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To,

M/s Baijnath Stone Industries Pvt. Ltd., Vill. Tallagaon, Betalghat, District Nainital (Uttarakhand)

Directions under Section 31(A) of Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act-1981, as amended.

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WHEREAS, the Central Government has made the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981; and vide provisions of these Acts every water/air polluting industry/unit/operation/process is required to obtain consent to establish and consent to operate from the State Pollution Control Board; and

WHEREAS, for the purpose of protecting and improving the quality of environment and preventing and abating environmental pollution, the standards for discharge/emission of environmental pollutants from the industries, operations or processes have been specified under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986; and it is mandatory to every industry, operations or processes to keep their effluent/emission quality within the specified norms all the time; and

WHEREAS, Baijnath Stone Industries Pvt. Ltd., located at Vill. Tallagaon, Betalghat, District Nainital, Uttarakhand (herein after referred as "Unit") is a stone crushing industry and categorized under orange category of industry; and

WHEREAS, under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 standards for stone crushing units are notified; and every stone crushing unit shall strictly adhere to prescribed norms; and

WHEREAS, Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT) in the matter of O.A. No. 132/2021 (I.A. No. 122/82021) Manoj Joshi Vs State of Uttarakhand & Ors., on dated 14.06.2021, *inter alia* issued following directions:

2. Having regard to the averments in the application, which are sought to be supported by photographs annexed and the media reports, we find it appropriate to require a joint Committee of CPCB, State PCB, SEIAA, Uttarakhand and the District Magistrates concerned, Nainital, to undertake visit to the sites and ascertain the compliance status of functioning of the said stone crushers. The State PCB will be Nodal Agency for coordination and compliance. The Committee may give its report within two months by email at judicial-ngt@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/ OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDF and also upload the same on website of State PCB simultaneously so that the concerned parties/Departments can access the same for further course of action.

WHEREAS, in compliance of order of the Hon'ble NGT, Joint Team inspected the stone crushing Units in questions on dated 17.08.2021 and observed some deficiencies with respect to provisions of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 as amended and *Contd...... page-2*

Uttarakhand Stone Crusher, Screening Plant, Mobile Stone Crusher, Mobile Screening Plant, Pulverizer Plant, Hotmix Plant, Redymix Plant Anugya Nitti, 2020 as amended, and recommended to issue following directions:

- 1. The Unit expedite to install ducting and scrubbing system in cover shed to arrest dust.
- 2. The Unit should provide proper and complete cover shed in conveyor belts.
- 3. The Unit should provide adequate green belt as per State Policy, 2016.
- 4. The Unit should provide flow meter at water intake point and maintain proper logbook.
- 5. The Unit should take necessary permission from concerned authority for use of surface water (River Kosi).
- 6. The unit should provide adequate settling tanks for wastewater treatment.
- 7. The Unit should ensure compliance of conditions as per permission granted by the Industrial Development Section, Govt. of Uttarakhand, District Magistrate and UKPCB, as well as conditions stipulated in State Policy, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the observations and recommendation made by the Joint Committee, and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 31(A) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 as amended time to time, with approval of the Competent Authority of the Board, the Unit i.e **Baijnath Stone Industries Pvt. Ltd.**, located at **Vill. Tallagaon, Betalghat, District Nainital, Uttarakhand** is hereby directed to ensure compliance of following, and submit compliance report to Boards' offices with 30 days of issue of directions. Failing which it would be presumed that Unit is perpetually violating the provisions of aforesaid Act/Policy and further action would be taken against the Unit, which include directions to concerned authority for discontinue power supply of the Unit and/or imposition of an environmental compensation as per decision of 23rd Board meeting held on 29.11.2019.

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S.P. Subudhi, IFS Member Secretary OL

Copy to:

- 1. District Magistrate, Nainital for kind information please.
- Regional Officer, UKPCB, Regional Office, Haldwani (Nainital) for information and necessary action. Compliance verification report be forwarded to this office in due course of time.
- 3. Consent file of Baijnath Stone Industries Pvt. Ltd., Vill. Tallagaon, Betalghat, District Nainital, Uttarakhand.
- 4. Guard File.

Member Secretary