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CEO & Secretary General

18<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**Subject: Request for Exemption of Diesel Generator Sets (15 KVA–1,000 KVA) from Consent Management in Bihar, as per CPCB Directions Dated March 7, 2016**

Dear Sir,

The PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry (PHDCCI) is a pan-India Apex organization that has been working as a catalyst for the promotion of Indian industry, trade and entrepreneurship for the past 120 years. PHDCCI, acting as the “Voice of Industry & Trade” reaching out to more than 1,50,000 large, medium and small industries, has forged ahead leveraging its legacy with the industry knowledge across multiple sectors to take Indian Economy to the next level. We are writing to you seek your attention and guidance to exempt Diesel Generator (DG) sets with capacities ranging from 15 KVA to 1,000 KVA from consent management requirements in the state of Bihar. This request aligns with the **Direction of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) (hereinafter “CPCB Direction”)** issued via Circular No. B-29012/ESS(CPA)/2015-16 dated March 7, 2016 (attached as Annexure 1).

The CPCB Direction has been issued under sections 16(2)(b) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and section 16(2)(c) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and **provides that stand-alone DG sets with a total capacity of up to 1 MVA, equipped with acoustic enclosures and adequate stack height, may be exempted from the consent management process.** This exemption applies if normal operation does not exceed 12 hours per day or Diesel consumption is capped at 1,680 litres per day for a 1 MVA DG set operating at full load (0.21 litres/KVA/hour).

The CPCB Direction has already been adopted by several states, including Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Assam, Delhi, Haryana, and Gujarat. As you may be aware, the Bihar State Pollution Control Board (“BSPCB”) has already notified these directions vide Notification dated October 26, 2016 (Annexure 2) but the CPCB Direction is yet to be implemented in Bihar. This has led to unnecessary and increased compliances and costs and hindered the ease of doing business.

In pursuance of the 2016 notification by the BSPCB and in furtherance of ensuring ease of doing business in Bihar, we request your esteemed office to grant an exemption for DG sets with capacities between 15 KVA and 1,000 KVA from consent management requirements in Bihar, in line with the CPCB Direction. This will go a long way in reducing the compliance burden on businesses while maintaining environmental safeguards, thus supporting business growth and operational efficiency.

We appreciate your attention to this request and are available to provide any additional information or clarification you may require.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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