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REVOCATION OF CLOSURE ORDER


2. Temporary Revocation of Closure Order No. 27/ATP/PCB/TF-KNL/2012-161, dt.22.06.2012.
10. Industry’s request letter dt.03.11.2018

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Whereas you are operating the industry in the name and style of M/s. Venkata Sai Ispat Industries Pvt. Ltd., Nemakal (V), Bohmanahal (M), Anantapur District to manufacture Sponge Iron of capacity 200 TPD.

Whereas the Board vide reference 1st cited, issued Closure Order to the industry on 24.05.2012 for not providing Air Pollution Equipment & Non compliance of CFE conditions.

Whereas, the Board vide reference 2nd cited issued temporary revocation of closure order to the industry on 22.06.2012 for one month i.e. upto 21.07.2012 with specific directions comply therein.

Whereas vide reference 3rd cited, Board issued extension of temporary revocation of closure order on 21.04.2015 for one year with specific directions comply therein.

Whereas vide reference 4th cited, the Board issued Consent for Operation and Hazardous Waste Authorization to industry on 06.06.2016 duly stipulating necessary standards and conditions with a validity period upto 30.04.2017.

Whereas vide reference 5th cited, the Board has reviewed the industry before External Advisory Committee (Task Force) on 25.06.2016 and extension of temporary revocation of closure order on 23.07.2016 for one year with specific directions comply therein.

Whereas vide reference 6th cited, the Board has reviewed the industry before External Advisory Committee (Task Force) on 24.03.2017 and issued specific directions to the industry on 10.05.2017.
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 Ananthapur District vide reference 7th cited, which was received through the EFS&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 Board has reviewed that status pollution control measures taken by the industry before External Advisory Committee (Task Force) Meeting held on 28.12.2017 and issued closure order to industry on 09.01.2018 vide reference 8th cited for operating the unit without completing the installation of air pollution control equipments and causing pollution problems in the surroundings.

WHEREAS vide reference 9th cited, the Board issued Temporary Revocation of Closure Production order dt.31.01.2018 for a period of 6 months i.e up to 31.07.2018 with the specific directions.

WHEREAS vide reference 10th cited, the industry has again submitted representation to the Board that they have complied all the directions issued by the Board and requested for permanent revocation of closure orders.

WHEREAS vide reference 11th cited, the RO, Kurnool inspected the industry on 27.01.2018 and submitted the report vide e-mail dt.29.01.2018. The observations are as follows:

1. The industry was issued with CFO of the Board vide order dated: 29.08.2018 with a validity upto 30.04.2019.
2. The industry is operating the APCE i.e., Electro Static Precipitator (ESP) provided to each of the Kilns.
3. The industry has provided 02 Nos., of separate energy meters i.e., one for ESP’s – 02 Nos., and one for 04 bag filters.
4. The industry has provided separate energy meter for operation of the APCE provided to the Kilns and maintaining records.
5. The industry has not installed continuous online stack monitoring systems for all the major stacks.
6. The industry is operating the inter locking system provided to the Kilns.
7. The industry has provided 130 Nos., of water sprinklers along the stock house area, DSC building, kiln area, CCR building, iron ore and coal conveyor areas, internal roads etc.
8. The industry has not provided activation recorder with the recording facility to the After Combustion Chamber (ABC) cap.
9. The industry has not laid concrete roads within the premises and the unit has provided water sprinklers along the haulage roads and also deployed tractor mounted tractor for sprinkling water along the haulage roads.
10. The industry has developed greenbelt in an area of 4.0 Acres within the premises.
11. The industry has not submitted Bank Guarantee of Rs.5.0 Lakhs valid for one year towards the compliance of the above directions.

WHEREAS legal hearing was conducted before the External Advisory Committee (Task Force) Meeting of A.P. Pollution Control Board on 29.01.2019. The representatives of the industry have attended the legal hearing. The Committee noted that the industry is operating without valid revocation of closure orders. The committee also noted that the industry has not submitted the Bank Guarantee of Rs. 5.0 Lakhs. The industry has not installed online stack monitoring and ambient air quality systems etc., and not provided activation recorder with recording facility to After Combustion Chamber (ABC) cap. The AEE, RO, Kumool informed that dust emissions at raw material handling area, improper maintenance of ESP and leakages are observed during the inspections. It was also informed that the industry has provided water meters with totalizer facility, separate energy meter, permanent water sprinklers, not laid concrete internal roads within the premises and developed greenbelt within the premises. Further, the Board officials have conducted stack monitoring and values of Particulate matter are exceeding the standards. The representative of industry has informed that the industry is operating the APCE i.e., Electro Static Precipitator (ESP) provided to each of the kilns. The industry has provided 02 Nos., of separate energy meters i.e., one for ESP’s – 02 Nos., and one for 04 bag filters, provided separate energy meter for operation of the APCE provided to the kilns, provided 130 Nos., of water sprinklers along the stock house area, DSC building, kiln area, CCR building, iron ore and coal conveyor areas, internal roads etc., It was also informed that the industry has provided closed shed with a storage capacity of 4000 tons for the coal and also closed shed with a storage capacity of 2000 tons for iron ore in the premises. The industry is disposing the Dolochar and dust from APCE to the brick manufacturers and Iron ore fines are being sold to cement industries/pellatization units. The industry has developed greenbelt to an extent of 4.0 Acres within the premises. They informed that they will submit the Bank Guarantee of Rs.5 Lakhs within 10 days. The president of A.P. Sponge Iron Manufacturers Association have requested for exemption for installation of online continuous stack monitoring systems as all plants are operating with huge financial crisis from the day of inception due to non availability of Raw Materials. The committee has not agreed for exemption of installation of online stack monitoring equipment.

The Committee after detailed discussions, recommended to issue Revocation Of Closure Order with certain directions. The Board hereby issues Revocation of Closure Order to the industry 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 operate air pollution control equipment regularly and shall ensure compliance of the prescribed emission standards.
2. The industry shall install continuous online stack monitoring systems for all the major stacks within 2 months and shall connect to APPCB Website.
3. The industry shall operate inter locking system regularly.
4. The industry shall provide activation recorder with the recording facility to the After Combustion Chamber (ABC) cap within one month.
5. The industry shall continuously operate water sprinklers at the coal / iron ore crusher area, feed belt conveyors area, RM stock house area, cooler discharge belt area, ESP area to control fugitive dust emissions.
6. The industry shall lay concrete or asphalt internal roads within 2 months to avoid fugitive dust emissions.
7. The industry shall develop and maintain 33% greenbelt of the total area in the premises.
8. The industry shall submit Bank Guarantee of Rs.5.0 Lakhs valid for one year within 10 days towards the compliance of the above directions.
9. The industry shall ensure the validity CFO of the Board and ensure continuous compliance of the conditions issued by the Board.
M/s A.P.S.P.D.C.L., has been requested to Restore Power Supply to M/s.Venkata Sai Ispat Industries Pvt Ltd., Nemakal (V), Bohmanahal (M), Anantapur District.

You are hereby directed to note that, should you misuse this order 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., 27.02.2019.

Sd/-
CHAIRMAN
APPCB

To
M/s.Venkata Sai Ispat Industries Pvt Ltd.,
Nemakal (V), Bohmanahal (M),
Anantapur Dist.

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 necessary action.

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