



Astec LifeSciences Ltd.

Dated: 26th March, 2014

To,

The Department of Corporate Services

National Stock Exchange Limited

Exchange Plaza, Bandra Kurla Complex,

Bandra, Mumbai-400051

Ref: "ASTEC"

Sub: Temporary suspension of Operations at Dombivili Plant

Dear Sir/Madam,

National Green Tribunal (NGT) based on an appeal filed by NGO Vanashakti, has been seeking clarifications from Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) regarding contamination of the Ulhas river.

In response to this, MPCB has issued closure notice to 39 Companies on 3rd February, 2014. Later on, after making further investigations in this regard, MPCB issued closure notices to other 22 Companies recently. Our Company, Astec LifeSciences Limited having its plant at Plot No- F-39, MIDC, Phase II, Dombivili, District- Thane is one of those 22 Companies who has received this order for temporary suspension of our operations.

There are 2 groups of Industries in the MIDC, Dombivili Area- One is textile industries and other is Chemical Industries. There are around 450 Companies in MIDC Phase I and MIDC Phase 2 in Dombivili (East), out of which around 250 Companies deal in chemicals with some using hazardous substances.

After few hearings between MPCB and Companies affected due to the closure order, MPCB issued Restart order to all Textile Industries after considering certain parameters, standards, obtaining certain assurances regarding improvements from the Companies. On the last hearing dated 13th March, 2014, National Green Tribunal (NGT) has called for an explanation from MPCB for passing



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the restart order for Textile Industries. They need to place on record status report about the effluent discharge of such industries and verification of nature and quantity of effluent, within 2 weeks of the last hearing date. Next date of hearing is 15th April, 2014.

All Chemical Industries and Companies who are aggrieved by the order of MPCB for their temporary suspension of operations have come together and will be filing an appeal to High Court and National Green Tribunal (NGT).

Also, we would like to state that the said suspension order is not going have any material impact on the operations of our Company. And as stated earlier, not only our Company but also many other Companies have been asked to suspend their operations temporarily. We expect to resolve the problems shortly and we do not envisage any significant impact on the overall operations of our Company.

Kindly take the above information on your records.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

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