

**MINUTES OF THE 55th BOARD MEETING (SPECIAL MEETING)
OF THE GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD HELD ON
23/10/2003 AT 3.00 P.M. IN THE BOARDS CONFERENCE HALL**

I. The 55th meeting (Special meeting) of the Goa State Pollution Control Board was held in the Conference hall of the Goa State Pollution Control Board on 23/10/2003 at 3.00 pm.

The following members attended the meeting :-

1. Dr. L.U. Joshi, Chairman
2. Dr. N.P.S. Varde, Director, S.T.E
3. Shri P.P. Borkar, Principal Chief Engineer, P.W.D
4. Dr. Arvind Salelkar, Director, Health Services
5. Shri Ashok Naik, Chairperson, Panjim Municipal Council
6. Shri Tulio de Souza, Architect
7. Shri Pramod Shetye, Managing Director, Goa Tourism Dev. Corpn.
8. Shri Sandeep Jacques, Managing Director, Goa Industrial Dev. Corpn.
9. Ms. Nilima Naik, Zilla Parishad Member, South
10. Shri Nitin Kunkolienkar, President GCCI
11. Shri Atul Pai Kane, Rep. Goa Small Industries Association
12. Shri Suryanarayana Chary - Member Secretary

Shri R. Mihir Vardhan, Shri S.S. Prabhudessai, Ms. Zinia S. Dias Do Rosario, Ms. Kunda Chodankar did not attend the meeting. Mrs. Kamilini Paiguinkar, Chairperson, Margao Municipal Council telephonically informed her inability to attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members of the Goa State Pollution Control Board for the 55th Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 54th MEETING OF THE
GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD**

As recorded in the Agenda notes, the members noted that the minutes of the 54th meeting duly approved are entered in the Minutes Book.

AGENDA ITEM No. 2

FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON THE DECISION TAKEN AT THE 54th BOARD MEETING

Item no. 3

Follow-up of the action taken in the 54th Board Meeting.

At the 54th Board Meeting Item No. 3 hiring of the services of a Chartered Accountant and related assignments. The Board members suggested replacement of the words, services of Chartered Accountant by hiring the services of an Accountant.

Item no. 4

Purchase of new vehicle for the Board office

Chairman informed the members that a new vehicle bearing registration no. GA-01-T-5718 has been already purchased and a Driver on contract basis has been recruited.

Item no. 5

Purchase of new furniture and auctioning of the existing old furniture

Chairman informed the members that some new furniture has been already purchased and the process for auction of the old furniture is in progress.

Item no. 6

Creation and abolition of posts

Chairman informed the members that a draft notification has been already sent to the Director, STE for issuing suitable amendments.

The Board members were also informed that a Driver for Chairman's vehicle has been appointed on contract basis at a fixed sum of Rs. 4,500/- per month.

Item no. 8

a. Appointment of two officers (Scientist-B) on Special Duty from NIO/Other departments on deputation.

Chairman informed the members that Shri Anirudh Ram, Scientist, from National Institute of Oceanography has been selected for the post of Officer on Special Duty, (OSD) after going through his bio-data. An appointment letter has been already sent to Shri Ram and also to National Institute of Oceanography to relieve him immediately. Shri Anirudh Ram is likely to join duties on 04/11/03.

b. Chairman informed the Board members that two Scientific Assistants from N.I.O have been appointed on contract basis with effect from 18/08/03, on a consolidated pay of Rs. 8,000/- per month for a period of one year.

Item no. 9

Shifting of Bank account from Oriental Bank of Commerce to State Bank of India

Chairman informed the members that action is being taken in this regard.

Item no. 10

Proposal for computerization of the activities of the Board office

Chairman has informed the Board members that quotations have been invited from National Informatics Centre, Panaji and Goa Info Tech Corporation, Porvorim. Mr. Tulio de Souza, Member, suggested that the software should be prepared in such a way that the entrepreneurs can download all the necessary applications and sent through E-mail for processing in the Board office. Some of the members reacted that the suggestion of Mr. de Souza will be taken up in a phased manner, since some of the provisions of the Water Act regarding fee etc. will have to be amended.

Item no. 12

Handling of legal files to Advocate General as per Law Department Circular

Chairman informed the members that all legal files are already sent to Advocate General, Goa State as per Government orders.

Item no. 13

Conditions of Service of Chairman

Chairman informed the members that his salary has been fixed at Rs. 35,000/- per month by the Government, excluding the amount fixed as his pension and that the Government has also given him the status of Chief Secretary and that the contract is for a term of 3 years.

Item no. 14

Amendments to the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules, 1988

Chairman informed the Board members that a draft notification has been already sent to Director, S.T.F., for issuing suitable amendments.

Item no. 15

Appointment of Personal Assistant to the Chairman

Chairman informed the members that recruitment of Personal Assistant to the Chairman has been kept in abeyance for the time being.

Table Item no. 1

Appointment of a Senior Law Officer

Chairman informed the members that an advertisement in the newspapers was published, inviting applications for the post of Senior Law Officer in this Board. In all, 16 + 9 = 25 number of applications have been received for the said post, both from Employment Exchange, and through advertisement respectively. The Board members were also informed that after scrutiny of the said applications, candidates satisfying the required qualifications, experience etc. would be called for the interview and a Committee would be formed to interview the candidates and for evaluation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 :-

BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR 2004-2005.

Chairman explained to the members the Budget Estimate, prepared by the Board office, for the year 2004-05. After deliberations, the Board approved the said Budget.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 :-

COLLECTION OF CESS FROM INDUSTRIES OFFICER, DIRECTORATE OF INDUSTRIES AND MINES TO GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

Chairman informed the members that the job of collection of Cess was presently done by the Industries Officer, Directorate of Industries and Mines, Govt. of Goa and the same has to be transferred to Goa State Pollution Control Board so as to keep the Cess account i.e. assessment, collection and receipt at one place for better administration of Cess. It will also facilitate issue of reminders to defaulters. After deliberations, the Board members have approved the proposal and agreed to move to the Government for transferring collection of Cess to Goa State Pollution Control Board.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

AUCTION OF CHAIRMAN VEHICLE, BEARING NO. GA-01-C-9246

Chairman informed the members that the Maruti Esteem vehicle, which he is presently using, bearing registration no. GA-01-C-9246 has run more than one lakh kilometers and that the said vehicle requires repairs every now and then. Chairman proposed to auction the said vehicle and purchase a new vehicle. Chairman also brought to the notice of the Board members that Government of Goa has a scheme to take over old vehicle and in return give a new vehicle for Government use. The Board members suggested to find out the alternative which is more advantageous to the Board and purchase the vehicle accordingly.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 :-

DIRECTIONS TO BE ISSUED TO M/s K.G.N. MARBLES, PONDA

Chairman apprised the members the status of Court case in respect of M/s. K.G.N. Marbles, Ponda. M/s K.G.N. Marbles have now filed a case in the Appellate Authority and the Appellate Authority has issued a Stay and directed to file an Affidavit.

TABLE ITEM NO. 1.

APPLICATION OF M/s TIRUPATI CORPORATION FOR SETTING UP AN INCINERATOR AT TUEM INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

Chairman informed the members regarding the proposed installation of an incinerator by M/s Tirupati Corporation at Tuem Industrial Estate. After perusal of the note No.5/2246/03-PCB dated 22/10/03 and deliberations, the Board decided not to grant permission to M/s Tirupati Corporation for installing an incinerator at Tuem Industrial Estate as the said installation contravenes the guidelines issued by the Central Pollution Control Board in respect of location and land requirement. As per the guidelines of Central Pollution Control Board, for Common Bio-medical Waste Treatment Facility (CBWTF), the requirement for location and land requirement are as follows:

LOCATION: A CBWTF shall be located at a place reasonably far way from residential and sensitive area so that it has minimal impact on these areas. The CBWTF shall be located as near to its area of operation as possible in order to minimize the travel distance in waste collection, thus enhancing its

operational flexibility. The location shall be decided in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB/ Pollution Control Committee (PCC).

LAND REQUIREMENT: Sufficient land shall be allocated for CBWTF to provide all requisite systems. It is felt that a CBWTF will require minimum of 1 acre of land area. So, preferably, a CBWTF be set up on a plot size of not less than one acre.

Since there are sensitive industries i.e pharmaceutical industries in Tuem Industrial Estate, and the land requirement is not satisfied by M/s Tirupati Corporation, the Board has not approved the proposal of M/s Tirupati Corporation for incineration of the Bio-medical waste and Industrial hazardous waste.

TABLE ITEM NO. 2

M/s SUNRISE ZINC LIMITED - RENEWAL OF AUTHORISATION

Chairman placed a Table item pertaining to M/s Sunrise Zinc Limited (SZL). The members were appraised of the illegal melting of GOB zinc as noticed during the inspection by the Board official, Shri Sanjeev Joglekar along with Shri S. Suresh and Dr. Ranganathan, both officials of Central Pollution Control Board, Zonal office, Bangalore on 11/9/03. As a reply, SZL has treated the illegal activity of melting of ZOB zinc as One off affairs and had not taken it seriously.

Chairman also informed the members that SZL had applied for renewal of authorisation for storage of Hazardous Waste in their land fill site, as the previous authorisation issued to them expired on 31/03/00 and that they are running the unit without authorisation of this Board, as required under the Hazardous Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1989.

The Board was also informed that SZL had not taken any effective steps/arrangements for de-toxification and solidification of the hazardous solid waste, inspite of repeated reminders.

After perusal of the Note, and deliberations, the Board decided that the site of SZL be inspected and reported to the Board.

As regards to the application submitted by SZL to Central Pollution Control Board, Delhi for renewal of the registration for refining of non-ferrous metal waste, the Board deliberated and decided to take suitable action as per the Hazardous Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1989.

Due to clerical error at Table Item no. 2, para 2, para 4 and para 5, the dates 10/5/03, 25/09/03, 15/03/03 and 31/8/01 may be read as 10/05/02, 25/09/02, 15/03/02 and 13/08/01 respectively.

TABLE ITEM NO.3

SUBSTITUTION OF THE EXISTING POST OF SCIENTIST 'B' (CHEMISTRY) TO SCIENTIST 'B' (MICROBIOLOGY) AND CREATION OF ONE POST OF SCIENTIST 'C' (CHEMISTRY), TWO POSTS OF SCIENTIFIC ASSISTANTS AND ONE POST OF LAW OFFICER.

Chairman impressed upon the members that the laboratory has to be upgraded and hi-tech instruments have to be installed, which necessitates for creation of post of Scientist 'C' (Chemistry) in the pay scale of Rs. 10,000-325-15200.


Chairman also informed the members that one post in Microbiology section is required, for analysing of microbiology samples and suggested to substitute the present post of Scientist 'B' (Chemistry) by Scientist 'B' (Microbiology) in the pay scale of Rs. 8000-275-13500.

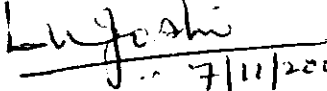
The two posts of Scientific Assistants will have the pay scale of Rs. 5500-175-9000.

The Law Officer will have the pay scale of Rs. 8000-275-13500.

The members agreed for the above proposals.

II. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.


(Surya Narayana Chary)
Member Secretary


(Dr. L.U. Joshi)
Chairman

Panaji, 7th November, 2003.