply-Rural, Raigad / Gramsevak, Kundevahal, Raigad.**
-- He is directed to disconnect Water supply of the said industry within 72 hours, after receipt of this directions.

Copy for information necessarily follow up action to-

1. Sub Regional Officer, Raigad-I
- He is directed to serve this direction to the industry & submit the compliance report of direction.

**For and on behalf of
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