MINUTES OF THE 115th MEETING OF THE GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD HELD ON 24th OCTOBER, 2014 AT 3:00 pm IN THE BOARD'S CONFERENCE HALL

1. The 115th meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board was held on 24th October, 2014 at 3.00 pm in the Conference hall of the Goa State Pollution Control Board.

The following members / officials attended the meeting

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1.	Mr. Jose Manuel Noronha, Chairman, Goa State Pollution Control
	Board.
2.	Addl. Principal Conservator of Forests, Department of Forests was
	represented by Mr. M.K. Shambu, Chief Conservator of Forests
3.	Mr. S.T. Nadkarni, Chief Engineer, Water Resources Dept. was
	represented by Mr. P.J. Kamat, A.C.E
4.	Director of Industries, Trade and Commerce was represented by Mr.
	Jayant Tari, General Manager (DIC)
5.	Director of Mines was represented by Mr. Parag Nagarcenkar,
	Assistant Director.
6.	Director of Tourism was represented by Mr. Ganesh Teli, Assistant
	Director.
7.	Dr. Vassudev Deshprabhu, Chairperson, Pernem Municipal Council
8.	Dr. Pramod Sawant, Vice Chairperson, Goa State Infrastructure Dev.
	Corpn.
9.	Ms. Fatima Pereira, Sarpanch, Village Panchayat Velsao
10.	Mr. Narayan Naik, Village Panchayat Sancoale
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 115th meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board. Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up for discussion:

Agenda Item no. 01

Confirmation of the minutes of the 114th meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board held on 19th August, 2014.

The members perused and confirmed the minutes of the 114th meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board held on 19th August, 2014, so as to enter the same in the minutes book.

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Agenda Item no. 02

(a) Follow up action on the decision taken at the 114th Meeting of the Board.

Agenda item no. 3- The members noted that e-tender was invited for procurement of one nos. of Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations (CAAQMS) under the scheme of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India. It was further informed that full financial assistance was already made available for the procurement of this system and presently, scrutiny of the e-tender was in progress.

Chairman informed the members that at the earlier decision taken by the Board at the 114th meeting held on 19th August, 2014, it had approved the procurement of one no. of CAAQMS on a 50:50 cost sharing basis under the Scheme of Central Pollution Control Board and he further proposed to the members that such a system would be procured from the selected bidder from the presently floated e- tender. After discussions, it was approved that an additional CAAQMS be procured on a 50:50 cost sharing basis, as approved at the 114th Board meeting held on 19th August, 2014 from the selected tenderer under the presently considered e-tender process.

Agenda item no. 04 – The members noted that Consent to Operate under the Water Act and Air Act (expansion) has been issued to M/s Birla Furukawa Fibre Optics Limited, Verna Industrial Estate.

Agenda item no. 05 – The members noted that Consent to Establish under the Water Act and the Air Act (expansion) has been issued to M/s Himachal Futuristics Communications Ltd., Verna Industrial Estate.

Agenda item no. 06 – The members noted that Consent to Establish under the Water Act and the Air Act (expansion) has been issued to M/s Cipla Limited, Verna Industrial Estate.

Agenda item no. 12 – The members noted that Consent to Establish under the Water Act and the Air Act (expansion) has been issued to M/s Proctor & Gamble Hygiene & Health Care Ltd., Kundaim Industrial Estate.

Agenda item no. 13 – The members noted that decision of the Board for abolition of posts lying vacant in the Board office has been forwarded to the Director, Environment.

(b) Follow up action on the decision taken at the 108th Meeting of the Board held on 10th June, 2013

Agenda item no. 21 – The members noted that in the previous meeting, the Board had approved for providing Personal Accident Insurance of Rs. 5 lakhs each to all the employees of the Board.

An exercise was undertaken by the Board for inviting quotations from the Insurance companies for providing insurance cover to the staff of the Board. On scrutiny of the quotations received by the Board, a query was raised by the Accounts section of the Board with regard to the insurance cover, as the Board employees are treated on par with the employees of the State Government. The State Government does not have any other special policies for its employees other than the Goa Employees Group Insurance Scheme (Group Insurance) wherein the premium is deducted from the salary of the concerned employee. It was also informed that the employees of Group 'C' and 'D' carry out high risk work in some Government departments such as Fire Services, PWD, Electricity etc. who are also covered under GEGIS Scheme.

Further, if the above Insurance Scheme is adopted then there will be an additional liability on the Board to the tune of Rs. 5 lakhs to Rs. 8 lakhs per annum and since the premium will be paid by the Board without any returns to the Board or to the employees, then a specific provisions will have to be made every year for the same and the amount towards it may increase in the years to come depending upon the increase in the number of employees.

After deliberations, the members decided to keep the matter in abeyance.

(c) Follow up action on the decision taken at the 112th Board meeting and 113th Board meeting held on 25th March, 2014 and 27th May, 2014 respectively.

Agenda item no. 10 – While discussing the Implementation of Office Automation System using SAP Enterprise Resource Planning at the Goa State Pollution Control Board, the Chairman informed the members that since the Board was in the process of construction of office building and laboratory at Saligao, at an estimated cost of Rs. 26 Crores, prudent financial measures would need to be undertaken for proper financial control. Chairman further informed that he would carry out the exercise to determine the availability of funds to meet with this additional requirement. After discussions, it was approved that order for Implementation of Office Automation System using SAP Enterprise Resource Planning could be approved by the Chairman after sufficient funds were available with the Board.

(d) Follow up action on the decision taken at the 113th Board meeting held on 27th May, 2014.

Agenda item no. 2, no. 5 – Chairman informed the members that the appointment of Dr. Joe D'Souza, Retired Professor from the Department of Microbiology, Goa University was approved by the Board at the 113th meeting held on 27th May, 2014. He further informed that as per the present rules in force, appointments to such positions could be made only for a period of four months. Chairman further informed that the services of Dr. Joe D'Souza would be required for atleast a period of one year, since the JAICA funded River Sal project, presently being implemented by the Board requires assistance in the field of Microbiology, which was a subject of expertise of Dr. Joe. After discussions, it was approved that Dr. Joe D'Souza Retired Professor from the Department of Microbiology, Goa University be appointed as Consulting Scientist for a period of one year from the date of his initial appointment (i.e. from 2nd June, 2014 to 1st June, 2015) on a consolidated salary of Rs. 20,000/- per month.

V. Proposed office building and laboratory at Saligao – Chairman informed the members about the progress made in the construction of the proposed Board office and laboratory at Saligao and stated that the Bill Of Quantities (BOQ) as submitted by the Consulting Architect was being scrutinized by the Board officials. He further stated that the estimated cost of the building was around Rs. 26 Crores and after detailed discussions, it was approved that the same be e-tendered through the approved tendering process once the BOQ was approved.

Agenda item no. 03

Discarding of unwanted/ obsolete material and old records.

Chairman informed the members that instruments / equipments which are not in working condition are occupying a major space in the Board premises. He further stated that the instruments / equipments were purchased from the grants received from CPCB / MoEF and permission had to be obtained from them for discarding these instruments / equipments. It was further informed that the Board had requested permission from Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India to dispose the non working instruments / equipments. However, it was noted that no reply had been received by this office from the Ministry. After discussions it was decided that a reminder be sent to the Ministry, as a last attempt to seek their approval and it was further decided that in the event that no reply was received after one month, the equipments / instruments could be discarded after following the approved procedures.

Further, it was also approved to discard the files, after making an inventory of the same, for the period from 1997 which are lying in the Record section, which have since been soiled.

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Agenda item no. 04

Application of M/s Swanson Plastics (India) Private Limited, Plot No 2, Honda Industrial Estate, Honda, Sattari, Goa, for Consent to Operate under the Water Act and the Air Act (expansion)

The Chairman informed the members that M/s Swanson Plastics (India) Private Limited, has submitted a proposal for expansion in manufacturing capacity of PE (Polyethylene embossed film) from the existing capacity of 3000MT/annum to 6000MT/annum. Consent to Establish (expansion) was issued by the Board. The proposal was approved by the Technical Advisory Committee of the Board, which recommended for placing the proposal before the Board.

The members noted that the unit has to 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 Swanson Plastics (India) Private Limited, Plot No 2, Honda Industrial Estate, Honda, Sattari, Goa, for Consent to Operate under the Water Act and the Air Act (expansion), subject to implementation of rain water harvesting and ground water recharge.

Agenda item no. 05

Application of M/s Ordain Health Care Global Pvt. Ltd., Verna Industrial Estate, Verna, Salcete Goa, for Consent to Establish under the Water Act and the Air Act.

The Chairman informed the members that M/s Ordain Health Care Global Pvt. Ltd, has submitted a proposal for Research and Development Centre with small batch manufacturing unit. The proposal was approved by the Technical Advisory Committee of the Board, which recommended for placing the proposal before the Board.

The members noted that the unit has to 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

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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 Ordain Health Care Global Pvt. Ltd., Verna Industrial Estate, Verna, Salcete Goa, for Consent to Establish under the Water Act and the Air Act, subject to implementation of rain water harvesting and ground water recharge

Agenda item no. 06

Application of M/s Shirdi Steel Re-rollers Pvt. Ltd., Plot no. L-8 and L-9, Cuncolim Industrial Estate, Cuncolim, Salcete Goa, for Consent to Operate under the Water Act and the Air Act.

The Chairman informed the members that M/s Shirdi Steel Re-rollers Pvt. Ltd, has submitted a proposal for expansion in the manufacturing capacity of hot rolled steel in various sections from the existing capacity of 54000 MT/annum to 72000 MT/annum. Consent to Establish (expansion) was issued by the Board. The proposal was approved by the Technical Advisory Committee of the Board, which recommended for placing the proposal before the Board.

The members noted that the unit has to 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 Shirdi Steel Re-rollers Pvt. Ltd., Plot no. L-8 and L-9, Cuncolim Industrial Estate, Cuncolim, Salcete Goa, being a small scale industry for Consent to Operate under the Water Act and the Air Act, subject to implementation of rain water harvesting and ground water recharge

Agenda item no. 07

Application of M/s Merck Ltd., Plot no. 11/1, Marwasodo, Usgaon, Goa, for Consent to Operate under the Water Act and the Air Act (expansion) for setting up a Captive Power Plant.

The Chairman informed the members that M/s Merck Ltd, has submitted a proposal for setting up a captive power plant and Consent to Establish was issued by the Board.

It was further stated that since the proposal was cleared by the State HPCC in its 76th meeting held on 01/10/2012 and a presentation was made by M/s Merck Ltd. before the Technical Advisory Committee who heard their proposal, the members approved the proposal of M/s Merck Ltd., Plot no. 11/1, Marwasodo, Usgaon, Goa, for Consent to Operate under the Water Act and the Air Act (expansion) for setting up a Captive Power Plant.

Agenda item no. 08

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Siting of glass cutting, glass painting, glass etching, painting of motor vehicles and spray painting units.

Member Secretary informed the members that the office receives complaints from the public stating that glass cutting, glass painting, glass etching, painting of motor vehicles and spray painting units operate in shops be any their residences and some are also in close proximity to residential buildings, thereby releasing toxic / hazardous VOC in the air which are hazardous to their health.

He further informed that such units conduct their activity without obtaining Consent of the Board, however they approach the Board for Consents only when complaints are received against them. He further stated that in such circumstances, the Board is not in a position to either grant or refuse permission since they posses all the other required clearances.

After deliberations it was decided that such units be granted one year's time to shift their activity to a regulated industrial zones. It was also suggested that such units should control the air and water pollution including noise pollution to the levels recommended by the Board. It was also decided to write to the Municipalities / Panchayats and the Town and Country Planning Dep.. to ensure that such units are relocated in industrial areas / industrial zones within a period of one year.

Table item no. 01

Service Rules for the employees of the Goa State Pollution Control Board.

Chairman informed the members that the Goa State Pollution Control Board adopts the Service Rules governing the State Government employees, for the Board employees, as per the provisions of the Goa Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules, 1989. Chairman informed that the Board should have its own Service Rules for its employees based on the Service Rules of other State Pollution Control Boards. However, the members were of the opinion that the rules followed by the State Government are the best and suggested that the Board should follow the same.

Member Secretary informed the members that the staff of the Board are required to attend and accompany the Advocates in legal matters in the Hon. Supreme Court, Courts in Delhi and National Green Tribunal at Pune, at a very short notice. He stated that some officials who are required to attend the Court cases are not entitled for air travel, as such it becomes difficult to represent the Board in these cases. He also highlighted that the accommodation in some cities is expensive and the State Government does not have lodging facilities at Pune where the National Green Tribunal Bench sits.

After discussions the members decided that the officials travelling in connection with legal matters out of the State be permitted to travel by air and reimburse the expenses towards the hotel accommodation.

Further, the members also empowered the Chairman to accord relaxation in air travel in emergency and exceptional cases depending upon its merit.

Table item no. 02

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Application of M/s Berger Becker Coatings Pvt. Limited, Plot no. 114, Pilerne Industrial Estate, Pilerne, Goa, for Consent to Operate under the Water Act and the Air Act (expansion).

The Chairman informed the members that M/s Berger Becker Coatings Pvt. Limited has submitted a proposal for increase in the production capacity of paints from the present 14400 kl/month to 20000 kl/annum. Consent to Establish (expansion) was issued by the Board. The proposal was approved by the Technical Advisory Committee of the Board, which recommended for placing the proposal before the Board.

The members noted that the unit has to 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 Berger Becker Coatings Pvt. Limited, Plot no. 114, Pilerne Industrial Estate, Pilerne, Goa, for Consent to Operate under the Water Act and the Air Act (expansion), subject to implementation of rain water harvesting and ground water recharge.

Table item no. 03

Application of M/s Unichem Laboratories Ltd., Plot no. 15, 16, 17, 17A and 18, Pilerne Industrial Estate, Pilerne, Goa, for Consent to Establish under the Water Act and the Air Act (expansion)

The Chairman informed the members that M/s Unichem Laboratories Ltd. has submitted a proposal for increase in the production capacity of tablets / capsules from the present 2400 million /annum to 7400 million per annum. The proposal was approved by the Technical Advisory Committee of the Board, which recommended for placing the proposal before the Board.

The members noted that the unit has to 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 Unichem Laboratories Ltd., Plot no. 15, 16, 17, 17A and 18, Pilerne Industrial Estate, Pilerne, Goa, for Consent to Establish under the Water Act and the Air Act (expansion), subject to implementation of rain water harvesting and ground water recharge.

Table item no. 04

Application of M/s Andrew Telecommunications Pvt. Ltd., Plot no. N-2, Phase IV, Verna Industrial Estate, Verna, for Consent to Establish under the Water Act and the Air Act (expansion)

The Chairman informed the members that M/s Andrew Telecommunications Pvt. Ltd. has submitted a proposal for increase in the production capacity of antennas from 20000 nos. to 30000 nos. and installation of 2 DG sets of 750 KVA. The proposal was approved by the Technical Advisory Committee of the Board, which recommended for placing the proposal before the Board.

The members noted that the unit has to 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 Andrew Telecommunications Pvt. Ltd., Plot no. N-2, Phase IV, Verna Industrial Estate, Verna, for Consent to Establish under the Water Act and the Air Act (expansion), subject to 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