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PUNJAB POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

VATAVARN BHAWAN, NABHA ROAD, PATIALA.

No.GPC/Inf.Tech/F.53/2010/3.....

Dated 16.2.2010

OFFICE ORDER

Subject: Exemption from Consent Management of the Board for Information Technology Industry in the State of Punjab.

The Punjab Pollution Control Board in its 109th meeting held on 25/01/2001 vide item no. 109.32, has decided to exempt IT industry (which is not covered under the Board's notification no. EE-1/Gen-1/F. No. Gen 214/F-2 dated 31/8/2000) from the consent management of the Board under the provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Hazardous Wastes (Management & Handling) Rules, 1989, subject to certain conditions for 2 years. Thereafter, the Board kept on extending this period from time to time and lastly vide Board's notification no. GPC/Gen/460/2008-09/14 dated 22/1/2009 issued in compliance of Board's decision taken in its 140th meeting held on 18.12.2008, the time period was extended for another two years i.e. upto 18/11/2010.

Now, the Punjab Pollution Control Board in its 146th meeting held on 12/1/2010 vide item no. 146.07, has decided to exempt IT industry /Knowledge Industries as per Annexure-I of chapter 11 of the Punjab Industrial Policy, 2009 for 5 years from obtaining the consent of the Board under the provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the IT/knowledge industry shall mean:

- i) Companies in the IT hardware, IT software and other knowledge industry units such as Biotechnology, Nanotechnology, and Telecommunications etc. IT software industry includes IT software, IT services and IT Enabled Services.
- ii) A Biotech company refers to Research and Development and/or non polluting manufacturing of products or processes, which use or are derived by using specific living systems (plants, animals and microbes or parts thereof) and or enzymes/biocatalysts-derived there from. The company also includes activities such as Genetic engineering or cell culture or microbiology or biochemistry and Bio-informatics.
- iii) Telecommunications companies include Basic Telecom Service Providers (fixed) VSAT, Cellular (Mobile) companies, Telecom infrastructure companies, ISPs and any other value added services licensed by Ministry of Communications & IT, Government of India.
- iv) Knowledge Industries refer to those industries which are relatively intensive in their inputs of technology and/or human capital. These include IT/ITES, Nanotechnology, Consulting, Biotechnology, electronics and telecommunications. This will also include Research and Development services and other specialized institutions.
- v) Institutions offering specialized education and training for IT and knowledge industries such as finishing schools, Entrepreneurship Development Cells, Incubation Centres, Institutes of higher learning and other knowledge industries, which are part of an IT park/Knowledge Park would be eligible for the benefits under this policy at par with IT units.
- vi) IT projects refers to investment from infrastructure developers and the IT units/companies as described in Annexure.
- vii) Infrastructure developers or builders refer to real estate infrastructure companies constructing built up space for sale/lease or sale cum lease to the IT/knowledge industries.

- viii) SMEs: Small & Medium Enterprises are IT units with a fixed capital investment of upto Rs. 10 crores.
- ix) Mega IT projects for developers refers to projects with fixed capital investment of Rs. 50 crores and with a minimum area requirement of 10 acres.
- x) Mega IT projects for units refers to projects with fixed capital investment of Rs. 25 crores.
- xi) IT parks are defines as follows:-
- IT parks providing built up space to IT/knowledge industry.
 - Integrated IT parks providing built up space and plotted infrastructure for IT units/companies as well as necessary support infrastructure in terms of residential, commercial, recreational and other facilities.
2. That the industry is proposed to be established in Industrial zone/Industrial estate/Industrial area/Industrial focal point/Industrial parks/IT parks as declared by competent authority or at any other site for which permission has been granted/deemed by competent authority.
3. Where no. of workers in a industry exceeds 500 and there exists no sewage treatment facility exemption shall not be available. However, if the industry has been permitted to connect its domestic discharge to sewerage line of local authority and local authority has sewerage treatment facility exemption shall be available.
4. Exemption shall not be available to an industry, if it uses DG set beyond 200 KVA or if its DG set does not conform to the criteria standards as laid down by the MOEF vide Notification no. G.S.R. 371 (E) dated 17/5/2002 as amended from time to time.
5. i) IT/Knowledge industries as in para 1 above shall however be required to obtain authorization under Rule 5 of Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling & Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2008, if applicable. Normally, it shall be granted for 5 years at a time.
- ii) However, it shall be exempted from obtaining authorization under category 5.1 of the said rules, if it installs DG set of not more than 10 KVA capacity, maintains record and disposes off/recycles used oil as per the provisions of the said rules.
6. That the industry will not discharge any toxic/hazardous wastes and will not handle any toxic/hazardous chemical.

Chairman

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A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:

- The Senior Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Zonal Office, Patiala-I/Patiala-II/Jalandhar/Ludhiana/ EPA & HQ.
- The Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Patiala/Ludhiana-VI/III/ Sangrur/ Faridkot/ Hoshiarpur/ Jalandhar/Amritsar/ Batala/Bathinda & Nodal Office, Mohali.
- The Environmental Engineer (P-I/II,J/L/Const./HWM/CSA/GPC/MEGA/EPA, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
- The Deputy Secretary, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Camp Office, Mohali/Deputy Director (PR).
- The Deputy Controller (F&A)/Administrative Officer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
- All Asstt. Environmental Engineers of Punjab Pollution Control Board.
- Law Officers, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
- P. S. to Chairman/P. S. to Member Secretary, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.

Member Secretary

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