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DIRECTIONS UNDER SECTION 31 (A) OF THE AIR (PREVENTION AND CONTROL POLLUTION) ACT, 1981, READ WITH RULE 20(A) OF KARNATAKA AIR (PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION) RULES, 1983.

- Sub: Prevention and Controlling of noise pollution in Bangalore city in particular and other cities of Karnataka State- Reg.
Ref: 1)Provisions of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.
2)Provisions of the Noise Pollution(Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000.
3)GO No. FEE 46 ENV 2000, Dated: 13/8/2002.

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Whereas, there is an increase in ambient noise levels in Bangalore public places from various sources like traffic, vehicular horn, construction activity, generator sets, loud speakers, public address system, music system, , fire crackers, sound producing instruments, other musical devices etc. For regulation of the noise, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forest has issued the Noise Pollution (regulation and control), Rules, 2000 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. In the said Rules, for the purpose of enforcement, the Authority is defined as under:-

"authority" means and includes any authority or officer authorized by the Central Government, or as the

case may be, the State Government in accordance with the laws in force and includes a District Magistrate, Police Commissioner, or any other officer not below the rank, of the Deputy Superintendent of Police designed for the maintenance of the ambient air quality standards in respect of noise under any law for the time being in force;"

The said Rules also stipulated the standards in respect of noise for different areas/zones classified as Industrial, Commercial, Residential or Silent areas/zones. The standards prescribed under Rule 3(1) and 4(1) of the said rules are as under:-

AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS IN RESPECT OF NOISE			
Area Code	Category of Area/Zone	Limits in dB(A) Leq*	
		Day Time	Night Time
(A)	Industrial area	75	70
(B)	Commercial area	65	55
(C)	Residential area	55	45
(D)	Silence Zone	50	40

- Note: 1. Day time shall mean from 6.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m.
 2. Night time shall mean from 10.00 p.m. to 6.00 a.m.
 (3. Silence zone is defined as an area comprising not less than 100 meters around hospitals, educational institutions and courts. The silence zones are zones which are declared as such by the competent authority).
 4. Mixed categories of areas may be declared as one of the four above mentioned categories by the competent authority.

Whereas, the authority as mentioned above shall be the responsible for enforcement of noise control measures and due compliance of the ambient air quality standards in respect of noise.

Whereas, the responsibility of State Pollution Control Board under the Rule shall collect, compile and publish technical and statistical data relating to noise pollution and measures devised for its effective prevention, control and abatement.

Whereas, in compliance with the Noise (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000, the department of Forest, Ecology & Environment in exercise of powers conferred by clause (ii) of Sub-Section (2) of Section (3) of Section (1) and Clause (b) of Sub-Section (2) of Section (6) and Section 25 of the Environment protection Act, 1986 read with Rule 5 of Environment Protection Rules, 1986 has issued a Government Order No.FEE 46 ENV 2000 dated 13-8-2002, for regulation and control of the noise producing and generating source situated in Bangalore Development Authority area, Bangalore Metropolitan Region Development Authority area and in the city of Mysore, Gulbarga, Belgaum and Hubli-Dharwad and also in other areas of the State.

Wherein, the Government for the purpose of enforcement of noise pollution control measures, responsibility given as under:-

" Responsibility as to enforcement of noise pollution control measures:

1) Under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 the Government hereby issues directions to the Director General of Police, the Commissioner of Police in the cities of Bangalore, Mysore, Gulbarga, Belgaum and Hubli-Dharwad, and other officers of the Home Department not below the rank of the Deputy Superintendent of Police to take action against the persons who violate the standards prescribed in the schedule through the use of loud