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Subject: Expansion of existing Ethyl Cellulose Unit (20 TPM) by installing Organic Chemical Plant (79.69 TPM) at Sy. No. 303/2 & 302/P, Village Abrama, Tehsil & District Valsad, Gujarat by M/s Asha Cellulose (I) Pvt. Ltd. - Environmental Clearance reg.

Ref. : Your letter no. nil dated 24th December, 2012.

Sir,

This has reference to your letter dated 24th December, 2012 alongwith project documents including Form I, Terms of References, Pre-feasibility Report, EIA/EMP Report alongwith Public Hearing Report and subsequent submission of addl. information vide letter dated 19th December, 2014 regarding above mentioned project.

2.0 The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change has examined the application. It is noted that proposal is for expansion of existing Ethyl Cellulose Unit (20 TPM) by installing Organic Chemical Plant (79.69 TPM) at Sy. No. 303/2 & 302/P, Village Abrama, Tehsil & District Valsad, Gujarat. River Auranga and Arabian sea is at located at a distance of 0.5 km. & 12 km respectively. Total plot area is 22,062 m². Out of which greenbelt will be developed in 6325 m². Expansion will be carried out in the existing campus only. Total cost of the proposed expansion project is Rs. 10.5 Crore. Rs. 1.68 Crore and Rs. 28.13 Lakh are earmarked towards capital cost and recurring cost for implementation of environmental management plan. It is reported that no national park/wildlife sanctuary is located within 10 Km distance. Patches of reserve forest is located within 10 km distance. Gujarat SCZM vide their letter no ENV-10-2013-74-E dated 3rd December, 2014 has clarified that proposed plant for expansion is not falling within CRZ area and does not attract the provision of CRZ Notification 2011. They have also directed not to carry out any construction activity (4800 m²), which attracts the provision of CRZ notification 2011 and not to discharge any treated effluent into the estuary of river Auranga without obtaining necessary permission from the Competent Authority. Following products will be manufactured:

S. N.	Name of the Products	Capacity (MTPM)			Remarks
		Existing	Proposed	Total after expansion	
1	Ethyl Cellulose (Aqua Process)	20	0	20	Product from both the processes shall be manufactured.
2	Ethyl Cellulose (Solvent Process)	0	79.69	79.69	
Total		20	79.69	99.69	

List of By-products

S.N.	Name of the Product	Capacity (MTPM)			Remarks
		Existing	Proposed	Total	
1	Spent Caustic (18-20%)	369.2	0	369.2	Sold to actual users

3.0 Stack of adequate height will be provided to additional gas fired steam boiler and hot air generator to disperse the waste gases. Bag filter will be provided to additional spin flash dryers. Water requirement will be increased from 52.7 m³/day to 287.5 m³/day after expansion. Out of which, fresh water requirement from ground water source will be 52.7 m³/day and remaining/balance water requirement will be met from recycled water. Industrial effluent generation will be increased from 38 m³/day to 240.5 m³/day after expansion. Effluent will be treated in the effluent treatment plant (ETP) comprising primary, secondary and tertiary treatment (Reverse Osmosis). RO rejects will be evaporated in the Multiple Effect Evaporator (MEE). No effluent will be discharged outside the plant premises. RO permeates and Condensate from evaporator will be recycled/reused for cooling tower make up/process. 'Zero' effluent discharge shall be adopted and no effluent will be discharged outside the premises. Salts from MEE will be disposed off into TSDF Waste oil/spent oil will be sold to registered recyclers/re-processors.

4.0 Public hearings/public consultation was held on 15th December, 2012.

5.0 All Synthetic Organic Chemicals Industry located outside the notified industrial area/estate are listed at S.N. 5(f) under category 'A' and appraised at Central level.

6.0 The proposal was considered by the Expert Appraisal Committee (Industry) in its meetings held during 20th-21st October, 2011, 5th-7th March, 2013 and 16th-17th March, 2015 respectively. Project Proponent and the EIA Consultant namely M/s Precitech Laboratories, have presented EIA / EMP report as per the TOR. EAC has found the EIA / EMP Report and additional information to be satisfactory and in full consonance with the presented TORs. The Committee recommended the proposal for environmental clearance.

7.0 Based on the information submitted by the project proponent, the Ministry of Environment and Forests hereby accords environmental clearance to above project under the provisions of EIA Notification dated 14th September 2006, subject to the compliance of the following Specific and General Conditions:

A. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS:

- i) National Emission Standards for Organic Chemicals Manufacturing Industry issued by the Ministry vide G.S.R. 608(E) dated 21st July, 2010 and amended time to time shall be followed by the unit.
- ii) Adequate stack height should be provided to gas fired boiler/hot air generator. Bag filter shall be provided to additional spin flash dryers. At no time, the emission levels should go beyond the prescribed standards.

- iii) In plant control measures for checking fugitive emissions from all the vulnerable sources shall be provided. Fugitive emissions shall be controlled by providing closed storage, closed handling & conveyance of chemicals/materials, multi cyclone separator and water sprinkling system. Dust suppression system including water sprinkling system shall be provided at loading and unloading areas to control dust emissions. Fugitive emissions in the work zone environment, product, raw materials storage area etc. shall be regularly monitored.
- iv) Solvent management shall be carried out as follows :
- i. Reactor shall be connected to chilled brine condenser system
 - ii. Reactor and solvent handling pump shall have mechanical seals to prevent leakages.
 - iii. The condensers shall be provided with sufficient HTA and residence time so as to achieve more than 95% recovery.
 - iv. Solvents shall be stored in a separate space specified with all safety measures.
 - v. Proper earthing shall be provided in all the electrical equipment wherever solvent handling is done.
 - vi. Entire plant shall be flame proof. The solvent storage tanks shall be provided with breather valve to prevent losses.
 - vii. All the solvent storage tanks shall be connected with vent condensers with chilled brine circulation.
- v) The gaseous emissions from DG set shall be dispersed through adequate stack height as per CPCB standards. Acoustic enclosure shall be provided to the DG sets to mitigate the noise pollution.
- vi) The company shall upload the status of compliance of the stipulated environmental clearance conditions, including results of monitored data on its website and shall update the same periodically. It shall simultaneously be sent to the Regional office of MOEF, the respective Zonal office of CPCB and the GPCB. The levels of PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, SO₂, NO_x, VOC and CO in ambient air and emissions from the stacks shall be monitored and displayed at a convenient location near the main gate of the company and at important public places.
- vii) Total fresh water requirement from ground water source should not exceed 52.7 m³/day and prior permission should be obtained from the CGWA/SGWA.
- viii) Total effluent generation shall not exceed 240.5 m³/day. Effluent shall be should be treated in in the ETP comprising primary, secondary and tertiary treatment (RO). RO rejects will be evaporated in MEE. The RO permeates and MEE condensate shall be recycled in the process.
- ix) 'Zero' effluent discharge shall be adopted and no effluent will be discharged outside the premises.
- x) Automatic /online monitoring system (24 x 7 monitoring devices) for flow measurement and relevant pollutants in the treatment system to be installed. The data to be made available to the respective SPCB and in the Company's website.

- xi) No effluent shall be discharged into river. In the event of failure of any effluent treatment plant adopted by the unit, the Organic Chemical plant shall not be restarted until the control measures are rectified to achieve the desired efficiency.
- xii) Process effluent/any wastewater shall not be allowed to mix with storm water. Storm water drain shall be passed through guard pond.
- xiii) Hazardous chemicals shall be stored in tanks in tank farms, drums, carboys etc. Flame arresters shall be provided on tank farm. Solvent transfer shall be by pumps.
- xiv) As proposed, process organic residue and spent carbon should be sent to cement industries. ETP sludge, process inorganic & evaporation salt should be disposed off to the TSDF.
- xv) The company shall obtain Authorization for collection, storage and disposal of hazardous waste under the Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling and Trans-Boundary Movement) Rules, 2008 and amended as on date for management of Hazardous wastes and prior permission from GPCB shall be obtained for disposal of solid / hazardous waste in the TSDF. Measures shall be taken for fire fighting facilities in case of emergency. Membership of TSDF for hazardous waste disposal shall be obtained.
- xvi) The Company shall strictly comply with the rules and guidelines under Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemicals (MSIHC) Rules, 11989 as amended in October, 1994 and January, 2000. All Transportation of Hazardous Chemicals shall be as per the Motor Vehicle Act (MVA), 1989.
- xvii) The unit shall make the arrangement for protection of possible fire hazards during manufacturing process in material handling. Fire fighting system shall be as per the norms.
- xviii) Occupational health surveillance of the workers shall be done on a regular basis and records maintained as per the Factories Act.
- xix) Green belt over 6325 m² area should be developed within plant premises with at least 10 meter wide green belt on all sides along the periphery of the project area, in downward direction, and along road sides etc. Selection of plant species shall be as per the CPCB guidelines in consultation with the DFO.
- xx) All the commitments made to the public during the Public Hearing/Public Consultation meeting held on 15th December, 2012 should be satisfactorily implemented and a separate budget for implementing the same should be allocated and information submitted to the Ministry's Regional Office at Bhopal.
- xxi) At least 5 % of the total cost of the project should be earmarked towards the Enterprise Social Commitment (ESC) based on local needs and action plan with financial and physical breakup/details should be prepared and submitted to the Ministry's Regional Office at Bhopal. Implementation of such program should be ensured accordingly in a time bound manner.
- xxii) Provision shall be made for the housing for the construction labour within the site with all necessary infrastructure and facilities such as fuel for cooking, mobile toilets, mobile sewage treatment plant, safe drinking water, medical health care, crèche etc. The housing may be in the form of temporary structure to be removed after the completion of the project. All the construction wastes shall be managed so that there is no impact on the surrounding environment.

B. GENERAL CONDITIONS:

- i. The project authorities must strictly adhere to the stipulations made by the Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB), State Government and any other statutory authority.
- ii. No further expansion or modifications in the plant shall be carried out without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment and Forests. In case of deviations or alterations in the project proposal from those submitted to this Ministry for clearance, a fresh reference shall be made to the Ministry to assess the adequacy of conditions imposed and to add additional environmental protection measures required, if any.
- iii. The locations of ambient air quality monitoring stations shall be decided in consultation with the Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) and it shall be ensured that at least one station is installed in the upwind and downwind direction as well as where maximum ground level concentrations are anticipated.
- iv. The overall noise levels in and around the plant area shall be kept well within the standards by providing noise control measures including acoustic hoods, silencers, enclosures etc. on all sources of noise generation. The ambient noise levels shall conform to the standards prescribed under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 Rules, 1989 viz. 75 dBA (day time) and 70 dBA (night time).
- v. The Company shall harvest rainwater from the roof-tops of the buildings and storm water drains to recharge the ground water and use the same water for the process activities of the project to conserve fresh water.
- vi. During transfer of materials, spillages shall be avoided and garland drains be constructed to avoid mixing of accidental spillages with domestic wastewater and storm water drains.
- vii. Usage of Personnel Protection Equipments by all employees/ workers shall be ensured.
- viii. Training shall be imparted to all employees on safety and health aspects of chemicals handling. Pre-employment and routine periodical medical examinations for all employees shall be undertaken on regular basis. Training to all employees on handling of chemicals shall be imparted.
- ix. The company shall also comply with all the environmental protection measures and safeguards proposed in the project report submitted to the Ministry. All the recommendations made in the EIA/EMP in respect of environmental management, risk mitigation measures and public hearing relating to the project shall be implemented.
- x. The company shall undertake CSR activities and all relevant measures for improving the socio-economic conditions of the surrounding area.
- xi. The company shall undertake eco-developmental measures including community welfare measures in the project area for the overall improvement of the environment.

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- xii. A separate Environmental Management Cell equipped with full fledged laboratory facilities shall be set up to carry out the Environmental Management and Monitoring functions.
 - xiii. The company shall earmark sufficient funds for recurring cost per annum to implement the conditions stipulated by the Ministry of Environment and Forests as well as the State Government along with the implementation schedule for all the conditions stipulated herein. The funds so earmarked for environment management/ pollution control measures shall not be diverted for any other purpose.
 - xiv. A copy of the clearance letter shall be sent by the project proponent to concerned Panchayat, ZilaParisad/Municipal Corporation, Urban local Body and the local NGO, if any, from who suggestions/ representations, if any, were received while processing the proposal.
 - xv. The project proponent shall also submit six monthly reports on the status of compliance of the stipulated Environmental Clearance conditions including results of monitored data (both in hard copies as well as by e-mail) to the respective Regional Office of MoEF, the respective Zonal Office of CPCB and the Gujarat Pollution Control Board. A copy of Environmental Clearance and six monthly compliance status report shall be posted on the website of the company.
 - xvi. The environmental statement for each financial year ending 31st March in Form-V as is mandated shall be submitted to the Gujarat Pollution Control Board as prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, as amended subsequently, shall also be put on the website of the company along with the status of compliance of environmental clearance conditions and shall also be sent to the Bhopal Regional Offices of MoEF by e-mail.
 - xvii. The project proponent shall inform the public that the project has been accorded environmental clearance by the Ministry and copies of the clearance letter are available with the SPCB/Committee and may also be seen at Website of the Ministry at <http://envfor.nic.in>. This shall be advertised within seven days from the date of issue of the clearance letter, at least in two local newspapers that are widely circulated in the region of which one shall be in the vernacular language of the locality concerned and a copy of the same shall be forwarded to the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry.
 - xviii. The project authorities shall inform the Regional Office as well as the Ministry, the date of financial closure and final approval of the project by the concerned authorities and the date of start of the project.
- 8.0 The Ministry may revoke or suspend the clearance, if implementation of any of the above conditions is not satisfactory.
- 9.0 The Ministry reserves the right to stipulate additional conditions, if found necessary. The company in a time bound manner will implement these conditions.
- 10.0 The above conditions will be enforced, inter-alia under the provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Air (Prevention & Control of Water Pollution) Act, 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling and

Trans-boundary Movement) Rules, 2008 and the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 along with their amendments and rules.

11.0 Environmental Clearance is issued to M/s Asha Cellulose (I) Pvt. Ltd., expansion of existing Ethyl Cellulose Unit (20 TPM) by installing Organic Chemical Plant (79.69 TPM) at Sy. No. 303/2 & 302/P, Village Abrama, Tehsil & District Valsad, Gujarat.



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