



# UWR Rainwater Offset Unit Standard (UWR RoU Standard)

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## Project Concept Note & Monitoring Report (PCNMR)



**Project Name: Wastewater Recycling and Reuse by Kunnankalpalayam Common  
Effluent Treatment Plant Pvt Ltd, Tamil Nadu India**

**UWR RoU Scope: 5**

**Monitoring Period: 01/01/2014-31/12/2023**

**Crediting Period: 1/01/2014-31/12/2023**

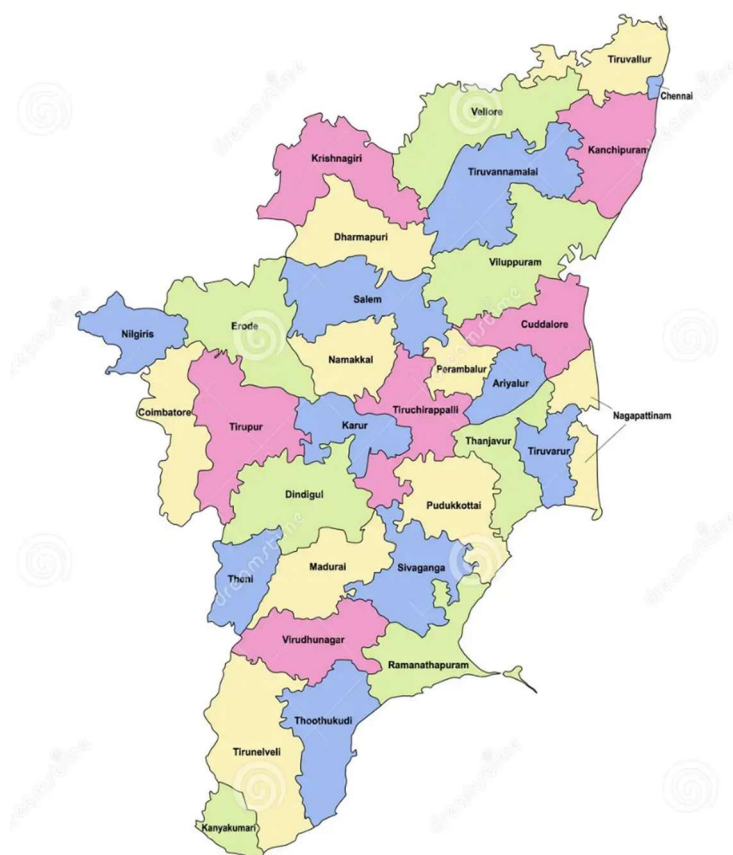
**UNDP Human Development Indicator: 0.644 <sup>1</sup>(India)**

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## A.1 Location of Project Activity

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| State                           | Tamil Nadu  |
| District                        | Tiruppur  |
| Block Basin/Sub Basin/Watershed | Parambikulam-Aliyar basin<br><a href="#">Tiruppur   TWAD</a>  |
| Lat. & Longitude                | 11°03'27", 77°19'33"  |
| Area Extent                     | 385G+5HG Kunnankalpalayam Common Effluent Treatment Plant Pvt Ltd, Chinnakarai, Tiruppur, Murugampalayam, Tamil Nadu 641604 |
| No. of Villages/Towns           | 1   |



# TAMIL NADU



Geographical Map of Project Location





**Satellite View of Kunnankalpalayam Common Effluent Treatment Plant Pvt Ltd**



Category of the Industry :

RED



CONSENT ORDER NO. 2408158176309 DATED: 02/04/2024.

PROCEEDINGS NO.T5/TNPCB/F.0174TPS/RL/TPS/W/2024 DATED: 02/04/2024

SUB: Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board - RENEWAL OF CONSENT – M/s. KUNNANKALPALAYAM COMMON EFFLUENT TREATMENT PLANT PRIVATE LIMITED, S.F.No. 260/3, 262/1, KARAIPUDUR village, Palladam Taluk and Tiruppur District - Renewal of Consent for the operation of the plant and discharge of sewage and/or trade effluent under Section 25 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 as amended in 1988 (Central Act 6 of 1974) – Issued- Reg.

REF: (1). Board Proc.No. T5/TNPCB/F.0174TPS/RL/TPS/W&A/2023 dated:- 27.03.2023

(2). DEE/TPR(S), IR.No : F.0174TPS/RL/AE/TPS/2024 dated 27.03.2024

RENEWAL OF CONSENT is hereby granted under Section 25 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 as amended in 1988 (Central Act, 6 of 1974) (hereinafter referred to as "The Act") and the rules and orders made there under to

The Managing Director  
M/s. KUNNANKALPALAYAM COMMON EFFLUENT TREATMENT PLANT PRIVATE LIMITED  
S.F.No. 260/3, 262/1  
KARAIPUDUR Village  
Palladam Taluk  
Tiruppur District.

Authorising the occupier to make discharge of sewage and /or trade effluent.

This is subject to the provisions of the Act, the rules and the orders made there under and the terms and conditions incorporated under the Special and General conditions stipulated in the Consent Order issued earlier and subject to the special conditions annexed.

This RENEWAL OF CONSENT is valid for the period ending March 31, 2026

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For Member Secretary,  
Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board,  
Chennai

## CETP Consent for Water Renewal Report dated 02/04/2024

### NOC for Hazardous waste disposal

## A.2. Project owner information, key roles and responsibilities

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Project Proponent (PP): | Kunnankalpalayam Common Effluent Treatment Plant Pvt Ltd |
| UCR Project Aggregator  | Viviid Emissions Reductions Universal Private Limited    |
| Contact Information:    | lokesh.jain@viviidgreen.com                              |

The Kunnankalpalayam Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP), located in Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu, is a centralized wastewater treatment facility developed to address the challenges posed by the effluent generated from textile dyeing industries. The plant was commissioned on 01/04/1999. The plant is

designed to handle 5.5 million liters per day (MLD) with current operational capacity standing at 4.95 MLD. This CETP is a vital environmental and industrial initiative aimed at reducing water pollution, enabling the reuse of treated water, and ensuring compliance with regulatory standards while supporting the sustainability goals of the region's textile sector.

The primary purpose of the Kunnankalpalayam CETP is to provide a sustainable and efficient solution for treating effluent from multiple textile units, which individually may not have the capacity or resources to set up their own wastewater treatment facilities. By functioning as a centralized system, the CETP significantly reduces the environmental impact of textile effluent while optimizing treatment efficiency and cost-effectiveness for the member industries. The plant utilizes a multi-stage treatment process that includes neutralization, biological oxidation, sedimentation, reverse osmosis (RO), and mechanical evaporation (MEE) to remove pollutants, ensuring that the treated water meets discharge standards.

The Project Proponent (PP) affirms that they meet all the requirements outlined in the management plan regarding ownership, legal rights, permits, and cost details for the successful implementation of the project. Specifically:

**Water User Rights:** The PP holds the necessary water user rights for the area within the project's boundary. These rights are legally secured and ensure that the PP has full entitlement to use the water resources required for the project's operations.

**Legal Land Title:** The PP holds an uncontested legal land title for the entire project area within the project's boundary. The title is fully documented and free of any disputes, confirming the PP's legal right to utilize the land for project purposes.

**Necessary Permits:** The PP has obtained all the required permits for the implementation of the project. In cases where certain permits are pending, the PP has already applied for the necessary approval and is working in full compliance with the relevant regulatory requirements to ensure the timely commencement of the project.

**Cost Details:** The PP has thoroughly assessed and documented the cost details for project implementation that is around 67.93 crores.

By meeting these criteria, the PP ensures that all legal and regulatory requirements for the project are satisfied, enabling the project to proceed without hindrance.

### A.2.1 Project RoU Scope

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| PROJECT NAME                          | Wastewater Recycling and Reuse by Kunnankalpalayam Common Effluent Treatment Plant Pvt Ltd  |
| UWR Scope:                            | Scope 5: Conservation measures taken to recycle and/or reuse water, spent +washing wastewater etc. across or within specific industrial processes and systems, including wastewater recycled/ reused in a different process, but within the same site or location of the project activity. Recycled wastewater used in off-site landscaping, gardening or tree plantations/forests activity are also eligible under this Scope. |
| Date PCN MR Prepared date (version 2) | 24/01/2025  |

### A.3. Land use and Drainage Pattern

Not Applicable.

This project activity involves treating and reusing wastewater. It doesn't include any land-use practices. Also, this is an industrial process designed with technical requirements and following the specified norms of the local pollution control board. Hence, the project activity does not harm any land and Drainage system.

### A.4. Climate

The project activity does not rely on the climatic conditions of the area as it treats and reuses only the wastewater from the textile dyeing units without letting the water be exposed to any climatic condition.

### A.5. Rainfall

The project activity is not dependent on the rainfall pattern of the area as it treats and reuses the wastewater from the textile dyeing units.

## A.6. Ground Water

The project activity does not draw water from the ground water reservoirs as it treats and reuses wastewater.

## A.7. Alternate methods

TDS in effluent is treated in developed countries and in some other developing countries by adopting either of the two options: They have a mandate to maintain the TDS below 1500 mg/L from the state government; however, they have installed Reverse Osmosis (RO) and Mechanical Evaporation (MEE), which serve as alternative solutions for the Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP). RO is used to remove dissolved solids, and MEE helps in evaporating water to concentrate the dissolved salts. These systems are designed to reduce the TDS levels in the effluent.

Despite the installation of RO and MEE systems, the TDS level in the treated effluent still remains much higher than the standards set by the Pollution Control Board (PCB). As a result, the PP has installed a Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) system as an alternative method to ensure compliance with the regulatory requirements. The ZLD system helps in eliminating the discharge of liquid waste by treating all effluent and recovering water for reuse, thus effectively reducing the TDS concentration and achieving the desired standards.

**(1) to combine it with domestic sewerage where it gets diluted for further treatment, or**

**(2) to discharge the high TDS treated effluent into the sea (marine discharge)**

Unfortunately, neither of these options is readily available for the Tamil Nadu state. In the first instance, the domestic sewerage from the areas where factories are concentrated

Secondly, marine discharge (of the treated effluent) option is impractical as the nearest seacoast is at least 250 km from the Tirupur district. Accordingly, the treated effluent is discharged as such into the irrigation and factory premises. Though Upper River is situated within the limits of Tirupur, somehow, the PP has not been offered the choice of either diluting its effluent with city sewerage or marine discharge; so, here surface discharge of treated effluent is resorted to.

**The RoU program promotes wastewater treatment and reuse initiatives, thereby offering an alternative to the release of wastewater through surface Discharge which could have an adverse impact on soil Health.**

## A.8. Design Specifications

### **The Treatment Process Overview:**

The Kunnankalpalayam CETP is designed to handle effluent from textile dyeing industries, specifically processing 5.5 million Liters per Day (MLD) of highly colored wastewater containing various dyes and chemicals. Current Operation Capacity is 4.95MLD. The treatment process begins when colored effluent from multiple dyeing units is collected in a centralized Receiving Sump. This initial collection point serves as the heart of the primary treatment phase, ensuring consistent feed to the subsequent treatment processes.



| Section  | Chemical Name                             | Purpose  | December 2024<br>Used Qty (in cum) |
|--|---|--|------------------------------------|
| Pre-Treatm<br>ent<br>(P.T),<br><br>R.O.<br>section,<br><br>Evapora<br>tor<br>section | Sulphuric acid                            | For Neutralisation of effluent in P.T  | 41.262                             |
|  | Hydrochloric acid                         | For resin regeneration in P.T  | 9.56                               |
|  | Chlorine gas (Pre-treatment & Evaporator) | For colour removal process in P.T. & Evaporator section (for brine solution preparation) | 17.5                               |
|  | Sodium Hypo chlorite                      | For M.F cleaning process in P.T  | 4.59                               |
|  | SMBS (Pre-treatment & Evaporator)         | For neutralise the FRC in P.T and Evaporator section (Brine solution)                    | 1.85                               |
|  | Soda ash                                  | For treating the Regenerated water from resin filters in Lime –Soda process              | 5.15                               |
|  | Lime                                      | For treating the Regenerated water from resin filters in Lime –Soda process              | 1.3                                |
|  | Sodium Hydroxide (Pre-treatment & R.O)    | For Neutralise in Filter section, MF & R.O Membrane cleaning)                            | 28.115                             |
|  | Antiscallent                              | For avoiding the scale on membrane in R.O  | 0.275                              |
|  | EDTA                                      | For membrane cleaning process in R.O   | 0.075                              |
|  | STPP                                      | For membrane cleaning process in R.O   | 0.175                              |
|  | Citric Acid                               | For membrane cleaning process in R.O   | 0.200                              |
|  | Evaporator Antiscallent                   | For avoid the scale formation in inner tube of Evaporator system                         | 0.125                              |
|  | Defoamer                                  | For avoiding the foam creation in evaporator system                                      | 0.350                              |
|  | Nitric acid                               | For Evaporator cleaning purposes   | 0.100                              |

Table showing the chemical used sections with monthly consumed qty. details.

### Primary Treatment and Equalization:

From the Receiving Sump, the effluent passes through a Bar Screen system, which effectively removes larger solid materials like fabric pieces and debris that could potentially damage downstream equipment. The screened wastewater then flows into a Storage & Homogeneous Tank, where it's thoroughly mixed to ensure uniform composition. This equalization step is crucial as it helps manage varying flow rates and concentrations from different industrial units. Following this, the wastewater enters a Neutralization Tank where its pH is carefully adjusted to create optimal conditions for biological treatment.

### **Biological Treatment and Clarification:**

The neutralized effluent undergoes biological treatment in an aeration tank, where microorganisms break down organic compounds in the presence of oxygen. This biological process is fundamental in reducing the organic load of wastewater. The treated mixture then flows into a Secondary Clarifier, where gravity separation allows the treated water to be separated from the biological sludge. The settled sludge is collected in a Sludge Return Sump for further processing, while the clarified water moves to a Chlorine Contact Tank for disinfection.

### **Advanced Filtration System:**

After chlorination, the water undergoes a series of sophisticated filtration steps. It first passes through a Quartz Filter for removal of suspended particles, followed by Micro Filtration for finer particulate removal, and finally through a Softener Filter to reduce water hardness. This multi-stage filtration ensures the water quality meets the stringent requirements for further advanced treatment. The filtered water then enters a Reactor Clarifier for additional purification and preparation for the reverse osmosis process.

### **Reverse Osmosis and Concentrate Management:**

The treatment system incorporates a multi-stage Reverse Osmosis (RO) process, including primary RO followed by Additional Stage RO (4th & 5th Stage HPRO). This advanced separation technology produces high-quality permeate (treated water) while concentrating the dissolved solids in the reject stream. The RO reject, rich in dissolved salts, is further processed through a Multiple Effect Evaporator (MEE) system, where it's concentrated through careful evaporation under vacuum conditions. The condensate from the MEE is recycled back into the system, while the concentrate moves to an Agitated Thin Film Dryer (ATFD) for final processing. The R.O. permeate generating from the R.O. system is sent to the member dyeing industries for reuse in the dyeing process. The reject from the R.O system is further concentrated in the Addl. Stage R.O. & High pressure R.O. systems to get the reject TDS of 90 g/L. to 100 g/L.



The fouling of the RO membranes occurs due to the growth of microorganisms and metallic oxides. The nature of fouling determine of chemical required for cleaning. The chemicals normally used are caustic soda for biological growth and hydrochloric acid is used for the removal of metallic oxide fouling.

### **RO Plant Basis design**

| <b><u>S.No.</u></b> | <b><u>Description</u></b>              | <b><u>Unit</u></b>   | <b><u>Design criteria/value</u></b>               |
|---------------------|--|----------------------|---|
| <b><u>1</u></b>     | <b><u>Pressure sand filters</u></b>    |                      |   |
|                     | <b><u>Feed flow rate</u></b>           | <b><u>Cum/hr</u></b> | <b><u>230</u></b>                                 |
|                     | <b><u>No. of filters</u></b>           | <b><u>Cum/hr</u></b> | <b><u>2 op + 1 s</u></b>                          |
|                     | <b><u>Velocity</u></b>                 | <b><u>m/hr</u></b>   | <b><u>14 to 16</u></b>                            |
|                     | <b><u>Height on standing</u></b>       | <b><u>mm</u></b>     | <b><u>2500</u></b>                                |
|                     | <b><u>Media</u></b>                    |                      | <b><u>Graded sand/Pebbles</u></b>                 |
| <b><u>2</u></b>     | <b><u>Cartridge filters</u></b>        |                      |   |
|                     | <b><u>No. Of filters</u></b>           | <b><u>Nos.</u></b>   | <b><u>3 op + 1 S</u></b>                          |
|                     | <b><u>Velocity</u></b>                 | <b><u>m/hr</u></b>   | <b><u>Max. 4.0</u></b>                            |
|                     | <b><u>Element length</u></b>           | <b><u>inches</u></b> | <b><u>40</u></b>                                  |
|                     | <b><u>Element type</u></b>             |                      | <b><u>Polypropylene fiber honeycomb wound</u></b> |
| <b><u>3</u></b>     | <b><u>R.O plant/skid</u></b>           |                      |   |
|                     | <b><u>No. Of streams</u></b>           | <b><u>Nos.</u></b>   | <b><u>3</u></b>                                   |
|                     | <b><u>No. Of stages</u></b>            |                      | <b><u>2</u></b>                                   |
|                     | <b><u>Elements/Pressure vessel</u></b> | <b><u>Nos.</u></b>   | <b><u>6</u></b>                                   |
|                     | <b><u>RO elements</u></b>              | <b><u>Inches</u></b> | <b><u>8" dia x 40" long</u></b>                   |

|          |  |                  |                                       |
|----------|--|------------------|---------------------------------------|
|          | <u>RO Recovery</u>                         | <u>%</u>         | <u>85</u>                             |
|          | <u>Type of membrane</u>                    |                  | <u>Spiral wound polyamide FR type</u> |
| <u>4</u> | <u>Degasser tower</u>                      |                  |                                       |
|          | <u>Numbers</u>                             | <u>Nos.</u>      | <u>1</u>                              |
|          | <u>Hydraulic Loading</u>                   | <u>Cum/m2/hr</u> | <u>50 to 60</u>                       |
|          | <u>Tower height</u>                        | <u>m</u>         | <u>2.75</u>                           |
| <u>5</u> | <u>Chemical cleaning-cartridge filters</u> |                  |                                       |
|          | <u>Number of filters</u>                   | <u>Nos.</u>      | <u>1 op+1 s</u>                       |
|          | <u>Velocity</u>                            | <u>m/hr</u>      | <u>4</u>                              |
|          | <u>Element length</u>                      | <u>inches</u>    | <u>40</u>                             |

#### **Resource Recovery and Product Generation:**

The ATFD process is crucial in recovering valuable products from the concentrated stream. It produces several commercially valuable products including Glauber's Salt, Anhydrous Sodium Sulphate, and Sodium Chloride Salt. Meanwhile, the treated water stream is collected in a Product Water Storage Tank. A separate stream of treated brine is also produced through a dedicated brine preparation system. The facility demonstrates excellent resource recovery principles, with all products being reused by member industrial units.

#### **Sludge Management and Environmental Compliance:**

The treatment process generates two types of sludge - biological and chemical. These are efficiently managed through Filter Press operations, which dewater the sludge to produce manageable solid cake. The biological sludge can be used as bio-fertilizer, while chemical sludge is properly disposed of following environmental regulations. The filtrate from the press operations is recycled back into the treatment system, ensuring maximum water recovery.

This comprehensive treatment system represents a modern Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) facility that not only treats industrial effluent to meet environmental standards but also recovers valuable resources. The process demonstrates how industrial wastewater can be effectively treated while recovering useful

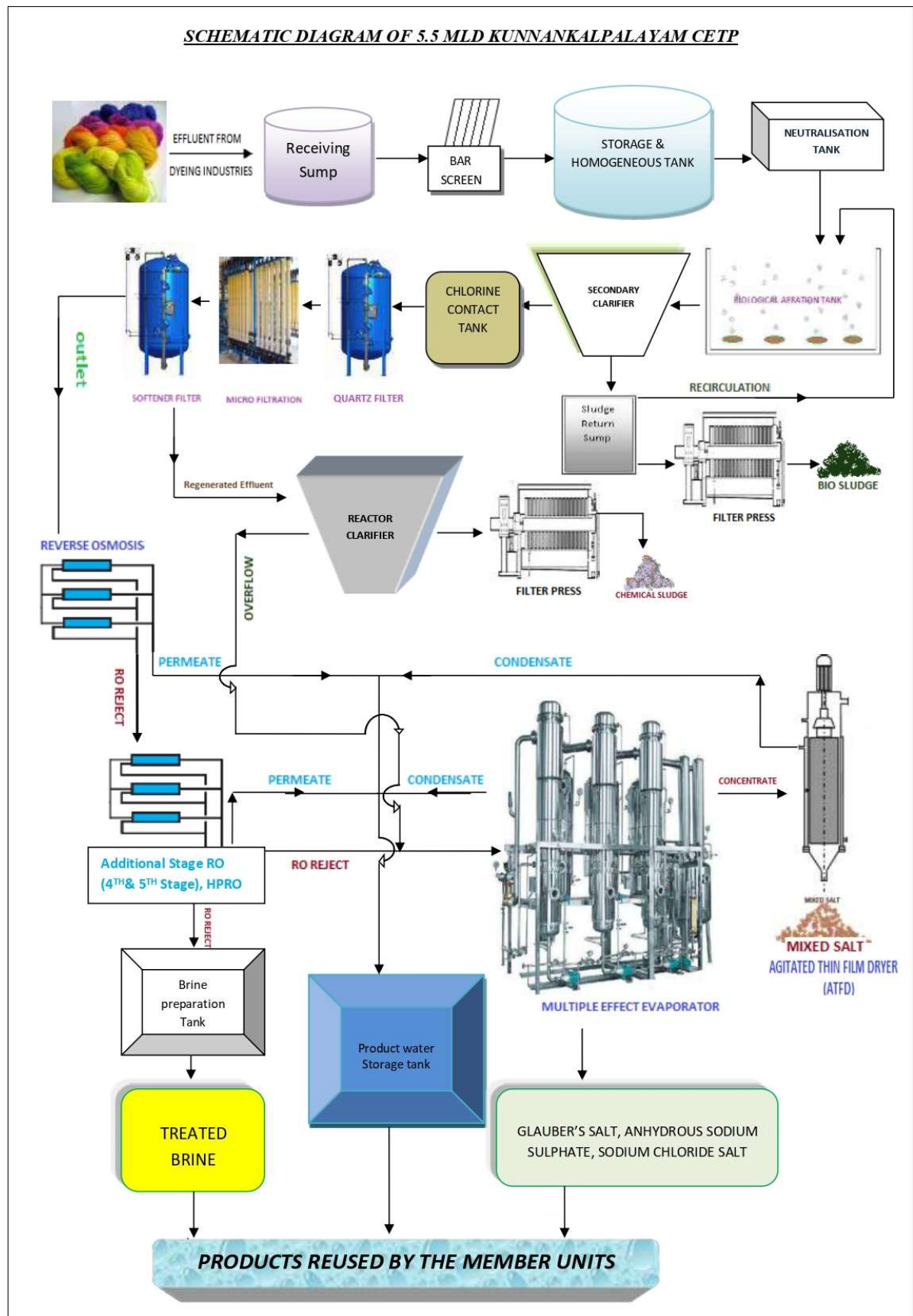
products and minimizing environmental impact. The success of this facility lies in its systematic approach to treatment, efficient resource recovery, and commitment to environmental sustainability.

Through this integrated approach, the Kunnankalpalayam CETP effectively manages industrial effluent while recovering valuable resources, making it a model for sustainable industrial wastewater treatment. The facility's design ensures that water quality standards are met while maximizing the recovery and reuse of valuable materials, contributing to both environmental protection and resource conservation.

| S.No. | Description                             | Quantity | Details  |
|-------|---|----------|--|
| 1     | Bar Screen                              | 1        | Dia of bars: 10-12 mm; cleaning operating space: 40 mm |
| 2     | Rotating brush screen                   | 1        | Clear opening dia: 3.00 mm                             |
| 3     | Biological oxidation                    | 2        | 15.2 W x 63.7 L x 6 LD (in metre)                      |
| 4     | Clarifier                               | 1        | 30 Dia x 3.0 LD (in metre)                             |
| 5     | Sludge thickener                        | 1        | 4 Dia x 3.5 LD (in metre)                              |
| 6     | Treated Water Storage tank              | 1        | 5 L x 3.95 W x 6 LD (in metre)                         |
| 7     | Sand Filter                             | 3        | 3.3 dia x 3.0 HOS (in metre)                           |
| 8     | Filtrated water storage (Sand filters)  | 1        | 11.0 L x 8.1 W x 6 LD (in metre)                       |
| 9     | Resin filter                            | 3        | 3.2 dia x 3.0 HOS (in metre)                           |
| 10    | Filtrated water storage (resin filters) | 1        | 25.4 L x 5 W x 6 LD (in metre)                         |
| 11    | Softened water storage tank             | 1        | 10 L x 5 W x 6 LD (in metre)                           |
| 12    | Softener filter                         | 5        | 1.8 dia x 2.8 HOS (in metre)                           |



**SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF 5.5 MLD KUNNANKALPALAYAM CETP**



## A.9. Implementation Benefits to Water Security

To meet the quantitative targets for water recovery and reuse in the region, several artificial recharge structures, including modifications to the existing Reverse Osmosis (RO) system, High-Pressure RO, Multi-Effect Evaporator (MEE) systems, and related infrastructure, have been implemented at the Kunnankalpalayam Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP). These modifications were designed to optimize water recovery, improve effluent treatment efficiency, and ensure sustainable water reuse across the member units.

The key infrastructure implemented includes:

1. **Reverse Osmosis (RO) System:** The existing RO system has been modified to accommodate the current feed water parameters. A High-Pressure RO system was also introduced to enhance recovery rates. As a result, the average permeate recovery rate was improved to 90–91%, surpassing the design recovery rate of 85%.
2. **Additional Multi-Effect Evaporator (MEE) and Chiller:** A new MEE system with a chiller has been installed to further enhance the evaporation process and improve the management of recovered water and brine. This modification supports the increased recovery capacity of the plant.
3. **Effluent Flow and Water Recovery:** The average inflow to the CETP during October–December 2021 was approximately 2497 m<sup>3</sup>/day, which is about 50% of the plant's design flow, with the maximum inflow reaching 2774 m<sup>3</sup>/day. The feed flow to the Reverse Osmosis section peaked at 3173 m<sup>3</sup>/day, resulting in the recovery of water that ranged from 86% to 95% of the effluent flow from the member units.

The efficient handling of effluent, along with the significant improvements to the RO and MEE systems, enables the plant to recover a substantial volume of water, which is then reused by the member units. The wide variation in water recovery and brine discharge across the units highlights the customized approach needed for each unit's specific water treatment needs. These measures contribute to the overall goal of achieving sustainable water management and meeting the water recovery and reuse targets set for the region.

The modifications to the CETP's infrastructure, including the installation of advanced RO systems and the MEE, represent a substantial step toward meeting the quantitative targets for water recovery, reuse, and efficient effluent management in the region.

## A9.1 Objectives vs Outcomes

The impact assessment or objectives of this project activity can generally be enumerated as follows:

- The project activity highlights the catalytic role that corporate India must play vital role in reducing industrial water consumption as well as water pollution per unit of industrial output.
- The PP has showcased technology that creates safe industrial grade water from an effluent source and has overcome the challenges faced by the alternate methods implemented and/or being proposed for the same.
- The PP has showcased the successful wastewater treatment of industrial effluent, thus saving millions of liters of wastewater.
- The project activity showcases best-in-class wastewater treatment technology that can replace the equivalent freshwater and industrial demand in different sectors for nonportable purposes while reducing the proportion of untreated wastewater and substantially increasing recycling and safe reuse in the project activity area.
- All the Dyeing industries under Kunnankalpalayam CETP has been benefiting from this plant.

## A9.2 Interventions by Project Owner / Proponent / Seller

The project at Kunnankalpalayam CETP involved key interventions to optimize effluent treatment, water recovery, and brine management:

**Modification of Existing RO System:** The existing Reverse Osmosis (RO) system was upgraded based on current feed water parameters, replacing the planned Ultrafiltration (UF) system. This modification included the implementation of a High-Pressure RO system, which improved permeate recovery to 90-91%, exceeding the design target of 85%.

**High-Pressure RO System:** A High-Pressure RO system was installed to improve water recovery, handling flows up to 3173 m<sup>3</sup>/day, with an average recovery rate of 90-91%. This enhanced the efficiency of water treatment.

**Installation of Additional MEE with Chiller:** An additional Multi-Effect Evaporator (MEE) and chiller were installed to manage brine more effectively and reduce environmental impact by concentrating the brine for safe disposal.

**Modification of Existing MEE:** The existing MEE system was upgraded to handle increased brine volumes from the High-Pressure RO system, improving brine concentration and disposal efficiency.

**Coal-Based Boiler Capacity Upgrade:** A high-capacity coal-based boiler was installed to meet the increased energy demands of the enhanced treatment process, ensuring stable operation.

**Effluent and Water Recovery Management:** The CETP handled an average inflow of 2497 m<sup>3</sup>/day, 50% of the design capacity. Recovered water for member units varied between 86% and 95% of the effluent flow, improving water reuse efficiency.

These interventions collectively enhanced the CETP's capacity, optimized water recovery, and ensured efficient brine management, leading to improved operational performance and environmental sustainability.

The project activity hence achieves the sustainable management and efficient use of India's natural resources since the PP had the option to install bore wells that would have depleted the local groundwater resources and/or continued to use existing drinking water resources in the surrounding area. The PP has instead intervened and chosen to treat and reuse ETP effluent voluntarily at significant costs, thus saving millions of liters of safe drinking water for the city.

Increase in population density and improvement in quality of life has resulted in an increase in demand for natural resources like water. Groundwater being the major source of water supply catering to about 85% of rural water supply, the stress on groundwater is ever increasing. It has resulted in over-exploitation of the resources at places. The situation demands a reorientation of the strategy for its development and management.


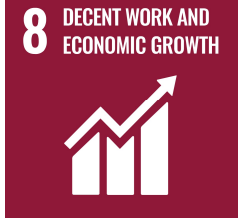

The intervention of the PP has had a direct impact on the water security of the area. Over-development of the ground water resources results in declining ground water levels, shortage in water supply, intrusion of saline water in coastal areas and increased pumping lifts necessitating deepening of ground water structures and increase in power costs.

## **A.10. Feasibility Evaluation**

The installed CETP by the PP are robust and smoothly adapts to variations in wastewater effluent. Before establishing the project, PP has done the feasibility test as per TNPCB Standard.

## **A.11. Ecological Aspects & Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):**

The sustainable development attributes attached to the project activity are demonstrated below:

| Sustainable Development Goals Targeted  | Most relevant SDG Target/Impact  | Indicator (SDG Indicator)  |
|---|--|--|
|    | <p>3.9: By 2030, substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination</p>  | <p>The PP showcases how recycling and reusing wastewater can prevent depletion of natural water reserves and prevent water scarcity during droughts. The hazardous impact of industrial wastewater is now avoided due to this project. The PP ensures water availability in the nearest to the project location.</p>   |
|    | <p>6.3: By 2030, improve water quality by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping and minimizing release of hazardous chemicals and materials, halving the proportion of untreated wastewater and substantially increasing recycling and safe reuse globally</p> | <p>The PP has showcased recycling and safe reuse of 5500 million liters within the industry during this monitored period, which directly correlates to this indicator 6.3.</p>   |
|  | <p>8.5: By 2030, achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including for young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value</p>   | <p>Number of jobs created, and the Number of people trained as part of this project activity.</p>  |
|  | <p>13.2: Integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning</p>   | <p>Recycling and reusing wastewater is an effective solution for climate change adaptation because it helps mitigate the impacts of droughts, floods, and other extreme weather events that are becoming increasingly common due to climate change due to water scarcity. The quantity of wastewater recycled and reused by the PP is the SDG indicator.</p> |



This project serves as a strong example of sustainable resource management and efficient utilization of water resources within India's industrial sector. The project proponent (PP) was faced with two key options to meet the water demands for the operations of the bleaching and dyeing industries in the region.

One option was to install borewells, a solution that could have led to the over-extraction of local groundwater reserves. With groundwater levels already under significant stress in many parts of India, this would have posed a serious risk of depleting the local aquifers, impacting both agricultural and domestic water needs. The alternative was to continue drawing from existing, potentially potable water resources registered with the Universal Water Registry, which could have led to increased pressure on local freshwater sources that are often already under strain due to urbanization and population growth.

Recognizing the environmental and social impact of these options, the PP made the commendable decision to implement a more sustainable solution: the installation of a Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP). This facility is specifically designed to treat the effluent generated by the bleaching and dyeing industries—a sector that typically produces large volumes of highly contaminated wastewater. By treating and reusing this effluent, the CETP significantly reduces the dependency on both local groundwater and potable water supplies, achieving notable water savings in the process.

#### Key Achievements and Impacts

##### 1. Water Reuse and Conservation:

The CETP has been highly effective in treating the effluent from the dyeing and bleaching processes, making the treated water suitable for reuse by the member industries. The plant treats wastewater from various textile processes, which often contain high levels of dyes, chemicals, and organic contaminants. Post-treatment, the recovered water is returned to the member units, reducing their need for fresh water. The reuse of treated water for industrial purposes such as cooling, processing, and cleaning contributes to millions of liters of water saved annually, alleviating the demand on local water resources.

##### Impact:

The average inflow to the CETP during October–December 2021 was 2497 m<sup>3</sup>/day, about 50% of the design flow.

The average permeate recovery rate achieved by the Reverse Osmosis (RO) system was 90-91%, higher than the design recovery rate of 85%, ensuring a high percentage of effluent is effectively treated and reused.

##### 2.Environmental Benefits:

By opting for a CETP, the PP has significantly mitigated the environmental risks associated with untreated effluent discharges from the textile industries. The treated water is used in non-potable applications such as irrigation and gardening within the industrial area, thereby preventing potential leakage of pollutants into the surrounding soil and water bodies. This not only reduces

the contamination of groundwater but also helps in maintaining a safer and more environmentally friendly industrial environment.

Impact:

The treated effluent is reused by member units, and effluent reuse rates have been recorded between 86% and 95% of the effluent flow from the member industries.

The introduction of high-efficiency RO and High-Pressure RO systems has enhanced water recovery rates, ensuring more wastewater is treated and reused rather than being discharged.

3. Groundwater Management:

The project demonstrates a responsible approach to groundwater management. By avoiding over-reliance on borewells and instead treating and reusing effluent, the PP has contributed to the conservation of local groundwater resources. This proactive approach also serves as a model for other industries, particularly large-scale textile and dyeing units, that face similar challenges with water usage and disposal.

Impact:

The project has avoided the need for additional groundwater extraction, which could have led to unsustainable depletion of local aquifers.

Through the use of advanced water treatment technologies, the PP ensures that water resources are replenished, rather than depleted.

4. Solid Waste and Manure Disposal:

As part of the project's environmental responsibility, the PP has conducted a comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). This assessment has ensured that the treatment process, including the disposal of sludge, manure, and solid waste, is carried out safely and in compliance with environmental regulations. Proper disposal methods have been implemented to minimize any adverse impacts on the surrounding environment.

Impact:

The CETP is designed to handle solid waste generated during the treatment process in a way that minimizes harm to the local ecosystem. This includes the safe disposal of sludge and other by-products, which are processed and handled according to environmental standards.

This project sets an important precedent for the industrial sector, particularly within the textile and dyeing industries, which are among the largest consumers of water and generators of wastewater in India. The success of the CETP project encourages other industries to adopt similar sustainable water management practices to address the growing challenges of water scarcity and environmental pollution.

By investing in treatment technologies such as Reverse Osmosis (RO), High-Pressure RO, and Multi-Effect Evaporators (MEE), the project demonstrates that it is possible to significantly reduce the consumption of freshwater, enhance water recycling, and limit the environmental impact of industrial operations. The success of this project underscores the potential for sustainable, resource-efficient solutions that can help industries meet both their operational needs and environmental obligations.

The CETP project represents a major step forward in the sustainable management of water resources in India's industrial sector. By treating and reusing effluent, this initiative not only conserves millions of liters of water but also reduces the environmental impact of textile and dyeing operations. The project serves as a powerful example for other industries to follow, encouraging the widespread adoption of responsible water management and waste treatment practices to safeguard India's water resources for future generations.

| Ecological Issues addressed by the project activity in terms of    |  |
|--|--|
| Inundation of inhabited land                                       | The project does not lead to inundation of residential land.   |
| Creation of water logging and vector disease prevention mitigation | The project activity has taken necessary precautions in the CETP area to avoid any type of leakage that can be percolated into the surrounding soil. |
| Deterioration of quality of groundwater                            | By avoiding the use of borewells the project activity does not deplete aquifers and hence prevents the depletion of groundwater resources.           |

## A.12. Recharge Aspects:

NA

| Water Budget Component | Typical Estimated Uncertainty (%) | Description  |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Surface Inflow         | 1%                                | In accordance with the RoU Standard version 7, and considering that the flow meters are calibrated, PP has accounted for a 1% uncertainty factor in both inflow and outflow volumes to maintain a conservative approach. |

|                    |    |  |
|--------------------|----|--|
|                    |    | Consequently, an uncertainty factor of 0.98 is applied to all ROUs.  |
| Precipitation      | NA | Not available  |
| Surface Outflow    | 1% | In accordance with the RoU Standard version 7, and considering that the flow meters are calibrated, PP has accounted for a 1% uncertainty factor in both inflow and outflow volumes to maintain a conservative approach. Consequently, an uncertainty factor of 0.98 is applied to all ROUs. |
| Evapotranspiration | NA | Not available  |
| Deep Percolation   | NA | Not available  |

## A.13. Quantification Tools

### Baseline Scenario

The baseline scenario is the situation where, in the absence of the project activity, the PP would have **one or all** the below options:

- a) installed multiple bore wells within the project boundary which would have depleted the local groundwater resources (aquifers); **and/or**
- b) diverted existing safe drinking water resources from the surrounding residential area; **and/or**
- c) discharged the ETP effluent without further treatment, recycling, and reuse.

Hence the following baseline scenario is applicable for this project activity:

*“The net quantity of treated ETP effluent / wastewater that would be discharged directly into the local drain/sewer without further being recycled and/or reused daily post treatment per year”*

The net quantity of treated water used is measured via flow meters installed at the site. The primary set of data records are kept at plant level, managed by a technical team. Also, for conservative purposes, the working days or operational days have been assumed at 360 days in a year during the 1st monitoring period. However, the number of days is not an influential parameter on RoUs calculation as RoUs are calculated based on total quantity of treated water being recycled & reused.

| Sr.No. | Month  | INLET<br>(in m <sup>3</sup> ) (Collection<br>well to SHT) | Total Water<br>Treated (m <sup>3</sup> )<br>(Actual Inflow) | Total Water Recycled                    |  | RoUs with<br>Uncertainty<br>Factor |
|--------|--------|---|---|---|--|------------------------------------|
|        |        |   |   | Recovered<br>Water (in m <sup>3</sup> ) | Brine solution<br>(in m <sup>3</sup> ) |                                    |
| 1      | Jan-14 | 16187   | 15487   | 14726                                   | 560                                    | 14980                              |
| 2      | Feb-14 | 19029   | 18255   | 17338                                   | 868                                    | 17842                              |
| 3      | Mar-14 | 19449   | 19924   | 19143                                   | 786                                    | 19530                              |
| 4      | Apr-14 | 18410   | 20705   | 19656                                   | 818                                    | 20065                              |
| 5      | May-14 | 20946   | 21426   | 20206                                   | 1007                                   | 20789                              |
| 6      | Jun-14 | 24851   | 23653   | 22620                                   | 742                                    | 22895                              |
| 7      | Jul-14 | 25604   | 21854   | 20470                                   | 935                                    | 20977                              |
| 8      | Aug-14 | 27660   | 28310   | 26908                                   | 1022                                   | 27371                              |
| 9      | Sep-14 | 26987   | 28939   | 27738                                   | 925                                    | 28090                              |
| 10     | Oct-14 | 19522   | 19324   | 18458                                   | 548                                    | 18626                              |
| 11     | Nov-14 | 21934   | 18284   | 17162                                   | 778                                    | 17581                              |
| 12     | Dec-14 | 27010   | 25655   | 24505                                   | 1118                                   | 25111                              |
| 13     | Jan-15 | 19413   | 20666   | 19578                                   | 906                                    | 20074                              |
| 14     | Feb-15 | 19594   | 20070   | 18993                                   | 939                                    | 19533                              |
| 15     | Mar-15 | 23188   | 25147   | 23988                                   | 1094                                   | 24580                              |
| 16     | Apr-15 | 23890   | 21736   | 21573                                   | 1084                                   | 22204                              |
| 17     | May-15 | 20717   | 20717   | 18196                                   | 1205                                   | 19013                              |
| 18     | Jun-15 | 22681   | 24193   | 22396                                   | 971                                    | 22900                              |
| 19     | Jul-15 | 24413   | 28356   | 27201                                   | 1047                                   | 27683                              |
| 20     | Aug-15 | 23264   | 25250   | 24482                                   | 987                                    | 24960                              |
| 21     | Sep-15 | 24365   | 19515   | 18650                                   | 776                                    | 19037                              |
| 22     | Oct-15 | 28158   | 29018   | 27497                                   | 1255                                   | 28177                              |
| 23     | Nov-15 | 16422   | 15212   | 14476                                   | 593                                    | 14768                              |
| 24     | Dec-15 | 28988   | 30483   | 29380                                   | 1042                                   | 29814                              |
| 25     | Jan-16 | 19601   | 20051   | 19152                                   | 817                                    | 19570                              |
| 26     | Feb-16 | 23566   | 25396   | 24362                                   | 936                                    | 24792                              |
| 27     | Mar-16 | 25878   | 26268   | 24980                                   | 1064                                   | 25523                              |
| 28     | Apr-16 | 26354   | 25019   | 24529                                   | 965                                    | 24984                              |
| 29     | May-16 | 23148   | 21903   | 20830                                   | 952                                    | 21346                              |
| 30     | Jun-16 | 30908   | 32105   | 30764                                   | 1223                                   | 31347                              |
| 31     | Jul-16 | 27383   | 24829   | 23786                                   | 856                                    | 24149                              |
| 32     | Aug-16 | 25850   | 28094   | 27338                                   | 752                                    | 27528                              |
| 33     | Sep-16 | 27929   | 28627   | 27639                                   | 741                                    | 27812                              |
| 34     | Oct-16 | 28077   | 26824   | 25678                                   | 911                                    | 26057                              |
| 35     | Nov-16 | 20977   | 21102   | 20483                                   | 387                                    | 20453                              |
| 36     | Dec-16 | 30946   | 29250   | 28223                                   | 727                                    | 28371                              |
| 37     | Jan-17 | 17774   | 16582   | 16043                                   | 381                                    | 16096                              |
| 38     | Feb-17 | 25903   | 27421   | 26255                                   | 873                                    | 26585                              |



|    |        |       |       |       |      |       |
|----|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| 39 | Mar-17 | 28992 | 29560 | 28346 | 909  | 28670 |
| 40 | Apr-17 | 24590 | 25470 | 24203 | 986  | 24685 |
| 41 | May-17 | 29282 | 29680 | 28195 | 1153 | 28761 |
| 42 | Jun-17 | 28312 | 24549 | 23284 | 1165 | 23960 |
| 43 | Jul-17 | 29559 | 29960 | 28345 | 1476 | 29225 |
| 44 | Aug-17 | 31507 | 32260 | 31014 | 1055 | 31428 |
| 45 | Sep-17 | 29747 | 31997 | 30724 | 1051 | 31140 |
| 46 | Oct-17 | 25386 | 27574 | 26418 | 1054 | 26923 |
| 47 | Nov-17 | 33498 | 32224 | 30650 | 1336 | 31346 |
| 48 | Dec-17 | 32913 | 31685 | 30040 | 1453 | 30863 |
| 49 | Jan-18 | 25181 | 26801 | 25673 | 924  | 26065 |
| 50 | Feb-18 | 30438 | 29988 | 28377 | 1368 | 29150 |
| 51 | Mar-18 | 31629 | 31985 | 30376 | 1447 | 31187 |
| 52 | Apr-18 | 29574 | 31684 | 30367 | 1202 | 30938 |
| 53 | May-18 | 32721 | 32402 | 30696 | 1579 | 31630 |
| 54 | Jun-18 | 28949 | 28859 | 27414 | 1337 | 28176 |
| 55 | Jul-18 | 25482 | 25710 | 24530 | 1109 | 25126 |
| 56 | Aug-18 | 22700 | 22509 | 21603 | 822  | 21977 |
| 57 | Sep-18 | 29174 | 30824 | 29625 | 1101 | 30111 |
| 58 | Oct-18 | 34666 | 34714 | 33518 | 1088 | 33914 |
| 59 | Nov-18 | 18618 | 17908 | 17290 | 516  | 17450 |
| 60 | Dec-18 | 32839 | 32829 | 31366 | 1328 | 32040 |
| 61 | Jan-19 | 28187 | 28652 | 27462 | 1023 | 27915 |
| 62 | Feb-19 | 33253 | 33648 | 32278 | 1242 | 32850 |
| 63 | Mar-19 | 37079 | 37236 | 35771 | 1321 | 36350 |
| 64 | Apr-19 | 37040 | 36490 | 35112 | 1251 | 35636 |
| 65 | May-19 | 43000 | 41048 | 39258 | 1624 | 40064 |
| 66 | Jun-19 | 33673 | 32459 | 30943 | 1368 | 31665 |
| 67 | Jul-19 | 36763 | 37606 | 35694 | 1701 | 36647 |
| 68 | Aug-19 | 34489 | 33739 | 33358 | 1303 | 33968 |
| 69 | Sep-19 | 34004 | 33654 | 33311 | 991  | 33616 |
| 70 | Oct-19 | 33819 | 34360 | 33549 | 1151 | 34006 |
| 71 | Nov-19 | 32128 | 33104 | 32306 | 861  | 32504 |
| 72 | Dec-19 | 41495 | 42240 | 39254 | 1385 | 39826 |
| 73 | Jan-20 | 32399 | 32406 | 29868 | 1003 | 30254 |
| 74 | Feb-20 | 37464 | 36056 | 34671 | 1428 | 35377 |
| 75 | Mar-20 | 30140 | 30114 | 28523 | 958  | 28891 |
| 76 | Apr-20 | 468   | 849   | -     | -    | 0     |
| 77 | May-20 | 9850  | 9958  | 9486  | 324  | 9614  |
| 78 | Jun-20 | 34532 | 31485 | 30328 | 1248 | 30944 |
| 79 | Jul-20 | 41632 | 37366 | 33984 | 1464 | 34739 |
| 80 | Aug-20 | 44898 | 42747 | 39642 | 1699 | 40514 |

|     |        |       |       |       |      |                  |
|-----|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|------------------|
| 81  | Sep-20 | 44882 | 42492 | 39239 | 1839 | 40256            |
| 82  | Oct-20 | 46529 | 43699 | 41190 | 2022 | 42348            |
| 83  | Nov-20 | 30790 | 29980 | 28352 | 1406 | 29163            |
| 84  | Dec-20 | 52711 | 51739 | 49264 | 2332 | 50564            |
| 85  | Jan-21 | 45088 | 44466 | 42380 | 1794 | 43291            |
| 86  | Feb-21 | 53859 | 52071 | 50047 | 2123 | 51127            |
| 87  | Mar-21 | 57474 | 54469 | 52364 | 2206 | 53479            |
| 88  | Apr-21 | 47774 | 46295 | 44926 | 1682 | 45676            |
| 89  | May-21 | 20388 | 20079 | 19189 | 650  | 19442            |
| 90  | Jun-21 | 24790 | 23427 | 22653 | 963  | 23144            |
| 91  | Jul-21 | 54321 | 52904 | 51464 | 2126 | 52518            |
| 92  | Aug-21 | 59708 | 60560 | 57279 | 2318 | 58405            |
| 93  | Sep-21 | 58841 | 59163 | 56672 | 2250 | 57744            |
| 94  | Oct-21 | 64942 | 64370 | 61700 | 2153 | 62576            |
| 95  | Nov-21 | 27603 | 28871 | 27908 | 875  | 28207            |
| 96  | Dec-21 | 58485 | 55495 | 53902 | 1988 | 54772            |
| 97  | Jan-22 | 38564 | 39830 | 39159 | 1198 | 39550            |
| 98  | Feb-22 | 54280 | 52551 | 50866 | 1900 | 51711            |
| 99  | Mar-22 | 57251 | 54354 | 52213 | 2406 | 53527            |
| 100 | Apr-22 | 53755 | 52129 | 50466 | 2048 | 51464            |
| 101 | May-22 | 52375 | 54894 | 52946 | 1955 | 53803            |
| 102 | Jun-22 | 49207 | 48605 | 46638 | 1807 | 47476            |
| 103 | Jul-22 | 45897 | 47195 | 45438 | 1490 | 45989            |
| 104 | Aug-22 | 32419 | 33888 | 32926 | 1019 | 33266            |
| 105 | Sep-22 | 38580 | 39307 | 37896 | 1324 | 38436            |
| 106 | Oct-22 | 29138 | 30669 | 29906 | 1123 | 30408            |
| 107 | Nov-22 | 42552 | 43291 | 42018 | 1177 | 42331            |
| 108 | Dec-22 | 42551 | 43392 | 42447 | 932  | 42511            |
| 109 | Jan-23 | 29516 | 32442 | 31630 | 882  | 31862            |
| 110 | Feb-23 | 40360 | 43948 | 42351 | 1518 | 42992            |
| 111 | Mar-23 | 48418 | 51034 | 48988 | 2047 | 50014            |
| 112 | Apr-23 | 49466 | 49442 | 47626 | 1821 | 48458            |
| 113 | May-23 | 42270 | 42628 | 41234 | 1677 | 42053            |
| 114 | Jun-23 | 52292 | 54999 | 52919 | 2161 | 53978            |
| 115 | Jul-23 | 47253 | 47997 | 46267 | 1950 | 47253            |
| 116 | Aug-23 | 48238 | 48908 | 47601 | 1820 | 48433            |
| 117 | Sep-23 | 52498 | 52693 | 50663 | 1878 | 51490            |
| 118 | Oct-23 | 51442 | 52877 | 51026 | 1630 | 51603            |
| 119 | Nov-23 | 29523 | 31023 | 30013 | 992  | 30385            |
| 120 | Dec-23 | 47819 | 51940 | 50209 | 1809 | 148741           |
|     |        |       |       |       |      | <b>4,011,801</b> |

## Quantification

| Year              | Total ROUs<br>(1000 liters)/yr<br>UCR Cap(1 million<br>RoUs/yr |
|-------------------|--|
| 2014              | 253856   |
| 2015              | 272743   |
| 2016              | 301933   |
| 2017              | 329681   |
| 2018              | 337763   |
| 2019              | 415047   |
| 2020              | 372665   |
| 2021              | 550380   |
| 2022              | 530472   |
| 2023              | 647262   |
| <b>Total RoUs</b> | <b>4,011,801</b>   |

## A.14. UWR Rainwater Offset Do No Net Harm Principles

- 1. Increase the Sustainable Water Yield in Areas Where Over-Development Has Depleted the Aquifer:** The project activity, through the operation of the Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) in the dyeing industry, reduces the dependence on groundwater by recycling and reusing treated wastewater. By processing effluents generated from dyeing and textile manufacturing processes, the CETP reintroduces water back into the system, lessening the pressure on local aquifers. In regions where groundwater extraction rates are high, such as in parts of Tamil Nadu, this approach supports sustainable water management by providing an alternative water source and reducing groundwater depletion.
- 2. Collect Unutilized Water or Rainwater from Going into Storm Drains or Sewers:** Although rainwater harvesting is not a part of this specific project activity, the CETP plays a critical role in preventing the untreated wastewater from dyeing and textile processes from entering storm drains or sewers. The CETP effectively collects and treats the effluents generated by industry, which would otherwise contribute to water pollution. This prevents unutilized or untreated water from being discarded into the environment and ensures that the wastewater is processed and safely reused, contributing to cleaner water management in the region.
- 3. Conserve and Store Excess Water for Future Use:** The CETP setup contributes to water conservation by treating and reusing wastewater from the dyeing industry. The treated effluent is stored and repurposed for various processes within the industry, reducing the need for fresh water. This reuse

of excess treated water helps in conserving valuable water resources, particularly in areas where water scarcity is a growing concern. By minimizing the reliance on external water sources and efficiently utilizing treated wastewater, the project ensures that water is conserved and stored for future use, reducing the pressure on local freshwater resources.

4. **Enhance Local Women's Participation and Professional Development:** The CETP setup in the dyeing industry provides opportunities for local women to actively participate in water management activities. Women are trained in the operation and maintenance of water treatment facilities, wastewater recycling processes, and the management of effluent treatment systems. By involving women in these technical and operational roles, the project helps enhance their professional skills and empowers them to contribute to sustainable water management. This involvement not only boosts their economic and professional development but also promotes gender equality in the workforce, fostering a more inclusive community development approach.

## A.15. Scaling Projects-Lessons Learned-Restarting Projects

The Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) at Kunnankalpalayam, Tirupur, which has been designed to treat 5500 m<sup>3</sup>/day of effluent from hosiery bleaching and dyeing units, demonstrates an advanced approach to wastewater management and Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD). Scaling up this project to other regions and sectors requires leveraging existing integrated practices while addressing areas where duplication can be minimized. Below are strategies for scaling the project and enhancing water and urban management:

Scaling up the Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) model, such as the one at Kunnankalpalayam in Tirupur, can significantly improve water and wastewater management in India's dyeing industry. This CETP, designed to achieve Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) by treating 5500 m<sup>3</sup>/day of effluent, serves as an effective example of how centralized wastewater treatment can be scaled to other textile clusters like Ahmedabad, Jaipur, and Surat, where water-intensive dyeing and textile industries are prevalent. These areas could adopt similar CETPs, customized to meet their specific wastewater volumes and environmental conditions. A cluster-based approach, where small and medium-sized dyeing units share a common treatment facility, can lower operational costs, ensure uniform quality of effluent treatment, and reduce the environmental risks associated with untreated wastewater.

To optimize water recovery and treatment processes, scaling the CETP model could involve upgrading existing systems with advanced technologies such as membrane bioreactors (MBRs), ultrafiltration, or nanofiltration, which provide higher quality treated water. Additionally, improving Reverse Osmosis (RO) systems and enhancing brine management will be crucial. Brine concentrates, which typically contain high levels of salts, can be treated to recover valuable by-products like sodium chloride and sodium sulphate

(Glauber's salt), which could be sold or repurposed in other industries, such as agriculture or construction. By maximizing resource recovery, CETPs can contribute to a zero-waste model, reducing the environmental footprint of dyeing industries and generating economic value.

Effluent reuse within the dyeing process is another area where scaling can have a significant impact. By implementing closed-loop systems where treated water is recycled back into the dyeing units, the industry can reduce its freshwater intake and minimize wastewater discharge. Dedicated pipelines connecting CETPs to individual dyeing units can streamline this process, ensuring treated water is efficiently delivered for reuse in dye baths or washing processes, further conserving valuable water resources.

Another key aspect of scaling up CETPs is integrating these systems into urban water management strategies. In regions where CETPs are established, treated effluent could be directed to municipal systems for non-potable uses, such as street cleaning, public park irrigation, or cooling in commercial complexes, thus reducing demand on potable water supplies. In larger cities, collaborations between industry stakeholders and municipal water management authorities could lead to the broader adoption of water reuse practices in urban planning.

Resource recovery from the effluent treatment process also offers a significant opportunity for waste minimization and economic growth. For example, sludge generated during treatment can be analyzed for recoverable materials, such as heavy metals or organic compounds, which can be reused in other industries. Additionally, energy recovery from organic matter in wastewater, through biogas production or other methods, can help power CETP operations, making the system more energy-efficient and reducing its reliance on external power sources.

Public awareness and community engagement play a crucial role in the successful scaling of CETPs. Educating local communities and industry workers about the safety standards, the benefits of wastewater treatment, and the potential for water recycling will help build trust in the system. Targeted communication campaigns can address misconceptions about treated water, emphasizing that it is safe, well-regulated, and beneficial for both industries and urban areas. Case studies of successful water reuse projects can be showcased to demonstrate the long-term benefits of these technologies.

To encourage the scaling of CETPs, government policies and incentives will be vital. Financial incentives or tax breaks for industries that adopt ZLD systems, wastewater recycling, and resource recovery technologies could accelerate their adoption. Additionally, stricter regulations mandating ZLD in water-intensive industries, coupled with streamlined approval processes for CETP projects, would help drive the adoption of best practices in water and wastewater management. Integrating CETP efforts into larger urban water management frameworks will further ensure that treated effluent is put to productive use, creating a circular water economy.

Scaling up CETPs for the dyeing industry in India offers a practical and sustainable solution to the country's water challenges. By replicating successful models, optimizing treatment processes, improving resource recovery, and integrating these systems into urban planning, India can move toward a more sustainable



and water-efficient textile sector. These efforts not only reduce water pollution but also conserve freshwater resources, contribute to circular economies, and help mitigate water scarcity in industrial zones and urban areas.

## Appendix

### Annual Lab Test Report

| RAW EFFLUENT (INLET) - MONTHLY AVERAGE LAB REPORT FROM APR - 2023 TO AUG - 2024 |            |                |           |           |           |                |                |              |           |                      |                        |                          |                |               |                  |                    |                    |   |                                     |                                     |                         |                              |           |               |                 |                                  |                      |                          |                                  |                 |                  |      |
|---|------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------|
| Month / Year  | PARAMETERS |                |           |           |           |                |                |              |           |                      |                        |                          |                |               |                  |                    |                    |   |                                     |                                     |                         |                              |           |               |                 |                                  |                      |                          |                                  |                 |                  |      |
|   | pH         | Temperature °C | EC @ 25°C | TDS (ppm) | TSS (ppm) | Chloride (ppm) | Sulphate (ppm) | COD(T) (ppm) | BOD (ppm) | Total Hardness (ppm) | Calcium Hardness (ppm) | Magnesium Hardness (ppm) | Ca as Ca (ppm) | Mg as Mg(ppm) | Total Alkalinity | P-Alkalinity (ppm) | M-Alkalinity (ppm) | Carbonate Alkalinity Bicarbonate Alkalinity | CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> (ppm) | HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> (ppm) | Carbonate Hardnes (ppm) | Non Carbonate Hardness (ppm) | FRC (ppm) | Color (pt.Co) | Turbidity (NTU) | Silica as SiO <sub>2</sub> (ppm) | Orthophosphate (ppm) | Ammonical Nitrogen (ppm) | Nitrate as NO <sub>3</sub> (ppm) | Fluorides (ppm) | Total Iron (ppm) |      |
| Apr-23  | 8.87       | 35.33          | 11777     | 8774      | 226       | 1435           | 2860           | 2067         | 612       | 160                  | 57                     | 103                      | 23             | 25            | 1580             | 109                | 1471               | 218   | 1362                                | 131                                 | 1662                    | 160                          | 0         | NIL           | 2586            | 134                              | 23.3                 | 43.8                     | 10.95                            | 1.7             | 1.98             | 0.1  |
| May-23  | 9.01       | 33.56          | 12090     | 9009      | 237       | 1647           | 3021           | 1809         | 660       | 173                  | 71                     | 102                      | 28             | 25            | 1600             | 169                | 1431               | 338   | 1262                                | 203                                 | 1540                    | 173                          | 0         | NIL           | 2767            | 148                              | 13.9                 | 56.5                     | 20.6                             | 2.5             | 1.3              | 0.05 |
| Jun-23  | 8.95       | 35.44          | 12622     | 9410      | 228       | 1773           | 3037           | 1837         | 624       | 191                  | 80                     | 111                      | 32             | 27            | 1481             | 128                | 1354               | 255   | 1226                                | 153                                 | 1496                    | 191                          | 0         | NIL           | 2721            | 134                              | 27.8                 | 39.6                     | 13.1                             | 2.2             | 0.56             | 0.04 |
| Jul-23  | 9.03       | 32.16          | 13004     | 9697      | 214       | 1638           | 3505           | 1662         | 576       | 234                  | 97                     | 137                      | 39             | 33            | 1496             | 102                | 1394               | 204   | 1292                                | 122                                 | 1576                    | 234                          | 0         | NIL           | 2610            | 118                              | 26.4                 | 60                       | 2.05                             | 2.7             | 1.28             | 0.06 |
| Aug-23  | 8.86       | 35.03          | 13195     | 9841      | 184       | 1684           | 3572           | 1502         | 624       | 217                  | 97                     | 123                      | 37             | 30            | 1448             | 101                | 1346               | 203   | 1245                                | 122                                 | 1519                    | 217                          | 0         | NIL           | 2357            | 97                               | 23.9                 | 38.3                     | 13.35                            | 3.1             | 1.84             | 0.06 |
| Sep-23  | 8.83       | 34.07          | 13526     | 10086     | 179       | 1820           | 3755           | 1598         | 522       | 201                  | 90                     | 110                      | 36             | 27            | 1455             | 83                 | 1373               | 165   | 1290                                | 99                                  | 1574                    | 201                          | 0         | NIL           | 2162            | 91                               | 33.5                 | 57.3                     | 12.35                            | 3.3             | 1.47             | 0.08 |
| Oct-23  | 8.63       | 35.39          | 14761     | 10999     | 248       | 2058           | 4211           | 1640         | 562       | 261                  | 115                    | 146                      | 46             | 36            | 1350             | 61                 | 1289               | 122   | 1228                                | 73                                  | 1498                    | 261                          | 0         | NIL           | 2431            | 139                              | 25.8                 | 57.7                     | 9.6                              | 1.9             | 2.73             | 0.12 |
| Nov-23  | 8.85       | 35.23          | 15929     | 11950     | 213       | 2383           | 3723           | 1557         | 588       | 321                  | 134                    | 187                      | 54             | 45            | 1852             | 218                | 1634               | 436   | 1416                                | 262                                 | 1728                    | 321                          | 0         | NIL           | 2181            | 119                              | 29.6                 | 48.6                     | 11.35                            | 3.4             | 1.63             | 0.15 |
| Dec-23  | 8.72       | 32.63          | 14697     | 10976     | 195       | 1768           | 4055           | 1654         | 564       | 334                  | 142                    | 192                      | 57             | 47            | 1479             | 139                | 1340               | 278   | 1201                                | 167                                 | 1465                    | 334                          | 0         | NIL           | 2196            | 103                              | 30.4                 | 43.1                     | 11.8                             | 3.1             | 1.93             | 0.09 |
| Jan-24  | 8.75       | 31.88          | 15231     | 11368     | 212       | 2288           | 3710           | 1570         | 532       | 251                  | 117                    | 134                      | 47             | 33            | 1578             | 127                | 1451               | 254   | 1324                                | 152                                 | 1615                    | 251                          | 0         | NIL           | 2256            | 115                              | 24.6                 | 51.6                     | 11.6                             | 3.4             | 1.87             | 0.16 |
| Feb-24  | 8.81       | 32.96          | 14648     | 10926     | 240       | 2293           | 3271           | 1945         | 632       | 192                  | 86                     | 106                      | 34             | 26            | 1788             | 147                | 1641               | 294   | 1494                                | 177                                 | 1822                    | 192                          | 0         | NIL           | 2449            | 133                              | 27.9                 | 59.3                     | 10.45                            | 3.2             | 1.98             | 0.11 |
| Mar-24  | 8.61       | 33.81          | 14653     | 10966     | 239       | 2275           | 3637           | 1978         | 552       | 202                  | 88                     | 113                      | 35             | 28            | 1501             | 70                 | 1431               | 140   | 1361                                | 84                                  | 1661                    | 202                          | 0         | NIL           | 2504            | 135                              | 23.1                 | 46.2                     | 8.9                              | 2.8             | 0.76             | 0.09 |
| Apr-24  | 8.41       | 37.07          | 15038     | 11277     | 206       | 2470           | 3370           | 1871         | 612       | 194                  | 84                     | 110                      | 34             | 27            | 1658             | 93                 | 1564               | 187   | 1471                                | 112                                 | 1795                    | 194                          | 0         | NIL           | 2327            | 112                              | 31.2                 | 45.7                     | 11.7                             | 4.5             | 1.43             | 0.17 |
| May-24  | 8.33       | 33.17          | 16356     | 12376     | 208       | 2653           | 4141           | 1990         | 568       | 187                  | 83                     | 104                      | 33             | 25            | 1619             | 58                 | 1561               | 117   | 1503                                | 70                                  | 1833                    | 187                          | 0         | NIL           | 2396            | 110                              | 26.3                 | 31.3                     | 9.3                              | 2.3             | 1.98             | 0.06 |
| Jun-24  | 8.10       | 32.05          | 15723     | 11834     | 209       | 2584           | 3852           | 1932         | 612       | 200                  | 83                     | 109                      | 31             | 27            | 1462             | 23                 | 1438               | 47  | 1415                                | 28                                  | 1726                    | 187                          | 0         | NIL           | 2482            | 110                              | 25                   | 28.3                     | 14.6                             | 4.3             | 1.63             | 0.12 |
| Jul-24  | 8.13       | 32.02          | 14803     | 11087     | 200       | 2369           | 3701           | 1985         | 580       | 194                  | 82                     | 112                      | 33             | 27            | 1491             | 24                 | 1467               | 49  | 1442                                | 29                                  | 1760                    | 196                          | 0         | NIL           | 2470            | 114                              | 22.1                 | 66                       | 8.3                              | 1.9             | 1.06             | 0.07 |
| Aug-24  | 8.06       | 32.53          | 12884     | 9624      | 233       | 1949           | 3315           | 1800         | 526       | 161                  | 66                     | 95                       | 27             | 23            | 1234             | 30                 | 1204               | 60  | 1174                                | 36                                  | 1432                    | 161                          | 0         | NIL           | 2505            | 143                              | 24.9                 | 67.2                     | 11                               | 3               | 1.58             | 0.23 |
| Average   | 8.64       | 33.78          | 14173     | 10600     | 216       | 2064           | 3572           | 1788         | 585       | 216                  | 93                     | 123                      | 37             | 30            | 1534             | 99                 | 1435               | 198   | 1336                                | 119                                 | 1629                    | 215                          | 0         | NIL           | 2435            | 121                              | 25.86                | 49.44                    | 11.24                            | 2.90            | 1.59             | 0.10 |
| Minimum   | 8.06       | 31.88          | 11777     | 8774      | 179       | 1435           | 2860           | 1502         | 522       | 160                  | 57                     | 95                       | 23             | 23            | 1234             | 23                 | 1204               | 47  | 1174                                | 28                                  | 1432                    | 160                          | 0         | NIL           | 2162            | 91                               | 13.90                | 28.30                    | 2.05                             | 1.70            | 0.56             | 0.04 |
| Maximum   | 9.03       | 37.07          | 16356     | 12376     | 248       | 2653           | 4211           | 2067         | 660       | 334                  | 142                    | 192                      | 57             | 47            | 1852             | 218                | 1641               | 436   | 1503                                | 262                                 | 1833                    | 334                          | 0         | NIL           | 2767            | 148                              | 33.50                | 67.20                    | 20.60                            | 4.50            | 2.73             | 0.23 |



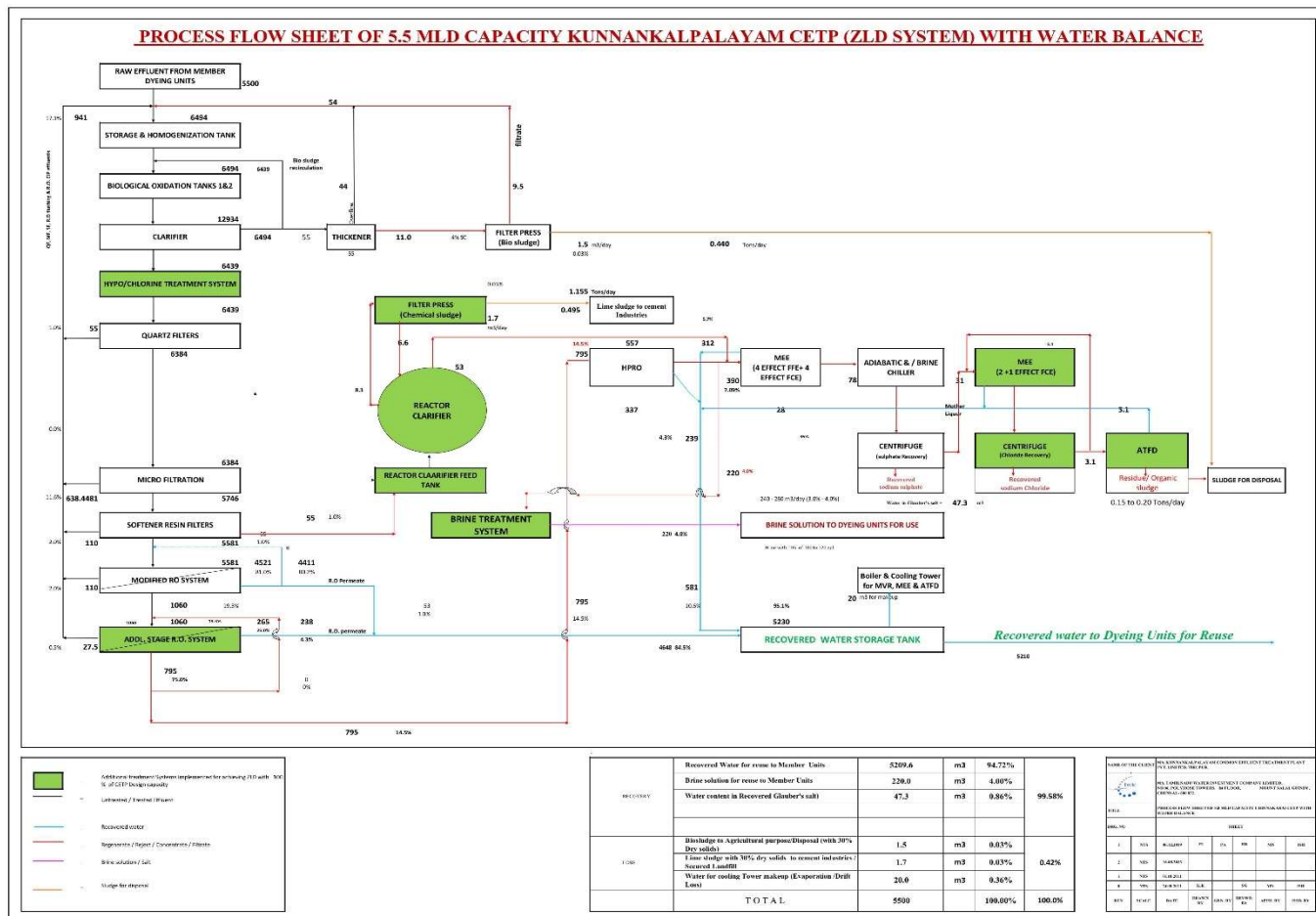
Table 10 Characteristics of samples collected from different units of the Kunnankalpalayam CETP on 16<sup>th</sup> December

| S. No | Parameters                              | Units           | Homogeneous tank | Neutralization tank | Aeration tank Middle | Aeration tank outlet | Clarifier outlet | CCT outlet | Quartz Outlet | RO-I Feed | RO Common permeate |
|-------|---|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------|
|       |   |                 | 1                | 2                   | 3A                   | 3                    | 4                | 5          | 6             | 7         | 8                  |
| 1     | pH                                      |                 | 8.71             | 7.18                | 7.72                 | 7.89                 | 7.80             | 6.95       | 7.02          | 6.95      | 6.67               |
| 2     | Conductivity                            | mS/cm           | 15.3             | 15.4                | 15.6                 | 15.3                 | 15.5             | 15.9       | 15.5          | 15.6      | 0.4                |
| 3     | Total Solids                            | mg/L            | 10,138           | 10,187              | 13888                | 10270                | 10006            | 10180      | 9989          | 9984      | 266                |
| 4     | TDS                                     | mg/L            | 9818             | 9887                | 9788                 | 9960                 | 9973             | 10162      | 9975          | 9975      | 266                |
| 5     | TSS                                     | mg/L            | 320              | 300                 | ND                   | 310                  | 33               | 18         | 14            | 9         | NIL                |
| 6     | Total Hardness as CaCO <sub>3</sub>     | mg/L            | 230              | 235                 | 220                  | 220                  | 210              | 195        | 180           | 175       | 10                 |
| 7     | Calcium Hardness as CaCO <sub>3</sub>   | mg/L            | 95               | 97                  | 90                   | 90                   | 85               | 74         | 65            | 63        | 0                  |
| 8     | Magnesium Hardness as CaCO <sub>3</sub> | mg/L            | 135              | 138                 | 130                  | 130                  | 125              | 121        | 115           | 112       | 10                 |
| 9     | Chlorides                               | mg/L            | 1200             | 1255                | 1198                 | 1179                 | 1123             | 1063       | 1005          | 950       | 90                 |
| 10    | Sulphates                               | mg/L            | 4506             | 4660                | 4696                 | 3978                 | 4100             | 3756       | 3582          | 3379      | 27                 |
| 12    | MLSS                                    | mg/L            | ND               | ND                  | 4100                 | ND                   | ND               | ND         | ND            | ND        | ND                 |
| 13    | MLVSS                                   | mg/L            | ND               | ND                  | 3280                 | ND                   | ND               | ND         | ND            | ND        | ND                 |
| 15    | BOD                                     | mg/L            | 584              | ND                  | 245                  | 230                  | 3.8              | ND         | ND            | ND        | NIL                |
| 16    | COD                                     | mg/L            | 1264             | 1216                | ND                   | 540                  | 420              | 305        | 295           | 288       | NIL                |
| 17    | Color (436 nm)                          | m <sup>-1</sup> | 2.54             | 2.36                | ND                   | 2.02                 | 1.50             | 1.25       | 1.05          | 1.10      | NIL                |
|       | Color (526 nm)                          | m <sup>-1</sup> | 7.19             | 7.23                | ND                   | 5.40                 | 3.52             | 2.53       | 2.35          | 2.45      | NIL                |
|       | Color (620 nm)                          | m <sup>-1</sup> | 15.76            | 14.55               | ND                   | 12.54                | 10.38            | 4.47       | 3.90          | 3.98      | NIL                |

ND –Not Determined, BDL – Below Detectable Limit

### Lab Test Report of Treated Water

## Single Line Diagram.



## Calibration Details:

From the Performance Certification of 2024-25 it is confirmed that the flow meters were accurately checked and were found to be in operational condition. As mentioned in the table below the flow meters were calibrated on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024 by Khrone Marshall Service Person and were found to be satisfactorily operational.

| EMFM Calibration Details |               |                  |                              |
|--------------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| Sl. No.                  | EMFM          | Calibration Date | Calibration Done By          |
| 1                        | Raw Effluent  | 16.08.2024       | KhroneMarshall ServicePerson |
| 2                        | Product Water | 16.08.2024       | KhroneMarshall ServicePerson |

**Meter Photos for both Inlet And Outlet**



## List Of Operational Member Units

| Sr. No | Names Of Member Unit             |
|--------|----------------------------------|
| 1      | M/s Top Light Process            |
| 2      | M/s Allwin Processing Mills Unit |
| 3      | M/s Lucky Colours                |
| 4      | M/s Sri Gayathri Colours         |
| 5      | M/s Sree Gayathri Colours        |
| 6      | M/s Sree Raja Ganesh Dyers       |
| 7      | M/s Lucky Process                |
| 8      | M/s Jayanthi Process             |
| 9      | M/s Chenniappan Textile Process  |
| 10     | M/s KM Process                   |
| 11     | M/s VK Process                   |
| 12     | M/s Sree Ganapathy Process       |
| 13     | M/s Super Process                |
| 14     | M/s Super Bleaching              |
| 15     | M/s Priyadarshini Dyeing         |