

**MINUTES OF THE 108<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE  
GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2013 AT 3:00 pm  
IN THE BOARD'S CONFERENCE HALL**

1. The 108<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board was held on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 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.	Addl. Principal Conservator of Forests, Department of Forests was represented by Mr. Cedric D'Souza, Dy. Conservator of Forests.
3.	Mr. S.T. Nadkarni, Chief Engineer, Water Resources Dept.
4.	Director of Mines and Geology was represented by Mr. Parag Nagarcenkar, Assistant Director
5.	Mr. Nikhil Dessai, Director of Tourism.
6.	Shri Tony Rodrigues, Corporation of the City of Panaji
7.	Dr. Vassudev Deshprabhu, Chairperson, Pernem Municipal Council
8.	Mr. Narayan Naik, Sarpanch, Village Panchayat Sancoale.
9.	Ms. Fatima Pereira, Sarpanch, Village Panchayat Velsao
10.	Mr. Shekhar Sardessai, President, Goa State Industries Association
11.	Mr. Shrirang Jamble, Agriculturist, Savoi - Verem
12.	Mr. Levinson Martins, Member Secretary

II. At the outset the Chairman welcomed all the members present for the 108<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board. Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up for discussion:

**Agenda Item No. 1**

Confirmation of the minutes of the 106<sup>th</sup> meeting and 107<sup>th</sup> meeting (Special meeting) of the Goa State Pollution Control Board held on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 and 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 respectively.

The members perused and confirmed the minutes of the 106<sup>th</sup> meeting and 107<sup>th</sup> meeting (Special meeting) of the Goa State Pollution Control Board held on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 and 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 respectively so as to enter the same in the minutes book.

## **Agenda Item No. 2**

Follow up action on the decision taken at the 106<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board.

Agenda item no. 9 (b) – Mrs. Fatima Pereira, Sarpanch, Village Panchayat, Velsao desired to know whether the Pollution Control Board has formulated any guidelines for cement godown operating in residential areas, since they are creating dust pollution in the surrounding areas. It was clarified that the Town and Country Planning Department has ban setting up of such activities in residential areas and any violations may be brought to the notice of the Town and Country Planning authorities accordingly.

Agenda item no. 11 – Chairman informed the members that as regards to allotment of Court cases to Legal Counsels of the Board (terms and conditions for the Board Advocates), the following are added/amended:

- a. The terms and conditions will come into effect from 01/06/2013.
  - b. Decision of the Chairman, GSPCB in these matters shall be final and binding.
- The members noted the additions/amendments as proposed and agreed with.

Agenda item no. 14 – Chairman informed the members that a Sub-Committee of the following members was formed for preparation of a report with regard to revised fee structure for Red, Orange and Green Category of Industries. The Committee met on 14/05/2013, 28/05/2013 and 06/06/2013 and have now submitted their Report, which was placed during the meeting.

1. Director of Industries, Trade and Commerce – Chairman of the Committee
2. Mr. Shekhar Sardesai, President, GSIA - Member
3. Mr. Shrirang Jamble – Member of the Board – Member
4. Mr. Atul Naik – M/s Creative Engineers – Member
5. Mr. Suharsh Usgaonkar – M/s Electro Services - Member

The recommendations of the Sub-Committee are as follows:

a. The Committee had earlier discussed and decided to propose a time period of 6 months to submit an application for Consent after the waiver of past fees and late fees is agreed and notified by the Government. However, this recommendation may be reviewed by the Board taking into view the recent development.

b. The Committee felt that the best solution under the circumstances is to recommend that industries should submit applications for Consent with one fee each for Water Consent and Air Consent as prescribed in the Rules. The Board should process the applications and grant Consents, if the industry is complying with all the norms subject to the condition that the industry will pay the balance fees in case the Government does not accept the recommendations of waiver of the past fees and late

fees and the Board should refund the additional amount in case the Government notifies a fee which is less than the present fees prescribed in the Rules.

c. The Committee recommended that the Board should recommend waiver of the past fees and late fees and accordingly move a proposal to the State Government for appropriate amendment in the Water Rules and the Air Rules on priority.

d. The Committee recommended that the fees applicable to the Industries should be amended as per the table annexed to the minutes and the Board should consider Gross Fixed Assets, based on investment in Plant and Machinery and not based on land, building, plant and machinery and other fixed assets at least for Micro and Small Scale enterprises.

After detailed deliberations and in view of the order of the National Green Tribunal issued to the Board by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India, directing the Board to ensure that all the industries operating without the Consent of the Board are closed within three weeks with the assistance of the Police Department. The members approved that recommendations as follows be implemented:

‘ The industries should submit applications for Consent with one fee each for Water Consent and Air Consent as prescribed in the Rules. The Board should process the applications and grant Consents, if the industry is complying with all the norms subject to the condition that the industry will pay the balance fees in case the Government does not accept the recommendations of waiver of the past fees and late fees and the Board should refund the additional amount in case the Government notifies a fee which is less than the present fees prescribed in the Rules.’

Further, the members approved that the proposal be forwarded to the Director, Department of Science, Technology & Environment for approval of the Government, recommending waiver of past fees and late fees under the Air Rules and Water Rules and on receipt of the approval of the State Government, communicate to the industries accordingly.

### **Agenda Item No. 3**

Follow up action on the decision taken at the 107<sup>th</sup> meeting (Special meeting) of the Board.

Chairman informed the members that as decided in the 107<sup>th</sup> meeting (Special meeting), opinion of the Ld. Advocate of the Board was obtained on the Report submitted by the Inquiry Officer appointed by Board. Accordingly, show cause notices were issued to the Scientific Assistants, Senior Laboratory Assistant and Junior Laboratory Assistants appointed by the Board, as referred to in the report. The replies to the show cause notices were received from the officials.

Chairman informed the members that the Member Secretary had put up his comments on the report of the Inquiry Officer, Shri D.M. Borkar, and after studying the replies to the show cause notice submitted by the employees, he arrived at a decision that eleven employees out of the twelve pointed out by Shri D.M. Borkar were allotted marks which were not consistent with the scheme of marking laid down by the Departmental Selection Committee. It was further informed that Chairman recommended that since these eleven staff members were not appointed in accordance with laid down procedure, their appointments be terminated.

Chairman further informed that necessary orders to this effect would be issued shortly.

**Agenda Item no. 4**

Condemnation of office vehicle, Tempo Traveler (mobile laboratory) bearing registration no. GA-01-T-8332.

Chairman informed the members that the office vehicle Tempo Traveler (mobile laboratory) bearing registration no. GA-01-T-8332 requires to be replaced on account of frequent break downs and repairs.

Members perused and approved that, Tempo Traveler (Mobile Laboratory) bearing registration no. GA-01-T-8332, be auctioned by following all the necessary codial procedures.

**Agenda item no. 5**

Appointment of Legal Retainer in respect of criminal matters pertaining to the Board.

Chairman informed the members that the Board is required to initiate criminal proceedings against persons who violate the provisions of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981. These proceedings include filing of private criminal complaints/criminal cases before Judicial Magistrate First Class / Session Courts, which are located in every Taluka of the State.

In order to ensure effective prosecution of the accused violators in these matters and particularly as the Board has not effectively initiated any criminal action (in this effect) till date, it is proposed that the Board retain an Advocate to represent that the Board in all criminal matters before various Courts in the State.

To a pointed question, it was clarified that Adv. S.B. Faria would be paid a retainer ship fee of Rs. 15,000/- per month and Rs. 3000/- per effective hearing per case before the Civil and Criminal Courts of Goa.

The members also agreed to retain Advocate S.B. Faria, Special Public Prosecutor, Government of Goa and also Special Public Prosecutor for the National Investigation Agency, Government of India, as the Legal Retainer of the Board in respect of all criminal matters concerning the Board.

Adv. S.B. Faria, will be bound by the following terms and conditions :

- The Legal Retainer shall conduct the prosecution of all the criminal cases filed on behalf of the Board.
- The terms of appointment initially shall be for a period of two years which can be renewed for further equal period.
- Fee of Rs.3000/- per effective hearing shall be paid to the Legal Retainer for appearance per case.
- The Legal Retainer shall conduct the Prosecution with due diligence and will be assisted by an Officer nominated by the Board.
- Transport shall be provided by the Board to the Legal Retainer to attend the Court.
- The progress of the each case shall be intimated to the Officer nominated by the Board by the Legal Retainer who in turn shall communicate to the Member Secretary of the Board.
- The Legal Retainer shall keep himself acquainted with the facts of the case and received instruction from the officer nominated by the Board.
- The Legal Retainer shall obtain certified copies of all Judgment and orders from the Courts and forward the same to the Member Secretary with the comments suggesting further course of action.
- The Legal Retainer shall not take cases against the Board.

**Agenda Item no. 06**

Application of M/s Pentair Water India Pvt. Ltd., Plot no. L-52 – 55, Verna Industrial Estate, Verna, Goa, for Consent to Establish (expansion) under the Water Act and the Air Act.

The Chairman informed the members that the State's HPCC has cleared the proposal of M/s Pentair Water India Pvt. Ltd., for expansion in the manufacturing capacities of their products (i) pumps submersible-VMS-Horizontal-Inline-Single Imperial Driven Sewage, pumps for home/domestic RO system, from 2000 nos./annum to 10,02,000 lakhs nos./annum an increase by 10,00,000lakhs nos./annum, (ii) Water Treatment System for filtration-softening-sewage treatment effluent, home/domestic RO systems, Water softeners from 1200 nos./annum to 74400 nos./annum an increase by 73200 nos./annum and (iii) Additional new product i.e. Home/Domestic RO membranes 9,00,000 nos./annum & (iv) Melt Blown cartridges for domestic RO systems 30,00,000 nos./annum. 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 Pentair Water India Pvt. Ltd., Plot no. L-52 – 55, Verna Industrial Estate, Verna, Goa, for Consent to Establish (expansion) under the Water Act and the Air Act. as approved by the HPCC and subject to the implementation of rain water harvesting and ground water recharge.

**Agenda Item no. 07**

Application of M/s IFB Industries Limited, Plot no. L-1, Verna Industrial Estate, Verna, Goa, for Consent to Establish under the Water Act and the Air Act for expansion in the manufacturing activities.

The Chairman informed the members that the State's HPCC has cleared the proposal of M/s IFB Industries Limited for expansion in the manufacturing capacities of front loading washing machines from its existing capacities of 2.50 lakhs/annum to 4.00lakhs/annum., Manufacture of new product i.e. Top loader washing machines with a capacity of 2.00 lakhs/annum and increase in the water requirement from the existing 80m<sup>3</sup>/day to 200m<sup>3</sup>/day, at Plot No. L-1, Verna Industrial Estate, Verna, Goa

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 IFB Industries Limited, Plot no. L-1, Verna Industrial Estate, Verna, Goa, for Consent to Establish under the Water Act and the Air Act for expansion in the manufacturing activities, as approved by the HPCC and subject to the implementation of rain water harvesting and ground water recharge.

**Agenda Item no. 08**

Application of M/s Merck Limited, Survey no. 11/1, Marwasodo, Usgaon, Ponda, Goa, for Consent to Operate under the Water Act and the Air Act.

The Chairman informed the members that the State's HPCC has cleared the proposal of M/s Merck Limited for expansion in the manufacturing capacities of Vitamin E capsules from the existing 300 MT/annum and an increase by 300 MT/annum to a total of 600 MT/annum at its Oxynex ST plant facility and Increase in the water requirement from the existing 707 cu.m/day by 52 cu.m/day.

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 Merck Limited, Survey no. 11/1, Marwasodo, Usgaon, Ponda, Goa, for Consent to Operate under the Water Act and the Air Act, as approved by the HPCC and subject to the implementation of rain water harvesting and ground water recharge.

**Agenda Item no. 09**

Application of M/s Goa Formulation Limited, Plot no. 01, Phase III, Honda Industrial Estate, Honda, Sattari Goa, for Consent to Operate (expansion) under the Water Act and the Air Act.

The Chairman informed the members that the State's HPCC has cleared the proposal of M/s Goa Formulation Limited, for expansion in the manufacturing capacities of Intravenous Fluids (I. V. Fluids) from the existing capacity of 300 lakhs bottles/annum to 900 lakhs bottles/annum an increase by 600 lakh bottles/annum by adding additional machineries in its existing built-up area and increase in the water requirement by 135 KLD from existing 65 KLD totaling it to 200KLD.

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 Goa Formulation Limited, Plot no. 01. Phase III, Honda Industrial Estate, Honda, Sattari Goa, for Consent to Operate (expansion) under the Water Act and the Air Act, as approved by the HPPCC and subject to the implementation of rain water harvesting and ground water recharge.

**Agenda Item no. 10**

Application of M/s Glenmark Generics Limited, Unit – II, Plot no. S-7, Colvale Industrial Estate, Colvale, Bardez Goa, for Consent to Establish (expansion) under the Water Act and the Air Act.

The Chairman informed the members that the State's HPCC has cleared the proposal of M/s Glenmark Generics Limited, Unit – II, for expansion in the manufacturing capacities of pharmaceuticals products i.e. tablets from the existing 3702.36lacs/annum to 8711.25 lakhs /annum, capsules from the existing lakhs /annum, capsules from the existing 1515.00 lakhs /annum to 1569.54 lakhs /annum and Ointments from the existing 30.30 lakhs/annum to 1466.52 lakhs /annum and Increase in water requirement from the present 116m<sup>3</sup>/day to an additional requirement of 30m<sup>3</sup>/day at its existing location at Plot No. S-7, Colvale Industrial Estate, Colvale, Bardez-Goa.

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 Glenmark Generics Limited - Unit – II, Plot no. S-7, Colvale Industrial Estate, Colvale, Bardez Goa, as approved by the HPCC and subject to the implementation of rain water harvesting and ground water recharge.



**Agenda Item no. 11**

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

The Chairman informed the members that the State's HPCC has cleared the proposal of M/s Watson Pharma Pvt. Ltd, for regularization in the manufacturing capacity of tablets & capsules with a capacity of 3000 million nos. per annum and the built-up area of the factory by 7684.51sq/mtrs. along with its investments and increase in the manufacturing capacity of tablets & capsules from the existing capacity of 3000million nos. per annum to 6000 million nos. per annum, i.e. an increase by 3000 million nos. per annum..

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.

While discussing the application, it was brought to the notice of the Board by Shri Shekhar Sardessai, President, Goa State Industries Association that there was an issue concerning the transfer of ownership of plot in the name of M/s Watson Pharma Pvt. Ltd. After deliberations, the members agreed to seek clarifications from the Goa Industrial Development Corporation regarding the ownership / transfer of plot, and after the clarifications are sought indicating that the applicant M/s Watson Pharma Pvt. Ltd. was in possession of the said plot, Consent to Operate be granted, as approved by the HPCC and subject to the implementation of rain water harvesting and ground water recharge.

**Agenda Item no. 12**

Application of M/s Leading Hotels Limited, Tiracol Village, Tal, Pernem, Goa, for Consent to Establish under the Water Act and the Air Act for operation of the Golf course and Eco- Resort.

The Chairman informed the members that the State's HPCC has cleared the proposal of M/s Leading Hotels Limited, for construction of golf course and Eco resort. The HPCC has cleared the above proposal.

The members approved the proposal of M/s Leading Hotels Limited, Survey no. 2 to 13, Tiracol Village, Tal, Pernem, Goa for Consent to Establish Water Act and the Act, subject to obtaining approval under the Coastal Regulation Zone, 2011. Considering the size of the project, approval has to be obtained from Ministry of Environment & Forests under the CRZ Notification. As provided in the CRZ Notification, Consent to Establish under the Water and Air Act is a prerequisite for submitting application to Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority/Ministry of Environment & Forests.

**Agenda item no. 13**

Application of M/s Gas Authority of India Limited, Govt. of India Undertaking (GAIL) for Consent to Operate under the Water Act and the Air Act.

Chairman informed the members that M/s Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) has submitted an application for Consent to Operate under the Water and Air Act for the proposed 24" Gokak-Goa spurline of DBPL for providing a spurline from Gokak to provide natural gas.

After discussing the proposal, it was proposed to issue Consent to Operate under the Water Act and the Air Act, subject to the condition that the GAIL submits a detailed plan of the lay out of the gas pipe line, passing through the State of Goa.

The Consent is also subject to obtaining approvals from the Chief Controller of Explosives, preparation of Disaster Management Plan approved by the District Disaster Management Authority / Collector / District Magistrate.

**Agenda Item no. 14**

Application of M/s Oriental Containers Limited, Plot no. 327-332, Kundaim Industrial Estate, Kundaim Goa., for Consent to Operate (expansion) under the Water Act and the Air Act.

The Chairman informed the members that the State's HPCC has cleared the proposal of M/s Oriental Containers Limited., for expansion in the manufacturing capacities Plastic Closures from its existing capacity of 2700 million nos./annum to a proposed 4800million nos./annum an increase of 1200 million nos./annum and increase in the water requirement.

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 Oriental Containers Limited, Plot no. 327-332, Kundaim Industrial Estate, Kundaim Goa., for Consent to Operate (expansion) under the Water Act and the Air Act, as approved by the HPCC and subject to the implementation of rain water harvesting and ground water recharge.

**Agenda item no. 15**

Proposal for establishment of a Pilot plant for treatment of wash water / waste water from the drains of the Mapusa Municipal Council.

Chairman explained to the members that Captain Joseph Lobo had submitted a proposal for installation of a treatment system for the wash water / waste water being drained into the drains of the Mapusa Municipal market. He further informed that the said proposal was discussed along with the Chief Officer and Municipal Engineer of Mapusa Municipal Council on 30/05/2013. The Chief Officer, Mapusa Municipal Council has agreed for implementation of the pilot project provided that the funds for the said project are provided by the Board. The purpose of the pilot project is for:

a.	Nullify the smell from the nullah by dosing with EM (effective micro-organism)
b.	Beautify the drainage channel with plant suckers in filter beds
c.	To place a bird net over this whole section to prevent dumping of waste in the nullah.
d.	To create a possibility of using this water, treat it and use it to water newly planted saplings in the adjacent Mamlatdar Office Compound.

While discussing the project, Shri S.T. Nadkarni, Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, cautioned the members that any changes made in the nullah may create flooding issues especially during monsoons. After discussing the matter in detail it was decided that Captain Joseph Lobo be called to present this Pilot project before a Sub-Committee to be constituted by the Chairman for the purpose of seeking clarifications prior to final approval.

**Agenda item no. 16**

Refund of fees of the Mining units

Chairman informed the members that the mining units had applied for Consents to operate which were returned back to the applicants, stating that the Hon. High Court of Bombay at Goa and the Government of Goa had banned mining activities within the State of Goa and thereafter their applications could be considered. Subsequently M/s H.L. Nathurmal, filed a case before the Hon. High

Court of Bombay at Goa and the Court was pleased to direct the Board to decide the matter on his application within a period of four weeks and communicate the same to him.

The Chairman further informed that the Board rejected his application and this decision was communicated to M/s H.L. Nathurmal.

Views were sought from the members in such a case when applications were returned or rejected, where the applicant would need to pay the fees once again on submission of application for re-consideration.

After detailed discussion, it was decided that application fees are generally processing fees and thereafter all applicants who re-submit their applications for Consent to Establish / Operate / Renewal would need to pay the prescribed fees once again.

**Agenda item no. 17**

Representation of M/s Persistent System, Plot no. L-44, Verna Industrial Estate, Verna Salcete Goa.

Chairman informed the members that M/s Persistent System Limited, located at Plot no. L-44, Verna Industrial Estate, Verna, Salcete Goa, has vide their letter has requested the Board to charge the fees only from the date of application and to exclude the late fees which are considered from the date of commencement of the unit. The unit was directed to pay the balance fees of Rs. 3,70,000 (late fees) at the scrutiny stage of the application.

Chairman further informed that as per the IT Policy, 2005 of the Government of Goa, all units engaged in IT / IT enable services are exempted from obtaining Consent from the Goa State Pollution Control Board. It was brought to the attention of the members that M/s Persistent System Limited requires NOC on account of ISO 14001 and OSHAS 18001, although it was not required in terms of IT Policy, 2005.

Shri Shekhar Sardesai, President, GSIA, stated that the request made by M/s Persistent System may be considered, since the IT Policy does not require Consent in the first instance.

The members discussed their request in detailed and it was decided that since the Company requires to obtain Consents to Establish and Operate, they would have to pay the fees as well as the late fees as prescribed under the Water Act and the Air Act.

**Agenda item no. 18**

Levy of fee for Construction of Residential projects applying for Consent to Establish / Operate under the Water Act and Air Act.

Chairman informed the members that as per the Goa Water (Prevention and Control) Rules, 2011 and the Goa Air (Prevention and Control) Rules, 2011 construction projects are charged fees under the Air Act and the Water Act for Consent to Establish and Operate, based on the cost of Sewage treatment plant/diesel generator set installed at the project.

Chairman further brought to the attention of the members that construction projects should be charged Consent fees for Establishment and Operate, based on the entire cost of the project including the Sewage treatment plant and diesel generator set. The members expressed that such a proposal would unnecessarily burden the individuals who are local residents who are procuring dwelling units.

It was decided that a detailed study on this proposal be made and put up at the next Board meeting.

**Agenda item no. 19**

Levy of fees for applications received for Consent to Establish / Consent to Operate for projects of the State / Central Government Departments / Autonomous Bodies / Defence establishments.

Chairman informed the members that the Board is in receipt of applications from Indian Navy (INS Hansa), Goa Medical College Hospital and Kadamba Transport Corporation, for Consent to Establish / Consent to Operate for projects and the inability on the part of these Institutions / Corporation for want of details of the investment made in land, building, plant & machinery. Their applications are also pending since the quantum of late as well as the present fee was large. He further informed that Goa Medical College Hospital and Kadamba Transport Corporation had informed the Board that they have moved a proposal for payment of fees and late fees to the Government and were awaiting a decision.

After detailed discussion, it was decided that a period of six months be granted to Government departments, so as they were able to move a proposal to seek approval from the State Government in order to make the required payments.

**Agenda item no. 20**

Strengthening of the Goa State Pollution Control Board

Chairman informed the members that a report on strengthening of the Goa State Pollution Control Board was sent to all the members and was now tabled at the

meeting. He clarified that the Board has been assigned the following Statutory responsibilities under the following Acts and Rules.

i.	The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974
ii.	The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981
iii.	The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Cess Act, 1977
iv.	The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the Rules made thereunder:
a.	The Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling and Trans-boundary Movement) Rules, 2008
b.	The Municipal Solid Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000
c.	The Bio-Medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1988
d.	The Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemical Rules, 1989
e.	The Batteries (Management and Handling) Rules, 2001
f.	The Plastic (Manufacture, Usage and Waste Management) Rules, 2009
g.	E-Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2011

He further informed that in order to achieve its mandate, he had proposed that a Regional office be established in South Goa and a proposal to this effect was sent to the State Government for providing adequate office premises at the old Collectorate building at Margao.

He further informed that the present laboratory of the Board on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of Dempo Towers was inadequate and the Board has sought land from the Government of Goa. The land belongs to the Government at Department of Science Technology and Environment. He further informed that an advanced chemical laboratory would be set up on this location.

The members discussed the report in detail and after seeking clarifications as required approved the proposal which includes creation of the following posts:

Sr.	Name of the post proposed	No. of posts	Pay scales
1.	Junior Environmental Engineer (Civil)	09	As approved by the Government of Goa.
2.	Junior Environmental Engineer (Mechanical)	02	
3.	System Administrator	01	
4.	Network Engineer (Software)	01	
5.	Network Engineer (Hardware)	02	
6.	Senior Law Officer	01	
7.	Law Officer	01	
8.	Assistant Law Officer	01	
9.	Junior Law Officer	01	
10.	Drivers	07	

It was further decided to forward this proposal for creation of posts, as approved to the Director, Department of Science, Technology & Environment for obtaining approval from the State Government:

**Agenda item no. 21**

Providing Insurance cover to the staff of the Goa State Pollution Control Board.

Chairman informed the members that the staff of the Board are required to attend to inspections / carrying out water and air sampling in hazardous situations, including stack monitoring. He further informed that it would be in the interest of the employees that a Group Personal Accident Insurance Policy was made so that in the event of an accident adequate compensation to the employee / dependent family is available. He further informed that United India Assurance Company had submitted a proposal for Group Insurance Claim of Rs. 3 lakhs per employee which would include Personal Accident Insurance and Medi-claim.

It was further informed that an approximate expenditure on this account would be Rs. 6 lakhs per annum for 127 staff of the Board.

Chairman further clarified to the members that presently the employees are entitled for reimbursement of expenditure on all medical bills certified by Government doctors and other Government approved hospitals for self and dependent family members.

After a detailed discussion, it was approved that all the Board employees be covered for Personal Accident Insurance of Rs. 5 lakhs each and since all the employees are entitled for reimbursement of medical expenditure certified by Government doctors and Govt. approved hospitals, there was no requirement for a Medi-claim Policy.

**Agenda item no. 22**

Revision of pay scales of the post of the Member Secretary, Goa State Pollution Control Board.

Chairman informed the members that the Member Secretary of the Goa State Pollution Control Board is appointed by the State Government as per Rule 4(2)(f) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, on a full time basis, possessing qualifications, knowledge and experience of scientific, engineering or management aspects of pollution control.

Chairman further informed the members that the Government approved creation of post of Member Secretary vide letter no. 5/20/87/STE-DIR/Part-VII/639

dated 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2011 in the pay scale of Rs. 15600-39100 + Grade pay of Rs. 7600/-.

Chairman further informed the members that the Member Secretary of the Board reports to the Chairman and all other Board employees to report to member Secretary including the Sr. Environmental Engineer and Scientist 'D'. He further stated that the Sr. Environmental Engineer and Scientist 'D' had the same pay scale as that of the Member Secretary and this issue requires to be redressed. He further stated that the post of Member Secretary being a full time with enormous work load needs to be upgraded to Pay Band - 4 - Rs. 37400- 67000 + Grade pay of Rs. 8700/-

After discussion the members approved to upgrade the pay scale of the post of Member Secretary, Goa State Pollution Control Board to Pay Band - 4 - Rs. 37400- 67000 + Grade pay of Rs. 8700/- and to forward this proposal to the Director, Department of Science, Technology & Environment for obtaining necessary approval from the State Government and notifying the same.

#### **Agenda item no. 23**

Enhancement of pay scales of the post of Drivers in the Board

The proposal for enhancement of the pay scales of the post of Drivers was placed before the members. It was informed that the Drivers are involved in extensive field work to carry out inspections after work hours, including Saturday, Sunday and Holidays. The members desired to know whether other Government departments also had such a facility. After clarifications it was informed that all Government Drivers are on the pay scale of Rs. 5200 - 20200 + Grade pay of Rs. 1900/- as of the Board at present.

It was suggested that the Grade pay be maintained at Rs. 1900/- and if required over time or a special allowance could be considered. The members further informed that the staff of Government Printing Press also have a facility where they are paid over time, since they work overtime after office hours.

After discussions, it was decided to study various proposals connected with payment of allowances and over time allowances to Drivers and the same may be put up at the next Board meeting.

#### **Agenda item no. 24**

Retirement age to the staff of the Board

Chairman informed the members that as per the Rules of the State Government, the employees retire at the age of 60 years. Since the Goa State Pollution Control Board follows the Rules and regulations as being provided to the



employees of the Government of Goa, the retirement age for the employees of the State Government be maintained at 60 years.

The members agreed to maintaining the age of retirement to the staff of Goa State Pollution Control Board at 60 years and accordingly send a proposal to the Director, Department of Science, Technology & Environment for notifying the same in the Recruitment Rules.

**Agenda item no. 25**

Issue of Consent to Operate/Renewal of Consent under the Water Act and the Air Act.

Chairman informed the members that as per decision taken by the Board in its 74<sup>th</sup> meeting (Special meeting) held on 06/10/2006 all applications for Consent to Operate - New/ Renewal of Green small scale enterprise were issued with the approval of the Chairman.

Accordingly Consent to Operate - New and Renewal of Green small scale enterprises are being issued with the approval of the Chairman. About 50 applications for Consent to operate - New/Renewal of Consent to Operate are being placed before the TAC every week. The TAC is unable to process more than 25 applications per week.

After deliberations it was decided to place only applications for Consent to Establish, Consent to Operate New and Renewal of Consent to Operate for Red category of Large scale enterprise, Medium scale enterprise and small scale enterprises before the TAC adopting the risk based approach. Whereas, applications for Consent to Establish, Consent to Operate New and Renewal of Consent to Operate for Orange category industries and Green category industries for large, medium and small are to be processed internally and issued Consent with approval of Chairman.

**Agenda item no. 26**

Proposal for construction of Laboratory building for the Goa State Pollution Control Board.

Chairman informed the members that the laboratory of the Board is presently functioning on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the building, wherein analysis in respect of Water / Air samples are being carried out. Since the space on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor is inadequate to meet the laboratory needs of the Board taking into account the number of analysis being undertaken and as the laboratory consists of fume hoods and there is discharge of waste water after conducting analysis into the sewage pipe line of the building, which is not as per the norms of the Water Act and the Air Act, the Board is required to have an effluent treatment plant for disposal of such waste water.

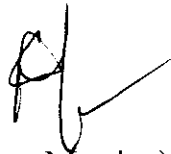
Chairman informed the members that the earlier proposal made by the Board to the Goa Industrial Development Corporation for acquisition of land around 10000 sq. mtrs. at Verna Industrial Estate was rejected by the Goa Industrial Development Corporation . It was further informed that the plot admeasuring 4800 sq. mtrs. was available at Saligao and which is presently in possession of the Department of Science, Technology & Environment. It was stated that a proposal could be made to the Government of Goa, Department of Science, Technology & Environment, requesting for allocation of this plot to the Goa State Pollution Control Board to establish its own laboratory building for chemical and other analysis.

After discussion, it was approved that the proposal be forwarded to the Director, Department of Science, Technology & Environment for obtaining necessary approval from the State Government.

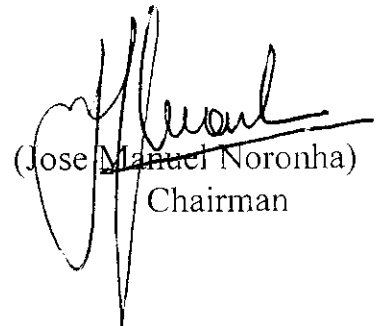
The land belonging to the Government at Department of Science Technology and Environment would be an ideal location. He further informed that an advanced chemical laboratory would be set up on this location.

The expenditure towards construction of the laboratory building shall be met from the funds of the Board / funding from the Ministry of Environment and Forests / Central Pollution Control Board.

IV. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



(Levinson Martins)  
Member Secretary



(Jose Manuel Noronha)  
Chairman