WHEREAS the Board, which is herein referred to as "the Board", was appointed by the Governor on 29 June, 1976, pursuant to the provisions of the Act, and the Board is hereby authorized to exercise all powers and functions vested in the Board by the provisions of the Act.

The Board is hereby authorized to appoint such officers, employees, and agents as may be necessary for the proper performance of its duties.

WHEREAS the Board is hereby authorized to establish and maintain such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the proper performance of its duties.

The Board is hereby authorized to enter into such agreements as may be necessary for the proper performance of its duties.

WHEREAS the Board is hereby authorized to make such expenditures as may be necessary for the proper performance of its duties.

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WHEREAS legal hearing was conducted before the External Advisory Committee (Task Force) of A.P. Pollution Control Board in its meeting held on 27.02.2018 vide reference 6th cited. The representatives of the industry attended the legal hearing. The committee noted that appraisal report dt.22.09.2017 of General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement ) Department regarding irregularities noticed by GA (V & E) Department is received by the Board through EFS&T Department. The EFS&T Department requested the Board to take action against the quarry lease holder M/s.Sai Sonu Granites, Prop. Sri V.Parthasaradi Naidu in Compartment No.456 of Basavapalli Reserve Forest, Chittoor East Division, Gudipala Mandal, Chittoor District for non-implementation of guidelines issued by the APPCB and initiate legal action and report compliance. The Committee also noted the non-compliance of Consent conditions by the industry. The AEE, RO, Tirupati attended the meeting. He informed that the industry is storing overburden (top soil and rock waste) outside the quarry lease area in the south direction of the quarry. Further, the mine has dumped the waste in North, NE direction against the mining plan. Recently the mining company started dumping of waste on western side, as per mining plan. It was informed that mine has not developed green belt at mine lease area, not implementing the measures to reduce the air pollution during the transpiration of mineral. It was also informed that the mine has not complied the CFO conditions. The representative of the industry informed that they have planted 50 No.s of plants at the vacant places in order to develop the greenbelt. They have provided retention/toe walls at the foot of the dump to avoid sliding and provided garland drains around the dump. It was also informed that they have contacted the Forest Department to plant appropriate shrubs on slopes for stabilization. They are in process of exploring various disposal options of the accumulated rock waste and top soil as per the mining plan.

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 Mining Company shall dump overburden (top soil and rock waste) in the dump yard within the quarry lease area. Under no circumstances, the Mining Company shall dump the overburden soil outside the quarry lease area.

2. The Mining Company shall not increase the mining capacity beyond the permitted capacity mentioned in Consent order, without obtaining CFE/CFO of the Board.

3. The Mining Company shall provide Retention/toe walls at the foot of the dumps within 2 months.

4. The Mining Company shall comply with National Ambient air quality standards as per MoEF, Gol Notification dt.18.11.2009 outside the mine lease area at the boundary of the mine, as prescribed.

5. The Mining Company shall explore various disposal options to dispose off accumulated top soil and rock waste and submit the action plan for implementation of the same within 2 months.

6. The Mining Company shall maintain dust suppression/water sprinkling system always in good condition and shall operate continuously.

7. The Mining Company shall develop greenbelt as per mining plan / in areas suggested by District Collector or Forest Dept.

8. The Mining Company shall submit the compliance report on the Consent for Operation (CFO) conditions for every six months i.e., on 1st January, and 1st July of the year to Regional Office, Tirupati on regular basis.

9. The industry shall ensure continuous compliance of the conditions stipulated in CFO order issued by the Board.

You are hereby directed to note that, should you violate any 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.
To

MEMBER SECRETARY

THIS ORDER comes into effect from today i.e. 15.03.2018.

CHITTOOR DISTRICT
CHITTOOR EAST DIVISION,
COMP. NO. 456, BASARAPALLI R.F.,
M/S. SITL SONU GRANITE (MINE LEASE AREA - 4.90 HA).

MEMBER SECRETARY

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JOINT CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER

T.C.P.B.O.