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Order No. 331/APPCCB/UL-II/TF/VZM/2018- 

Date: 12.01.2018

DIRECTIONS

Sub: APPCCB – UL-II - TF - M/s. Lakshmi Balaji Oils Private Limited, R. Sy. No. 16/1, 23, 3, 5; 17/2, 5; 18/1, 2; 24/1, 2, 3 & 35/1, Tekarakhundi (V), Kurupam (M), Vizianagaram District - Non-compliance of consent order conditions - Legal hearing held on 28.12.2017 - Directions - Issued - Reg.


WHEREAS you are operating Palm oil extraction and co-generation power plant in the name & style of M/s. Lakshmi Balaji Oils Private Limited at R. Sy. No. 16/1, 23, 3, 5; 17/2, 5; 18/1, 2; 24/1, 2, 3 & 35/1, Tekarakhundi (V), Kurupam (M), Vizianagaram District.

WHEREAS the Board vide reference 1st cited, issued Consent for Operation to produce crude palm oil – 33 TPD, Palm Kernel Oil – 5.6 TPD and Electricity – 1 MW, which was expired on 31.07.2017.

WHEREAS the officials of Regional Office, Vizianagaram has inspected the industry on 22.10.2017 vide reference 2nd cited and observed the following:

i. The industry has provided the Civil structures of the ETP and bottom structure for anaerobic digester and has not provided the mechanical components till date thus violating the CFO condition No.6 of Schedule-B that the industry shall not commence the production till the industry complete the construction and commence the ETP.

ii. It was observed that the untreated effluents are being stored in the premises in the civil structures of ETP & earthen ponds, thus violating the CFO Condition.

iii. The industry has not provided the digital flow meters with totalizer facility for measuring the actual quantity of water consumption, inlet & outlet.

iv. The industry has not provided the closed silo for boiler ash to load it directly into the trucks.

v. The industry has not provided the facility to maintain minimum of 2 days storage capacity of effluents within the premises.

vi. The industry has not taken up the laying of internal roads.

vii. The industry has not yet taken up any initiation for development of green belt within the industry premises.

viii. The House keeping is very poor as the boiler ash, fruit fibre, empty fruit bunches thrown in the premises.

WHEREAS the Regional Office, Vizianagaram issued Show Cause Notice to the industry on 24.10.2017 vide reference 3rd cited for non compliance of Board directions.

WHEREAS the industry has submitted CFO application on 13.10.2017 through single desk. The EE, RO, Vizianagaram submitted the consent verification report to ZO, Visakhapatnam. The CFO application of the industry was placed before the CFO
Committee Meeting held on 26.10.2017. The Committee recommended to reject the CFO application of the industry for not installed full-fledged ETP; storing the untreated effluent in the civil structures of ETP & earthen ponds and causing ground water pollution; not providing digital flow meters with totalizer facility for measuring the actual quantity of water consumption, inlet & outlet of ETP; not providing water sprinkling system at the ash yard and along the haulage roads to control fugitive dust emissions; storing the ash and empty fruit bunches openly and not maintaining good housekeeping within the premises.

WHEREAS legal hearing was conducted before the External Advisory Committee (Task Force) Meeting of A.P. Pollution Control Board on 28.12.2017. The representatives of the industry attended the legal hearing. The Committee noted that the Zonal Office, Visakhapatnam rejected the CFO application due to ETP not provided and non-compliance of consent conditions. The Committee also noted that not installed mechanical components of the ETP like aerators, digester etc., storing the untreated effluent in the industry premise in earthen unlined lagoons, not provided digital flow meter at inlet and outlet, not installed separate energy meters, not provided water sprinkling system at the ash yard and not maintaining good housekeeping within the premises. The representative of the industry informed that they install Effluent Treatment Plant and it will be completed by end of January, 2017. They also informed that they will comply all directions issued by Board.

The after detailed review the committee recommended to issue the directions. The Board is hereby issue 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 stop all production activities till comply with the following directions:

   i) The industry shall use the power supply only for the purpose of installation of Effluent Treatment Plant and under any circumstances they shall not use for production activity, till CFO is obtained from the Board.

   ii) The industry shall install Effluent Treatment Plant within one month as committed during the meeting.

2. The industry shall stop further storage of untreated effluents in earthen unlined lagoons henceforth. The existing lagoons shall be emptied & restored within 3 months, duly completing treatment to the waste water existing in the lagoons.

3. The industry shall provide digital flow meters with totalizer at inlet and outlet of ETP to ascertain the quantity of waste water generated and disposal of treated effluents.

4. The industry shall install separate energy meters to the ETP & APCE to record the energy consumed for operation of the pollution control measures. The consolidated energy consumption records shall be furnished to the RO & ZO of the Board for every 3 months.

5. The industry shall not store the boiler ash openly. The industry shall provide water sprinkling system at the ash yard and along the haul roads to control fugitive dust emissions.

6. The industry has shall provide above ground level lined tanks for 2 days storage capacity for transit storage of waste water generated.

7. The industry shall stop open storage of boiler ash and empty fruit bunches.

8. The industry shall apply for renewal of CFO of the Board only after installation of Effluent Treatment Plant is completed and shall ensure compliance of prescribed discharge standards during operational phase.

The implementation progress of the above directions shall be reported to RO, Vizianagaram and ZO, Visakhapatnam for every fortnight.
You are hereby directed to note that, should you violate any one of the directions mentioned above, action will be initiated under Sec.33 (A) of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 1988 and Sec.31(A) of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 1987 without any further notice, in the interest of Public Health and Environment.

This Order comes into effect from today i.e., 12.01.2018.

Sd/-
MEMBER SECRETARY

To
M/s. Lakshmi Balaji Oils Private Limited,
R. Sy. No. 16/1, 23, 3, 5; 17/2, 5; 18/1, 2;
24/1, 2, 3 & 35/1, Tekarakhandi (V), Kurapam (M),
Vizianagaram District - 535 524.

Copy to:
1. The Joint Chief Environmental Engineer, Zonal Office, Visakhapatnam for information and necessary action.
2. The Environmental Engineer, Regional Office, Vizianagaram with a direction for information and necessary action. He is directed to check that industry stop production activity.

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JOINT CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER
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