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Order No. 168/APPCB/UH-II/TF/VSP/2017-

Dt. 06.06.2017

DIRECTIONS

Sub: APPCB – TF – HO - M/s. West Quay Multi Port Limited, Visakhapatnam – Complaint received against the Port - Non-compliance of CFO conditions – Legal Hearing held on 18.05.2017 - DIRECTIONS - Issued - Reg.

Ref: 1. Complaint received from Sri P. Vishnu Kumar Raju, Hon’ble MLA, Visakhapatnam North, Visakhapatnam on 19.01.2017.
5. External Advisory Committee (Task Force) Meeting held on 18.05.2017.

WHEREAS you are operating Port facility in the name & style of M/s. West Quay Multi Port Limited, Visakhapatnam and involved in handling cargos like C.P. Coke, Lam Coke, Steel, Granite blocks with capacity of 6 MMTPA.

WHEREAS vide reference 1st cited, a complaint was received from Sri. P. Vishnu Kumar Raju, Hon’ble MLA, Visakhapatnam North, Visakhapatnam on 17.02.2017 against M/s. West Quay Multi Port Ltd., for creating dust pollution due to loading, unloading of Lam coke to the surrounding residential area. Further, he stated that loading and unloading operations of coal was done openly without proper covering of conveyors or stacker systems and also mentioned that a lot of deviations / relaxations of CFE & CFO were observed and causing severe pollution in Visakhapatnam.

WHEREAS vide reference 2nd cited, the Chairman instructed JCEE, Zonal Office, Visakhapatnam to constitute a team of EE, Lab Scientist and Social Scientist to carry out comprehensive enquiry and furnish report. Notice of enquiry may be marked to Hon’ble MLA.

WHEREAS vide reference 3rd cited, the joint inspection was conducted at berthing area and stacking area of M/s. West Quay Multi Port Ltd., on 08.02.2017 and 15.02.2017 and report is as follows:

a) The facility was in operation and having isolated berth and stacking areas. The distance between berth and stacking area is about 1.55 Km (Aerial distance) and 2.22 KM (Road distance).
b) The facility is having berth area of 2.2 acres and length of the berth is 255 m and having stacking area of 12.2 acres. (Length 337 m & Width = 137 m)
c) The facility has constructed 12 m wall all around the stacking yard and as per the Board condition, the facility has provided an additional Geo-Net wall of height 5 Meters above the 7 Meters height wall towards North and South directions.
d) The facility provided following MDSS Systems for the control of fugitive emissions.
   i. 3 No.s of MDSS systems in berth area.
   ii. 10 No.s of MDSS systems in storage yard.
e) The facility submitted cargo handling details for the period from January 2016 to December 2016. As per the details, the facility handled 0.370 MMTPA cargo against the consented capacity of 6.0 MMTPA which is within the consented limit.
f) It was observed that the facility has stored only pet coke stacking (6000 Tons) in the storage yard covered with tarpaulin. But stacking height was slightly exceeding 6 m.
g) The facility has planted and developed about 300 saplings around the compound wall of the stacking yard premises. The facility has planted and developed about 300 saplings around the compound wall of the berth area.
h) The facility was unloading the pet coke from Ship to the berth area temporarily more than 10 m height, which is having 10 to 15% moisture content.
i) The facility was not properly cleaning the roads in the berth area leading to dust nuisance.
WHEREAS vide reference 4th cited, the Board has issued Consent for Operation order to the industry vide order dated 18.03.2016 for handling at WQ-6 berth, which is valid upto 31.01.2017 for handling of cargos like C.P.Coke, Lam Coke, Steel, Granite blocks with capacity of 6 MMTPA.

WHEREAS vide reference 5th cited, legal hearing was conducted before the External Advisory Committee (Task Force) Meeting of A.P. Pollution Control Board on 18.05.2017. The representatives of the industry attended the legal hearing. The committee noted that the Board has received a complaint from Sri. P. Vishnu Kumar Raju, Hon’ble MLA, Visakhapatnam North, Visakhapatnam on 17.02.2017 against M/s. West Quay Multi Port Ltd., for creating dust pollution generated during loading, unloading of Lam coke, to the surrounding residential area. The MLA stated that loading and unloading operations of coal was done openly without proper covering of conveyors or stacker systems and also mentioned that a lot of deviations / relaxations of directions / conditions of CFE & CFO were observed and causing severe pollution in Visakhapatnam. The committee noted that the non-compliance of CFO order conditions and the directions of the Board. The EE, RO, Visakhapatnam informed that the facility was not properly cleaning the roads in the berth area leading to dust nuisance, and stacking height was slightly exceeding 6 m. The representative of the industry has informed that they will setup the required pollution control systems as stipulated by APPCB by end of June, 2017. They informed that the height of stackings for storage of coke will be maintained always below 6 meters.

The Committee after detailed discussions, recommended to issue the following directions:

1. **The facility shall transport cargo unloaded from the ships either to stacking yard or to the final destination points through trucks which are completely covered with tarpaulin.**
2. **The facility shall always maintain the height of the coke stocks in the stacking area below 6 meter level.**
3. **The facility shall cover entire stacking with Tarpaulin during its storage in stacking yard immediately.**
4. **The facility shall provide separate energy meters with totalizer for operations of MDSS Systems within one month.**
5. **The facility shall sweep the internal roads frequently with mobile vacuum sweeping trucks.**
6. **The facility shall operate MDSS Systems as and when loading and unloading of cargos takes place.**
7. **The facility shall ensure continuous compliance of the conditions issued in the CFO & HWA order.**

This order is issued 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.

You are hereby directed to note that, should you violate any one of the directions mentioned above, your unit will be closed 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., _06.06.2017_.

Sd/-
MEMBER SECRETARY

To
M/s. West Quay Multi Port Pvt. Limited,
WQ-6 Berth in the Inner Harbor of
M/s. Visakhapatnam Port Trust,
Visakhapatnam – 530 004.

Copy to:
1. The Hon’ble MLA Sri P. Vishnu Kumar Raju, Door No.50-50-39, Ground Floor, T.P.T Colony, Seetammadhara, Visakhapatnam – 530 013 for kind information.
2. The Chief Environmental Engineer, A.P. Pollution Control Board, Visakhapatnam for information.
3. The Joint Chief Environmental Engineer, A.P. Pollution Control Board, Zonal Office, Visakhapatnam for information and necessary action.
4. The Environmental Engineer, A.P. Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Visakhapatnam for information and necessary action.

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