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Dt. 16.07.2019

TEMPORARY REVOCATION OF CLOSURE ORDER


Ref:
3. Instructions of Board Office dt.18.06.2015 for prosecution of the industry for violation of the Closure Orders issued by the Board.
5. Industry’s representation for extension of Revocation of Closure Order on 07.03.2019.

WHEREAS you are operating the industry in the name and style of M/s.Sri Dattathreya and Company, (Formerly known as Canara Overseas Limited and M/s. Sree Rayalaseema Green Stelloy Ltd), Sy.No.143-A, Aswathapuram (V), Kallur (M), Kurnool District is involved in the production of Sponge Iron – 100 TPD.

WHEREAS the Board vide reference 1st cited, issued CFO&HWA to the industry on 19.07.2007 and is valid upto 31.03.2010. The industry applied CFO for renewal. The Board examined the CFO application in the CFO Committee Meeting held on 04.04.2012 and the Committee recommended to refer the case to Task Force, Kurnool.

WHEREAS the Board vide reference 2nd cited, issued closure order to the industry (when M/s. Canara Overseas Limited was running the factory) on 21.04.2015 for operating the industry without obtaining Consent of the Board and for not meeting standards stipulated by the Board and also for gross violation of the Environmental norms.

WHEREAS the Member Secretary, APPCB, Board office vide letter dt. 21.09.2015 has issued authorization to Sri Prasada Rao, EE, Regional office, Kurnool to launch prosecution against the industry vide reference 3rd cited. As per the Instructions of the Board office vide letter dt: 18.06.2015 for launching of prosecution against the Industry for violating the closure order issued by the Board, the APPCB Regional office, Kurnool has filed complaint U/S 200 Cr.P.C for the offences punishable under 15 (1) of the Environment Protection Act, 1996 & section 37 (1) of Prevention & control of Pollution Act.1981 in the court of Hon’ble Judicial First Class Magistrate, Kurnool. The case is pending for hearing before the Hon’ble court.

WHEREAS the Board vide reference 4th cited, has reviewed the status of pollution control measure taken by the industry before External Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 08.07.2015 and issued temporary revocation of closure order to the industry on 03.08.2015 which is valid upto 02.08.2016.

Whereas vide reference 5th cited, the industry’s request letter dt.01.03.2019 for Extension of revocation of closure orders as the new management in the name of M/s
Dattathreya & Company have committed that they will provide online Continuous Stack Monitoring, AQM Monitoring stations and connect them to APPCB website in three months and also they will dispose the solid waste stored in the premises in three months.

WHEREAS vide reference 6th cited, the officials of RO, Kurnool have inspected the industry and its surroundings on 11.03.2019 and observed the following points:

a) The industry was not in operation since, 2016 and was taken over by M/s. Sri Dattathreya and Company on lease basis and has applied for CFO of the Board and the same was forwarded to the Board office along with verification report for further processing of CFO application.

b) The industry utilizes water-145 KLD for cooling, gardening and domestic purposes and generating trade effluent-39 KLD for which the industry has provided settling tanks (2 nos) for cooling tower bleed off and after settling the same was used for on-land gardening.

c) The industry has provided ESP (with 2 fields) as APCE to 1x100 TPD rotary kiln to control fugitive emissions. The industry has provided bag filters as air pollution control equipments at various sections such as raw material crushers, coal injection, stock house, cooler discharge, product house and coal & iron ore circuit. As the unit was not in operation since 2016, the bags in the APCE provided at the above sources were damaged and the industry is in the process of replacing the damaged bags. Out of the 500 Nos., of bags, about 200 Nos., of bags were already replaced and the unit representative has informed that they will complete the replacement of the bags within the 15 days.

d) The representative of the industry has informed that they bypassed the waste heat recovery boiler (WHRB) and made dummy at the inlet and outlet of WHRB and the hot gases after ABC will be passed through heat exchanger to cool the gases by using forced draft cooling fans.

e) It was observed that approximately 5000 tons of solid waste (Dolochar) is stored in premises.

f) The industry has provided 04 Nos., of movable water sprinklers to control dust emissions and the industry shall be directed to provide fixed type water sprinklers at the raw material storage yard, char and dolochar storage areas and all along the haulage roads to control fugitive dust emissions.

g) The industry has not made any progress till now with respect to installation of Online Stack Monitoring system and installation of CAAQ stations though the industry has submitted purchase orders to the Board on 29.09.2015.

h) The industry has provided energy meters for the operation of the APCE i.e., at ESP, raw material crusher, coal injection, stock house, cooler discharge & product house.

i) The industry has provided 02 Nos., of sheds of capacity 2000 tons each for the storage of coal & sponge iron.

j) The industry has not provided closed sheds to store the Iron ore, Dolochar, dust from APCE, iron ore fines and storing them in the open area causing fugitive dust emission during wind blows.

k) The industry has provided inter locking system to the kiln such that feeding to the kiln is stopped in case of ESP's tripping. Also, the industry has not provided activation recorder for ABC cap opening.

l) The industry has not laid internal concrete roads and shall lay concrete or asphalt internal roads immediately to avoid fugitive dust emissions.

m) The industry shall install online CAAQM system and connect to APPCB website within three weeks.

n) As per the CFO order, the industry vide letter dt: 22.06.2017 committed to remove the 50,000 tons of dolochar within 06 months time.

o) As per the CFO verification report dt: 30.10.2015, the industry has disposed 18,970 tons of solid waste stored in the premises and still 20,000 tons waste left in the premises.

p) During the inspection, it was observed that approximately 5000 tons of waste is stored in premises.

q) On enquiry, the industry representative informed that, they have disposed around 15,000 tons of waste from the premises.
WHEREAS legal hearing was conducted before the External Advisory Committee (Task Force) of A.P. Pollution Control Board in its meeting held on 14.06.2019. The representatives of the industry attended the legal hearing. The Committee noted that the Board has issued closure order to the industry (when M/s. Canara Overseas Limited was running the factory) on 21.04.2015 for operating the industry without obtaining Consent of the Board and not meeting standards stipulated by the Board and also gross violation of the Environmental norms. The Committee also noted that the Board has issued authorization to EE, RO, Kurnool to launch prosecution against the industry. The APPCB Regional office, Kurnool has filed complaint U/S 200 Cr.P.C for the offences punishable under 15 (1) of the Environment Protection Act, 1986 & section 37 (1) of Prevention & control of Pollution Act,1981 in the court of Hon’ble Judicial First Class Magistrate, Kurnool. The case is pending for hearing before the Hon’ble court. The EE, RO, Kurnool has informed that the Board issued temporary revocation of closure order to the industry on 03.08.2015 which is valid upto 02.08.2016. They informed that the industry was not in operation since 2016 and was taken over by M/s Dattathreya & Company on lease basis and has applied for CFO. It was informed that the industry has provided ESP (with 2 fields) as APCE to 1x100 TPD rotary kiln to control fugitive emissions. The industry has provided bag filters as air pollution control equipments at various sections such as raw material crushers, coal injection, stock house, cooler discharge, product house and coal & iron ore circuit. As the unit was not in operation since 2016, the bags in the APCE provided at the above sources were damaged and the industry is in the process of replacing the damaged bags. Out of the 500 Nos., of bags, about 200 Nos., of bags were already replaced and the unit representative has informed that they will complete the replacement of the bags within the 15 days. The industry has provided 04 Nos., of movable water sprinklers to control dust emissions. The representative of the industry requested for Extension of revocation of closure orders as the new management (M/s Dattathreya & Company) has committed that they will provide online Continuous Stack Monitoring, AAQ Monitoring stations and it will connect to APPCB website in three months and also they will dispose the solid waste stored in the premises in three months.

The Committee after detailed discussions, recommended to issue Temporary Revocation Of Closure Order for a period of 3 months with certain directions. The Board hereby issues Temporary Revocation of Closure Order to the industry for a period of 3 months with the following directions under Sec.33 (A) of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 1988 and under Sec.31 (A) of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 1987:

1. The industry shall immediately obtain CFO order of the Board.
2. The industry shall upgrade air pollution control equipment within one month and report the compliance to RO, Kurnool.
3. The industry shall install online stack monitoring system and connect it to APPCB website within three weeks.
4. The industry shall provide closed sheds to store the iron ore, dolochar and dust within 3 months.
5. The industry shall provide fixed type water sprinklers at the raw material storage yard, char and dolochar storage areas and all along the haulage roads to control fugitive dust emissions.
6. The industry shall operate interlocking system to the kiln such that feeding to the kiln is stopped in case of ESP’s tripping. The industry shall provide activation recorder for ABC cap opening within one month.
7. The industry shall dispose off the solid waste stored in the industry premises within three months.
8. The industry shall lay internal concrete roads and shall lay concrete or asphalt internal roads immediately to avoid fugitive dust emissions.
9. The industry shall develop thick green belt with tall growing trees all along the periphery during coming monsoon season.

M/s A.P.S.P.D.C.L., has been requested to Temporarily Restore Power Supply for 3 months to M/s Sri Dattathreya and Company, (Formerly known as Canara Overseas Limited and M/s.Sree Rayalaseema Green Stelloy Ltd), Sy.No.143-A, Aswathapuram (V), Kallur (M), Kurnool District.
You are hereby directed to note that, should you misuse this order operate the unit beyond the period permitted as above and violate any one of the conditions mentioned above, your unit will be closed under Sec.33(A) of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 1988, and under Section 31(A) of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 1987, in the interest of Public Health and Environment and you will be also liable for prosecution in the Court of Judicial Magistrate First Class under Sec.41(2) of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 1988 and under Sec.37(1) of Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 1987, the punishment for which includes imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than one year six months and which may be extended to six years and with fine.

This Order comes into effect from today i.e., 16.07.2019.

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CHAIRMAN

To
M/s. Sri Dattathreya and Company,
(Formerly known as Canara Overseas Limited and
M/s. Sree Rayalaseema Green Stelloy Ltd),
Sy.No.143-A, Aswathapuram (V), Kallur (M),
Kurnool District.

Copy to:
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dist for information and necessary action.
2. The Superintending Engineer (Operations), APSPDCL., Kurnool, Kurnool District for
   information and necessary action.
3. The Joint Chief Environmental Engineer, A.P. Pollution Control Board, Zonal Office,
   Kurnool for information and necessary action.
4. The Environmental Engineer, A.P. Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Kurnool
   for information and necessary action.

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