

**MINUTES OF THE 41st MEETING OF THE GOA STATE
POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD HELD ON 22nd OCTOBER, 1999
AT 11.00 AM.**

- I. The 41st Meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board was held in the Conference hall of the Directorate of Technical Education, Porvorim on 22-10-99 at 11.00 am.

The following members attended the meeting:

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| 1. | Mr. Arecio D'Souza | Chairman |
| 2. | Mr. Maria D'Costa, Chairperson,
Curchorem-Cacora Municipal Council | Member |
| 3. | Mrs. Madeline Pereira, Chairperson,
Mormugao Municipal Council | Member |
| 4. | Mrs. Pratibha P. Kundaikar, Sarpanch,
Village Panchayat Kundaim | Member |
| 5. | Dr. N.P.S. Varde, Director, STE | Member |
| 6. | Mr. S. Sridhar as a Representative of Goa Mineral
Ore Exporters Association. | Member |
| 7. | Mr. Jose Philip, Managing Director,
Goa Tourism Dev. Corpn. | Member |
| 8. | Dr. A.V. Salelkar, Director, Health Services | Member |
| 9. | Mr. Dattaraj V. Salgaocar as a Representative of
Goa Chamber of Commerce & Industry | Member |
| 10. | Mr. P.S. Reddy, Director, Industries and Mines | Member |
| 11. | Mr. A.A. Parulekar | Member Secretary |

The following members did not attend the meeting:

1. Chief Engineer, PWD
2. Managing Director, Industrial Dev. Corpn.
3. Director of Panchayats

II. AGENDA ITEM NO. 1
BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR 2000-2001

The Budget Estimate for the year 2000-2001, placed before the Board was perused and approved for submission to the Govt. in pursuance of Rule 31 of the Goa Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules 1988. The Board took note of the Notification no.9-4-98-STE-DIR dated 4th October, 1999, appointing Justice R.J. Sindkar, Retired Judge of Bombay High Court, Mumbai, to be Commission of Inquiry for the purpose of making inquiry into the case of 'Meta Strips Ltd.'. and Order no. 9-4-98-STE-DIR dated 5th October, 1999 issued by Secretary, Environment, GoG stating that the administrative department for meeting all the expenditure on the administrative arrangements for conducting the enquiry shall be the Goa State Pollution Control Board. The Board authorised the Member Secretary to incur the expenditure as per the Order, and advised him to submit the details of the actual expenditure to the Govt. for taking into consideration while releasing the grants for the financial year 2000-2001.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2
PROCEDURE PRESCRIBED FOR CONDUCTING THE BOARD MEETINGS.

The members perused the procedure for conducting the Board meetings prescribed in Chapter III, Rule 4 of the Goa Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules 1988, which was placed before the Board for information.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3
PROPOSAL OF ZUARI INDUSTRIES LTD. FOR INSTALLATION OF 5000 MT AMMONIA STORAGE SYSTEM AT MORMUGAO PORT.

Member Secretary explained the provisions of 'The Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemical Rules 1989', wherein the Pollution Control Board is identified as an authority having legal backing to deal with the matters regarding isolated storage of Hazardous Chemicals. Accordingly, Zuari

Industries Ltd. requires clearance of the Board as per Rule no. 7 of the said Rules for their proposed storage system for storing of 5000 MT Ammonia at Mormugao Port. Being a specialized subject, the applicant Company was asked to refer the proposal to National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) Nagpur for studying the safety aspect and for assessment of the risk

The findings of the study carried out by NEERI, were presented before the Board by Mr. R.O. Olaniya and Mr. Hemant Mathurkar, Scientists from NEERI. They explained the details of the safety measures proposed to be provided at the installation. They also explained the methodology followed by them for assessment of quantitative risk in the worst possible scenario. The Scientists explained to the members that the study conducted by them with the help of internationally approved software has confirmed that even in the worst possible scenario, the quantitative risk due to the proposed storage facility to the population around the port area would be well within the acceptable limits.

The Board, after deliberations and discussions with the Scientists over the findings of their studies, resolved to grant approval to the proposed installation as per Rule 7 read with Schedule V of the Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemicals, Rules 1989.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

CONSENT APPLICATIONS PROCESSED SINCE THE LAST BOARD MEETING.

The Board took note of the Order dated 19-7-99 issued by the Chairman, laying down revised procedure for processing and disposal of all the consent applications, both under the Water and Air Acts. As regards to identification of the applications required to be placed before the Board for policy decisions or the applications requiring expert opinion, members offered to forward their suggestions for consideration of the Chairman. The members also took note of the consent applications cleared since the last Board meeting.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

(a) SURRENDERING OF PREMISES HIRED AT 'VICTOR PALACE BUILDING'

The members noted that the residential flat at 'Victor Palace Building' hired for setting up of a laboratory has been handed over back to the owner by terminating the lease, as the same was not suitable for setting up of a laboratory for the reasons explained in the Agenda Note.

(b) MINOR MODIFICATIONS IN THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED IN THE 39th MEETING OF THE GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD FOR MONITORING OF THE CONTINUED COMPLIANCE OF THE CONDITIONS BY M/S RELIANCE SALGAOCAR POWER COMPANY LTD., SANCOALE.

The Board approved the modification in the Committee constituted for monitoring the continued compliance of the conditions by M/s Reliance Salgaocar Power Company Ltd. by substituting the name of Shri S.N. Lal, Principal, Goa College of Engineering by Shri K.G. Gupta, Assistant Professor, Civil Engineering Department, Goa College of Engineering.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

REPLACEMENT - RENOVATION OF THE MAHINDRA JEEP BEARING NO. GA-01-A-4456

The members pursued the proposal placed before the Board pertaining to the Mahindra jeep bearing registration no. GA-01-A-4456, which requires major expenditure for repairs. The Board authorised the Member Secretary to explore the possibility of disposing the vehicle by auction after following the appropriate procedure, and on successful auctioning, to procure a substitute vehicle as per the yard stick fixed by the State Govt.


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AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

CORRESPONDENCE EXCHANGED WITH ADVOCATE GENERAL REGARDING THE WRIT PETITION ON OVERFLOWING SOAK PIT AT SANTA CRUZ.

The members perused the details of the correspondence exchanged with Advocate General and the letter addressed to the Hon. Chief Minister on the role of Pollution Control Board in the matter of sanitation problem in the residential areas. The members expressed their agreement to the stand taken by Chairman and Member Secretary and authorised them to pursue the same to its logical conclusion.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

APPLICATION OF M/S SUNRISE ZINC LTD., CUNCOLIM INDUSTRIAL ESTATE TO CONSTRUCT A SECOND SITE WITHIN ITS PREMISES FOR STORING OF HAZARDOUS SOLID WASTE (HSW).

The Board resolved to issue permission to Sunrise Zinc Ltd. for construction of a second land fill site, at its own premises at Plot no. L-2 and L-3, Cuncolim Industrial Estate, stipulating the conditions proposed in the Agenda Note, viz.

1. The company should submit detailed drawings prepared by a Competent Consultant covering both the structural and functional aspects. The construction work should also be executed under regular supervision of the Consultant
2. The site should be covered by a roof to prevent ingress of rain water.
3. The site so developed shall be considered for issue of Authorisation for Storage of HSW as per the Hazardous Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules 1989, only after completion of the construction and production of a certificate from a competent agency, such as Regional Research Laboratory, Bhopal, certifying functional reliability of the storage pit.

The Board also directed the Member Secretary to inform the applicant company that the safe land fill is merely an arrangement

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for storage of HSW, till such time that methodology for detoxification and solidification of HSW would be evolved. The land fill site proposed to be developed shall be the last of the kind and during its operational period, arrangements for detoxification and solidification of HSW should be installed at the site.

TABLE ITEM NO. 1


APPOINTMENT OF A SENIOR COUNSEL FOR THE BOARD

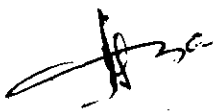
The Board agreed to the proposal of appointing a Senior Counsel to defend the interests of the Board in the matters before the Hon. High Court and authorised Chairman to take appropriate decisions in this matter and also to examine the possibility of appointing a panel of advocates for dealing with the Court matters pertaining to the Board in the various Courts within the State.

TABLE ITEM NO. 2

With the permission of the Chairman, Mr. S. Sridhar, Representative of Goa Mineral Ore Exporters Association, raised the point of issuing consent to establish/operate to jetties constructed for loading of ore into the barges. Member Secretary informed the Board that since construction of jetty does not come under the definition of industrial plant, it remains beyond the purview of section 21 of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981. Similarly, since it is not discharging any effluent, it is beyond the purview of section 25 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974. After deliberations, members expressed their approval to the stand taken by the Board office and authorised Member Secretary to convey the same to the concerned authorities.

III. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.


Prepared by: 25-10-1999
Shri A.A. Parulekar
Member Secretary


Approved by:
Shri Arcio D'Souza
Chairman