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OFFICE ORDER

Preamble: The Supreme Court of India is considering a Writ Petition (Civil) No.657/1995 regarding the Management of Hazardous Wastes in India. The Apex court has issued a detailed order on 14.10.2003 on the above Writ Petition and have directed all the States to comply with the directives of the Apex Court. A Special Committee (SCMC) consisting of experts and NGOs has been appointed by the Apex Court to monitor the compliance of its directives by the States. The Supreme Court Monitoring Committee (SCMC) is visiting the States to review the compliance of the orders of the Supreme Court of India and reporting the same to the Apex Court through Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India.

The SCMC visited Maharashtra in June, 2004 and held discussions with Maharashtra Pollution Control Board and Maharashtra Industries Development Corporation (MIDC) on the compliance of the directives of the Apex Court. The Committee also visited Industrial Estate of MIDC at Tarapur and noticed during the visit that the sump No.2 of CETP at Tarapur was containing effluent with pH of 2 (highly acidic effluent). SCMC further directed that the industries (75 Nos.) which are contributing effluent to Sump No.2 should be issued closure directions by MPCB. Accordingly, MPCB closed all the 75 Industries forthwith and directed them to submit the individual Bank Guarantee of Rs.25,000/- each and undertaking that the Sump No.2 will have the pH within the prescribed limits (5.5 to 9) failing which the Bank Guarantees given by individual industrial units shall be collectively forfeited. Based on the actions taken by the industries they were allowed to function. A small Committee consisting of local well-known personality and representatives of MIDC, Industries and MPCB respectively, was constituted to monitor the effluent quality at Sump No.2 and the CETP on daily basis. The experience gained by this committee has prompted MPCB to establish an official mechanism in the form of a Local Area Environment Committee (LAEC) for Tarapur Industrial area.

Order: MPCB hereby constitutes Local Area Environment Committee (LAEC) for Tarapur Industrial area consisting of following Members.

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- 1) Dr. V.K. Iya - Chairman →
- 2) Executive Engineer, MIDC, Thane - Member
- 3) Chairman or his representative, TEPS - Member
- 4) Dr. Ramakant Panda, CMO, Tarapur Gen.Hosp- Member
- 5) Regional Officer, MPCB, Thane - Member

The terms of reference of this Committee shall be as under:

- 1) The Committee shall monitor effluent treatment plants established by industries. The defaulters shall be notified to Member Secretary, MPCB.
- 2) In the event of failure of conveyance system the primary treated effluent shall be taken to the sump in the tankers and proper manifest of the same shall be maintained by the concern industry and submit to SRO, Tarapur.
- 3) The Committee shall visit the units recommended necessary corrective actions as and when necessary.
- 4) The non-official members of the Committee shall not visit any industry without the prior permission of the Member Secretary, MPCB.
- 5) The committee shall also oversee and monitor the illegal dumping of the hazardous wastes in and around Tarapur Industrial area.
- 6) The Committee shall monitor the implementation of directions issued by SCMC from time to time and report compliance to M.S., M.P.C.B.
- 7) The Committee shall meet as and when necessary.
- 8) The Committee shall submit monthly report to M.S., MPCB.
- 9) The tenure of the Committee shall be one year.
- 10) The TA/DA in respect of the Chairman shall be made by MPCB as per Rules.

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Member Secretary

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