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Subject: Grain based Distillery (60 KLPD) along with Cogeneration Power Plant (3.0 MW) at Village Mahanad, Block Polba-Dadpur, Polba, District Hoogly, West Bengal by M/s Alpine Distilleries Pvt. Ltd. — Environmental clearance reg.

Ref. : Your letter no. nil dated nil received in the Ministry on 24th September, 2014.

Sir,

Kindly refer to your letter dated nil alongwith project documents including Form I, Terms of References, Pre-feasibility Report, EIA/EMP Report alongwith Public Hearing Report 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 setting up of the Grain based Distillery (60 KLPD) along with Cogeneration Power Plant (3.0 MW) at Village Mahanad, Block Polba-Dadpur, Polba, District Hoogly, West Bengal. Total plot area is 4.5 ha of which greenbelt will be developed in 18967 m². Total project cost is Rs. 60 crores. Rs. 7.35 crores and Rs. 2.75 Crores per annum have been earmarked towards capital and recurring cost per annum for implementation of environmental management plan. It is reported that no eco-sensitive area such as national park/wild life sanctuary / biosphere reserve /reserve forest is located within 10Km. Distillery will be operated for 330 days in a year.

3.0 Bag filter alongwith stack of adequate height will be provided to coal/biomass fired boiler (25 TPH) to control particulate emissions within 50 mg/Nm³. Total fresh water requirement from ground water source will be 660 m³/day for distillery and CPP. Spent wash generation will be 360 m³/day. Spent wash will be passed through decanter and concentrated in multi-effect evaporator (MEE). Thick syrup and wet cake will be mixed together to form Distiller's Wet Grains with Soluble (DWGS) to achieve zero discharge. DWGS will be dried to form Distiller's Dry Grains with Soluble (DDGS). Spentlees, MEE condensate and utilities wastewater will be treated in effluent treatment plant (ETP) comprising UASBR followed by aerobic treatment and tertiary treatment and used as make water for cooling tower. No effluent will be discharged outside the factory premises and 'Zero' effluent discharge concept will be implemented. Storage capacity for spent wash lagoon will be 5 days. DDGS will be sold as cattle feed. Fly ash will be sold to the brick manufacturers/cement. Used oil will be sent to authorized recyclers/re-processors.

4.0 Public hearing/public consultation meeting was conducted on 11th September, 2013.

5.0 All cane juice/non-molasses based distillery (>60 KLD) are listed at S.N. 5(g) (ii) under category 'A' and appraised at Central level.

6.0 The proposal was considered by the Expert Appraisal Committee (Industry) in its 3rd and 28th meetings held during 3rd –5th December, 2012 and 1st December – 2nd December, 2014 respectively. The Committee recommended the proposal for environmental clearance. The Committee recommended the proposal for environmental clearance. Project Proponent and the EIA Consultant namely M/s EN-Vision Enviro Engineers Pvt. Ltd., 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, Forests and Climate Change 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) Distillery unit shall be based on Grain based only and no Molasses based distillery unit shall be operated. The unit will use bagasse if available.
- ii) Bag filter alongwith stack of adequate height shall be provided to Coal/rice husk fired boiler to control particulate emission within 50mg/Nm³. At no time, the emission levels should go beyond the prescribed standards. In the event of failure of any pollution control system adopted by the unit, the respective unit shall not be restarted until the control measures are rectified to achieve the desired efficiency.
- 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 and records shall be maintained. The emissions shall conform to the limits imposed by West Bengal State Pollution Control Board (WBSPCB).
- iv) Pucca approach road to project site shall be constructed prior to commencing construction activity of the main distillery so as to avoid fugitive emissions.
- v) The gaseous emissions from DG set shall be dispersed through adequate stack height as per CPCB guidelines. 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 WBSPCB. The levels of PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀, SO₂, NO_x, CO and HC (Methane) in ambient air 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 shall not exceed 660 m³/day for distillery and cogeneration unit and prior permission shall be obtained from the CGWA/SGWA. Water



consumption shall be reduced by adopting 3 R's (reduce, reuse and recycle) concept in the process.

- viii) Spent wash generation shall not exceed 6 KI/KI of alcohol. Spent wash shall be treated through decanter and concentrated in multi-effect evaporator (MEE) followed by dryer to form DDGS. Spentlees, MEE condensate, effluent from bottle washing, utilities and cogeneration unit shall be treated in effluent treatment plant (ETP) and water quality of treated effluent shall meet the norms prescribed by CPCB/SPCB.
- ix) No effluent from distillery and co-generation power plant shall be discharged outside the factory premises and 'Zero' effluent discharge concept shall be adopted.
- x) Online continuous monitoring of flow and pollutants in the treatment plant to be installed and monitored by the respective Regional Office of MEF&CC/SPCB. Data shall be uploaded on the company website or in public domain.
- xi) Process effluent/any wastewater shall not be allowed to mix with storm water. Storm water drain shall be passed through guard pond.
- xii) Adequate numbers of ground water quality monitoring stations by providing piezometers around the project area shall be set up. Sampling and trend analysis monitoring must be made on monthly a basis and report submitted to SPCB and this Ministry. The ground water quality monitoring for pH, BOD, COD, Chloride, Sulphate and Total Dissolve Solids shall be monitored and report submitted to the Ministry's Regional Office at Bhubaneshwar and WBSPCB.
- xiii) No storage of wet cake shall be done at site to avoid odour problem. An additional dryer shall be installed so that at any time wet cake is not sold then wet cake shall be converted into dry cake by operating additional dryer.
- xiv) Coal storage shall be done in such a way that it does not get air borne or fly around due to wind. For this, it shall be kept in wet form.
- xv) Fly ash shall be stored separately as per CPCB guidelines so that it shall not adversely affect the air quality, becoming air borne by wind or water regime during rainy season by flowing along with the storm water. Direct exposure of workers to fly ash & dust shall be avoided.
- xvi) Fire fighting system shall be as per norms and cover all areas where alcohol is produced, handled and stored. Provision of foam system for fire fighting shall be made to control fire from the alcohol storage tank.
- xvii) Risk Assessment shall be carried to assess the fire and explosion risk due to storage of alcohol and report submitted to the Ministry and its Regional Office at Bangalore within six months.
- xviii) Occupational health surveillance programme shall be undertaken as regular exercise for all the employees. The first aid facilities in the occupational health centre shall be strengthened and the regular medical test records of each employee shall be maintained separately.
- xix) Dedicated parking facility for loading and unloading of material shall be provided in the factory premises. Unit shall develop and implement good traffic management system for their incoming and outgoing vehicles to avoid congestion on the public road.



- xx) As proposed, green belt over 33 % of the total project area shall 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.
- xxi) All the commitment made regarding issues raised during the Public Hearing/consultation meeting held on 11th September, 2013 shall be satisfactorily implemented and a separate budget for implementing the same shall be allocated and information submitted to the Ministry's Regional Office at Bhubaneswar.
- xxii) At least 5 % of the total cost of the project shall be earmarked towards the Enterprise Social Commitment based on locals need and item-wise details along with time bound action plan shall be prepared and submitted to the Ministry's Regional Office at Bhubaneswar. Implementation of such program shall be ensured accordingly in a time bound manner.
- xxiii) 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, 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 West Bengal State Pollution Control Board (WBSPCB), 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 West Bengal State Pollution Control Board (WBSPCB) 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.

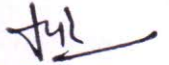
- viii. Training shall be imparted to all employees on safety and health aspects of chemicals handling. Pre-employment and routine periodical medical examinations for all employees shall be undertaken on regular basis. Training to all employees on handling of chemicals shall be imparted.
- ix. The company 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.
- 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 West Bengal State 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 Alpine Distilleries Pvt. Ltd Grain based Distillery (60 KLPD) along with Cogeneration Power Plant (3.0 MW) at Village Mahanad, Block Polba-Dadpur, Polba, District Hoogly, West Bengal.



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1. The Secretary, Department of Environment, Govt. of West Bengal, Kolkata, West Bengal.
2. The Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhavan, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi-110032.
3. The Chairman, West Bengal Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, 10A Block-LA Sector-III, Salt Lake, Kolkata - 700091, West Bengal.
4. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Regional Office (EZ), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, A-3, Chandrashekharpur, Bhubaneswar – 751 023, Orissa.
5. Monitoring Cell, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex, New Delhi.
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