MINUTES OF THE EXTERNAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27.09.2019 AT ZONAL OFFICE, KURNOOL

Agenda No. I: Complaint received from the villagers of Chinnacheppalli on Air Pollution problems being caused to the road users and villagers by M/s Sri Sai Hanuman Stone Crusher, Chinnacheppalli Village, V.N.Palli Road, Kamalapuram (M), YSR Dist.

The RO, Kadapa has received a representation of Hon’ble MLA Sri. P. Ravindranath Reddy, along with a copy of complaint made by residents of Chinnacheppalli village against M/s. Sai Hanuman Stone Crusher, Sy.No. 697/2A, 1C, 3A, 3C, 691, 696/1, 695/2, Chinnacheppalli Village, V.N.Palli Roq’d, Kamalapuram (M), YSR Dist.

The RO, Kadapa officials inspected the unit and its surroundings on 04.09.2019 and 19.09.2019. The complainant Sri. P. Solman s/o P. Gangaiah and Sri. Sharif, Ex MPTC, were present during inspection on 19.09.2019 and informed that the villagers are facing dust pollution due to the operation of stone crusher and also road users are facing difficulty while plying vehicles, leading to accidents. The details of the inspection are as follows:

a. The Stone crusher is located at Sy.No. 697/2A, 1C, 3A, 3C, 691, 696/1, 695/2, Chinnacheppalli Village, V.N.Palli Road, Kamalapuram (M), YSR Dist, Andhra Pradesh.

b. The unit is surrounded by **East**: Own land; **West**: Sub-station; **South**: Ayyavaripalli to Kamalapuram Road; **North**: Agricultural lands. The nearest human habitation is Chinnacheppalli Village at a distance of about 400 mts from the stone crusher and the nearest road, Ayyavaripalli to Kamalapuram Road is just adjacent to the Stone crusher site in the southern direction.

c. The Stone Crusher is being operated without obtaining CFE/CFO of the Board, as required U/s. 25/26 of Water and U/s. 21 of Air Acts.

d. The compliance of the industry to the siting guidelines of the Board for the stone crusher is as follows:

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<td>500 M away from National Highway 100 M from State Highway, main district roads and other roads.</td>
<td>The stone crusher site is located just adjacent to the Ayyavaripalli to Kamalapuram Road.</td>
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<td>The boundary of the site may be located at a safe distance away from human habitation. The minimum distance between the boundary of the site and human habitation shall be 800 to 1000 M.</td>
<td>The nearest habitation Chinnacheppalli Village is at a distance of about 400 mts and Yanadi colony is at a distance of about 300 mts from the stone crusher.</td>
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<td>Preferably located near the quarries.</td>
<td>The industry representative informed that the quarry is in Ailidena village at a distance of about 7 Kms.</td>
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<td>Around 3 to 5.5 acres land is required depending upon surroundings.</td>
<td>Total area of the crusher is 7.0 Acres</td>
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<td>There shall be a 5 m width of green belt along the boundary of the site in the 50 m width buffer zone of the stone crushing unit. This green belt shall be developed on outer side of the buffer zone so as to act as a barrier.</td>
<td>Not Complied. The industry has planted 8 trees in the stone crusher premises.</td>
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e. The stone crusher has not provided adequate Air Pollution Control measures to it viz.

i. The stone crusher has not provided cladding to the Jaw crusher and secondary crusher thereby causing fugitive dust emissions.
ii. Not provided water sprinkling for wetting the mined rocks before feeding into the primary jaw crusher.

iii. The stone crusher has not covered with GI Sheets to the dust conveyor and also not provided roof to the dust bunker.

iv. The crusher has not constructed metal roads within the premises. The stone crusher has not developed thick green belt all along the boundary.

v. The crusher is not regularly carrying out cleaning and wetting of the ground in the premises.

f. The Hon'ble Supreme Court judgment dt.22.02.2017 in W.P. No. 375 of 2012, directed to issue Closure order to the facilities who are operating without valid Consent for Operation.

g. RO, Kadapa has issued Show Cause Notice to the stone crusher on 07.09.2019 for operating the Stone Crusher without adequate air pollution control measures, operating without CFE/CFO of the Board and inadequate Air Pollution control measures, thereby causing air pollution in the surrounding area.

h. A copy of the complaint was also received through the District Collector, Kadapa, on 12.09.2019, to take necessary action.

In view of the above, the stone crushing unit may be called for Hearing before the External Advisory Committee and suitable Legal Action may be initiated against the stone crusher for operating the stone crusher without obtaining CFE/CFO of the Board and location of the stone crusher against the siting guidelines for stone crushers, under section 31(A) of the Air (Prevention and control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and amended thereof.

The issue is placed before the EAC to review and recommend further course of action.

DEcision OF THE COMMITTEE:

The representative of the crusher attended the meeting. The committee observed that the stone crusher is operating without obtaining CFE/CFO of the Board and location of the stone crusher against the siting guidelines for stone crushers.

The committee after detailed discussion on the agenda recommended to issue closure orders to the stone crusher for operating the stone crusher without obtaining CFE/CFO of the Board and location of the stone crusher against the siting guidelines for stone crushers.

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