



# Pollution Control Board, Assam

(Department of Environment & Forests : : Government of Assam)

## অসম প্রদূষণ নিয়ন্ত্রণ পৰিষদ

(অসম চৰকাৰৰ বন আৰু পৰিৱেশ বিভাগ)



No. WB/LAB-392/21-22/33

Dated Guwahati the, 02<sup>nd</sup> April, 2022

To

The Director  
Graintech Foods Namkeen  
(A unit of Graintech Foods India Pvt. Ltd.)  
Plot No. 12, North East Mega Food Park,  
Tihu, Nalbari, Assam- 781371.

**Sub: CLOSURE NOTICE.**

**Ref: Show Cause Notice vide No. WB/LAB-392/21-22/14 dtd. 21.03.2022.**

**WHEREAS**, under Section 17 of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, one of the functions of the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) is to plan a comprehensive programme for prevention, control or abatement of air pollution and to secure the execution thereof and under Section 17 of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act 1974, one of the functions of the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) is to plan a comprehensive programme for prevention, control or abatement of pollution of streams and wells in the state and to secure the execution thereof;

**WHEREAS**, under Section 21 of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Section 25 of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act 1974, no person shall without the previous consent of the State Board, establish or operate any industrial plant in an air pollution control area;

**WHEREAS**, you are operating your unit in the name and style Graintech Foods Namkeen located at North East Mega Food Park, Tihu, Nalbari, Assam-781371;

**WHEREAS**, it is obligatory on the part of industries to install and operate Effluent Treatment plant (ETP) to comply with the effluent discharge standards as notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the Rules framed thereunder and also to meet the consent conditions granted by Pollution Control Board, Assam (PCBA);

**WHEREAS**, the unit was monitored on 09.02.2022 by a team of officials from PCBA. The unit was found in operation. It was observed that the entire untreated effluent generated by your unit was discharged into the surface drain outside your premises directly, thereby causing severe environmental pollution (photographs enclosed). The adjacent backside of the plant was seen filled with large amount of effluent and sludge due to continuous discharge of effluent since long time;

**WHEREAS**, Board issued a Show Cause Notice to your unit vide No. WB/LAB-392/21-22/14 dtd. 21.03.2022 for unauthorized discharge of trade effluent without passing through the Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) of North East Mega Food Park;

**WHEREAS**, a reply was received from your unit on 02.04.2022. However, the Board is not convinced with your reply mentioning breakdown of discharge pipe connected between Graintech Foods Namkeen and CETP as the reason of such haphazard discharge of pollutants without any treatment;

**WHEREAS**, the Board has discussed the issue with the Operator of the CETP/Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) of North East Mega Food Park. It has been revealed by the CETP Authority that no effluent had been received from your unit as your unit had not installed Primary Effluent Treatment System to meet with the inlet effluent parameters criteria of the WWTP in the North East Mega Food Park;

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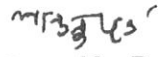
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**WHEREAS**, Board officials has visited your plant on 02.04.2022 and observed that there is no flow metre installed in the effluent discharge line to quantify the effluent generation from your unit. Besides, your plant failed to produce any document regarding sending of effluent to the CETP for treatment including any bill raised by the CETP Authority for treatment of the effluent of your unit;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, under the above facts & circumstances, Pollution Control Board, Assam is constrained to inform you that since, you have nonchalantly violated the provisions of law in force causing pollution to the environment and in exercising of powers conferred upon it under Section 33 (A) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 as amended till date, you are directed to **CLOSE DOWN** your unit with immediate effect.

  
(Shantanu Kr. Dutta)  
Member Secretary

Memo No. WB/LAB-392/21-22/33-A,

Dated Guwahati the, 02<sup>nd</sup> April, 2022

Copy to:

1. P.A. to the Chairman, PCBA for kind appraisal of Hon'ble Chairman.
2. The Addl. Chief Env. Engineer, Regional Office, Kamrup, PCBA for information & necessary action.

  
(Shantanu Kr. Dutta)  
Member Secretary