F.No. 13/13/2019-HSM Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (HSM Division)

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Dated: 03 December, 2024

Subject: Prior Informed Consent (PIC) for import of 15,525 kg (450 flasks) mercury from Peru to India by M/s KBNM Metals Pvt. Ltd.

The undersigned is directed to refer to your following applications for seeking Prior Informed Consent (PIC) for import of mercury from Peru:

- Application dated 06.09.2024 for import of 10350 kg (300 flasks) for self (M/s KBNM Metals Pvt. Ltd.) for manufacture of mercury salts
- ii. Application dated 11.11.2024 for import of 6900 kg (200 flasks) to be supplied to M/s Heni Drugs Pvt. Ltd. for manufacture of mercury salts
- 2. National Focal Point (NFP) to Minamata Convention, Peru has provided Form A for 60,000 kg (~1,739 flasks) mercury vide letter dated 14.06.2024. No PIC has been granted yet from the said Form A.
- 3. M/s KBNM Metals Pvt. Ltd. has obtained Consent to Operate (CTO) from Punjab Pollution Control Board, dated: 22.03.2023 and valid till 30.06.2028, to manufacture mercury salts, namely Mercuric Chloride and Others.
- 4. M/s KBNM Metals Pvt. Ltd. received the CTO in March 2023 so there is no data for the maximum consumption of mercury in the last three years. The mercury usage of M/s KBNM Metals Pvt. Ltd. for the FY 2023-24 was 5830.5 kg (169 flasks) for manufacture of 6279.36 kg of mercury salts.
- 5. Ministry has issued one PIC vide letter dated 18.07.2023 for import of 10,350 kg (300 flasks) of mercury to M/s KBNM Metals Pvt. Ltd. to be used in their plant to manufacture mercury salts. M/s KBNM Metals has communicated that out of the 300 flasks, 9,280.5 kg (269 flasks) has been imported and consumed.
- 6. M/s Heni Drugs Pvt. Ltd has been authorized to manufacture mercury salts vide Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) Consent to Operate dated 15.10.2024 and valid till 30.09.2029.
- 7. The maximum annual consumption of mercury during the last three years for M/s Heni Drugs is 4507 kg (~130 flasks) for production of 6267.95 kg of mercury salts (FY 2023-24).
- 8. Further, the Ministry has issued PICs for import of total 11,178 kg (324 flasks) to be supplied to M/s Heni Drugs Pvt. Ltd.

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- 9. Mercury request letter from M/s Heni Drugs to procure mercury from the importer (M/s KBNM Metals Pvt. Ltd) is available vide letter dated 14.10.2024.
- 10. Upon examination of the application, it has been proposed to provide PIC for import of **15,525 kg (450 flasks)** of mercury to be distributed between the-end users as given below:

S.No.	Manufacturer Name	Quantity for grant of PIC
1	M/s KBNM Metals Pvt. Ltd.	10,350 kg (300 flasks)
2	M/s Heni Drugs Pvt. Ltd.	5,175 kg (150 flasks)
Total		15,525 kg (450 flasks)

- 11. Imported mercury is proposed to be stored at M/s KBNM Metals Pvt. Ltd., Ludhiana. M/s KBNM Metals Pvt Ltd. has obtained Consent for storage of mercury from Punjab Pollution Control Board vide Consent to Operate dated 25.10.2023 and valid till 30.06.2028.
- 12. The Ministry has examined the application. Approval of the National Focal Point of the Minamata Convention for India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change is hereby conveyed for grant of Prior Informed Consent (PIC) for import of mercury i.e., 15,525 kg (450 flasks) by KBNM Metals Pvt. Ltd. to be supplied to the end-users as given in Para 10.
- 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.
 - 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 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.

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- Importer shall be allowed for future imports only upon submission of statement vii. regarding the supply/consumption/utilisation of imported mercury.
- The consent is valid for the above-mentioned consignment/quantities and can 14. 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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- 1. The National Focal Point to Minamata Convention, Peru
- 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 transport of mercury
- 5. The Member Secretary, Gujarat Pollution Control Board-with a request to monitor the transport and consumption of mercury
- 6. The Member Secretary, Punjab Pollution Control Board-with a request to monitor the transport, storage and consumption of mercury
- 7. M/s Heni Drugs Pvt. Ltd., Plot No. 1901/1901A, Fansa Chaar Rasta, G.I.D.C Sarigam, Vapi -396155, Gujarat

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