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No. MPCB/AST/Circular/TB-200428-FTS-0002

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Circular

Sub: Extension of validity of Consent to Establish (CTE) & Consent to Operate (CTO).

- Ref:**
1. GOI Order No.40-3/2020-DM-1(A) dated 24th March 2020.
 2. GOM notification dated DMU/2020/CR.92/DisM-I, Dated 25th March 2020.
 3. E- mail from President, NAREDCO, Maharashtra dtd. 21/04/2020.
 4. Board circular No PCB/AST/Circular/TB-200331-FTS-0001 dtd. 31/03/2020.

Consequent to outbreak of Corona virus (COVID-19) and declaration of lockdown situation, it is important that critical and essential activities such as Hospital, Pharmaceutical units, Biomedical waste management facilities, Municipal waste management facilities, Hazardous waste management facilities, Common Effluent Treatment Facilities, Power plants, Steel plants, Mines, Milk processing units, Food processing units are operate uninterruptedly, so that essential goods and services are available.

By taking into consideration above, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has issued circular vide No PCB/AST/Circular/TB-200331-FTS-0001 dtd. 31/03/2020 in the public interest extending the Consent/Authorization validity period of those industries/establishments mentioned in references 1, 2 and subsequent orders with reference to, having Consent/Authorization validity up to 31/03/2020 and have applied online for its renewal/shall apply before 30th April 2020 will be treated up to 31/07/2020 subject to same terms and conditions stipulated in the previous Consent/Authorization granted by the Board and are permitted to carry out their commercial production activity, provided that any subsequent amendment shall be considered as per the provision in force at that time.

As per Water (P&CP) Act, 1974 and the Air (P&CP) Act,1981 all the projects/establishments including Building/Construction projects/Area Development projects and Townships projects are required to obtain Consent as per Section 25 and 26 of Water Act and section 21 of Air Act by paying requisite Consent/Authorisation fees as decided by the Government/Board.

In view of the prevailing COVID-19 situation, the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board deems it necessary that all industries having Consent/Authorisation validity till 30 April 2020 and have applied/shall apply before 31 May 2020 will be extended till 30 September 2020 as an interim measure.

Now, therefore, the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board in the public interest decided that valid Consents/Authorisation to establish or operate of all establishments which have expired or will expire by 30 April 2020 and who have already applied for renewal or shall apply before 31 May 2020, shall stand extended to 30th September 2020, subject to the same terms and conditions as per earlier Consents/Authorisation and also subject to any specific directions that may have issued in respect of any establishment, provided that any subsequent amendment shall be considered as per the provision in force at that time.

This circular comes into effect from the date of issue and is applicable for all the industries/ establishments.

(E. Raverdiran, IAS)
Member Secretary

Copy for favour of information to: The Hon'ble Chairman, MPC Board, Mumbai.

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