**FACTS OF THE CASE:**


2. The Board issued Consent for Operation and Hazardous Waste Authorization order on 26.03.2016 to Power Plant, which is valid upto 30.04.2021 with capacity of 6 MW.

3. The Board has reviewed the status of pollution control measure taken by the industry on 24.02.2015 and committee recommended to issue certain directions. Accordingly the Board has issued specific directions to the industry on 2.04.2015.

4. A complainant was received from Sri S.Sanna Timma Reddy, Sri Adi Muthry, Smt. Sidhamma and others on 23.09.2016 against air pollution caused by the industry and damage to their crops. Earlier also there were complaints received against the industry with regard to Crop damage due to dust pollution. The same was forwarded to EE, RO, Kurnool on 27.09.2016.

5. The farmers had also approached High Court and filed W.P.No.14656 of 2016. The Hon'ble High court of judicature delivered judgment in W.P. No. 14656 of 2016 as follows:

   “Sri Gurram Rama Chandra Rao, learned counsel for the Pollution Control Board has placed on record a report of the 4th respondent, dated 20.06.2016, and submitted that the Pollution Control Board is monitoring the pollution allegedly caused by the 5th and 6th respondents.

   In view thereof, learned counsel for the petitioners does not press this appeal and seeks liberty to the petitioners to approach Pollution Control Board afresh, if circumstances so demand.

   Writ petition is disposed of as not pressed with liberty as prayed. Miscellaneous petitions, if any, shall also stand disposed of”.

6. The SEE, ZO, Kurnool and AEE, RO, Kurnool inspected the industry on 15.06.2017 and furnished inspection report on 27.06.2017.
7. The Board has reviewed the status of pollution control measures taken by the industry and issue of complaint before EAC (TF) meeting held on 10.08.2017 and issued following directions to the industry on 19.09.2017:

a) The industry shall rectify the online stack monitoring system immediately and shall maintain the same properly. The online data shall be connected to APPCB Website forthwith.
b) The industry shall provide additional fixed water sprinklers in the premises for dust suppression more effectively.
c) The industry shall install CAAQM stations within two months.
d) The industry shall provide sheds for storage of Iron ore & dolochar within 3 months.
e) The industry shall take adequate measures to control fugitive emissions.
f) The industry shall comply with all the directions issued by the Board vide order dt.21.04.2015.
g) The industry shall ensure continuous compliance of the conditions stipulated in the CFO & HWA order.

8. The SEE, ZO, Kurnool inspected the industry on 04.01.2019 and observed the followings:

a) The activation recorder for ABC cap is not provided.
b) Online stack monitoring data shall be connected to APPCB Website immediately.
c) The industry shall provide more fixed water sprinkling system in addition to the existing especially in the Raw material handing area so as to arrest the arising fugitive emissions.
d) The industry has not installed CAAQM station and in view of the track record of the industry with respect to complaints from the nearby farmers, the industry has to install CAAQM station immediately.
e) The industry has not provided adequate closed shed for storage of iron ore & dolochar and several heaps of coal, iron ore & dolochar were found in the premises

Recommendations:

1. The industry shall immediately make arrangements to upload the data to APPCB Website forthwith.
2. The industry shall provide additional fixed water sprinklers in the premises for effective fugitive emission control especially in the raw material handling area. Wind breezes were found to be heavy in the premises due to the geological conditions. Hence, it is very much necessary to install additional measures to arrest the dust emissions by employing fixed sprinklers and water tankers to wet the area.
3. The industry shall provide additional sheds for storage of Iron ore & dolochar to avoid open storage.
4. In view of the non-compliances of the directions issued by the Board, it was recommended to review the industry before EAC (TF) and initiate action under Sec.31(A) of Air Act.

Conclusion:

In view of the above, the External Advisory Committee is requested to discuss the issue and recommend further course of action.