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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**  
**(HSM Division)**

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Dated: 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

**Subject: Prior Informed Consent (PIC) for import of 10,350 kg (300 flasks) mercury from Peru to India by M/s KBNM Metals Pvt. Ltd.**

The undersigned is directed to refer your application as per the email dated 08.09.2022 for seeking Prior Informed Consent (PIC) for import of 16,800 kg (~487 flasks) of mercury from Peru for manufacture of mercury salts.

2. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) is in receipt of the Form-A sent by NFP, Peru for 50,000 kg (~1449 flasks) mercury vide letter dated 23.01.2023.

3. MoEF&CC has issued the PICs for import of 27,841.5 kg (807 flasks) mercury against the said Form A of 50,000 kg (excluding the current PIC).

4. M/s KBNM Metals Pvt. Ltd. has obtained Consent to Operate (CTO) from Punjab Pollution Control Board to manufacture mercury salts, namely Mercuric Chloride, at the rate of 250 kgs/day, vide Order No: CTOW/Fresh/LDH2/2023/21300568 and CTOA/Fresh/LDH2/2023/21300662, dated: 22.03.2023 and valid till 30.06.2028.

5. It has been noted that M/s KBNM Metals Pvt. Ltd. is manufacturing mercury salts for the first time and does not have any past record for maximum annual mercury consumption.

6. No interim storage facility at the port of entry has been proposed by M/s KBNM Metals Pvt. Ltd. and the shipment of imported mercury has been proposed to be directly transported to the premises of M/s KBNM Metals Pvt. Ltd. from the port of entry. It has been informed that the imported mercury will be stored in the factory premises located at Ludhiana, Punjab.

7. The Ministry has examined the application. **The National Focal Point of the Minamata Convention for India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby grants Prior Informed Consent (PIC) for import of mercury i.e., 10,350 kg (300 flasks) by M/s KBNM Metals Pvt. Ltd. from Peru to be supplied to self.**

8. The following conditions are stipulated for compliance by the importer:

- i. The mercury consignment shall directly be transported from the port and stored at the manufacturing facility of M/s KBNM Metals Pvt. Ltd..
- ii. Amendment in Authorisation under the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016 shall be obtained for inclusion of 'mercury bearing waste.
- iii. All safety precautions shall be taken at the storage facility of the manufacturing plant for collection and disposal of mercury spillages or mercury bearing waste, if any.
- iv. The consignment for import of mercury should not be contaminated with any other material or waste.

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- v. The import shall be only for the intended use as allowed under the Minamata Convention on Mercury.
- vi. 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.
- vii. The import shall be regularly monitored by the concerned SPCBs/PCCs and the Ministry shall be kept informed.
- viii. 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'.
- ix. 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.
- x. Importer shall be allowed for future imports only upon submission of statement regarding the supply/consumption/utilisation of imported mercury.
9. The consent is valid for the above-mentioned consignment/quantities and can 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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Copy to:

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, Punjab State Pollution Control Board-with a request to monitor the storage, transport and consumption of mercury.