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To,

The Chairman,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB),
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DIRECTION UNDER SECTION 18(1)(b) OF THE WATER (PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION) ACT, 1974 -IN THE MATTER RELATED TO DISTILLERY

WHEREAS, amongst others, under Section 17 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, one of the functions of the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB), is to plan a comprehensive programme for prevention, control or abatement of pollution of streams and wells located in the State and to secure the execution thereof; and

WHEREAS, the officials of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) have inspected many distillery units under ESS programme located in Maharashtra since August 2007 and has observed that most of the distilleries have constructed unlined lagoons having storage capacity of more than 30 days and hence **violating the guidelines/protocol for storage of raw or concentrated spent wash and pose serious threat to the ground water quality and surrounding environment.**

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 18(1)(b) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 the following directions are issued for compliance:

- 1 The Maharashtra Pollution Control Board following the applicable procedure, shall direct all the distillery units located in the State of Maharashtra under Section 33A of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 to take action for compliance of the following measures within the prescribed time as prescribed by Maharashtra SPCB:
 - a) Storage lagoons shall have proper impervious HDPE lining so as to restrict percolation of stored spent wash in the ground water.
 - b) The capacity of stored lagoons shall be restricted equal to 30 days of estimated raw spent wash generation.

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2 The action taken report shall be sent by MPCB to the CPCB within 30 days from the date of receipt of these directions. MPCB shall also acknowledge the receipt of these directions to CPCB within one week from the date of their receipt.

(S.P. GAUTAM)
Chairman

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- 3. The Incharge, ESS Division, CPCB

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