

**MINUTES OF THE 101<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF THE  
GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> JULY , 2011 AT 3:30 pm  
IN THE BOARD'S CONFERENCE HALL**

1. The 101<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board was held on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 in the Board's Conference hall.

The following members / officials attended the meeting

1. Dr Simon N. de Sousa, Chairman, GSPCB
2. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests was represented by Shri Cedric D'Souza, Deputy Conservator of Forests (Monitoring and Evaluation), Panaji.
3. Chief Engineer, Water Resources Dept. was represented by Shri N. Somsundaram, Sr. Hydrogeologist
4. Director of Industries, Trade and Commerce and Managing Director, Goa State Infrastructure Development Corporation
5. Director of Mines and Geology was represented by Shri R. Shetgaonkar, Assistant Geologist, Dept. of Mines & Geology
6. Shri Caesar Menezes, was represented by Shri Manguirish Raikar, President, Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industries
7. Shri Shekhar Sardessai, President, Goa State Industries Association
8. Shri Saifullah B. Khan, Councillor, Mormugao Municipal Council
9. Shri Basilio Fernandes, Member, Village Panchayat, Camurlim
10. Shri Ramkrishna Kerkar, Member, Village Panchayat, Candolim
11. Shri Jose Manuel Noronha, General Manager (P) Agnel Technical Education
12. Shri Srinet Kothwale, Member Secretary, GSPCB

II. At the outset the Chairman welcomed all the members present for the 101<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board.

Chairman informed the members that the Department of Environment, Government of Goa has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Associated Cement Company (ACC), Wadi, to collect the segregated, bailable plastic from the State of Goa to be used in the manufacture of cement at no cost basis. The collection of the plastic will be at the Panchayat level.

Chairman also informed the members that the proposals forwarded by the Board to the State Govt. in respect of (a) Consent Management and amendment in the Rules (b) Combined forms and (c) categorisation of industries etc. are approved by the State Government and a notification in this regard is expected soon.

Shri Shekhar Sardessai congratulated the Board on the same, stating that categorisation of industries was a long pending demand of the Industries / Enterprises and Associations, which has been fulfilled.

Thereafter the Chairman gave a brief introduction of the agenda items to be discussed during the meeting.

**Agenda item No. 1**

Confirmation of the minutes of the 100<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board held on 04/03/2011

The members confirmed the minutes of the 100<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board held on 04/03/2011, so as to enter the same in the minutes book.

**Agenda item no. 2**

***a. Follow up action on the decision taken at the 96<sup>th</sup> Board meeting held on 07/05/2010***

The members perused the directions issued by the Board, the minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee and the inspection reports of the following three mining companies in light of the P.I.L. W.P. filed in the Hon. High Court by the Sirigao Nagrik Sangatnam.

- a. M/s Rajaram Bandekar (Sirigao) Mines
- b. M/s Chowgule and Co. Pvt. Ltd.
- c. M/s Dempo Mining Corporation Pvt. Ltd.

Chairman informed the members that as regards to the following direction:

- a. 'construction of recharge trenches to control seepage of water into the mining pits', it is decided that the 3 mine units be granted further time of 6 months to comply with the said direction by either obtaining permission of the surface rights holders to carry out the said direction in the areas specified, or alternately, the 3 mine units should approach the WRD to suggest alternate sites for implementing the said direction.

- b. The 3 mining units have complied with the direction for 'carrying out of proper slope stabilization in the mining areas to minimize run off from the overburden dump material'.
- c. The 3 mining units have been granted an additional time period of 4 months i.e. till October 15<sup>th</sup> 2011, to comply with the direction re: 'Implementation of Remediation technique, adopted for the Bio-remediation of silted soils' as the final successful compliance of the said direction can be assessed only on conclusion of the monsoon.

In view of the above facts, the members confirmed the orders passed by the Chairman, GSPCB granting six months time for construction of recharge trenches and four months time for implementation of bio-remediation of silted soils.

The Sr. Hydrogeologist of the Water Resource Dept. stated that there are some other measures suggested by him in the Interim report to comply with other recommendations made by NEERI, which are not being monitored. The Member Secretary, GSPCB informed the Sr. Hydrogeologist that the Board is pursuing the compliance of the recommendations made by the Sr. Hydrogeologist in his letter dated 29/09/2010. The Member Secretary further clarified that the Board would peruse the Interim report and issue necessary directions to the mining companies for compliance of the recommendations made in the Interim report by the Sr. Hydrogeologist.

After deliberations, the members also suggested that Sr. Hydrogeologist, Water Resource Department be requested to inspect and monitor the work of construction of recharge trenches and other measures suggested in the letter dated 29/09/2010 and the Interim report of the Sr. Hydrogeologist. The members further suggested that the Board should request the Agriculture Dept. to monitor the progress made in respect of compliance to the directions for implementation of remediation technique adopted for the bio-remediation of silted soils.

The members thereafter authorised the Chairman to decide on the applications of the three mining companies for grant of Consents under the Water Act and the Air Act based on their compliance.

***b. Follow up action on the decision taken at the 98<sup>th</sup> Board meeting held on 19/08/2010***

The Chairman informed the members that Board does not have sufficient space to carry out its activities. He also informed the members that

the Government is in the process of considering the request made by the Board for creation of additional posts for recruitment. The present space available would not be sufficient to accommodate the present staff and the additional staff proposed to be recruited in the near future. The Board had requested the Collector of North Goa District and the North Goa Planning and Development Authority to identify a suitable plot in Panaji or surrounding areas, but both the authorities have replied that no vacant Government land is available.

After deliberations the members decided that since no land is found to be available for construction of independent building it is proposed to forward a proposal to the Goa State Infrastructure Development Corporation to procure about 2000 sq. mtrs. carpet area in the vicinity of Patto Plaza for housing the Goa State Pollution Control Board office and laboratory or the Board should issue an expression of interest for the same. The members further decided to sell the existing premises upon eventual shifting to the new premises.

The members were also informed that the funds towards the purchase of office cum laboratory building will be met through the funds of the Board and funds will also be sought from the Central Pollution Control Board, Ministry of Environment and Forests and the Government of Goa.

***c. Follow up action on the decision taken at the 100<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board held on 04/03/2011***

b. The members perused the minutes of the meetings held by the Board officials with officials of Mormugao Port Trust. The members noted that the ambient air monitoring report indicate that the levels of PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> exceed the permissible limits on most of the occasions and MPT has done very little in controlling the dust pollution in the Vasco city due to coal and coke handling activities at the Port, despite various directions being issued by the Board.

The members observed that MPT is not working on concrete proposals and only giving assurances in respect of shifting of their berths handling coal and coke. MPT is yet to carry out a comprehensive EIA proposal as requested by the Board, which till date has not been submitted to the Board.

The Chairman informed the members that during the hearing conducted, the officials of MPT have contended that high levels of PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> cannot be solely attributed only to handling of coke and coal at berth no. 10 and 11 but could also be due to the local construction activities,

traffic congestion and traffic movement and railway operations. He further informed that the officials of MPT expressed that the monitoring stations at Laxmi Temple and Sai Narayan Apts. are in close proximity of berth no. 11. The Chairman further explained that the MPT officials have committed that berth no. 10 will not be utilised for handling coal and coke in future as the said berth is the only multi cargo berth available to MPT. The Chairman then stated that MPT has still not complied with the directions of the Board for installation of a continuous ambient air quality monitoring station at MPT Institute. However, the officials of MPT during the hearing stated that they would confirm regarding installation of CAAQM at MPT Institute by October, 2011

After deliberations the members were of the opinion that the Board should not process the renewal of Consents under the Water Act and the Air Act, as requested by MPT, until the following are complied by MPT.

- a. MPT installs a CAAQMS at MPT Institute.
- b. The berth no. 11 is de-commissioned for construction of a closed shed and berth no. 7 is commissioned for handling coal and coke.

The members also decided that the AAQM at the six locations should be re-started from October, 2011 and upon receipt of the results of the monitoring, appropriate action should be initiated by the Board.

Agenda item no. 16 – The members were informed that the applications of the mining units are being processed on case to case basis in light of the decision taken by the Board in its 100<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board held on 04/03/2011. Further it was explained by the Chairman and Member Secretary that the applications of those mining units who have failed to produce the necessary permissions / approvals / clarifications have to be decided, as the time period granted for submission of the same ( 60 days) has expired.

The members deliberated and decided as follows:

- a. Applications for Renewal of Consent to operate as submitted by the mining units under the Water Act and the Air Act can be considered and granted by the Board, subject to compliance to the pollution control norms. A condition should be incorporated in the Consent as follows:-

*'The mining company should comply with all the conditions laid down in the Environment Clearance issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India. The mining company should obtain approval from the Chief Wild Life Warden and clearance under the Forest Conservation Act, wherever required by the*

*Environmental Clearance of the respective mining units, and submit copies of the same to the Board for records.*

b. It is further resolved to issue notice of suspension of mining operations to all mining units who have failed to produce the NOC/ approval from Chief Wild Life Warden and / or permission under Forest Conservation Act, 1980, as the case may be, till such time, as the required documents are produced before the Board.

Agenda item no. 18- The members were informed that a Personal hearing was conducted on 07/07/2011, in respect of conflict of interest in preparation of Environmental Impact Assessment of the Pilerne Industrial Estate for the Goa State Pollution Control Board by M/s Sadekar Enviro Engineers. The members were informed that Mr. Ramkrishna Kerkar has sought time for submission of documents and has been granted 30 days time to furnish any documents in his possession supporting his claims in respect of conflict of interest by M/s Sadekar Enviro Engineers while preparing the EIA report. The members were informed that further appropriate action in the matter will be taken on receipt of the documents from Mr. Ramkrishna Kerkar.

It was therefore decided that the application of M/s Berger Becker Coatings Pvt. Ltd. for installation of solvent distillation unit be considered only after receipt of HPCC approval and on acceptance of EIA report of Pilerne Industrial Estate.

**Agenda item no. 3**

a. Adoption of the Audit Report for the financial year 2006-2007.

The members perused the audit report for the financial year 2006-2007 and have stated that the paras as referred by the Auditors in their report should henceforth be submitted to the Board along with detailed clarifications, so that the members are aware of the factual position and not as reflected by the Auditors in their report, while placing the report before the Board.

The members perused the Audit Report for the financial year 2006-2007 submitted by Govt. appointed auditor M/s Naik Gaunekar & Co., Chartered Accountants and thereafter passed the following resolution unanimously:

“RESOLVED THAT Receipts and Payments, Income and Expenditure Account and the Balance sheet together with notes thereon for the financial year ended on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2007 be and are hereby approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Chairman, the Member Secretary, the Accounts cum Administrative Officer and Accountant are hereby authorised to sign the Audited Annual Accounts of the Goa State Pollution Control Board jointly.”

b. Revision of Statutory Auditors Fees

The members perused the request made by M/s Naik Gaunekar & Company, Chartered Accountants, who have been appointed Statutory Auditors for the Board to audit the accounts of the Board for the financial years 2006-2007 to 2009-2010 for enhancement in the audit fees.

After analyzing the quantum of work of audit, expert opinion of the Chartered Accountant, staff deployed by the Chartered Accountant, man hours required to carry out the audit etc. the members agreed for a consolidated audit fee of Rs. 50,000/- + service tax (as applicable) to be paid per year audit report with effect from the financial year 2006-2007.

**Agenda item no. 4**

Applicability of Consent under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 for hotel / lodging units which are not having any Restaurant, diesel generator sets and boiler.

Chairman informed the members that the Board has received representation from various hotel / lodging units stating that they are not generating any air emissions including noise as they do not have any restaurant, D.G set and boiler. Further the said hotels / lodging units have requested that in these circumstances, their hotels / lodging should be exempted from obtaining Consent under the Air Act. Most of the hotel units have obtained Consent under the Water Act. The units have further stated in their representation that the Department of Tourism is not renewing their Tourism licence, until the hotels produce valid Consents under the Water Act and the Air Act from the Board.

The members deliberated and decided that those hotels who do not have (a) Restaurant and / or, (b) Diesel generator set and / or (c) Boiler (d) Discotheque and or party hall / auditorium etc. and / or do not generate noise, should be exempted from obtaining Consent under the Air Act from the

Board, subject to the condition that an undertaking / Affidavit is submitted in this regard.

The members also decided to forward this Resolution to the Department of Tourism for information and necessary action.

**Agenda item no. 5**

Application of M/s Meta Copper & Alloys Ltd. – Zuarinagar, for Consent to Operate under the Water Act and Air Act (for expansion of the unit).

The Chairman informed the members that the HPCC has cleared the proposal of M/s Meta Copper & Alloys Ltd. in principle. The HPCC has cleared the above proposal in its meetings, but with a condition that the unit shall make provisions for rain water harvesting and re-charging of wells, within their unit, so as to recharge the ground water aquifer, which has been depleted. The members observed that all the Industrial Estates are declared as scheduled areas under the Goa Ground Water Regulation Act, 2002 and it is necessary to take permission from the Ground water Officers appointed under the Act for construction of bore wells or utilization of the ground water in the Industrial Estates or the surrounding villages.

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The members suggested that the unit should submit their plans for rain water harvesting and re-charge of wells along with designs to the Water Resource Department for scrutiny and approval.

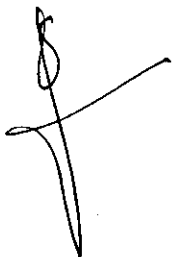
The members approved the proposal of M/s Meta Copper & Alloys Ltd. – Zuarinagar, for Consent to Operate under the Water Act and Air Act (for expansion of the unit), as approved by the HPCC, subject to the implementation of rain water harvesting and ground water recharge measures.

**Agenda item no. 6**

Application for Consent to operate under the Water Act and the Air Act (expansion) of M/s Essel Propack Limited, Plot no. 113 and 114, Kundaim Industrial Estate, Kundaim Goa.

The Chairman informed the members that the HPCC has cleared the proposal of M/s M/s Essel Propack Limited. in principle. The HPCC has cleared the above proposal in its meetings, but with a condition that the unit shall make provisions for rain water harvesting and re-charging of wells, within their unit, so as to recharge the ground water aquifer, which has been depleted. The members observed that all the Industrial Estates are declared as scheduled areas under the Goa Ground Water Regulation Act, 2002 and it is necessary to take permission from the Ground water Officers appointed under

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the Act for construction of bore wells or utilization of the ground water in the Industrial Estates or the surrounding villages.

The members suggested that the unit should submit their plans for rain water harvesting and re-charge of wells along with designs to the Water Resource Department for scrutiny and approval.

The members approved the proposal of Consent to operate under the Water Act and the Air Act (expansion) of M/s Essel Propack Limited, Plot no. 113 and 114, Kundaim Industrial Estate, Kundaim Goa, as approved by HPCC, subject to the implementation of rain water harvesting and ground water recharge measures.

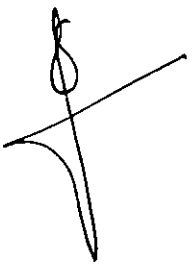
**Agenda item no. 7**

Application for Consent to Operate under the Water Act and the Air Act of M/s Berger Paints India Ltd., Plot no. 316 & 317, Kundaim Industrial Estate, Kundaim Goa.

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The Chairman informed the members that the HPCC has cleared the proposal of M/s Berger Paints India Ltd. in principle. The HPCC has cleared the above proposal in its meetings, but with a condition that the unit shall make provisions for rain water harvesting and re-charging of wells, within their unit, so as to recharge the ground water aquifer, which has been depleted. The members observed that all the Industrial Estates are declared as scheduled areas under the Goa Ground Water Regulation Act, 2002 and it is necessary to take permission from the Ground water Officers appointed under the Act for construction of bore wells or utilization of the ground water in the Industrial Estates or the surrounding villages.

The members suggested that the unit should submit their plans for rain water harvesting and re-charge of wells along with designs to the Water Resource Department for scrutiny and approval.

The members approved the proposal of Consent to Operate under the Water Act and the Air Act of M/s Berger Paints India Ltd., Plot no. 316 & 317, Kundaim Industrial Estate, Kundaim Goa, as approved by HPCC, subject to the implementation of rain water harvesting and ground water recharge measures .



**Agenda item no. 8**

Application for Consent to Establish under the Air Act and the Water Act of M/s Marck Biosciences Ltd., Survey no. 85, plot nos. 10 & 11, Pilerne Industrial Estate .

The Chairman informed the members that the HPCC has cleared the proposal of M/s Marck Biosciences Ltd. in principle. The HPCC has cleared the above proposal in its meetings, but with a condition that the unit shall make provisions for rain water harvesting and re-charging of wells, within their unit, so as to recharge the ground water aquifer, which has been depleted. The members observed that all the Industrial Estates are declared as scheduled areas under the Goa Ground Water Regulation Act, 2002 and it is necessary to take permission from the Ground water Officers appointed under the Act for construction of bore wells or utilization of the ground water in the Industrial Estates or the surrounding villages.

The members suggested that the unit should submit their plans for rain water harvesting and re-charge of wells along with designs to the Water Resource Department for scrutiny and approval.

The members approved the proposal of Consent to Establish under the Air Act and the Water Act of M/s Marck Biosciences Ltd., Survey no. 85, plot nos. 10 & 11, Pilerne Industrial Estate, as approved by the HPCC, subject to the implementation of rain water harvesting and ground water recharge measures .

**Agenda item no. 9**

Application for Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate under the Air Act and the Water Act of M/s Swansons Plastics (India) Private Limited, Plot no. 2, Honda Industrial Estate, Honda Goa.

The Chairman informed the members that the HPCC has cleared the proposal of M/s Swansons Plastics (India) Private Limited. in principle. The HPCC has cleared the above proposal in its meetings, but with a condition that the unit shall make provisions for rain water harvesting and re-charging of wells, within their unit, so as to recharge the ground water aquifer, which has been depleted. The members observed that all the Industrial Estates are declared as scheduled areas under the Goa Ground Water Regulation Act, 2002 and it is necessary to take permission from the Ground water Officers appointed under the Act for construction of bore wells or utilization of the ground water in the Industrial Estates or the surrounding villages.

The members suggested that the unit should submit their plans for rain water harvesting and re-charge of wells along with designs to the Water Resource Department for scrutiny and approval.

The members approved the Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate under the Air Act and the Water Act of M/s Swansons Plastics (India) Private Limited, Plot no. 2, Honda Industrial Estate, Honda Goa, as approved by HPCC, subject to the implementation of rain water harvesting and ground water recharge measures.

**Agenda item no. 10**

Application for Consent to Establish under the Air Act and the Water Act (expansion ) of M/s Siemens Ltd., Plot no. L-6, Verna Industrial Estate, Salcete Goa.

The Chairman informed the members that the HPCC has cleared the proposal of M/s Siemens Ltd. in principle. The HPCC has cleared the above proposal in its meetings, but with a condition that the unit shall make provisions for rain water harvesting and re-charging of wells, within their unit, so as to recharge the ground water aquifer, which has been depleted. The members observed that all the Industrial Estates are declared as scheduled areas under the Goa Ground Water Regulation Act, 2002 and it is necessary to take permission from the Ground water Officers appointed under the Act for construction of bore wells or utilization of the ground water in the Verna Industrial Estates or the surrounding villages. The members noted that no permission will be given by the WRD for new borewells to be drilled in the Industrial Estates, unless a detailed study of the aquifer regulated and its parameter is completed.

The members suggested that the unit should submit their plans for rain water harvesting and re-charge of wells along with designs to the Water Resource Department for scrutiny and approval.

The members approved the proposal of Consent to Establish under the Air Act and the Water Act (expansion ) of M/s Siemens Ltd., Plot no. L-6, Verna Industrial Estate, Salcete Goa, as approved by HPCC, subject to the implementation of rain water harvesting and ground water recharge measures

**Agenda item no. 11**

Application for Consent to Operate under Air Act and Water Act (expansion) of M/s IFB Industries Ltd. Plot no. L-1, Verna Industrial Estate, Salcete Goa.

The Chairman informed the members that the HPCC has cleared the proposal of M/s IFB Industries Ltd. in principle. The HPCC has cleared the above proposal in its meetings, but with a condition that the unit shall make provisions for rain water harvesting and re-charging of wells, within their unit, so as to recharge the ground water aquifer, which has been depleted. The members observed that all the Industrial Estates are declared as scheduled areas under the Goa Ground Water Regulation Act, 2002 and it is necessary to take permission from the Ground water Officers appointed under the Act for construction of bore wells or utilization of the ground water in the Industrial Estates or the surrounding villages. The members noted that no permission will be given by the WRD for new borewells to be drilled in the Verna Industrial Estate, unless a detailed study of the aquifer regulated and its parameter is completed.

The members suggested that the unit should submit their plans for rain water harvesting and re-charge of wells along with designs to the Water Resource Department for scrutiny and approval.

The members approved the proposal of Consent to Operate under Air Act and Water Act (expansion) of M/s IFB Industries Ltd. Plot no. L-1, Verna Industrial Estate, Salcete Goa, as approved by HPCC, subject to the implementation of rain water harvesting and ground water recharge measures

**Agenda item no. 12**

Application for Consent to Establish under the Air Act and the Water Act (expansion) of M/s Watson Pharma Pvt. Ltd., Plot no. A-3 to A-6, Phase I-A, Verna Industrial Estate, Salcete Goa.

The Chairman informed the members that the HPCC has cleared the proposal of M/s Watson Pharma Pvt. Ltd. in principle. The HPCC has cleared the above proposal in its meetings, but with a condition that the unit shall make provisions for rain water harvesting and re-charging of wells, within their unit, so as to recharge the ground water aquifer, which has been depleted. The members observed that all the Industrial Estates are declared as scheduled areas under the Goa Ground Water Regulation Act, 2002 and it is necessary to take permission from the Ground water Officers appointed under the Act for construction of bore wells or utilization of the ground water in the Industrial Estates or the surrounding villages. The members noted that no

permission will be given by the WRD for new borewells to be drilled in the Verna Industrial Estate, unless a detailed study of the aquifer regulated and its parameter is completed.

The members suggested that the unit should submit their plans for rain water harvesting and re-charge of wells along with designs to the Water Resource Department for scrutiny and approval.

The members approved the proposal of Consent to Establish under the Air Act and the Water Act (expansion) of M/s Watson Pharma Pvt. Ltd., Plot no. A-3 to A-6, Phase I-A, Verna Industrial Estate, Salcete Goa, as approved by HPCC, subject to the implementation of rain water harvesting and ground water recharge measures .

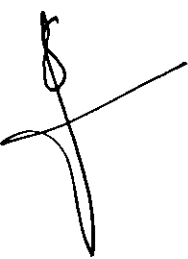
**Agenda item no. 13**

Application for Consent to Operate under Air act and Water Act (expansion) of M/s Teracom Limited, Plot no. 250-A & 250-B, Kundaim Industrial Estate, Kundaim Goa.

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The Chairman informed the members that the HPCC has cleared the proposal of M/s Teracom Limited in principle. The HPCC has cleared the above proposal in its meetings, but with a condition that the unit shall make provisions for rain water harvesting and re-charging of wells, within their unit, so as to recharge the ground water aquifer, which has been depleted. The members observed that all the Industrial Estates are declared as scheduled areas under the Goa Ground Water Regulation Act, 2002 and it is necessary to take permission from the Ground water Officers appointed under the Act for construction of bore wells or utilization of the ground water in the Industrial Estates or the surrounding villages.

The members suggested that the unit should submit their plans for rain water harvesting and re-charge of wells along with designs to the Water Resource Department for scrutiny and approval.

The members approved the proposal of Consent to Operate under Air act and Water Act (expansion) of M/s Teracom Limited, Plot no. 250-A & 250-B, Kundaim Industrial Estate, Kundaim Goa, as approved by the HPCC, subject to the implementation of rain water harvesting and ground water recharge measures .



**Agenda Item no. 14**

To discuss and decide regarding payment of Employees Provident Fund Contribution to the staff of the Goa State Pollution Control Board in respect of Sixth Pay arrears paid to its employees.

Chairman informed the members that since the date of enrolment with the EPFO, the Board is contributing 12% of its monthly share and employees are contributing a matching share of 12% on Basic Pay + Dearness Allowance without any ceiling on the Basic + D.A. However Clause 26-A of the EPF scheme provides that where the monthly pay of the member exceeds Rs. 6500/-, the contribution payable by them and the employee shall be limited to the amounts payable on monthly pay of Rs. 6500/-. The clause also provides that on the joint request in writing of any employee and his / her employer can contribute more than Rs. 6500/- per month and further provides that the employer can give an undertaking in writing that he / she shall pay the administrative charges payable and shall comply with all the statutory provisions in respect of the employee.

Chairman further informed the members that the Board will shortly initiate a process of appointment of regular staff after the approval of Government is received. Hence, the present practice of contributing 12% of its share on Basic + D.A, without restricting on upper ceiling will put excessive financial burden on the Board, since it is fully relying on the various fees collected by it for payment of salary and other remuneration to its employees.

Considering the fact that the maximum quantum of Basic + D.A in respect of certain staff is high as Rs. 25,000, the members decided as follows:

- (a) The Board shall pay its contribution of 12% of the Sixth pay arrears component along with the equal contribution recovered from the employees in respect of the period during which Sixth pay arrears has been paid. The corresponding Board's share works out to be around Rs. 2,40,128/-.
- (b) Payment of contribution of 12% above Rs. 6500/- ( i.e Basic + D.A) shall be restricted only upto maximum Rs. 15,000/- with the concurrence of the EPFO.
- (c) In case EPFO does not agree for (b) above, to follow the existing practice being followed i.e contribution of 12% of Basic + D.A irrespective of the quantum of Basic + D.A in respect of the present regular staff of the Board.

**Agenda Item no. 15**

- a. Files cleared by the Technical Advisory Committee of the Board during its meetings held from 21/02/2011 to 27/06/2011.
- b. Files cleared with the approval of the Chairman (Green category files )
- c. Files cleared through XGN software by the TAC and the Chairman

The members perused and noted the enclosures to the items

**Table Item No. 1**

Follow up action on the decision taken at the 98<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board

The members perused and noted the approval accorded by the State Government for condemnation of the Tempo Traveller vehicle bearing no. GA-01-T-3832 and approval for purchase of new vehicle, preferably Tata Sumo or Mahindra Bolero in lieu of the above vehicle from an authorised dealer under the DGS& D rate contract.

The Board thereafter authorised the Chairman of the Board to select the model / make of the vehicle to be purchased.

III. With the permission of the Chair, the Director of the Industries, Trade and Commerce informed the members that M/s GAIL India Ltd. is laying a gas pipe line in the State and that most of the major industries are required to avail the benefit of the same, especially the large scale units and the sponge iron units, as gas is a cleaner fuel compared to coal and furnace oil, which is presently being used by the industries. He stated that non co-operation of the large scale units is creating a delay in laying the pipe line. He requested the Board to instruct the industries to avail the said facilities. Shri Manguirish Raikar, President of Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industries, who attended the meeting in place of Shri Ceasar Menezes stated that he would co-ordinate with the industries concerned through the Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industries and ensure that the industries opt for gas as and when it is available in the State. The Director, Industries, Trade and Commerce clarified that the agreement with GAIL has to be signed in advance for laying subsidiary gas pipe lines for the intended industrial users

The members deliberated and expressed that gas being a cleaner fuel compared to furnace oil and coal, the Board should issue necessary directives to the industries who are major consumers of coal and furnace oil to shift to gas once the gas is available in the State and those industries who are planning to replace / add equipments using furnace oil / coal as fuel

henceforth should be asked to make provisions for gas as an alternate fuel in the equipment.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



( Srinet Kothwale )  
Member Secretary



( Dr. Simon de Sousa )  
Chairman