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EXTENSION OF VALIDITY OF CONSENT TO ESTABLISH ORDER

<u>Order No.373/APPCB/CTE/RO-GNT/HO/2015-</u>05-02-2025

Sub: APPCB - CTE- APCRDA & CA- Amaravati – Capital City of Andhra Pradesh, Covering an area of 217.23 Sq.Kms in Thulluru, Tadepalli and Mangalagiri Mandals of Guntur District – Extension of validity of Consent to Establishment (CTE) Order– Issued – Reg.

- Ref: 1. EC order dt: 09.10.2015 issued by the SEIAA, AP
 - 2. CTE order dt: 19.10.2015 issued by the Board.
 - 3. EC Amendment order dt: 11.06.2018 issued by the SEIAA, AP
 - 4. Commissioner, APCRDA letter dt: 06.11.2024.
 - 5. The EE, RO: Guntur report dt: 11.11.2024.
 - 6. CTE Committee meeting held on 26.11.2024.
 - 7. T.O. letter dt: 30.12.2024
 - 8. Commissioner, APCRDA letter dt: 31.12.2024.
 - M/s. APCRDA & CA- Amaravati vide reference 1st cited, obtained Environmental Clearance from State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) vide order dt: 09.10.2015 for establishment of Greenfield Capital City Amaravati in an area of 217.23 Sq.Kms in Thulluru, Tadepalli and Mangalagiri Mandals of Guntur District.
 - 2. The APCRDA vide reference 2nd cited, obtained CTE from the Board vide dt: 19.10.2015 for establishment of Greenfield Capital City Amaravati of the State of Andhra Pradesh, Covering an area of 217.23 Sq.Kms in Thulluru, Tadepalli and Mangalagiri Mandals of Guntur District, with a validity period of 5 years, i.e., upto 18.10.2020. As per the APPCB circular dt: 03.06.2016, the validity period of the CTE is extended upto18.10.2022.
 - **3.** The SEIAA, AP, vide reference 3rd cited, issued Environmental Clearance (EC) Amendment vide order dt: 11.06.2018 to APCRDA duly incorporating additional conditions, as per the directions of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT), New Delhi dt: 17.11.2017, in O.A.Nos.171 of 2015 & 148 of 2015.
 - 4. The Commissioner, APCRDA vide reference 4th cited, submitted representation to the Board for extension of CTE validity on par with validity of EC i.e., 08.10.2026, referring to the MoEF&CC Notifications vide S.O.1807 (E), dt: 12/04/2022; OM dt: 13.12.2022 & S.O.221(E), dt: 18/01/2021. The EE, RO: Guntur submitted the report vide reference 5th cited.

5. The issue was placed before the CTE Committee meeting held on 26.11.2024. The RO: Guntur attended the meeting through video conference. The representatives of the APCRDA attended the meeting and informed that the construction activities of capital city at Amaravati were stopped as per the Government orders received in the year 2019 and the same was communicated to the MoEF&CC, CPCB and APPCB, in the year 2020. They have obtained CTE from the Board to complete the total project in a phased manner i.e., for the period up to 2050. The Phase-I is intended to undertake construction works between 2015-25. As per condition No. 5 of CTE (Schedule-A), the order is valid for period up to 5 years from date of issue. Since, the construction works of capital city are proposed to resume, it is proposed to extend the validity of CTE order on par with validity of EC. After detailed discussions, the Committee recommended to approve the extension of CTE validity for a period up to 08.10.2026 on par with validity of EC subject to submission of undertaking stating that the APCRDA will abide to the CTE order dt: 19.10.2015 issued by the APPCB and stipulated conditions, as follows-

The proponent shall submit an undertaking stating that they will abide to the CTE order dt: 19.10.2015 issued by the APPCB and they will comply with all the conditions mentioned in that order. They will obtain fresh CTE from the Board, if any modifications are required in the project as per the decision of the Government

- 6. The Commissioner, APCRDA vide reference 8th cited, submitted an undertaking stating that the APCRDA will abide to the CTE order dt: 19.10.2015 issued by the APPCB and stipulated conditions. Further, submitted that a fresh CTE will be obtained from the APPCB for any modification in the project as per the decision of the Government.
- 7. The Board, after careful scrutiny of the undertaking furnished by APCRDA, report of Regional Office: Guntur and recommendation of the CTE Committee, hereby issues EXTENSION OF VALIDITY PERIOD OF CONSENT TO ESTABLISH ORDER to the project Under Section 25 of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act 1974 and Section 21 of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the rules made there under with the following conditions:
- a. The validity period of the CTE order dt: 19.10.2015 is extended for the period upto 08.10.2026 (on par with EC validity).
- b. All other conditions stipulated in the CTE order issued, vide reference 2ndcited shall remain the same.
- c. Special Conditions in the EC order dt: 11.06.2018:
- 1. The project proponent shall conduct or cause to be conducted a comprehensive study on hydro geomorphology of the area with a view to effectively plan water

retention ponds/reservoirs, storm water drains and their inter connectivity, so as to optimize water conservation, both surface and sub surface.

- Any alteration of the flood plains by construction of storm water drains, retention ponds and related development within the capital city should be done only after conducting a study.
- 3. No alteration of the river or natural storm water morphology, flow pattern and location by way of straightening shall be permitted, as such alteration may result in increase of soil erosion, sediment transport due to raised velocity and decrease in ground water recharge which may reduce base flow during the dry season.
- 4. No alteration to the pre-existing embankments if any should be permitted except as may be required for its strengthening for flood protection of the proposed Capital City. Even such exercise should be undertaken after detailed study of the flood pattern and hydraulics of the river or the storm water drains.
- 5. All bulk generators of municipal solid waste in the proposed constructions, both residential and non-residential, much necessarily segregate waste at the source and process entire biodegradable waste by composting or bio-methanation within the premises.

d. Conditions as per the Implementation Committee& Supervisory Committee meetings.

e. The Project Proponent shall obtain fresh CTE from the Board, if any modifications are required in the project.

S SRI SARAVANAN Member Secretary

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The Commissioner,

APCRDA & CA- Amaravati – Capital City of Andhra Pradesh, Guntur District.

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1. The JCEE, Z.O: Vijayawada for information.

2. The E.E., R.O: Guntur for information and necessary action.