

**MINUTES OF THE 106<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE  
GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2013 AT 3:00 pm  
IN THE BOARD'S CONFERENCE HALL**

1. The 106<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board was held on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 at 3.00 pm in the Conference hall of the Goa State Pollution Control Board.

The following members / officials attended the meeting

1. Mr. Jose Manuel Noronha, Chairman, Goa State Pollution Control Board.
2. Dr. Pramod Sawant, Vice Chairperson, Goa State Infrastructure Development Corporation.
3. Addl. Principal Conservator of Forests, Department of Forests was represented by Mr. Vikas Dessai, Assistant Conservator.
4. Director of Industries, Trade and Commerce was represented by Mrs. Olga Menezes, Assistant Director (Industries).
5. Mr. S.T. Nadkarni, Chief Engineer, Water Resources Dept.
6. Director of Mines and Geology was represented by Mr. Parag Nagarcenkar, Assistant Director
7. Director of Tourism was represented by Mrs. Pamela Mascarenhas, Dy. Director.
8. Dr. Vassudev Deshprabhu, Chairperson, Pernem Municipal Council
9. Mr. Narayan Naik, Sarpanch, Village Panchayat Sancoale.
10. Ms. Fatima Pereira, Sarpanch, Village Panchayat Velsao
11. Mr. Shekhar Sardessai, President, Goa State Industries Association
12. Mr. Shrirang Jamble, Agriculturist, Savoi - Verem
13. Mr. Levinson Martins, Member Secretary

II. At the outset the Chairman welcomed all the members present for the 106<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board. Thereafter, the following agenda items were taken up for discussion:

**Agenda Item No. 1**

Confirmation of the minutes of the 105<sup>th</sup> meeting (Special meeting) of the Goa State Pollution Control Board held on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2012.

While discussing the minutes it was informed that Consent to Establish under the Water Act and the Air Act to M/s Mabpharma Private Limited, Plot

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no. 147/B, Verna Industrial Estate, Verna Goa, was held in abeyance since the approval from the State High Powered Coordination Committee was awaited.

Chairman informed the members that as per Table Item no. 1 (b), it was recorded that the grant of Consent to Establish, Operate and Renewal under the Air Act and the Water Act to ancillary activities, such as beneficiation plants, loading and unloading facilities, jetties, dry screening plants, stack yards etc. be kept in abeyance until the matter is resolved by the Hon. Supreme Court and the State Government.

The Chairman further informed that the intention of the Board was not to process the applications, of all the ancillary activities as mentioned above, but to return the applications like wise of the mining units. Hence, in view of the said discrepancies, the minutes of the 105<sup>th</sup> meeting (Table item no. 1(b), the last but one para of the minutes be read as follows:

“It was further resolved that grant of Consent to Establish / Consent to Operate / Renewal under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 to ancillary activities such as beneficiation plants, loading and unloading facilities / jetties, dry screening plants, stack yard etc. cannot be processed until the matter is resolved by the Hon. Supreme Court and the State Government. Further, it was resolved that such applications could be scrutinised afresh on such resolution.”

The members perused and confirmed the minutes of the 105<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board held on 01/11/2012, so as to enter the same in the minutes book.

**Agenda Item no. 2**

Follow up action on the decision taken at the 105<sup>th</sup> Meeting (Special meeting) of the Board.

Agenda item no. 3 – The members noted that Consent to Operate under the Water Act and the Air Act has been issued to M/s Sesa Goa Limited, Plot no. S-30 (Part), 43/1, 27 (Part), Amona Village, Amona Goa, for operation of their Sinter plant.

Agenda item no. 4 – The members noted that Consent to Establish under the Water Act and the Air Act has been issued to M/s Colorcon Asia Private Limited, Plot no. M-14 to M-18, Verna Industrial Estate, Verna, Salcete Goa for expansion in their production capacities.

Agenda item no. 5 - The members noted that Consent to Operate under the Water Act and the Air Act has been issued to M/s Nestle India Limited. Survey

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no. 3, 4/7(Part), 11(Part), 13 (Part), 34 (Part) and 136 (part). Maulinguem, Bicholim, Goa for increase in the manufacturing capacities of soups.

Agenda item no. 6 - The members noted that Consent to Operate under the Water Act and the Air Act has been issued to M/s Glenmark Generics Limited, Plot no. S-9, Colvale Industrial Estate, Bardez Goa for increase in the production capacities of tablets.

Agenda item no. 7 - The members noted that Consent to Establish under the Water Act and the Air Act has been issued to M/s Universal Cables Limited, Plot no. L-58 to L-60, Verna Industrial Estate for increase in the production capacities insulated wires and cables including optical fibre cables.

Agenda Item no. 8 - The members noted that the proposal for categorization of industries as recommended by Central Pollution Control Board has been forwarded to the Director, Department of Science, Technology & Environment, for issue of Notification.

Table Item no. 1(a) - The members noted that mining companies have been served with order of the Chairman with regard to excess production of the mineral ore by the mining units.

### **Agenda item no. 3**

Approval of the Revised Budget Estimates for the financial year 2012-2013 and Budget Estimate's of the Goa State Pollution Control Board for the financial year 2013-2014.

Chairman placed before the members the Revised Budget Estimate for the financial year 2012-2013 and Budget Estimate for the financial year 2013-2014 and informed that the budget administrative expenditure for 2013-2014 was proposed at Rs. 2347.70 lakhs. Chairman also informed that an amount of Rs. 520 lakhs has been provided for salaries and related expenditure. Chairman further pointed out that an amount of Rs. 350 lakhs has been provided for office machinery and equipment including laboratory expenditure. To a pointed question, it was informed that it is estimated that an amount of Rs. 1015 lakhs would be available from the Central Pollution Control Board and Ministry of Environment and Forests, towards purchases of equipments as well as towards share of Water cess and reimbursement of expenditure towards MINARS and AAQM programme.

After detailed discussions, the Revised Budget Estimates for the financial year 2012-2013 and Budget Estimates of the Goa State Pollution Control Board for the financial year 2013-2014 was approved. It was

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resolved to forward the same to the Department of Science, Technology & Environment, Govt. of Goa.

**Agenda Item no. 4**

a. Adoption of the Audit Report of the Board for the financial year 2010-2011.

The members perused the Audit Report for the financial year 2010-2011 submitted by Govt. appointed auditor M/s Ketkar & Saripalle, 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, 2011 be and are hereby approved.

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

b. Payment of fees to the Auditor

The members perused the Agenda notes accepted the proposal for payment of Audit fees amounting to Rs. 60,000/- plus service tax @ 12.36% and further the request for payment of an additional payment of Rs. 8,000/- only, as travelling expenses, as per the amount mentioned in the bill. The members approved the total bill amounting to Rs. 75,416/- of M/s Ketkar & Saripalle, Chartered Accountants.

**Agenda Item no. 5**

Appointment of two Legal Assistants in the Board on contract basis.

The members perused the agenda item, wherein it was proposed to appoint two Legal Assistants on contract basis on a consolidated amount of Rs. 8500/- per month, initially for a period of four months (extendable). The members noted that as per Rule 19 of the Goa Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules, 1988, Chairman has the authority to make appointment to the posts, the maximum pay of which does not exceed Rs. 8500/- per month provided such appointments are reported to the Board at the next meeting.

Chairman informed the members that it was difficult to recruit professional staff who are experienced for an amount of Rs. 8,500/- per month. He further informed that it would be proper if any amount of Rs. 15,000/- was paid per month to the newly appointed Legal Assistants. After detailed discussions, the members approved that a monthly consolidated salary of Rs.



15,000/- be paid to the newly recruited Legal Assistants on successful completion of four months observatory period and this matter to be decided by the Chairman.

**Agenda Item no. 6**

Appointment of Inquiry Officer and an Expert to investigate into the alleged irregularities in the appointment made by the Board to various posts.

Chairman informed the members that two candidates who had applied for positions at the GSPCB had filed a Petition before the Hon. High Court in respect to selections done to the various posts. Chairman informed that the first Petitioner, Dr. Alexandrina W. D'Souza, had filed a Petition challenging the appointment of Scientist 'C' in the Board stating that she was more qualified than the candidates who were selected. Chairman further informed that the selected candidates, Dr. Mohan Girap and Ms. Connie Fernandes were also Respondents to the Petition. He further informed that the matter was further argued in the Hon. Court by the selected candidates and the Court was pleased to dispose this Petition in favour of the appointed Scientists 'C'.

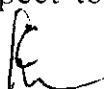
Chairman informed that the second Petitioner, Ms. Sahayadri Sinari had filed a case stating that there were alleged irregularities in the selection to the posts of Scientific Assistants, Senior Laboratory Assistant and Junior Laboratory Assistants to which she was an applicant. During arguments before the Hon. High Court, the Counsel for the Board, Ld. Advocate A.N.S. Nadkarni informed the Court that the Board would conduct an internal inquiry to look into the allegations of the Petitioner and take action accordingly. The Chairman further informed that Shri D.M. Borkar, Retired Joint Secretary (Personnel), Govt. of Goa, was appointed as Inquiry Officer and his report would be submitted to the Chairman within a few days. While discussing on this matter, the members resolved that a special meeting of the Board be called to discuss the report prepared and submitted by Shri D.M. Borkar for an appropriate decision on the matter.

**Agenda item no. 7**

Approval for extra expenditure incurred on sanctioned projects / purchases, if any.

The members perused the agenda notes and resolved as under:

'The Board hereby delegates powers to the Chairman, Goa State Pollution Control Board to pass and pay such expenses in respect of cost towards transportation / installation / maintenance of the instruments / equipments, conducting training programme, projects etc., if any from the Board funds in respect to extra expenditure incurred above the sanctioned



amounts by the Central Pollution Control Board/ Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India,.’

**Agenda item no. 8**

Reimbursement of expenditure incurred on sampling and analysis activities

The Chairman informed the members that the Board carries out inspections followed by sample collection in respect to Consent management, complaints, compliance monitoring for red category industries. Under the Consent management, fees towards inspection, sampling and analysis is included in the fees paid by the unit. In cases where the sample fails to meet the limits so prescribed, the unit is required to be charged towards sampling and analysis of the samples collected subsequently.

As regards to complaints received by the Board against a particular unit, it was proposed that if an unit is a defaulter, then the cost towards transportation/ sampling / monitoring / analysis are to be recovered from the defaulting unit. In case of other complaints, the cost may be borne by the Board.

The members decided to approve the proposal.

**Agenda item no. 9**

References received from the State Government:

a. Chairman informed the members that as per Official Gazette, Extraordinary no. 4, dated 17/09/2012 in respect to the Goa Minor Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2012, as per Rule 7(F) the Board is required to prepare a Regional Environmental Management Plan through a recognized person / authority for evolving a cluster approach to smaller quarrying leases Board, valid for a period of five years.

The members noted the same and authorised the Chairman to appoint a recognised person / authority for preparation of the Regional Environment Management Plan. The members were also of the opinion that the State Government be approached for obtaining financial assistance to carry out the said Regional Environment Management Plan.

b. Chairman informed the members that the Board receives complaints with respect to activities carried out by cement godowns/ fabrication / carpentry / automobile workshops etc. in residential areas. He further informed that these activities generate dust / noise pollution which creates nuisance to the residents in the vicinity. He further explained due to inherent difficulties it was not possible to suggest sprinkling of water in such activities.

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especially in respect to cement activities. President, Goa State Industries Association informed that closing such enterprises will lead to social – economic problems for the proprietors and suggested that the Board writes a letter to Goa Industrial Development Corporation stating the difficulties faced by it and suggesting that a Special Estate be created to re-locate such industries.

The matter was deliberated at length and it was resolved that a letter be written to Goa Industrial Development Corporation requesting for an appropriate location to re-locate such industries who were carrying out activities in residential areas.

**Agenda item no. 10**

Delegation of powers for prevention, control or abatement of pollution of streams and wells in the State of Goa.

Chairman informed the members that Notification dated 10/03/2000 has published a comprehensive programme for the prevention, control or abatement of pollution of streams and wells in the State of Goa, framed under section 17(a) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 together with directions framed under section 33A, read with 41(2) and 49(1)(a). In this regard, the Board has delegated the powers to issue directions under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 to some of the Village Panchayats and Municipal Councils.

The members desired that the Notification be forwarded to all the Village Panchayats / Municipal Councils to obtain their views / suggestions on the said Notification for making it applicable to all the Village Panchayats and Municipal Councils in the State of Goa.

**Agenda item no. 11**

Procedure for allotment of Court cases to Legal Counsels of the Board.

Chairman informed the members that Board is made a Respondent in various matters in the Hon. High Court, Hon. Supreme Court, National Green Tribunal / Administrative Tribunal, and as such a Panel of Advocates is required to be appointed in order to streamline the allotment of cases and the fee structure.

After deliberations the following panel was proposed with the fee structure, with the following terms and conditions; effective from 01/04/2013.



(a) Panel of Advocates -

(i)	Advocate General A.N. S. Nadkarni
(ii)	Adv. Joaquim Godinho
(iii)	All Government and Additional Government Advocates on the Panel of the Government of Goa.
(iv)	All State Standing Counsels of the State of Goa in the Supreme Court of India or as amended from time to time.
(v)	Any other Advocate to be retained by the Member Secretary of the Board, as and when required for specific cases.

(b) Terms and conditions:

1.	Advocate General A.N.S. Nadkarni to be paid Rs. 7,000/- per effective hearing and Rs. 1,000/- per Affidavit settled in respect to his appearances before the various Courts on behalf of the Goa State Pollution Control Board.
2.	An Advocate on Record from the Panel of Board Advocates shall be requested to appear along with Advocate General A.N.S. Nadkarni as and when required. In this regard he shall be paid Rs. 1,000/- per effective hearing in respect to his appearances before various Courts on behalf of the Goa State Pollution Control Board.
3.	In the event an Advocate from the Panel of Board Advocates (other than Advocate General A.N.S. Nadkarni) are required to appear individually in matter specifically allotted to them by the Board they will be paid Rs. 2,500/- per effective hearing and Rs. 500/- per Affidavit settled in respect to his appearances before various Courts on behalf of the Goa State Pollution Control Board.
4.	All the Advocates appearing on behalf of the Board in matters before the Hon. Courts in New Delhi shall be paid a fee of Rs. 5,500/- per effective appearance before the Courts at New Delhi and shall also be entitled to a fee of Rs. 1,000/- for drafting of every Affidavit or Special Leave Petition.
5.	Payment of fees in all matters will be done only for an 'effective hearing' which will mean and include 'A hearing in which either one or both the parties involved in a case are heard by the Hon. Court. If the case is mentioned and adjourned by the Court, it would not constitute an effective hearing, but will be termed as a non effective hearing.' Further, if the matters are tagged together and are identical in nature which are heard together, payment of only one fee as per the date of hearing of

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	that case / petition will be settled.
6.	Payment of professional fees to the aforesaid Advocates to be done only on submission of a duly certified certificate of appearance in a matter as issued by the Court before which the matter has been heard or on submission of a certified copy of the Order of the Court before which the matter has been heard indicating an effective hearing as also the appearance of the concerned Advocate.
7.	Bill towards professional fees of the Advocates in respect of matters in which they have appeared on behalf of the Board are required to be submitted every three months ( i.e bills in respect of matters that an Advocate has appeared on behalf of the Board from January to March of a particular year is to be submitted in the first week of April of that year.
8.	All cases will be allotted to the Advocates on the Panel of Board Advocates by the Member Secretary of the Board, in consultation with Adv. General A.N.S. Nadkarni, by way of an appropriate order.
9.	Payment towards legal opinion as tendered to the Board Advocates shall be made by the Board at the discretion of the Chairman

### **Agenda item no. 12**

Refund of fees of the mining units.

Chairman informed the members that the Goa Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) (Amendment) Rules 2011 were amended vide Gazette Notification No.31/9/2010/STE-DIR/614 dated 11/08/2011 and the Goa Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) (Amendment) Rules 2011 amended vide Gazette Notification No.31/9/2010/STE-DIR/615 dated 11/08/2011 in Series I, No. 19 respectively. Vide the said amendment the fees applicable for mining of Major minerals were enhanced. Aggrieved by the enhancement of fees, the mining companies filed various Writ Petitions in the Hon. High Court challenging the enhancement of fees for mining of major minerals. During the proceedings in the Hon. High Court, the State Government informed the Hon. High Court that they have decided to withdraw the Notification dated 05/08/2011 and issue a revised Notification.

In the Judgment dated 19/03/2012 the Hon. High Court has observed that "since the State intends to withdraw the Notification, the Notice of Demand issued by Goa State Pollution Control Board issued thereof could not survive and no recovery can be made in terms thereof". The order further states that "it would be open for the Petitioners individually to apply of such amount as are paid in furtherance of the Notification and notice of demands".

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Some of the mining companies had deposited fees in accordance to the amended Notification and they are now required to be refunded.

After deliberations, the members decided that the fees paid by the following mining companies towards Consents to Operate be refunded.

Sr.	Name of the Mining Company	Amount to be refunded (Rs.)
1.	M/s. Chowgule and Company Pvt. Ltd. T.C No. 31/53, 41/56	1,99,73,000/-
2.	Shri Panduronga Timblo, Borga Iron Mine T.C No. 29/52, 34/50	2,79,57,000/-
3.	Shri Rajesh Timblo, Godbaem Ou Cuttiem, T.C No. 63/51	49,73,000/-
4.	Shri Ajit Vaicunth Kadnekar Chunimolo Mine T.C No. 75/52	1,79,56,000/-
5.	Shri Ajit Vaicunth Kadnekar Bateagal Iron Ore Mine, T.C No. 12/53	1,79,56,000/-
6.	Shri Ramacanta V. S. Velingkar Corpadega Iron Ore Mine, T.C No. 24/57	89,87,500/-
7.	Shri V.D. Chowgule. Vaguriem Iron Ore Mine. T.C No. 93/1953	89,78,000/-
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>10,67,80,500/-</b>

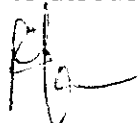
### Agenda item no. 13

Enhancement of Authorization fees under the Bio-medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1988.

Chairman informed the members that the Board issues Authorization to the health care units under the Bio-medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1988, and a fee of Rs. 200/- is charged from the Health care units for issue / renewal of the Authorization and no late fee is charged from the defaulting health care units.

Since the fee charged by the Board is too low, as compared to other State Boards, a need was felt to revise the present fee structure of Rs. 200/-. Since different categories of health care units are covered under the Authorization, it was decided that the Board make a thorough scrutiny of the fees charged by other State Boards and accordingly devise a fee structure to be charged for Authorization / Renewal / late fee for health care units, pathological laboratories etc. in respect to their structure / waste generation etc. for obtaining Authorization under the Bio-medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1988.

It was decided to discuss this matter during the next Board meeting.



**Agenda item no. 14**

Revised fee structure for Red, Orange, Green category of Industries

At the outset Chairman requested the members to replace page no. 12 of the Agenda Notes, with a modified table which was handed over to the members during the meeting.

Chairman stated that the fee structure for Consent management requires to be revised in respect to validity of Consents for Large, Medium and Small Scale industries, as the Board intends to cover more industrial activities under its ambit, in order to generate revenue to the Board. The members perused the item and were of the opinion that the revised fee structure requires more scrutiny and deliberations. It was also suggested by the members that the fees should be in par with those charged by the neighbouring State Pollution Control Boards.

After deliberations it was decided to form a Sub-Committee to prepare a modified validity and fee structure comprising the following members:

1.	Director of Industries, Trade and Commerce	Chairman of the Sub-Committee
2.	Member Secretary, GSPCB	Member
3.	Mr. Shekhar Sardessai, President, Goa State Industries Association	Member
4.	Mr. Shrirang Jamble – Member of the Board	Member
5.	Mr. Sanjeev Joglekar, Asst. Env. Engg., GSPCB	Secretary

The Sub-Committee is required to submit its report to the Board by 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2013, so as to place the same before the next Board meeting.

**Agenda item no. 15**

Application of M/s Procter & Gamble Hygiene & Health Care Ltd., Plot no. 173, 314, 315, Kundaim Industrial Estate, Kundaim Goa, for Consent to Operate (expansion) under the Air Act and Water Act.

The Chairman informed the members that the State's HPCC has cleared the proposal of M/s Procter & Gamble Hygiene & Health Care Ltd., for increase in the manufacturing capacity of sanitary napkins. The HPCC has cleared the above proposal with a condition that the unit shall make provisions for rain water harvesting and re-charging of wells, within their premises, so as to recharge the ground water aquifer, which has been depleted. The members observed that the applicant unit may be required to take permission from the

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Ground Water Officers appointed under the Goa Ground Water Regulation Act, 2002, for construction of bore wells or utilization of the ground water in the area.

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 Procter & Gamble Hygiene & Health Care Ltd., Plot no. 173, 314, 315, Kundaim Industrial Estate, Kundaim Goa, for Consent to Operate (expansion) under the Air Act and Water Act, as approved by the HPCC and subject to the implementation of rain water harvesting and ground water recharge.

**Agenda item no. 16**

Installation of Surveillance cameras in the Board office.

Chairman informed the members that 131 no. of staff are employed by the Board to carry out its activities in Technical, Scientific, Legal, Accounts and Administration areas. He further informed that at present the Board occupies the first floor and part of the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Dempo Towers building. He further informed the members that it was required that Closed Circuit Television Cameras (CCTVC) were placed at strategic locations on both the floors so that security of the Board premises was maintained at all times.

He further informed that quotations for the supply of CCTV were obtained from 05 parties and an order was placed with M/s Armour Office Automation, Panaji, being the lowest quote for installation of 16 nos. of cameras on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor and 4<sup>th</sup> floor, amounting to Rs. Rs. 1,99,060/-.

The members discussed the matter and approved the same.

**Agenda item no. 17**

Resignation of Shri Pedro C. Fernandes, Driver of the Board.

Chairman informed the members that Shri Pedro C. Fernandes, was appointed to the post of Driver in the Board office with effect from July, 1998. Subsequently he availed Extraordinary leave from July, 2007 to 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2009 to proceed abroad to seek employment in United Kingdom, which was further extended upto 30/06/2012. He further informed that Shri Pedro had vide his letter dated 20/08/2012 informed this office that he wishes to resign from the post of Driver in the Goa State Pollution Control Board with effect from



30/06/2012 and had requested that dues payable to him be settled. His resignation was accepted by the Board.

The members noted the resignation of Mr. Pedro C. Fernandes, Driver of this office from 30/06/2012 (B.N) and approved that all dues payable to him be released.

**Agenda item no. 18**

Vacating of the premises occupied by the Board on 7<sup>th</sup> floor of the building.

Chairman informed the members that the Technical staff of the Board were accommodated on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of the Dempo Tower building and an annual rent of Rs. 50,000/- plus service tax as applicable and electricity charges of Rs. 4500/- was being paid. He further informed that the staff of the Water Resource Department who were undergoing training and were occupying space on the first floor were repatriated to their parent department and therefore space being available, the Technical staff from the 7<sup>th</sup> floor were shifted to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. He further stated that the premises was no longer required by the Board and therefore the 7<sup>th</sup> floor office was vacated from 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2012

**Agenda item no. 19**

Files cleared by the Technical Advisory Committee of the Board during its meetings held from 22/09/2012 to 30/01/2013 and the files cleared by the Chairman (Green category files) through XGN mode.

The members perused and noted the same.

**Table Item no. 01**

Annual Report of the Board for the year 2011-2012.

The members perused the Agenda note and approved the Annual Report of the Board for the year 2011-2012, for forwarding the same to the Director, Department of Science, Technology & Environment for placing the same before the Goa Legislative Assembly.

**Table Item no. 02**

Application of M/s Himachal Futuristic Communication Ltd., Plot no. L-35, 36, 37, Verna Industrial Estate for Consent to Operate under the Water Act and the Act.

The Chairman informed the members that the State's HPCC has cleared the proposal of M/s Himachal Futuristic Communication Ltd. for expansion in the manufacturing capacities of optical fibre cables. The HPCC has cleared

the above proposal with a condition that the unit shall make provisions for rain water harvesting and re-charging of wells, within their premises, so as to recharge the ground water aquifer, which has been depleted. The members observed that the applicant unit may be required to take permission from the Ground Water Officers appointed under the Goa Ground Water Regulation Act, 2002, for construction of bore wells or utilization of the ground water in the area.

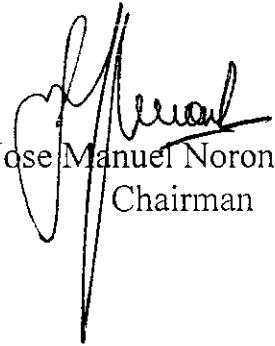
The members suggested that the unit should submit their plans for rain water harvesting and re-charge of wells along with designs to the Water Resource Department for scrutiny and approval.

The members approved the proposal of M/s Himachal Futuristic Communication Ltd., Plot no. L-35, 36, 37, Verna Industrial Estate for Consent to Operate under the Water Act and the Act, for Consent to Operate (expansion) under the Air Act and Water Act, as approved by the HPCC and subject to the implementation of rain water harvesting and ground water recharge.

III. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



(Levinson Martins)  
Member Secretary



(Jose Manuel Noronha)  
Chairman