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18th September, 2024

The Secretary,
BSE Ltd.,
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Dalal Street,
Mumbai 400 001
BSE Scrip Code: 500547

The Secretary,
National Stock Exchange of India Ltd.,
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Mumbai 400051
NSE Symbol : BPCL

Dear Sir/Madam,

Sub: Clarification on news item appearing in “Media/Publication”

We refer to your email/letter dated 17th September 2024 regarding clarification on news item appearing in “www.business-standard.com” captioned “CPCB notice to BPCL for failing to install vapour recovery systems” and we submit our pointwise reply as under:

1. Whether such events were taking place? If so, you are advised to provide the said information along with the sequence of events in chronological order from the start of events till date.

Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) vide letter dated 18th September 2020 issued directions to BPCL for installation of Vapour Recovery System (VRS) at Retail Outlets (ROs) selling more than 100 KLPM and located in million plus cities and those selling more than 300 KLPM and located in cities with population of 1 lakh to 1 million (except Delhi NCR) and also at Storage terminals. Installation of VRS Stage 1A at Storage Terminals was to be completed by March 2024.

Subsequent to the above BPCL has installed VRS at ROs within the prescribed timelines. However, VRS at storage locations were delayed due to several technical challenges, site related constraints, and Covid pandemic.

As on date BPCL has installed and commissioned VRS at 14 supply locations catering to 16 Cities with million plus population. The work on providing VRS at balance 23 supply locations catering to 30 cities for million plus population towns and 5 supply locations supplying to towns between 1-10 lakh population are also progressing expeditiously.

2. Whether you/company are aware of any information that has not been announced to the Exchanges which could explain the movement in the trading, if any? Further, you are advised to provide the said information and the reasons for not disclosing the same to the Exchange earlier as required under regulation 30 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015

There was no such information that has not been announced to the Exchanges which could explain the movement in the trading.

With reference to the article in Business Standard dated 16th September 2024, it is hereby clarified that the CPCB vide their letter dated 4th September 2024 (received on 10th September 2024) has issued a show cause notice to BPCL as to why environmental compensation of Rs.1 crore should not be imposed for not installing VRS at 28 storage locations within the CPCB prescribed timelines. BPCL has been provided an opportunity to file its reply within 15 days of receipt of the above show cause notice i.e. on or before 25th September 2024.

In this respect, it is hereby submitted that CPCB had earlier issued a show cause notice on 19th October 2023 on the above subject, the details of which had been intimated to stock exchange on 20th October 2023. Subsequent to the above notice, CPCB in its letter dated 22nd April 2024 and 14th June 2024 asked BPCL to submit the status report of VRS at our storage location. BPCL in its reply submitted to CPCB on 10th May 2024 and 27th June 2024 gave detailed status of VRS along with the factors attributing to the delay in completion of VRS installation at storage locations and accordingly had requested for time extension upto March 2025. A reply from CPCB was awaited in this regard. In the meanwhile, the above notice dated 4th September 2024 was issued by CPCB for which a detailed reply is being filed with CPCB.

3. The material impact of this article on the Company

Environmental compensation upto Rs.1 crore may be levied if BPCL's request is not accepted by CPCB.

This is for your information.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully,

For Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

(V. Kala)
Company Secretary