## F.No 13/10/2020-HSM Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (HSM Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan Jor Bagh Road New Delhi- 110003 Dated: February, 2023

Subject: Prior Informed Consent (PIC) for import of 13,420.5 kg (389 flasks) mercury from Thailand to India by M/s Purple Products Pvt. Ltd.

The undersigned is directed to refer your applications dated 17.01.2023 and 19.01.2023 for seeking Prior Informed Consent (PIC) for import of total 13,558.5 kg (393 flasks) mercury from Thailand.

- 2. The Ministry is in receipt of two applications from M/s Purple Products Pvt. Ltd. for import of total 13,558.5 kg (393 flasks) mercury from Thailand:
  - Application dated 17.01.2023 for import of 3,553.5 kg (103 flasks) to be supplied to M/s Centauri Engineering Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
  - Application dated 19.01.2023 for import of 10,005 kg (290 flasks) for M/s Industrial Electronics and Allied Products
- 3. It has been noted that the Ministry has received three separate revised Form A (quantities of 2518.5 kg, 10005 kg and 10005 kg) from the National Focal Point to Minamata Convention, Thailand vide email dated 29.06.2022 for seeking consent for export of total 22,528.5 kg (653 flasks) mercury from Thailand.
- 4. From the above mentioned three Form A, MoEFCC has already granted PIC for 8,970 kg (260 flasks) vide letter dated 13.01.2023.
- 5. It has been noted that M/s Industrial Electronics and Allied Products has obtained the following Consent to Operate (CTO) from Maharashtra Pollution Control Board to manufacture Blood Pressure (BP) Measuring Instrument for their four plants:
  - a. 96,000 BP measuring instruments per annum vide CTO dated 02/08/2017 and valid till 31/07/2023 (vide Consent No. 1708000078)
  - 96,000 BP measuring instruments per annum vide CTO dated 02/08/2017 and valid till 31/07/2023 (vide Consent No. 1708000077)
  - c. 1,44,000 BP measuring instruments per annum vide CTO dated 05/06/2017 and valid till 31/05/2023 (vide Consent No. 1706000123)
  - d. 96,000 BP measuring instruments per annum vide CTO dated 03/08/2022 and valid till 31/07/2028 (vide Consent No. 0000143925)

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- 6. The allowed mercury usage as per the CTOs for M/s Industrial Electronics and Allied Products is 28,944 kg/annum (~ 839 flasks) and the maximum annual consumption of mercury in the last 3 years (FY 2021-22) is 15870 kg (460 Flasks).
- 7. M/s Industrial Electronics and Allied Products has given request letter to M/s Purple Products Pvt. Ltd. for import of 290 flasks of mercury vide letter dated 09.01.2023.
- 8. PIC for import of 5175 kg (150 flasks) of mercury has been granted to the importer to be supplied to M/s Industrial Electronics and Allied Products vide letter dated 25.10.2022 in the last one year.
- 9. M/s Centauri Engineering Solutions Pvt. Ltd. has obtained the Consent to Operate from M.P. Pollution Control Board vide Consent No: AWH-102224, dated 10/06/2022 and valid till 31/05/2027. The allowed mercury usage as per the CTO for is 3419 kg /annum (~ 99 flasks). Since M/s Centauri is a newly established company, it doesn't have data for past consumption.
- 10. M/s Centauri Engineering Solutions Pvt. Ltd. has given mercury request letter to M/s Purple Products Pvt. Ltd. vide letter dated 10.01.2023.
- 11. The interim storage facility is M/s Baya Logisolutions Pvt. Ltd. at Uran, Raigad Dist., Maharashtra, who has the valid Consent from Maharashtra Pollution Control Board for storage of mercury vide CTO letter dated 09.08.2021 and valid till 30.08.2023. Letter of Intent is available from M/s Baya Logisolutions Pvt. Ltd. to store mercury from the present importer vide dated 21.12.2019.
- The Ministry has examined the application. The National Focal Point of the Minamata Convention for India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby grants Prior Informed Consent (PIC) for import of mercury i.e., 13,420.5 kg (389 flasks) by M/s Purple Products Pvt. Ltd. from Thailand to be supplied to M/s Industrial Electronics and Allied Products (290 flasks) and M/s Centauri Engineering Solutions Pvt. Ltd. (99 flasks).
- 13. The following conditions are stipulated for compliance by the importer:
  - The consignment for import of mercury should not be contaminated with any other material or waste.
  - ii. The import shall be only for the intended use as allowed under the Minamata Convention on Mercury.
  - iii. In case of any illegal imports, the consignment will have to be sent back to the exporting country and the importer shall bear the cost for the same.
  - iv. The import shall be regularly monitored by the concerned SPCBs/PCCs and the Ministry shall be kept informed.
  - v. In case, the importer supplies it to other end user(s), if the end user in the present application does not take the full quantity, the importer shall provide the N-Subahnaryam

details of the end user(s) as prescribed in the Form 'X' before the mercury is supplied to the end user(s) who meet(s) all the conditions as laid out in Form 'X'.

- vi. Importer shall file returns to the Ministry and concerned SPCB/PCC for the quantity of mercury supplied to end user(s) within 6 months from the date of import or within 3 months from the date of supply to the end user. In case of non-supply of mercury to end user, the status of storage shall be submitted within 6 months from the date of import.
- vii. Importer shall be allowed for future imports only upon submission of statement regarding the supply/consumption/utilisation of imported mercury.
- 14. The consent is valid for the above-mentioned consignment/quantities and can be used one time only. The approval is subject to the provision of information by Exporting Party as contained in Section C of Form A.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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## Copy to:

- The National Focal Point to Minamata Convention, Thailand
- 2. The Director General of Foreign Trade, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 3. The Central Board of indirect Taxes & Customs, Dept. of Revenue.
- 4. The Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board-with a request to monitor the storage, transport and consumption of mercury.
- 5. The Member Secretary, Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board with a request to monitor the transport and consumption of mercury.
- 6. M/s Industrial Electronics and Allied Products
- 7. M/s Centauri Engineering Solutions Pvt. Ltd.

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