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(HSM Division)

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To

The Member Secretary
Assam State Pollution Control Board
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Subject: The Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 – implementation regarding.

Sir,

You are aware that an industry is required to subscribe an insurance policy under the Public Liability Insurance (PLI) Act, 1991 provided the industry / facility is handling hazardous substance(s) beyond prescribed threshold limits as listed under the PLI Act. It is needless to say that PLI Act imposes 'absolute / no-fault liability' to provide immediate relief to the victims of an accident involving hazardous substance(s). Along with the insurance premium, industry must make a contribution equal to insurance premium paid to 'Environmental Relief Fund (ERF)' established by the Central Government. All petroleum oil refineries, petro-chemical plants, acid manufacturing units, chemical fertilizer plants, thermal power plants, distilleries, petroleum product depots, sewage treatment plants with sludge digesters, water treatment plants, organic chemical plants, basic pharmaceutical plants, steel plants, LPG bottling plants, natural gas processing plants etc. are required to subscribe to the insurance policy under the PLI Act.

You are aware that the issue was discussed in the meetings of Hon'ble Ministers for Environment held on 6 & 7th April, 2015 and Conference of Chairmen & Member Secretaries of Central and State Pollution Control Boards / Pollution Control Committees held on 8th April, 2015 in New Delhi. The provisions of PLI Act are required to be implemented effectively.

It is requested that applicability of PLI Act, 1991 and details on PLI policy may be included in the check list before granting 'Consent to Establish / Consent to Operate' to an industry.

Action taken report in the matter shall be highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,



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