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Circular

Subject:- To grant emergency Permission to industries for Operation of Medical Oxygen Manufacturing Plants in view of COVID-19 situation in the state of Maharashtra

The Maharashtra Pollution Control Board issues Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate, under Section 25 and 26 of Water (P&CP) Act, 1974 and section 21 of the Air (P&CP) Act, 1981 for establishing / Operating the industry and regulates its outlet/discharges against the Consented norms. As a part of facilitation in obtaining prior Consent to Establish/ Operate for *Medical Oxygen Manufacturing Industries*, The Maharashtra Pollution Control Board deems it necessary to expedite the process of issuance of consent/permissions to the industries who intend to manufacture medical oxygen so as to ensure the availability of medical oxygen or its production on consistent basis to handle the increased oxygen requirement due to COVID-19 Pandemic situation in Maharashtra/ India, as the case may be.

As an emergency Interim measure, The Maharashtra Pollution Control Board considers all the Oxygen Manufacturing project/activity as a "Priority Activity" and, therefore, the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, in public interest, hereby makes the following amendment in the process of granting permission/consent for temporary period for three months.

- 1) Any entrepreneurs who propose to establish or start the operation of already established unit for manufacturing of medical oxygen, can start the establishment of the unit or start the manufacturing activity immediately, even without obtaining Prior Consent.; However they have to prior intimate the board about such activity.
- 2) Such entrepreneurs shall apply for Consent within 15 days, after start of Operation. The project proponents can apply for Consent online on Board's Web portal <http://www.ecmpcb.in> for grant of consent to establish and operate within 15 days.
- 3) All such proposals for manufacturing of medical oxygen shall be considered on priority basis and NOC/ Consent shall be immediately issued in the form of letter/Consent accordingly.

- 4) The consent Shall be issued as per the provisions of The Water (P & CP) Act 1974 and The Air (P& CP) Act 1981 and the Rules there under and directions of CPCB from time to time .
- 5) This Circular comes into effect from the date of issue and shall be in force till 30 June 2021 and it shall be scrupulously followed by all the Officers of the Board.
- 6) Any laxity in this case will be viewed very seriously and dealt accordingly.



(Ashok Shingare, IAS)

Member Secretary

Copy submitted for information to:

The Hon'ble Chairman, M.P.C. Board, Mumbai

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- 1) The Assistant Secretary (Technical)/Joint Director (Air Pollution Control)/Joint Director (Water Pollution Control)/ Principle Scientific Officer/ Regional Officer (HQ), M.P.C. Board, Sion, Mumbai,
- 2) All ROs and SROs of the Board – for timely disposal of the cases.