

Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board

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<u>Order</u>

It has been observed that many units are having more than one consent to operate (CTO) due to various reasons like implementation of project in phases, expansion or addition of utilities/sources of pollution at different time. Such multiple CTOs for one unit not only cause inconvenience to the Project Proponent but also increase work load of the State Board.

In order to promote ease of doing business and to reduce work load of the Board, it has now been decided to streamline the procedure, synchronize validity of consents, to merge multiple CTOs of a unit into one CTO at the time of renewal/issue of consent to operate.

The following procedure shall mandatorily be adopted for merger of consents:-

- The applicable fee for consolidated CTO for the unit should be reduced by an amount equivalent to sum of the fee applicable for all other valid consents to operate worked out on pro-rata basis for remaining period of validity in complete months.
- For example, if a unit engaged in manufacturing one product with capital investment of Rs 3 Crores having CTO validity up to 31.12.2023 has taken another CTO with a capital investment of Rs. 1.5 Crores having validity up to 31.08.2026 and thereafter added a utility section with capital investment of Rs. 1 Crores for which it has one more CTO with validity up to 31.01.2028, in such a case, the unit has to apply for consolidated CTO compulsorily at the time of renewal for the entire unit having total capital investment of Rs. 5.5 (3+1.5+1)Crores.
- Board shall issue a consolidated CTO for the unit having capital investment of Rs. 5.5 Crores. In order to ensure that there is no financial loss to the unit, the consent fee applicable for capital investment of Rs. 5.5 crores (for consolidated CTO) shall be reduced as under:-
 - (a) For CTO, having validity 31.08.2026 (Remaining validity 32 months) a rebate will be given for an amount equivalent to fee for a period of 32 months deposited at the time of obtaining this consent on a pro rata basis.
 - (b) For Consent to Operate, having validity 31.01.2028 (Remaining validity 49 months) a rebate will be given for an amount equivalent to fee for a period of 49 months deposited at the time of obtaining this consent on a pro-rata basis.

• Sample calculation:- Category of the unit: Red

| S. | Details | Validity | Capital | Fee |
|-----|----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------------|
| No. | | | investment | |
| 2., | Application of the second | | (in Rs.) | |
| 1 | Consent to Operate of complete | 31.12.2023 | 3 Cr. | A (Rs. 42,000/-) |
| | plant | | | |
| 2 | Consent to Operate for expansion | 31.08.2026 | 1.5 Cr. | B (Rs. 37,500/-) |
| | in capacity | | 1 / / / | 32 |
| 3 | Consent to Operate for utility | 31.01.2028 | 1 Cr. | C (Rs. 28,500/-) |
| | (Boiler/DG Set) | | , | |

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Renewal of any Consent to Operate can be applied by the PP with the following steps:-

- PP shall apply for Consent to Operate (renewal) considering total capital investment of Rs. 5.5 Cr.
- Remaining period of validity of subsequent consents (for expansion/utility sector) (E):32 months (Sr. No. 2) & 49 months (Sr. No. 3)
- F(Factor for reduction in consent fee)
 - ✓ Red-60
 - ✓ Orange-120
 - ✓ Green-180

Rebate =
$$\begin{bmatrix} E & * & B \\ & F \end{bmatrix}$$
 + $\begin{bmatrix} E & * & C \\ & F \end{bmatrix}$

Calculation: (If the unit is in Red category)

Sr. No. 2:

Amount of rebate:

60

Sr. No. 3:

Amount of rebate

$$49 * 28500 = \text{Rs. } 23,275/-$$

- No gap period/additional fee deposited in past shall be taken into account for giving rebate in the merger scheme.
- The first application for Consent to Operate, after carrying out expansion or establishing additional utilities shall also qualify for merger/consolidated CTO.
- In the first instance, following categories of units would not be considered under this merger scheme:-
 - (i) Associated activities like grinding/crushing etc. on mining lease.
 - (ii) Large scale units having different sections separately for different products in the name of the same unit within the same premises. For example an industry having caustic soda plant, urea plant, and thermal power plant within same premises shall not qualify for consolidated CTO.
- Steps to be taken for merging of multiple CTOs:-
 - The GIC(IT) shall develop a facility in MIS to enable the GICs/ROs to mark those multiple CTOs of a single unit, which are eligible for merger i.e. consolidation in one CTO.
 - A utility will be developed in MIS to work out fee applicable in case of consolidated CTO.
 - The concerned GICs/ROs shall identify and mark these multiple applications in MIS which are eligible under this scheme.

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o GIC(IT) shall ensure that in cases marked so, the Project Proponent can apply for consolidated CTO only.

All GICs/ROs shall ensure that this system is put into the effect immediately without waiting for changes in MIS and separate CTOs are not issued henceforth. In exceptional situation, prior approval of the Member Secretary be taken for issue of separate CTO for a single unit.

This bears approval of the Competent Authority.

(Vija N.) Member Secretary

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Copy to the following for information / necessary action:-

- 1. P.S. to Chairperson, RSPCB, Jaipur.
- 2. PS to Member Secretary, RSPCB, Jaipur.
- 3. CEE/CSO/CAO, RSPCB, Jaipur.
- 4. All Group Incharges, RSPCB. Jaipur.
- 5. GIC (IT), RSPCB, Jaipur- with directions to develop a facility in MIS at the earliest to enable the GICs/ROs to mark those multiple CTOs of a single unit and to ensure that in cases marked so, the Project Proponent can apply for consolidated CTO only.
- 6. The Regional Officer, Regional Office, RSPCB, Alwar/Balotra/Banswara/Bharatpur/Bhilwara/Bhiwadi/Bikaner/Bundi/Chittorgarh/Hanumangarh/Jaipur(North)/Jaipur(South)/Jaisalmer/Jhalawar/Jhunjhunu/Jodhpur/Kishangarh/Kota/Nagaur/Pali/Rajsamand/Sawaimadhopur/Sikar/Sirohi/Udaipur.

Member Secretary