Jammu and Kashmir Pollution Control Committee

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Subject: Closure of M/s Vethesta Constructions and Prince Constrictions (JV), Village Gota,

Tehsil Chassana, District Reasi.

ORDER No. : \S\Z JK PCC of 2024

DATED :

09 /09/2024

Whereas, Stone Crusher& Hot Mix Plant is categorized as Orange Category activity on the basis of pollution potential, for the purpose of seeking the consent from the J&K Pollution Control Committee; and

Whereas, Consent to Operate (Fresh) was granted to M/s Vethesta Constructions & M/s Prince Constructions (Project specific) at Village Gota, Tehsil Chassana, District Reasi, vide Consent Order No. PCC/digital/23043658473 of 2023 dated 06-04-2023, valid upto April,2024; and

Whereas, M/s Vethesta Constructions & M/s Prince Constructions (Project specific) at Village Gota, Tehsil Chassana, District Reasi is in operation in flagrant violation of the 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, the Consent to Operate (CTO ®) granted to the unit as a project specific expired in April 2024 and the unit holder has failed to remove the machinery of the plant even six months after the expiry of Consent to operate and a complaint against the unit had also been filed by the local residents on the premise that unit does not meet the prescribed siting criteria for operation of stone crusher /Hot Mix Plant which was verified as found genuine; and

Whereas, Fresh inspection conducted by the Divisional Officer, Pollution Control Committee, Reasi on 20-06-2024, reported that the stone crusher/Hot Mix Plant does not meet the siting criteria for establishment of stone crusher /HMP and also stated that the owner of the unit had submitted an affidavit to the effect that he will not seek further renewal of consent to operate from the J&K Pollution Control Committee at the said site at the time of obtaining Consent to Operate (Fresh); and

Whereas, Regional Director, Pollution Control Committee, Jammu vide letter No. PCC/RDJ/ O/2024/938-40 dated 19-07-2024, confirmed the report of Divisional Officer, PCC, Reasi and accordingly, recommended the closure of the said stone crusher & Hot Mix Plant (HMP).

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Whereas, the stone crusher/Hot Mix Plant (HMP) in question cannot be allowed to operate with above status as the operation can prove detrimental for human health and environment besides, being in flagrant violation of laws governing environmental protection.

Now therefore, in exercise of powers vested with J & K Pollution Control Committee 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, Reasi is directed to get the Stone Crusher & Hot Mix Plant of Mr. Muzamil Bashir under the name and style of M/s Vethesta Constructions & M/s Prince Constructions (Project Specific) at Village Gota, Tehsil Chassana, District Reasi closed immediately.
- ii). Executive Engineer, Electric Division, Reasi (JPDCL) is directed to disconnect the electric supply to the above said stone crusher/Hot Mix Plant.
- iii) Executive Engineer, PHE Division, Reasi is directed to disconnect the electric supply to the above said stone crusher/Hot Mix Plant.
- iii). Mr. Muzamil Bashir Prop. M/s Vethesta Constructions & M/s prince Constructions (Project Specific)at Village Gota, Tehsil Chassana, District Reasi is directed to cease the operation of the Stone Crusher & Hot Mix Plant forthwith.

Issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

(Ghansham Singh), JKAS Member Secretary, 13.9.24

JKPCC, Jammu

No:-JK PCC/LSJ/7044186/2022/

Dated:- 69/09/2024 Copy to the following:-

i). Deputy Commissioner/ District Magistrate, Reasi.

ii). Regional Director, Pollution Control Committee, Jammu for information and follow up action within fortnight.

iii). Chief Engineer, Jammu Power Distribution Department Ltd.(JPDCL), canal road, Jammu for information and necessary action.

iv). Chief Engineer, PHE Jammu for information and necessary action.

- v) Executive Engineer, Electric Division, Reasi for information and necessary action.
- vi). Executive Engineer, PHE Division, Reasi for information and necessary action.

I/c Website, JK Pollution Control Committee, Jammu for uploading the same.

Mr. Muzamil Bashir Prop. M/s Vethesta Constructions & M/s Prince Constructions (Project Specific )at Village Gota, Tehsil Chassana, District Reasi for compliance.