

MINUTES OF THE 62nd MEETING (SPECIAL MEETING) OF THE
GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
HELD ON 12/10/2004 AT 10.30 a.m.
IN THE BOARD'S CONFERENCE HALL

I. The 62nd meeting (Special meeting) of the Goa State Pollution Control Board was held in the Conference hall of the Goa State Pollution Control Board on 12/10/2004 at 10.30 am.

The following members attended the meeting :-

1. Dr. L.U. Joshi, Chairman
2. Dr. Arvind Salelkar, Director, Health Services
3. Shri J.B. Bhingui, Director, Mines
4. Shri S.S. Prabhudessai, Chief Inspector, Factories & Boilers
5. Shri P.P. Borkar, Principal Chief Engineer, P.W.D
6. Shri Ashok Naik, Mayor, Corporation of the City of Panjim
7. Mrs. Kamilini Paiguinkar, Chairperson, Margao Mun.Council
8. Shri Pramod Shetye, Managing Director, Goa Tourism Dev. Corpn.
9. Shri Nitin Kunkolienkar, President, Goa Chamber of Commerce & Industry
10. Shri Sandeep Jacques, Managing Director, Industrial Dev. Corpn.
11. Shri Tulio De Souza, Architect
12. Shri A.K. Vazirani - Member Secretary

Dr. N.P.S. Varde, Director, S.T.E, Shri Atul Pai Kane, - from Goa Small Industries Association, Ms. Kunda Chodankar, Vice President Zilla Parishad, North, Ms. Zinia Dias do Rosario, Zilla Parishad Member, North and Ms. Nilima Naik, Zilla Parishad Member did not attend the meeting

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

**POLLUTION CAUSED BY THE STEEL MANUFACTURING UNITS
AT KUNDAIM INDUSTRIAL ESTATE**

Chairman informed the members that this Special meeting has been called to discuss the pollution being caused by the steel manufacturing units at Kundaim Industrial Estate, namely;

1. M/s Mohit Ispat Ltd.
2. M/s Kundil Alloys Pvt. Ltd.
3. Shree Ambay Forgings Ltd.
4. M/s Mohit Steel Industries Pvt. Ltd.
5. M/s Prateek Alloys Pvt. Ltd.

Chairman informed the members that he has been receiving numerous complaints from the nearby residents of the Village, the School authorities and the nearby pharmaceutical units, wherein these steel units emit a large amount of fugitive emissions, thereby polluting the environment. It was also informed that several meetings were held with these defaulting units, show cause notices were issued to the units, but after pleading for some more time, the units were postponing the measures to be taken and so far no concrete action is being taken by them. It was also informed that the Govt. has taken a serious note of the same.

Chairman also informed the members that Dr. Claude Alvares, Director of Goa Foundation, a NGO and member of the Supreme Court Monitoring Committee on Hazardous Waste has threatened to approach the Court of Law, if the Board fails to take steps to minimize the pollution being caused by the steel manufacturing units at Kundaim Industrial Estate.

The members were of the opinion that all new applications received by the Board to establish a steel industry should be encouraged to have their own captive power plant. The members also noted that in the absence of policy decision the units were set up in an un-planned manner. It was also suggested that these steel

manufacturing units should not be located within the radius of the residential areas as they are not taken well by the local people.

The members also noted that steel manufacturing units generate a lot of emissions, but the same can be controlled to the maximum if proper pollution control equipments are installed.

Chairman also informed the members that a meeting of the above mentioned five steel manufacturing units was convened by him on 08/10/04 and these industrial units were informed of the numerous complaints received by the Board in respect of pollution caused by their units and that a show cause notice was issued to them on 07/10/04 to comply to the directions of the Board, failing which the Board would issue closure directions.

It is in this regard that Chairman has called a meeting of the Board, where in the representatives of the five steel manufacturing units were invited alongwith the complainant companies, adjacent to these units. The companies were asked to highlight the action taken till date and action they propose to take to control pollution.

All the above mentioned units were informed by the Chairman that they are not in a sound geographical location and that it is not a proper place, to carry on this activity, since the ecology is getting disturbed with the functioning of these units and that the Goa State Pollution Control Board is answerable to the Govt. to the Courts and other agencies on the action taken by the Board to control pollution. The members also informed the representatives of these units, that they do not act quickly and in a time-bound manner to eliminate pollution in the area. The complainant companies i.e M/s Proctor & Gamble India Pvt. Ltd. and M/s Okasa, the two pharmaceutical companies reiterated that these units have done nothing to contain the fugitive emissions.

The representatives of the units were also suggested of re-locating their units to some remote places, as these type of units are not favourable in proximity of residential areas and near the pharmaceutical companies.

1. M/s Kundil Alloys Pvt. Ltd. – The representative of the company informed the members that the work of hood is in progress and the same is expected to be completed by 30/11/04.

2. M/s Mohit Steel Industries Pvt. Ltd. – The representative of the company informed the members that the progress report on the work done is submitted to the Board continuously. However installation of the hood is not yet completed and the same will be completed by 30th November, 2004.

3. M/s Prateek Alloys Pvt. Ltd. - The representative of the company informed the members that steps are being taken to install the pollution control equipments and installation of a new chimney, and the same is expected to be ready by 15th January, 2005.

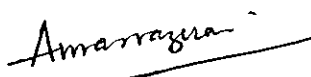
4. M/s Mohit Ispat Ltd. - The representative of the company informed the members that steps are being taken to ensure that the industry is pollution free and ensured the emissions will come out from the stack only and that all the openings will be closed. He also submitted that he will submit the progress report to the Board office from time to time and the same is expected to be ready by 31st December, 2004.

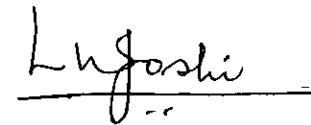
5. Shree Ambay Forging Ltd. – The representative of the company informed the members that he had purchased the said unit from M/s Gaurav Strips and that he is carrying out improvements in the said unit. He also informed that he has placed orders for the blowers and trial run has taken place and that some minor works are required to be completed, as such he has requested for a time limit upto 15th January, 2005 for completion of the same.

The units were informed that if they do not install the required pollution control systems or fail to control the emissions within the prescribed date as submitted by them they will be issued closure notice, for which the representatives of the units agreed upon. The units were also asked to submit these proposals to the Board immediately.

The members were of the opinion that the Board engages the services of a Consultant on contract basis to verify the proposals of the units and evaluate the same and accordingly the findings could be placed before the Board for arriving at a decision.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.


(A.K. Vazirani)
Member Secretary


(Dr. L.U. Joshi)
Chairman