TEMPORARY REVOCATION OF STOP PRODUCTION ORDER


2. Complaint filed by Sri S.Jagan Kumar, Advocate, dt. 29.06.2016.

WHEREAS you are operating the industry in the name & style of M/s.Capricorn Food products India Limited, (Unit – I), Palagunta (V), Satyaedu (M), Chittoor District to produce Fruit Pulp (Mango, Papaya, Guava etc.), - 100 TPD and Ready to Eat De-hydrated food products – 5.4 TPD.

WHEREAS vide reference 1st cited, the Board issued Consent for operation and Hazardous Waste Authorization to the Industry (Unit-I) on 04.08.2014 to produce Fruit Pulp (Mango, Papaya, Guava etc.), - 100 TPD and Ready to Eat De-hydrated food products – 5.4 TPD which was expired on 30.08.2016.

WHEREAS vide reference 2nd cited, the Board received a complaint filed by Sri S. Jagan Kumar, Advocate against the industry for spilling the Pondavakkam Lake due to discharge of untreated effluents.

WHEREAS vide reference 3rd cited, a letter was received from the Member Secretary, T.N.P.C.B. regarding discharge of trade effluents and dumping of solid waste by M/s.Capricorn Food Products India Limited, Palagunta (V), Satyaedu (M), Chittoor Dist on the open lands and into open channel of Pondavakkam (V) Gummidipoondi Taluk, Tiruvallur Dist, Tamil Nadu.

WHEREAS the Member Secretary, T.N.P.C.B. informed that the industry dumped the solid waste such as Mango Seeds, Papaya Seeds, Peeled Skin of Mango, Papaya and rotten fruits into industry’s own land. During rainy season the rain water mixed with the solid waste and leachate from the dump yard over flow into the adjacent open channel and reached Pallavada lake of Tamil Nadu State. He requested to take appropriate action against the industry to prevent the discharge of trade effluents and dumping solid waste which creates nuisance and odour complaints.

WHEREAS vide reference 4th cited, the Zonal Office, Kumool issued show cause notice to the industry on 24.08.2016 for complaint received against the industry for illegal discharge of effluents into unlined lagoons and into Pallavawada Tank.
WHEREAS vide reference 5th cited, the Board has reviewed the status of pollution control measures taken by the industry before the External Advisory Committee (Task Force) Meeting on 16.09.2016 and specific directions were issued to the industry on 03.10.2016.

WHEREAS the officials of Zonal Office, Kurnool and Regional Office, Tirupati have inspected the industry on 06.06.2017 and issued show cause notice vide reference 6th cited to the industry on 13.06.2017 in connection with complaint received against the industry for discharging trade effluents and non-compliance of Board directions.

WHEREAS the Board has reviewed the status of pollution control measures taken by the industry before the External Advisory Committee (Task Force) Meeting on 07.07.2017 and stop production order was issued vide reference 7th cited to the industry on 04.08.2017 for the following reasons:

1. The industry is operating without valid CFO of the Board.
2. The existing ETP is not adequate and not meeting the discharge standards. The final outlet of ETP is having a BOD of 825 mg/l (Standard – 30 mg/l) and COD of 2864 mg/l (Standard – 250 mg/l).
3. The industry has not installed separate energy meters to the ETP.
4. The industry bypassing the effluent without treatment into unlined lagoons located adjacent to ETP and also discharging the partially treated effluents into another unlined lagoon located in the mango garden.
5. The industry operating the 12 TPH boiler without valid CFO order of the Board.
6. The industry dumped huge quantity of plastic waste in open area near the mango garden.
7. The industry disposing the mango seeds and peels in open areas unscientifically. The leachate from the dump yard is having a very high TDS, COD & BOD.
8. The industry has not complied with the directions issued by the Board order dt. 03.10.2016.

WHEREAS the industry vide lr.20.10.2017 requested for Revocation of Stop Production Order as they have partially complied with directions vide reference 8th cited stating that they have initiated upgrading of ETP, constructed lined platform with leachate collection system for drying of seeds & peels, upgrading of air pollution control equipment of 12 TPH & 5 TPH Boilers, developing proper irrigation network to utilized treated effluent and constructed covered shed for storage of dried seeds & peels.

WHEREAS the Board officials inspected the unit on 27.11.2017 vide reference 9th cited and submitted the report as follows:

1. The industry vide letter dt.20.11.2017 informed that they have raised purchase order on 23.010.2017 to M/s.E-Tech Zone, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu for construction and installation of the UASB Reactor and the same will be completed by the end of December 2017. During the inspection on 27.11.2017, it was observed that the industry started foundation work for the construction of UASB Reactor.
2. During the inspection on 27.11.2017, it was observed that the industry started formation work adjacent to the ETP for construction of lined platform with leachate collection system in an area of about 24,000 Sq.feet and the industry representative informed that they will complete by the end January 2018.
3. The industry has provided flow meters at the inlet of ETP.
4. The industry is upgrading air pollution control equipment for 12 TPH & 5 TPH Boilers.
5. The industry has not constructed shed for storage of dried seeds and peels.

In view of the facts mentioned above, the Board hereby issue Temporary Revocation of Stop Production order for period of 6 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 obtain CFO order of the Board immediately for the plant including 12 TPH Boiler.
2. The industry shall upgrade existing ETP with UASB reactor within one month.
3. The industry shall install separate energy meters to the ETP within 15 days.
4. The industry shall dispose off the solid waste (mango stone & peels) in a scientific manner.
5. The industry shall not discharge treated effluents or untreated effluents outside the industry premises.
6. The industry shall provide Bag filters for the stack attached to 5 TPH Boiler within one month. The industry shall also upgrade the air pollution control equipment attached to the 12 TPH Boiler within six months.
7. The industry shall construct covered shed for storage of dried seeds and peels within one month.
8. The industry shall dismantle all the unlined lagoons existing within the premises.
9. The industry shall develop proper irrigation network to utilize the treated effluent for land application after meeting the standards within their own lands.

You are hereby directed to note that, should you misuse this order to operate the unit beyond the time period given to you 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., 12.12.2017.

Sd/-
MEMBER SECRETARY

To:
M/s. Capricorn Food Products India Ltd, (Unit – I),
Palagunta (V), Satyavedu (M),
Chittoor District – 517 588.

Copy to:
1. The Member Secretary, Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board, 76, Mount Salai,
   Guindy, Chennai – 600 032.
2. The Joint Chief Environmental Engineer, A.P. Pollution Control Board, Zonal
   Office, Kurnool for information and necessary action.
3. The Environmental Engineer, A.P. Pollution Control Board, Regional Office,
   Thirupati for information and necessary action.

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