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In reply please refer to: PCB/HO/HWM/CC-PLT/2003

From
The Member Secretary

Date: 7.8.2003

To
M/S Hindustan Coca Cola Beverages (P) Ltd
Moolathara Village
Chittoor
Palakkad 6778534

Sub: hazardous waste discharge from the factory – Reg.
Ref: This office letter No.PCB/H/CC/PLKD/15/2002 dated 5.8.2003

Sirs,

In continuation to the letter cited, it is informed that the sludge sample taken from your factory premises has revealed a cadmium concentration of 201.8 mg/kg on analysis by the Board. This quantity of cadmium in the waste is above the limit prescribed under Schedule 2 class A of the Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Rules which specifies a maximum concentration limit of 50mg/kg. The waste is hence to be treated as Hazardous Waste. You are requested to take immediate action to stop the supply of this waste to external agencies and also internal use as manure. Whatever waste that has been transported outside should immediately be recovered and stored in secured site within the factory premises itself. Please note that non-compliance with Board's direction can invite legal action against the company. a report on the compliance is also to be reported immediately.

Yours faithfully
Sd/-
MEMBER SECRETARY

The first PCB report

Parameter	Sludge mg.kg (dry weight)		Effluent mg/l	
	Concentration	Tolerance limit	Concentration	Tolerance limit
Cadmium	201.8	50	BDL	2
Lead	319.0	500	0.1	0.1

From PCB Chairman's press statement"

"The results indicate that the concentration of cadmium in the sludge is high and hence the sludge may have to be classified as hazardous waste. AS a matter of abundant precaution, the board has instructed the company not to let the sludge out of the factory premises and not to use the sludge as manure even within the premises. The company has complied with the instruction "