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REPORT OF RAID/SEARCH & SEIZURE

BO's Ref: CNBO/2/5/2024/05

Date: 26 Jun 2024

1	Reference Number of Enf. Dept. (HQ), if available	NIL		
2	Name & address of the firm raided	M/s Gowri Water Purifiers 88/9, 9 th Cross Street, Gowsalya Nagar, Salavathy Village Tindivanam, Villupuram District, Tamilnadu-604307		
3	Date of detection/discrete investigation	NA. Discrete visit not carried out. Raid has been carried out based or online complaint received as assigned by CMED, vide no. P-16865.		
4	Brief of discreet investigation			
5	Date of search & seizure	15 May 2024		
6	Team Members	Shri Sreejith Mohan J, Scientist D / Joint Director Shri Dhinesh Rajagopalan L, Scientist-C/Deputy Director (Administrative approval for raid attached at ANNEX-A)		
7	Details of Police personnel	NA		
8	Type of violation	Packaged drinking water with spurious Mark without a valid BIS licence.		
9	Provisions violated	Section 17 of BIS Act 2016		
10	Person(s) contacted	R.Subramanian, Incharge of the firm		
11	Detailed observations (including activities at the time of visit & facilities available)	 a) As per the information received vide complaint no P-16865, the raid team reached the above location on 15 May 2024 by 10.30 hrs. b) On verification of entire premises during the search and seizure operation, the following were available with the firm: i) 21 boxes containing 189 nos. of 2 litre PET bottles filled with Packaged Drinking Water bearing labels marked with Spurious mark with IS 14543, CM/L 6100078904 with brand name "Appaa" Manufactured by:Gowri Water Purifiers, 88/9, 9th Cross Street, Gowsalya Nagar, Salavathy Village, Tindivanam, Villupuram District-604307, and Date of Mfg. 04.06.2024 and Date of Expiry 03.11.2024 stamped on the cap. 		
		 6 boxes containing 180 nos. of 500ml PET bottles filled with Packaged Drinking Water bearing labels marked with spurious mark with IS 14543, CM/L 6100078904 with brand name "Appaa" Manufactured by:Gowr Water Purifiers, 88/9, 9th Cross Street, Gowsalya Nagar, Salavathy Village, Tindivanam, Villupuram District-604307 		

		 106 nos. of 20 Litre PET jars filled with Packaged Drinking Water affixed with labels bearing spurious BIS Standard mark with IS 14543, CM/L 6100078904 with brand name "Appaa" Manufactured by:Gowri Water Purifiers, 88/9, 9th Cross Street, Gowsalya Nagar, Salavathy Village, Tindivanam, Villupuram District-604307 affixed with shrink sleeves on the cap.
		iv) Around 3,06,000 numbers (2 Litre:80,000 nos; 1 Litre: 75000 nos; 500ml: 76,000 nos; and 300 ml:75 ,000 nos) and One roll (20 Litre) of label bearing brand name "Appaa" Manufactured by: Gowri Water Purifiers, 88/9, 9th Cross Street, Gowsalya Nagar, Salavathy Village, Tindivanam, Villupuram District-604307 with IS 14543 & CM/L: 6100078904
		c) The above firm does not hold a valid BIS Licence to use BIS Standard Mark (i.e) Mark on Packaged Drinking Water.
		In view of above the marking of the Packaged Drinking Water with from mark is construed as a misuse of from mark
		and a violation as per Section 17 of BIS Act 2016. Hence the material as mentioned above was seized.
		 d) 1 box each of Packaged Drinking Water packed in PET bottles of capacity 2 litres (9 numbers), 500ml (30 numbers) and 20L Pet jar (1 number) with details as mentioned at Serial No.11 c (i), (ii), (iii) respectively were seized, wax sealed with BIS seal No.467, coded as CNBO/65927/20240515/ENF/1 and taken to BIS office as evidence. The sealing process was authenticated with signatures by BIS Officials and the Incharge of the firm, R.Subramanian Refer <u>ANNEX-B</u> for Seizure memo.
		e) Rest of the material seized as per sl no 11c) other than those materials which were brought to Office as evidence (as mentioned in Sl no 11 d) above), were left in the firm and Superdari was issued. These items have been wax-sealed with BIS Seal no. 467, coded as CNBO/65927/20240515/ENF/2. The sealing process was authenticated with signatures by BIS Officials and the R.Subramanian, Incharge of the firm Refer <u>ANNEX-C</u> for Superdari.
		Photographs of the products seized, duly signed by representative of the firm enclosed as evidence and given at ANNEX – D .
12	Means adopted for misuse (i.e. stencil, roller, stamp, sticker, etc	Through Stickers/Labels
13	Total Quantity (Approx.) of material available, which considered to have misuse	As per seizure memo

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14	Details of material seized & sealed (enclose copy of seizure memo)	Same as above. Seizure memo enclosed as ANNEX-B		
15	Details of seized material left with the Firm, if any, under supradari	Please see Superdari for details. Superdari enclosed at ANNEX-C		
16	Name and address of person(s) Responsible for misuse [Proprietor/ Director(s)/ Partner(s)]	Shri R.Subramanian, Copy of GST Certificate enclosed at <u>ANNEX-E</u>		
17	Linkage of available documentary Evidences of raided premises with person responsible for misuse	Please see S. No. 16 above.		
18	Name & address of independent Witness(s)	Shri. C.Murugan No.6, 3 rd Floor, MGR Street, Kilpauk Garden Road, Chennai 600010 .Documentary evidence enclosed at <u>ANNEX-F</u>		
19	Purchase documents in case of dealer/trader	Not available		
20	Follow up taken with other BOs linked in the case	NA		
21	Supporting documentary Evidence	As mentioned at S. No. 16 & 17 above		
22	Conclusion	The above firm does not hold a valid BIS Licence to use BIS Standar Mark (i.e) Mark on Packaged Drinking Water. In view of above the marking of the Packaged Drinking Water with mark is construed as a misuse of mark and a		
23	Recommendations of Raid Team	violation as per Section 17 of BIS Act 2016. Case may be processed for legal action.		

Enclosures: ANNEX - A to F

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PROFORMA FOR INTIMATING SEARCH & SEIZURE

BO's Ref: CNBO/2/5/2024/05

Date: 24 June 2024

1	Case Registration Number of Enf. Deptt. (HQ), if available (enclose Case Sheet, If not sent earlier)	Yet to be Registered			
2	Basis on which raid has been carried out (copy of complaint, if available may be enclosed)	Online complaint no P-16865			
3	Name and address of the firm where Raid has been conducted	M/s Gowri Water Purifiers 88/9, 9th Cross Street, Gowsalya Nagar, Salavathy Village, Tindivanam, Villupuram District, Tamilnadu-604307			
4	Product	Packaged Drinking Water			
5	Date of Raid	15 May 2024			
6	Type of violation (refer Annex-3 of EM 94)	Section 17 of BIS Act 2016.			
7	Provisions of BIS Act, 1986 violated	Section 17 of BIS Act 2016.			
8	Whether misuse found during raid, if yes, enclose copy of seizure Memo	Yes			
9	Additional information, if any	Press Release dated 15 May 2024 issued.			

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Ref / संदर्भ: CNBO / 2/ 5/ 2024 /05

Date / दिनांक: 14-05-2024

Sub / विषय: Administrative Approval for Undertaking Search & Seizure under Sec 28 of BIS Act, 2016- Reg.

It has been brought to our notice from reliable sources that violation of Section 17 of BIS Act, 2016 & violation of Quality Control Order is being committed in certain premises under the jurisdiction of CNBO, SRO Chennai. The following Team is constituted and is authorized to carry out Enforcement Search & Seizure operations. The Enforcement search & Seizure shall be carried out on **15 May 2024** and the raid can be conducted even after Sunset, if required:

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Ref / संदर्भ: CNBO / 2/ 5/ 2024 / 05

Date / दिनांक: 14-05-2024

Sub / विषय: Permission to Certification Officers to investigate and to conduct Search & Seizure Operation

To,

M/s. GOWRI WATER PURIFIERS, 88/9, 9th Cross Street, Gowsalya Nagar, Salavathy Village, Tindivanam, Viluppuram District, Tamil Nadu - 604001.

Dear Sir(s),

We have received information regarding violation of the use of ISI mark in Packaged Drinking Water is taking place in the above premises which is in violation of Section 17 of BIS Act, 2016.

I am, therefore, hereby authorizing the following team of personnel from this Bureau to undertake investigation and search of your premises in pursuance of Section 28 of BIS Act, 2016 on 15 May 2024.

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You are requested to extend full cooperation with the above-named officers and help them in performing their duties. Section 28 of BIS Act, 2016, as referred above, is reproduced below:

Section 28:

"If the certification officer has reason to believe that any goods or articles, process, system or service in relation to which the contravention of section 11 or sub-sections (6) or (8) of section 14 or section 15 or section 17 has taken place are secreted in any place, premises or vehicle, he/she may enter into and search such place, premises or vehicle for such goods or articles, process, system or service, as the case may be.



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Provided that where it is not practicable to seize any such goods or article or material or document, the certification officer may serve on the owner an order that he/she shall not remove, part with, or otherwise deal with, the goods or article or material or document except with the previous permission of the certification officer.

The provision of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974), relating to searches and seizures shall, so far as may be, apply to every search or seizure made under this section.

Yours faithfully,

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ATTENDANCE SHEET

Our Ref: CNBO /2 /5 /2024 /5 Date of Search & Seizure: 15 May 2024

Premises at which the Search & Seizure conducted: M/S GOWAI WATER PURIFIERS, 88/9,9th (ROSS STREET, GOWSALVA NACAR, SALAVATHY VILLAGE, TINDIVANAM, ULUPPURAM DISTRICT, TAMILNADU 604307

in the presence of following persons:

BIS PERSONNEL

S. No.	Name	Department	Designation	Signature
1.	SHRI . SREESITH MOHAN J	CNBO	SCIENTIST-D/JOINT DIRECTOR	
2.	SHRI. DHINASH RESACIOPALAN L	CNBO	0 10	Thimmajash 150
3.	SHRI. S. DINESH	CNBO	DEALING ASSISTANT	
4.	SHRI. M. VENKATESH REPUMPL	Som CNBD	STAFF	M-v Rand

POLICE PERSONNEL

S. No.	Name	Police Station	Designation	Signature
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INDEPENDENT WITNESSES

S. No.	Name with Firm's name	Address	Designation	Signature
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Our Ref/ संदर्भ: CNBO/2/5/2024/05

Date/ दिनांक: 15 May 2024

Sub/ विषय: SEIZURE MEMO

In pursuance of Section 28 of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Act 2016, a search at the premises of M/s. Gowri Water Purifiers, 88/9, 9th Cross Street, Gowsalya Nagar, Salavathy Village, Tindivanam, Villupuram District, 604307 was carried out on 15 May 2024 and during the time, filling of Packaged Drinking Water in PET Jar and PET bottles affixed with labels bearing ISI mark was observed. Such PET Jars, PET bottles filled with Packaged Drinking Water and affixed with labels bearing ISI mark without a valid licence having the following details were recovered and seized.

	SI No	Description of material seized with details of marking with specific reference to Standard mark	Quantity	Identification Mark
Cogy & Bree	(1) (i)	(2) Packaged Drinking Water packed in PET bottles of capacity 2 litres affixed with label bearing brand name "Appaa" Manufactured by: Gowri Water Purifiers, 88/9, 9 th Cross Street, Gowsalya Nagar, Salavathy – 604307, Tindivanam, Villupuram district and carrying BIS standard mark (ISI mark) with IS 14543 & CM/L: 6100078904 and DOM: 04.06.2024, DOE: 03.11.2024 stamped on the cap.	(3) 21 box (9 bottles in each box)	(4)
Sond Alan Alan		Packaged Drinking Water packed in PET bottles of capacity 500 ml affixed with label bearing brand name "Appaa" Manufactured by: Gowri Water Purifiers, 88/9, 9 th Cross Street, Gowsalya Nagar, Salavathy – 604307, Tindivanam, Villupuram district and carrying BIS standard mark (ISI mark) with IS 14543 & CM/L: 6100078904.	6 boxes (30 bottles in each box)	E Appaa Die Appa

The above material has been seized and sealed in the presence of the following persons.

Signature and name of the person in charge of the premises searched for receiving a copy of rune memo R. 15(5) 20⁴

Signature of Certification Officer(s)

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(iii)	Packaged Drinking Water packed in PET jar of capacity 20 Litres affixed with Shrink sleeves on the cap bearing brand name "Appaa" and carrying BIS standard mark (ISI mark) with IS 14543 & CM/L: 6100078904.	106 nos	Processed & Packed by GOWRI WATER PURIFIERS
(iv)	Labels and shrink sleeve bearing brand name "Appaa" Manufactured by: Gowri Water Purifiers, 88/9, 9 th Cross Street, Gowsalya Nagar, Salavathy – 604307, Tindivanam, Villupuram district and carrying BIS standard mark (ISI mark) with IS 14543 & CM/L: 6100078904.	80,000 nos 1 Litre: 75,000 nos	Labels with ISI mark and details as above

2. The material seized was sealed/ packed as under:

(i) 1 box each of Packaged Drinking Water packed in PET bottles of capacity 2 litres (9 numbers) 500ml (30 numbers) and 1 number of 20L PET jar with details as mentioned at Serial No.1 (i), (ii) & (iii) respectively were seized, wax sealed with BIS seal No.467, coded as CNBO/65927/20240515/ENF/1 respectively and taken to BIS office as evidence.

(ii) Entire quantity of Packaged Drinking Water packed in PET bottles of capacity 2 litres, 500ml, 20L PET jar and labels with details as mentioned at Serial No. 1 (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) respectively, other than those mentioned in Serial No.2 (i) above was seized, wax sealed with BIS seal No.467 and coded as CNBO/65927/20240515/ENF/2. The material as mentioned above was left with the firm for safe custody and Superdari is issued to firm (Ref: CNBO/2/5/2024/05/Superdari dated 15 May 2024).

3. Names and signatures of the Certification officer: (Authorized for search operation by the competent authority of BIS)

(Dhinesh Rajagopalan I

Scientist-C/ Deputy Director

(Sreejith Mohan J) Scientist-D/ Joint Director

The above material has been seized and sealed in the presence of the following persons.

Signature and name of the person in charge of the premises searched for receiving a copy of seizure memo

Signature of Certification Officer(s)

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4. Independent Witness (Signature, date, name and address)

S. No.	Name & Father's name	Address & Phone no.	Signature & Date
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Signature, name and address of the person in charge of the premises searched for receiving a copy of seizure memo.

Name & Father's name	Designation, address, Phone n	Residential o.	Signature & Date
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The above material has been seized and sealed in the presence of the following persons.

Signature and name of the person in charge of the premises searched for receiving a copy of seizure memo

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Signature of Certification Officer(s)

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Our Ref/ संदर्भ: CNBO/2/5/2024/05/Superdari

Date/ दिनांक: 15 May 2024

Sub/ विषय: Search & Seizure operation on 15 May 2024

M/s. Gowri Water Purifiers. 88/9, 9th Cross Street, Gowsalya Nagar, Salavathy Village, Tindivanam, Villupuram District, 604307

Sir/ Madam.

The article(s) as detailed below have been seized today (15.05.2024) from the aforesaid premises vide Seizure Memo No. CNBO/2/5/2024/05 dated 15 May 2024 at 10.30 hrs while carrying out search & seizure operation at your premises mentioned above, under the provisions of BIS Act 2016.

2. The article(s) have been seized in pursuance to Section 28 of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Act, 2016 which empowers the BIS Certification Officer (s) to seize such goods or article and other material and documents, which, in his opinion will be useful for or relevant to any proceedings under this Act.

SI No	Description of material seized with details of marking with specific reference to Standard mark	Quantity	Identification Mark
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
(i)	Packaged Drinking Water packed in PET bottles of capacity 2 litres affixed with label bearing brand name "Appaa" Manufactured by: Gowri Water Purifiers, 88/9, 9 th Cross Street, Gowsalya Nagar, Salavathy – 604307, Tindivanam, Villupuram district and carrying BIS standard mark (ISI mark) with IS 14543 & CM/L: 6100078904 and DOM: 04.06.2024, DOE: 03.11.2024 stamped on the cap.	(9 bottles in each	
(ii)	Packaged Drinking Water packed in PET bottles of capacity 500 ml affixed with label bearing brand name "Appaa" Manufactured by: Gowri Water Purifiers, 88/9, 9 th Cross Street, Gowsalya Nagar, Salavathy – 604307, Tindivanam,	5 boxes (30 bottles in each box)	Environmental of the second of

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	Villupuram district and carrying BIS standard mark (ISI mark) with IS 14543 & CM/L: 6100078904.		
(iii)	Packaged Drinking Water packed in PET jar of capacity 20L affixed with Shrink sleeves on the cap bearing brand name "Appaa" and carrying BIS standard mark (ISI mark) with IS 14543 & CM/L: 6100078904.	105 nos	Processed & Packed by GOWRI WATER PURIFIERS
(iv)	Labels and shrink sleeve bearing brand name "Appaa" Manufactured by: Gowri Water Purifiers, 88/9, 9 th Cross Street, Gowsalya Nagar, Salavathy – 604307, Tindivanam, Villupuram district and carrying BIS standard mark (ISI mark) with IS 14543 & CM/L: 6100078904.	 Testing and testing and the second sec	Labels with ISI mark and details as above

3. You are hereby advised in your own interest, that the seized article(s) as detailed above is not removed, part with, or otherwise dealt with, except with the previous permission of the undersigned. Please note that any such action on your part shall further amount to contravention of Section 28 of BIS Act, 2016 and Section 506 of IPC, 1860 for Breach of Trust/ Criminal Intimidation.

Name of certification officer(s)

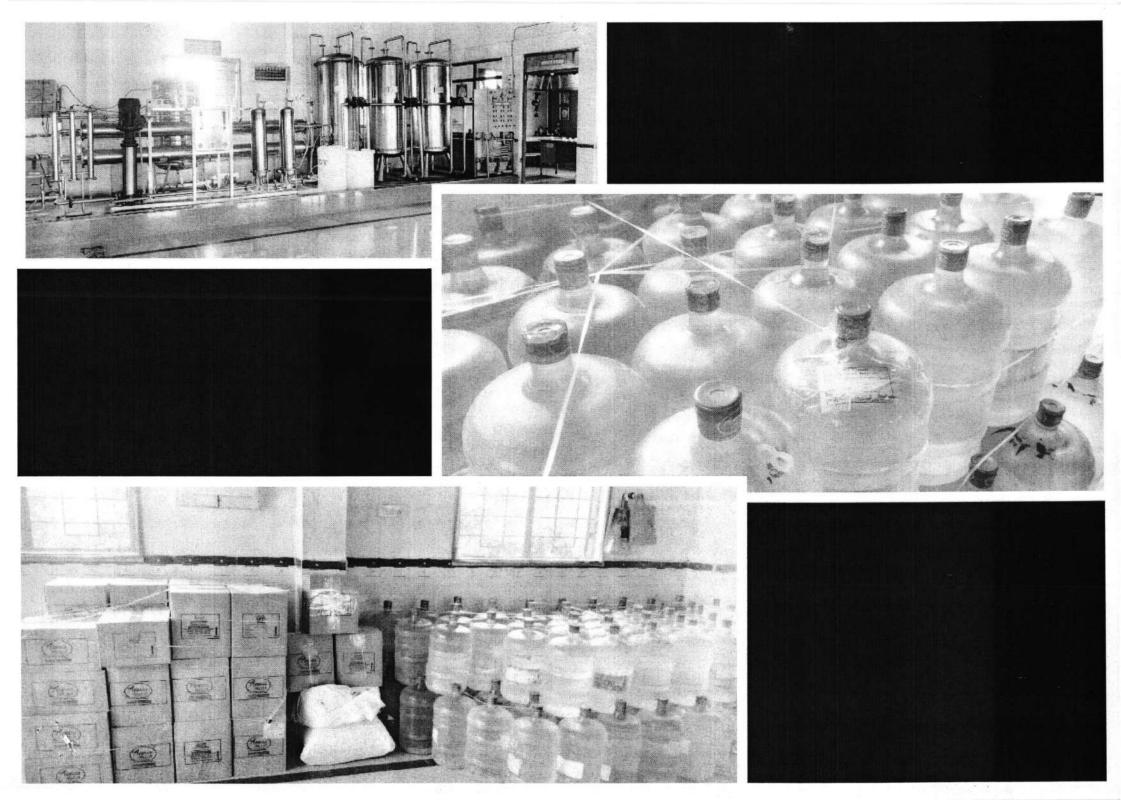
(Dhinesh Rajagopalan L) Scientist-C/ Deputy Director

Yours faithfully,

(Sreejith Mohan J) Scientist-D/ Joint Director

(Signatures, name and address of the person, Prop. /Partner/Owner/Employee/Representative of the premises receiving this letter after search)

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Registration Certificate

Registration Number : 33BEJPG8166H1ZD

	Legal Name		GOWRI				
2.	Trade Name, if any		GOWRI WATER PURIFIERS				
3.	Constitution of Business		Proprietorship				
4.	Address of Principal Pla Business	S.NO 88/9, 9TH CROSS STREET, KOWSALYA NAGAR, SALAVATHI, TINDIVANAM TALUK, Viluppuram, Tamil					
5.	Date of Liability						
6.	Period of Validity		From	02/02/2018	То	NA	
7.	Type of Registration		Regular				
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Annexure A



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Details of Additional Places of Business

Total Number of Additional Places of Business in the State 0

Annexure B



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Details of Proprietor

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Name Designation/Status Resident of State GOWRI PROPRIETRIX Tamil Nadu