MINUTES OF THE 29TH MEETING OF THE GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, HELD ON 01/09/1997 AT 3.30PM IN THE CHAMBER OF DR. CARMO PEGADO, HON. MINISTER FOR FORESTS AND HOUSING, GOVT OF GOA, SECRETARIAT, PANAJI-GOA.

I. The 29th Meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board was held under the Chairmanship of Dr. Carmo Pegado on August 01, 1997 at 3.30 pm.

The following members were present for the meeting:

1.	Dr. Carmo Pegado	Chairman
2.	Secretary (Environment)	Member
3.	Director, S.T.E	Member
4.	Chief Engineer, Irrigation	Member
5.	Conservator of Forests	Member
6.	Director, Health Services	Member
7.	Managing Director, E.D.C	Member
8.	Managing Director, GTDC	Member
9.	Shri Rajendra S. Lawande	Member
10.	Shri Vishwasrao Dessai	Member
11.	Shri Andrew D'Souza	Member
12.	Shri Sanjay Gauns Dessai	Member
13.	Shri Shivanand V. Salgaocar	Member
14.	Shri H.R. Kulkarni	Member Secretary

The following members expressed their inability to attend the meeting, and are granted leave of absence by the Chairman.

1.	Chief Engineer, P.W.D	Member
2.	Shri Subhash G. Narvekar	Member

The following members did not attend the meeting:

1.	Shri Rodney Rodrigues	Member
2.	Shri Ashok Halarnkar	Member

II. AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

MINUTES OF THE 28TH MEETING OF THE GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

The members perused the minutes of the 28th Meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board and the same were confirmed so as to make necessary entry in the Minutes Book.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

MINUTES OF THE 19TH MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The members perused the minutes and the same were approved with the following comments:

M/s Sai Shipyard, Chorao, Tiswadi-Goa. - Members mentioned that the Board should not insist on the NOC of the Village Panchayat as it causes delay in setting up of the industry; as and when the proposal is received outside the industrial estate. The Board shall issue NOC with necessary comments. A copy of which shall also be sent to the respective Sarpanch of the Village Panchayat.

As regards M/s Sai Shipyard, the Board members were appraised of the difficulty in issuing NOC to this particular unit in view of the fact that the Village Panchayat, Chodan-Madel have already withdrawn NOC issued to this particular unit.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

MINUTES OF THE 20TH MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The members perused the minutes of the 20th meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee held on 28/4/1997

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

MINUTES OF THE 21ST MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The members perused the minutes of the 21st meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee held on 13/6/1997

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

MINUTES OF THE 22ND MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The members perused the minutes of the 22nd Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee held on 12/7/1997.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

SERVICE BENEFITS TO THE EMPLOYEES OF THE BOARD - APPROVAL - REG.

The opinion of the State Government on the request made by the Board to consider post retirement and other benefits to the staff of the Pollution Control Board was referred to the Board. The recommendations of the Govt in this regard were as follows;

- 1. As far as the service conditions are concerned they should adopt the same as applicable to the Goa Govt. Employees
- 2. While adopting the service conditions the Goa State Pollution Control Board should examine whether it is financially viable to accept the said service conditions.
- 3. As stated earlier, Government will not be in a position to finance any liability created by the Board on this account.

After deliberations on the above issue, the Board decided to form a sub-Committee to go into the details of the various benefits proposed by the Board to its employees and recommend a suitable benefit structure. The following members of the Board are appointed as members of the sub-committee;

- 1. Managing Director, GTDC
- 2. Shri Shivanand V. Salgaocar
- 3. Shri Rajendra S. Lawande
- 4. Director, S.T.E
- 5. Member Secretary, Goa State Pollution Control Board.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

M/S PENGUIN ALCOHOLS PVT. LTD. - CANACONA - ISSUE OF CONSENT TO OPERATE - REG.

The members perused the enclosure of this item.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

ANNUAL CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS OF THE STAFF OF THE GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

Members perused the pattern of writing of the annual Confidential Report and approved the pattern suggested for the Annual Confidential Report except of the Member Secretary, wherein the Reporting Officer is the Chairman. Once the ACR is duly filled in by the Chairman as Reporting Officer, the ACR of the Member Secretary is to be sent to the parent department i.e P.W.D

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

PROPOSAL FOR EMPLOYMENT ON CONTRACT BASIS

The proposal was discussed and Director, STE has been advised to submit the file for approval of the sameby the Government.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

PROPOSAL FOR HAVING PANEL OF ADVOCATES

The members perused the item and it was decided to choose a senior advocate to defend the cases before the various courts and also seek the help for drafting and filing of affidavits and representing the Board in the various courts to defend the Baord's interest. Members unanimously resolved to authorise the Chairman to engage the services of competent advocate case to case basis.

III. With the permission of the chair, Members raised the issue of sitting fees for the members which is at present Rs. 60/-. This fee structure is in operation since the inception of the Board in 1988 and no revision has been made subsequently.

So far the non official members of the State Pollution Control Board have not been paid TA and DA as no claim to that effect has been received by the Board. However, this issue was raised by the members during the present meeting and there was a consensus that the non official members should be made entitled to and paid a reasonable TA and DA sitting fee. The present sitting fee of Rs. 60/contemplated in 1988 under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974 is grossly inadequate as expressed by the members. After deliberations on this issue the Board decided to recommend to the Government an amendment in the said rules as under:

- 1. To raise the present fee entitlement of non official members of the Board from the present rate of Rs. 60/- to Rs. 200/- per each day of the meeting of the Pollution Control Board which is in accordance with the prevailing rate in other similar Government organisations.
- 2. To empower the State Pollution Control Board to make further upward revision of the sitting fee from time to time in accordance with the prevailing price index.

Accordingly the Board is required to put up the file to the Govt for issue of amendment to Notification no. 5/20/87-STE/Part(I)Chapter II, Rule 3(4).

III. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.