M/s Garima Mineral Pvt. Ltd,
Near Village-Nagal Chandal, Tehsil- Rajgarh,
District: Alwar

Subject: Directions for closure of industry under the provisions of Section 31A of the Air
(Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

Reference: Inspection of the unit carried out by Board officials, RO, Alwar on dated
14/11/2018.

Sir,

1. This is without prejudice to the right of the Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board
(hereinafter called as 'the Board') to initiate proceeding under the provisions of the Air
(Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act-1981 (hereinafter called as ‘the Air Act’) for
violation of various provisions of the Act here-in-after shown:-

2. Whereas the Air Act came into force in the whole of the State of Rajasthan with effect from

3. And whereas the Air Act has been enacted to provide for the prevention, control and
abatement of air pollution.

4. And whereas section 21 of the Air Act prohibits establishing or operating an industrial plant
and discharge of air pollutants without obtaining prior consent of the State Board.

5. And whereas, Hon’ble National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi (NGT)
delivered a decision on May 08, 2013 in the application no. 37 of 2012; Wassan Singh V/s
State of Punjab and others, and it was enjoined upon all the industrial operation and process to
close down their production activity which are operating without proper consent of the State
Board.

6. And whereas the Industry was inspected by team of Board officials from RO, Alwar on dated
14/11/2018 for verification of air pollution control measures.

7. And whereas a SCN for intended refusal of consent applications & intended directions for
closure was issued by RO, Alwar vide letter dated 19/11/2018.

8. And whereas industry has failed to submit any reply of SCN dated 19/11/2018 & the consent
applications has been refused by HO vide letter dated 07/01/2019.

9. And whereas the industry is established & operational without obtaining Consent to establish
& Consent to operate from the State Board & without installing pollution control measures.

10. And whereas the industry has not installed requisite air pollution control measures to achieve
emission standards of SO₂ & NOₓ as prescribed under Environment protection Act, 1986.

11. And whereas above stated non-compliance of the provisions of the Air Act have been viewed
seriously by the Board.

12. And whereas keeping this in view the Board has been conferred power to take such steps as
are deemed necessary for the prevention, control and abatement of air pollution.

13. And whereas the State Board in order to prevent and control air pollution being caused by the
industry and stop non-compliance of the provision of the Air Act, is competent to issue any
directions under section 31A of the Air Act in writing to any person, officer or authority and
such person, officer or authority shall be bound to comply with such directions.
Therefore, in order to prevent and control pollution being caused by the industry, to stop non-compliance of the provisions of the Air Act and in the interest of prevention of perpetual offence being committed by the industry, the Board in exercise of the powers conferred upon it under section 31A of the Air Act, issues following directions:-

a) You are directed to close down your industrial plant forthwith.
b) District Collector, Alwar to ensure closure of the industry.
c) SE (O & M), Jaipur Vidhyut Vitaran Nigam Limited, Alwar shall disconnect the electricity supply to the industry.
d) Regional Officer, Regional Office, Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board, Alwar is directed to seal the Diesel Generator Sets, if any and such other equipments so as to affect complete closure of the industrial plant and report that the direction as above have been complied.

Please note that the non-compliance of the above directions is punishable under section 37(1) of the Air Act with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than one year and six months but which may extend to six years and with fine.

Yours sincerely,

(K.C.A. Arun Prasad)
Member Secretary

Copy to following for information & necessary action:-

1. The Collector, Alwar.
2. SE (O & M), Jaipur Vidhyut Vitaran Nigam Limited, Alwar,
3. Regional Officer, Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board, Alwar.