Order No.24/APPCB/UH-II/TF/KNL/2017-

CLOSURE ORDER


4. Directions order No.003-24/APPCB/UH-II/TF/KNL/2016, dt.27.05.2016.
5. Extension of Temporary Revocation of closure order No.24/APPCB/UH-II/TF/KNL/2017, dt.06.05.2017.
6. CFO & HWA Order No. APPCB/KNL/KNL/230/CFO/10/2017, dt.06.05.2017 with a validity upto 31.03.2022.

WHEREAS you are operating the industry in the name and style of M/s Sai Balaji Sponge Iron (I) Pvt. Ltd Sy.No.36, Hirdehal (V), D.Hirehal (M), Anantapur District to manufacture Sponge Iron.

WHEREAS the Board vide reference 1st cited, issued Consent For Establishment to the industry to manufacture Sponge Iron – 66,000 TPA and Captive Power Plant – 8 MW with a project cost of Rs.61.90 Crores.

WHEREAS the Board vide reference 2nd cited, issued Closure Order to the industry on 19.12.2015 for operating without air pollution control equipment i.e., ESP to the kilns inspite of ample opportunity and time.

WHEREAS the Board vide reference 3rd cited, issued temporary revocation of closure order on 16.02.2016 for six month i.e. upto 15.08.2016 with specific directions comply therein.

WHEREAS the Board vide reference 4th cited, has reviewed the industry before External Advisory Committee (Task Force) on 13.05.2016 and issued certain directions to the industry on 27.05.2016 for non-compliance of Board directions.

Whereas the Board vide reference 5th cited, issued extension of temporary revocation of closure order on 06.05.2017 for nine month i.e. upto 31.05.2017 with specific directions comply therein.

WHEREAS the Board vide reference 6th cited, issued consent for operation to the industry on 06.05.2017 to manufacture sponge iron – 66,000 TPA (or) 200 TPD for the period upto 30.06.2018.

WHEREAS the Vigilance & Enforcement Dept., Govt. of A.P., through alert Note No.59 (1249/V&E/NR-2/2015) dt.12.06.2017 recommended to initiate action against 6 No. of Sponge Iron units at Anantapur District vide reference 7th cited, which was received through the EF&S&T Dept., Govt. A.P. vide Ir. Dt.28.06.2017. Wherein the Board was informed to initiate action as per the recommendations of the General Administration (V&E) Dept., immediately and to report to the action taken to Govt. The observations of the V&E Dept., alert are as follows:

i) On verification of the records, it was observed that the above industry was carrying out production activity in violation of Board directions without obtaining CFO and also without obtaining valid revocation of closure order.

ii) Green belt is not upto the required extent.

iii) Internal roads were not developed.
iv) The Board has reviewed status of the industry on 10.07.2013 and noted the non-
compliance of the earlier directions as well as commitment given by the Industry to install
APC equipment, but not complied.

v) Misused temporarily power restored for the production activity, instead of the purpose of
restoration for installation of APC equipment.

vi) Operating the DRI unit without APCE to the kiln since inception in the year 2012.

Finally, it was recommended revocation of closure order shall not be given to the unit until
pollution control equipments are erected.

WHEREAS the EE, RO, Kurnool inspected the industry on 12.10.2017 & 22.11.2017 to verify
the compliance of the industry to the Board directions and reported vide reference 8th cited that
the industry has not provided air pollution control equipment and the values of Particulate matter
in ambient air are exceeding the Board’s standards, not installed continuous online stack
monitoring equipment and also CAAQM stations, not provided interlocking system, not provided
permanent water sprinklers at the coal/iron ore crusher area, not provided internal roads to
avoid fugitive dust emissions; storing the iron ore fines, charcoal and bag filter dust in the open
area in the industry premises and not furnished the bank guarantee towards commitment of the
industry to comply with Board directions.

WHEREAS legal hearing was conducted before the External Advisory Committee (Task Force)
Meeting of A.P. Pollution Control Board on 28.12.2017 vide reference 9th cited. The committee
noted that The Vigilance & Enforcement Deptt., Govt. of A.P., through alert Note No.59
(1249/V&E/Nr-2/2015) dt.12.06.2017 recommended to initiate action against Sponge Iron units
at Ananthapur District, which was received from the EFS&T Deptt., Govt. A.P. vide ir.
Dt.28.06.2017. It was recommended revocation of closure order shall not be given to the units
until pollution control equipments are erected. The Committee also noted that the 4 Nos. of
sponge iron units have not provided air pollution control equipment and the values of Particulate
matter in ambient air are exceeding the Board’s standards, not installed continuous online stack
monitoring equipment and also CAAQM stations, not provided interlocking system, not provided
permanent water sprinklers at the coal/iron ore crusher area, not provided internal roads to
avoid fugitive dust emissions; storing the iron ore fines, charcoal and bag filter dust in the open
area in the industry premises and not furnished the bank guarantee towards commitment of the
industry to comply with Board directions. The representatives of the 4 Nos. of sponge iron units
informed that they obtained Consent for operation. It was informed that they started commission
of ESP and will be completed by end of January 2018. The EE, RO, Kurnool has informed that
these four units are operating without any control equipment to the kilns and not complying with
any of the consent order conditions and not meeting Board’s standards. The EE, RO, Kurnool
has also informed that V&E is regularly pursuing the matter.

After detailed review the Committee recommended to issue Closure Order to the industry for
operating the unit without completing the installation of air pollution control equipments in spite of
ample opportunities and time given, and causing pollution problems in the surroundings. The
Board hereby issue Closure Order under Sec.33 (A) of Water (Prevention and Control of
Pollution) Act, 1974 and under Sec.31 (A) of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Amendment
Act, 1981 amendments thereof.

M/s A.P.S.P.D.C.L., has been requested to disconnect power supply to M/s. Sai Balaji
Sponge Iron (I) Pvt. Ltd Sy.No.38, Hirdehal (V), D.Hirehal (M), Ananthapur District.

You are further directed to take note that if you continue to operate your industry after receipt of
this order, you will be liable for prosecution U/s. 41 of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution)
Act, 1974 and amendments thereof & U/s. 37(1) of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act,
1981 and amendments thereof, the punishment under this section be punishable with
imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than one year six months but which may extend
up to six years and with fine.

You are also directed to take note that the M/s. A.P.S.P.D.C.L., has been ordered to disconnect
electricity supply to your industry with immediate effect. Should you resort to operate your
industry by means of diesel generator or any mechanical device, you will be attracting
prosecution U/s. 41 of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and amendments
thereof & U/s. 37(1) of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and amendments
thereof.
This Order comes into effect from today i.e., 09.01.2018.

To:
M/s Sai Balaji Sponge Iron (I) Pvt. Ltd
Sy.No.36, Hirdehal (V), D.Hirehal (M),
Anantapur District.

Copy to:
1. The Managing Director, Southern Power distribution company of A.P. Limited, D.No.19-13-65/A, Srinivasapuram, Tiruchanoor Road, Tirupati – 517503, Chittoor dist for information and necessary action.
2. The Superintending Engineer (Operations), APSPDCL, Ananthapur, Ananthapur District for information.
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 is directed to report the compliance on closure orders within 48 hours. He is also directed to submit the compliance report on disconnection of power supply within 48 hours along with energy meter readings & DG Set readings if any.

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JOINT CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER
UH-II

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3. Order No.24/APPCCB/UH-II/TF/KNL/2017, dt.06.05.2017.
4. Order No.24/APPCCB/UH-II/TF/KNL/2017, dt. 01.2018


A.P. Pollution Control Board vide ref. 3rd cited, issued Extension of Temporary Revocation of Closure Order on 06.05.2017 for period of 9 months.

A.P. Pollution Control Board vide ref. 4th cited, issued Closure Order to M/s. Sai Balaji Sponge Iron (I) Pvt. Ltd Sy.No.36, Hirdehal (V), D.Hirehal (M), Anantapur District for non-compliance of Board directions. The Board requested APSPDCL for disconnect of power supply to the industry.

In exercise of the power vested with A.P. Pollution Control Board under Section 33(A) of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 1988 and under Sec.31 (A) of Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 1987 Southern Power Distribution Company of A.P. Ltd., is hereby requested to disconnect power supply to the industry.

This order comes into effect from today i.e., 09.01.2018.

Sd/-
MEMBER SECRETARY

To
The Superintending Engineer (Operations),
APSPDCL, Ananthapur,
Ananthapur District.

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JOINT CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER
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