GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

PRESS NOTE

It may be recalled that on 28-10-2007 a serious fire accident occurred at M/s. Siris Crop Sciences Ltd, Mambapur, Gummadadala Village, Jannaram' Mandal, Medak District .

The loss was due to lack of Fire Safety systems. The Owner also failed to provide the mandatory Fire Safety measures viz., Automatic detection and alarm system, Yard Hydrant, Foam Monitors, Foam Compound (Reserve of 3,000 litres), Manually operated Fire Alarm system, 3rd party Fire Safety audit, Onsite emergency plan, appropriate training in usage of Fire Fighting equipment to all the staff members, Water Storage Over Head Tank and Static Tank, Fire Proximity suits, Breathing Apparatus Sets which could have prevented the huge loss of property.

In a landmark judgment on 12th May, 2008, the Judicial First Class Magistrate, Special Mobile at Medak convicted the two accused persons namely (1) Sri P. Vaja Pukar, Vice President (Operations) and (ii) Sri T. Ramanujulu, Plant Manager when they admitted the Offence and pleaded guilty voluntarily u/s 21 of A. P. Fire Services Act, 1999 read with Rule 26(2), 31 and 32 of A. P. Fire & Emergency Operations and Levy of Fee Rules, 2006. They were sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 12,000-00 (Rupees Twelve Thousand only) each or in default simple imprisonment for three months each.

You are requested to publish this information in the public interest, in order to deter other builders, from violating the provisions of A. P. Fire Service Act, 1999 which was enacted to safeguard the lives and property of citizens. Citizens may visit the website www.fireservices.ap.qov.in of A. P. Fire & Emergency Services Department in order to ascertain the mandatory requirements for Fire Safety.—

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[ARUNA M. BAHUGUNA]

Director General of Fire & Emergency Services, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

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Dated: this the 12th day of M,y,2008.

S.T.C.No. 25 of 2008,

Be tween•

Dist. Fire Officer Medak at Patancheru.

...Complainant.

And

- S.F.Vaijapurkar S/o. V.Prabhakar,39 years (operations) M/g Siris Crop Sciences Ltd., Mambapur/Gummadidala village Jinnarara (M) Dist.Medak. R/o. Flat No.20i, Sri Chakra Enclave.Nizampet Road,R.R.Dist.
- 2. T.Ramanjalu S/o. T.Obulesu,36 years, Occ: Plant Manager M/s. Sixis Crop Sciences Ltd..Mambapur/Gummadidala village, M.ndal Jinnaram, Dist. Medak. R/o. H.No. 8-349, MNR, Nagar, near V.V.N.gar, HMT Road, Chintal. Hyd.

...Accused.

DOCKET ORDER DT. 12-5-2008.

Ai and A2 present. The District Fire Officer present and identified both the accused. They examined U/s. 251 Cr.P.C. for the offences U/s. 21, 31 of A.P.Fire Services Act,1999 R/w. 26(2) 31,32 of Fire Rules, 2006. They pleaded guilty voluntarily. Hence convicted U/s.252 Cr.P.C. and sentenced to pay a fine of Rs.12000/- (Rupees twelve thousand only) each indefault to suffer S.I. for (3) months each. Total fine 'of Rs. 24,000/- (Rupees twenty four thousands only).

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Judl. First Class Magistrate
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