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To,

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Subject: Carbon Black Plant (1,20,000 TPA) at Patalganga, District Raigad, Maharashtra by M/s Hi-Tech Carbon – Environmental Clearance reg.

Ref. : Your letter no. HTC/PTG/UH/MPCB/EC/001 dated 18th March, 2011

Sir,

Kindly refer to your letter dated 18th March, 2011 alongwith project documents including Form I, Terms of References, Pre-feasibility Report, EIA/EMP Report and subsequent clarification/additional information submitted vide letter dated 21st July, 2011 regarding above mentioned project.

2.0 The Ministry of Environment and Forests has examined the application. It is noted that the proposal is for an integrated Carbon Black Manufacturing Unit alongwith CPP (25 MW) at Patalganga, District Raigad, Maharashtra. This is an operational unit. Environmental clearance for CPP (25 MW) was accorded by the Ministry vide letter no. J-13011/35/2007-IA-II(T) dated 28th September, 2007. Total plot area is 65 acres. Total project cost is Rs. 470 Crores. Patalganga and Balganga rivers are flowing in the study area. 4 nos. of reserve forests are located within 10 km.

3.0 Ventury scrubber (4 Nos.) are provided in the reactor area. Bagfilter (2 Nos.) are provided in the product separation area. Process bagfilter (3 Nos.) are installed in the pelletising area. Purge gas filter, Dryer combustor, packing exhaust filter and boiler combustor are installed in the product drying area, dryer area, packing area and boiler area respectively. Total fresh water requirement from Patalganga River will 4000 m³/day. Industrial effluent generation will be 756 m³/day and treated in the effluent treatment plant (ETP) comprising reverse osmosis (RO) and rejects will be concentrated in multiple effect evaporators (MEE). Permeate from RO and condensate will be recycled/reused in the cooling tower make up water. Oil water stream will be treated in oil water separator. Sewage will be treated in sewage treatment plant (STP). Treated effluent will be recycled/reused within the factory premises. No effluent will be discharged outside the premises and 'Zero' discharge concept will be adopted. ETP sludge and MEE sludge will be sent to the treatment storage disposal facility for hazardous waste (TSDF). Oil sludge will be mixed with carbon feed stock and burnt in the furnace.

4.0 Public hearing was exempted as per Section 7 (ii) of EIA Notification, 2006.

5.0 All the carbon black manufacturing units are covered under petrochemical based processing units and listed at S.N. 5(e) under Category 'A' due to location outside notified industrial area and appraised at the central level.

6.0 The proposal was considered by the Expert Appraisal Committee (Industry-2) in its 24th and 33rd meetings held during 22nd-23rd June, 2011 and 21st-22nd March, 2012 respectively. The Committee recommended the proposal for environmental clearance. **M/s Hi-Tech Carbon** passed a resolution in a meeting of the Board of Directors held on 13.07.2012 that violation of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 will not be repeated. A copy of Board Resolution is Annexed. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has filed a regular criminal complaint (No. 33/2013) against the Company for commencing construction activities without environmental clearance.

7.0 Based on the information submitted by the project proponent, the Ministry of Environment and Forests hereby accords environmental clearance to above project under the provisions of EIA Notification dated 14th September 2006, subject to the compliance of the following Specific and General Conditions:

A. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS:

- i) Permission and recommendations of the State Forest Department regarding impact of the proposed plant on the reserve forests located near to 4 nos. of reserve forests shall be obtained and recommendations shall be implemented satisfactorily. Copy of permission shall be submitted to the respective Regional Office.
- ii) As proposed, vent scrubber in the reactor area, main bag filter in the product separation area, process bag filter in the pelletising area, purge gas filter in the product drying area, dryer combustor in the dryer area and packing exhaust filter in the packing area shall be provided to control air emissions.
- iii) The gaseous emissions (SO₂, NO_x, CO and HC) and particulate matter from existing and proposed boiler, dryer, purge gas filter, packing exhaust filter units shall conform to the norms prescribed by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)/Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) from time to time. At no time, the emission levels shall go beyond the prescribed standards. In the event of failure of any pollution control system adopted by the unit, the respective unit shall not be restarted until the control measures are rectified to achieve the desired efficiency. Stack emissions shall be monitored regularly.
- iv) Continuous stack monitoring of stacks for SO₂, NO_x and CO and recording facilities shall be installed alongwith interlocking facilities. As proposed, particulate matter shall be monitored in the stack manually. Data for particulate matter, SO₂, NO_x and CO shall be displayed on web as well as outside the premises at prominent place for public viewing.
- v) As proposed, this being an existing plant Sulphur' content in the feed stock i.e. Carbon Black Feed Stock (CBFS) shall not exceed 2.5% at any time.
- vi) Ambient air quality data shall be collected as per NAAQES standards notified by the Ministry vide G.S.R. No. 826(E) dated 16th September, 2009.
- vii) Poly-Aromatic Hydrocarbon (PAH) shall be monitored in fugitive dust emission area particularly in Packaging Plant. Data shall be properly monitored, recorded, and submitted to the Ministry's Regional Office at Bhopal.
- viii) Industrial exhaust and proper ventilation shall be provided in packaging plant area.
- ix) The levels of PM₁₀, SO₂, NO_x, CO and HC (Non-methane) shall be monitored in the ambient air. Data of stack monitoring and ambient air shall be displayed on web as well as outside the premises at prominent place for public viewing. The company shall upload the results of monitored data on its website and shall update the same periodically. It shall simultaneously be sent to the Regional office of MOEF, the respective Zonal office of CPCB and MPCB.

- x) In plant control measures for checking fugitive emissions from all the vulnerable sources shall be provided. Fugitive emissions shall be controlled by providing closed storage, closed handling & conveyance of chemicals/materials, multi cyclone separator and water sprinkling system. Dust suppression system including water sprinkling system shall be provided at loading and unloading areas to control dust emissions. Fugitive emissions in the work zone environment, product, raw materials storage area etc. shall be regularly monitored. The emissions shall conform to the limits stipulated by the MPCB.
- xi) The gaseous emissions from DG set shall be dispersed through adequate stack height as per CPCB standards. Acoustic enclosure shall be provided to the DG sets to mitigate the noise pollution.
- xii) Total fresh water requirement from Patalganga River shall not exceed 4000 m³/day. No ground water shall be used. Steps should also be identified to conserve water and measures adopted for minimizing the same.
- xiii) Effluent generated shall be treated in the ETP comprising RO and rejects shall be concentrated in MEE. Permeate from RO and condensate shall be recycled/reused in the cooling tower make up water. Oil water stream shall be treated in Oil water separator. Sewage shall be treated in sewage treatment plant (STP) and treated wastewater shall be used for cooling water make up. Treated effluent shall be recycled/reused within the factory premises. Treated effluent quality shall be monitored regularly and conform to the norms prescribed by the CPCB/MPCB from time to time.
- xiv) No treated process effluent shall be discharged outside the premises and Zero discharge shall be ensured.
- xv) Process effluent/any wastewater shall not be allowed to mix with the storm water. Storm water drain shall be passed through guard pond.
- xvi) All the solid/hazardous waste including ETP sludge and waste oil shall properly stored at the site as per CPCB guideline. Fine carbon particles generated as solid waste shall be sold to industries for manufacturing low grade rubber goods. MEE sludge shall be sent to TSDF. Oily waste from oil removal tank shall be mixed along with carbon black feed stock and burnt in the furnace.
- xvii) Proper and valid authorization and membership shall be obtained from the concerned authorities for the management of solid/hazardous waste and a copy submitted to the Ministry's Regional Office at Bhopal.
- xviii) The Company shall strictly comply with the rules and guidelines under Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemicals (MSIHC) Rules, 1989 as amended time to time. All Transportation of Hazardous Chemicals shall be as per the Motor Vehicle Act (MVA), 1989.
- xix) Proper house keeping shall be maintained and no spillage of Carbon Black shall be permitted. Preventive measures shall be taken to avoid and prevent any accidental release of Carbon Black to the environment.
- xx) The company shall undertake following waste minimization measures :-
 - a. Metering and control of quantities of active ingredients to minimize waste.
 - b. Reuse of by-products from the process as raw materials or as raw material substitutes in other processes.
 - c. Use of automated filling to minimize spillage.

- d. Use of Close Feed system into batch reactors.
- e. Use of high pressure hoses for equipment clearing to reduce wastewater generation.
- xxi) A proper occupational health monitoring system should be implemented for all personnel / workers in the plant / laboratory and other areas which may have an impact on their health.
- xxii) The unit shall make the arrangement for protection of possible fire hazards during manufacturing process in material handling. Fire fighting system shall be as per the OISD 117 norms.
- xxiii) All the workers involved in packing of Carbon Black in Packaging Plant area shall use (PPE) and masks to avoid direct exposure to Carbon Black dust.
- xxiv) All the workers shall be regularly monitored for occupational health for relevant parameters pertaining to industry specific and records maintained.
- xxv) Proper energy conservation measures shall be adopted and a report submitted to the Ministry and its Regional Office at Bhopal.
- xxvi) As proposed, green belt shall be developed in 21.5 acres out of 65 acres of total land. Selection of plant species shall be as per the CPCB guidelines.
- xxvii) All the recommendations/standards mentioned in the CPCB guidelines for the Carbon Black manufacturers shall be implemented.
- xxviii) Company shall prepare Corporate Environment Policy as per the Ministry's O.M. No. J-11013/41/2006-IA.II(I) dated 26th April, 2011 within one month from date of issue of letter and submitted to the Ministry's Regional Office.
- xxix) Provision shall be made for the housing for the construction labour within the site with all necessary infrastructure and facilities such as fuel for cooking, mobile toilets, mobile sewage treatment plant, safe drinking water, medical health care, crèche etc. The housing may be in the form of temporary structure to be removed after the completion of the project. All the construction wastes shall be managed so that there is no impact on the surrounding environment.

B. GENERAL CONDITIONS:

- i. The project authorities shall strictly adhere to the stipulations made by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board.
- ii. No further expansion or modifications in the plant shall be carried out without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment and Forests. In case of deviations or alterations in the project proposal from those submitted to this Ministry for clearance, a fresh reference shall be made to the Ministry to assess the adequacy of conditions imposed and to add additional environmental protection measures required, if any.
- iii. The locations of ambient air quality monitoring stations shall be decided in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) and it shall be ensured that at least one stations is installed in the upwind and downwind direction as well as where maximum ground level concentrations are anticipated.
- iv. The overall noise levels in and around the plant area shall be kept well within the standards by providing noise control measures including acoustic hoods, silencers,

enclosures etc. on all sources of noise generation. The ambient noise levels shall conform to the standards prescribed under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 Rules, 1989 viz. 75 dBA (day time) and 70 dBA (night time).

- v. The Company shall harvest rainwater from the roof tops of the buildings and storm water drains to recharge the ground water and use the same water for the process activities of the project to conserve fresh water.
- vi. Training shall be imparted to all employees on safety and health aspects of chemicals handling. Pre-employment and routine periodical medical examinations for all employees shall be undertaken on regular basis. Training to all employees on handling of chemicals shall be imparted.
- vii. The company shall also comply with all the environmental protection measures and safeguards proposed in the documents submitted to the Ministry. All the recommendations made in the EIA/EMP in respect of environmental management, risk mitigation measures and public hearing relating to the project shall be implemented.
- viii. The company shall undertake all relevant measures for improving the socio-economic conditions of the surrounding area. CSR activities shall be undertaken by involving local villages and administration.
- ix. The company shall undertake eco-developmental measures including community welfare measures in the project area for the overall improvement of the environment.
- x. A separate Environmental Management Cell equipped with full fledged laboratory facilities shall be set up to carry out the Environmental Management and Monitoring functions.
- xi. The company shall earmark sufficient funds towards capital cost and recurring cost per annum to implement the conditions stipulated by the Ministry of Environment and Forests as well as the State Government along with the implementation schedule for all the conditions stipulated herein. The funds so earmarked for environment management/ pollution control measures shall not be diverted for any other purpose.
- xii. A copy of the clearance letter shall be sent by the project proponent to concerned Panchayat, ZilaParisad/Municipal Corporation, Urban local Body and the local NGO, if any, from whom suggestions/ representations, if any, were received while processing the proposal.
- xiii. The project proponent shall also submit six monthly reports on the status of compliance of the stipulated Environmental Clearance conditions including results of monitored data (both in hard copies as well as by e-mail) to the respective Regional Office of MoEF, the respective Zonal Office of CPCB and MPCB. A copy of Environmental Clearance and six monthly compliance status report shall be posted on the website of the company.
- xiv. The environmental statement for each financial year ending 31st March in Form-V as is mandated shall be submitted to the concerned State Pollution Control Board as prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, as amended subsequently, shall also be put on the website of the company along with the status of compliance of environmental clearance conditions and shall also be sent to the respective Regional Offices of MoEF by e-mail.
- xv. The project proponent shall inform the public that the project has been accorded environmental clearance by the Ministry and copies of the clearance letter are available with the SPCB/Committee and may also be seen at Website of the Ministry at

<http://envfor.nic.in>. This shall be advertised within seven days from the date of issue of the clearance letter, at least in two local newspapers that are widely circulated in the region of which one shall be in the vernacular language of the locality concerned and a copy of the same shall be forwarded to the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry.

- xvi. The project authorities shall inform the Regional Office as well as the Ministry, the date of financial closure and final approval of the project by the concerned authorities and the date of start of the project.

8.0 The Ministry may revoke or suspend the clearance, if implementation of any of the above conditions is not satisfactory.

9.0 The Ministry reserves the right to stipulate additional conditions, if found necessary. The company in a time bound manner will implement these conditions.

10.0 The above conditions shall be enforced, inter-alia under the provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling and Trans-Boundary Movement) Rules, 2008 and the Public (Insurance) Liability Act, 1991 along with their amendments and rules.


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Copy to :-

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2. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Kendriya Paryavaran Bhavan, Link Road No.3, Bhopal-462016.
3. The Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board Parivesh Bhavan, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, New Delhi - 110 032.
4. The Chairman, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3rd and 4th floor, Opp. Cine Planet, Sion Circle, Mumbai-400 022.
5. The Joint Secretary, IA II(I), Ministry of Environment and Forests, Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex, New Delhi.
6. Monitoring Cell, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex, New Delhi.
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