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Sir,

Re: Bengaluru plant

A hearing was called on 28th January 2019 before The National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi (NGT) (through video conferencing) in respect of the pending appeals filed by some individuals against the order dated 22nd June 2013 passed by the Karnataka State Appellate Authority (KSAA) at Bengaluru in connection with the alleged pollution from the Bengaluru plant. Though effective hearing by way of opportunity to argue the matter did not take place, NGT vide its order dated 28th January 2019 made available on its website on 31st January 2019 has –

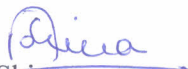
- (1) Accepted the dissenting minority judgement of KSAA order dated 22nd June 2013.
- (2) The closure order issued on 02nd July 2012 and order dated 30th June 2012 refusing grant of consent by KSPCB for running of the plant stand restored.
- (3) NGT has directed constitution of a joint committee comprising of representatives of CPCB, KSPCB and NEERI, Karnataka to carry out the following task:
 - (a) To carry out stack monitoring of the industry
 - (b) To carry out ambient air monitoring of the industrial unit and the surrounding area by setting up ambient air monitoring stations in at least 10 different locations.
 - (c) To carry out study on source apportionment of pollution sources.
 - (d) The entire exercise shall be carried out within two months. KSPCB shall be the Nodal agency. Report to be filed before the tribunal.
- (4) With the above directions, all appeals stand disposed of. NGT has directed listing on 08th April 2019 for consideration of the report.

The Company is in consultation with its legal advisors, since the order appears to be bit confusing given that the Bengaluru plant has received consents regularly after the aforesaid KSAA order and presently has a valid consent to operate from KSPCB till 30th June 2020. Further, monitoring as mentioned in (3) above can take place only if the plant operates.

The Company does not expect any material impact on its operations in totality.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
For Graphite India Limited


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