

MAHARASHTRA POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

Kalpataru Point, Sion (East)
Mumbai - 400 022

PUBLIC NOTICE

Enforcement of the Standing Order No. BO/P&L Div/B- 119 dtd. 6.1.2011 issued by
the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board

Attention : Unconsented Industries, operations or processes being operated in the
State of Maharashtra without complying with the provisions of Section
25/26 of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and
Section 21 of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981,

WHEREAS, The Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has observed that, in
spite of imposition of nominal charges for lapse Consent fees / delayed consent fees,
there has been a tendency of establishing and operating industries, operations or
processes without obtaining Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate for years
together, thereby, not providing adequate and suitable Pollution Control Devices and
discharging pollutants into the environment by not complying with the various
environmental norms and standards laid down under the provisions of the
Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 and causing environmental pollution in the
surrounding areas. The matter in respect of continuous non-compliances on the part
of such unconsented and unauthorized units was discussed in the 15th Consent
Committee Meeting held on 14.9.2010 and it was suggested to impose penal charges
@ 10 times of Consent Fees from the Industries, Operations or Processes being
operated without obtaining Consent of the Board for such a period.

AND WHEREAS, an Item Note was put up before 151st Meeting of the Board
held on 1/10/2010 and after due deliberation, the Board has resolved that " the
imposition of penal charges @ 10 times of the Consent fees should be considered, so
as to discourage the delayed applications for consent for such a longer period and to
promote timely payment of consent fees with the application for consent. It was also
decided that, the Board will start execution of said scheme by giving four months time
to all such units and thereafter, imposing 10 times penal rates on such un-consented
units, followed by filing of prosecutions and issuance of appropriate directions
including closure and disconnection of electricity / water supply etc. to it."

AND WHEREAS, all Regional Officers of the Board were also directed to
issue necessary warning about making applications for Consent/s and Authorisations
to unconsented industries, operations or processes by giving period upto 18/2/2011,
failing which, the Board will consider imposition of penal charges @ 10 times of
consent fees, so as to discourage the delayed applications for consent and to promote
timely payment of consent fees with the application for consent, followed by filing of
prosecutions and issuance of appropriate directions including closure and
disconnection of electricity / water supply etc.

AND WHEREAS, the Board has decided to impose such penal rates w.e.f. 1st April, 2011 i.e. from new Financial year. NOW THEREFORE, the attention of all unconsented industries, operations or processes which have not made any applications for Consent/s and Authorisations is hereby invited to the resolution passed by the Board in its 151st Meeting held on 1.10.2010, to secure the compliance of the provisions of Section 25/26 of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Section 21 of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, respectively. The Board has issued necessary Standing Order, which is issued to all the Regional Officers and Head of the Departments to secure the compliance thereof, which is placed on the website of the Board. (<http://mpcb.gov.in>)


(Radheshyam Mopalwaar)
Member Secretary

____ January, 2011