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Order No.

: 62 JK PCC of 2024

05 /04/2024 Dated

Whereas, no activity having bearing on environment can be taken in hand without prior consent of the Pollution Control Committee, warranted under Section 25/26 and Section 21 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974 and Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 respectively and;

Whereas, Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in its order dt.02-02-2024 in O.A.No.594 of 2022 titled Syed Riyaz Versus Union Territory of J&K & Ors. directed to close down the brick kilns operating without consent from the Pollution Control Committee and:

Whereas, as per the notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India vide No. GSR 895 (E) dated 15th December 2023, the existing brick kilns which are not following zig-zag technology or vertical shaft or use piped natural gas as fuel in brick making shall be converted to zig-zag technology or vertical shaft or use piped natural gas as fuel in brick making by February 2024 in case of kilns located within 10 kms radius of non-attainment cities (NACs) and Brick kilns Outside non-attainment cities by February 2025 and;

Whereas, Brick Kilns indicated in Annexure A to this order are in violation of above stated laws, the direction of the Hon'ble NGT and the notification of MoEF&CC, Govt. of India referred to above, and:

Whereas, the brick kilns listed in **Annexure A** of this order cannot be allowed to operate till such time they comply with the laws, directions and notification mentioned above.

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Now, therefore, in exercise of powers vested with J & K Pollution Control Board under Section 33 (A) of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Section 31 (A) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the following directions are hereby issued: -

- i. Deputy Commissioner/ District Magistrate, Shopian shall close down the brick kiln in **Annexure A**, immediately.
- ii. Director Industries and Commerce, Kashmir is directed to deregister the Brick Kiln, if registered.
- iii. Executive Engineer, (KPDCL) Electric Division, Shopian is directed to disconnect the electric supply to above said Brick Kiln immediately.
- iv. Executive Engineer, **PHE**, **Shopian** is directed to disconnect the water supply to the above said Brick Kiln immediately.
- v. **Prop. M/s** ______ is directed to cease the operation of the Brick Kiln, forthwith.

Issued with the Approval of Competent Authority.

(Ghansham Singh), JKAS Member Secretary 5.4.24

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- i. Deputy Commissioner/ District Magistrate Shopian for information and necessary action under intimation.
- ii. Regional Director, PCC, Kashmir for information and follow up action within a fortnight.
- iii. Director Industries and Commerce, Kashmir for information and necessary action.
- iv. Chief Engineer, Kashmir Power Development Corporation Ltd. (KPDCL), Srinagar for information and necessary action under intimation.
- v. Chief Engineer, PHE Kashmir for information and necessary action under intimation
- vi. Executive Engineer, (KPDCL) Electric Division, Shopian for information and necessary action.
- vii. Executive Engineer, PHE Division Shopian for information and necessary action.
- viii. Divisional Officer, Shopian for information and with the direction to follow up and get the closure order implemented through District Administration.
- ix. I/c Nodal Officer, NGT PCC Jammu for information and necessary action.
- x. I/c web site Pollution Control Committee Jammu for uploading the closure order
- xi. Prop. ______for compliance.

Annexuse to ordor 62-Jupe of 24 dt 574/24

1 Kashmir Shopian S.H. Brick Kiln Safanagri Shopian Expired CTO

2 Kashmir Shopian Mir Brick Kiln Babapora Shopian Expired CTO