MINUTES OF THE 64th MEETING OF THE GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD HELD ON 23/03/2005 AT 3.30 p.m. IN THE BOARD'S CONFERENCE HALL

I. The 64th meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board was held in the Conference hall of the Goa State Pollution Control Board on 23/03/2005 at 3.30 pm.

The following members attended the meeting:-

- 1. Dr. L.U. Joshi, Chairman
- 2. Dr. N.P.S. Varde, Director, STE
- 3. Shri S.S. Prabhudessai, Chief Inspector, Factories & Boilers
- 4. Shri K.P. Nambiar, Principal Chief Engineer, P.W.D
- 5. Shri Ashok Naik, Mayor, Corpn. of the City of Panaji
- 6. Mrs. Kamilini Paiguinkar, Chairperson, Margao Mun. Council
- 7. Shri Pramod Shetye, Managing Director, G.T.D.C
- 8. Shri A.V. Palekar, Managing Director, G.I.D.C
- 9. Shri Nitin Kunkolienkar, President, GCCI
- 10. Shri Tulio De Souza, Architect
- 11. Shri Atul Pai Kane, Rep. Goa Small Scale Industries Assocn.
- 12. Shri A.K. Vazirani Member Secretary

Dr. A.V. Salelkar, Director, Health Services, Shri J.B. Bhingui, Director, Mines, 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

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 63rd MEETING OF THE GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

As recorded in the Agenda notes, the members noted that the minutes of the 63rd meeting, duly approved are entered in the Minutes Book.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

EXPENDITURE INCURRED ON ADVERTISEMENTS

The members perused and approved the expenditure to the tune of Rs. 82,478/- incurred towards the advertisements released in the newspapers.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

DISCUSSIONS ON THE STEEL MANUFACTURING UNITS

The Chairman informed the members about the progress carried out by the steel manufacturing units. The findings of the inspection carried out on 22/03/05 by the Committee were also placed before the members.

The members expressed concern over the working of the units. It was felt that the units lacked proper planning, house keeping. The scrap was melted irrespective of the composition of the scrap, sometimes resulting in large emissions of gases. It was also found that though these units have installed air pollution control equipments, the system should be more effective to control fugitive emissions.

The members deliberated on segregation of scrap and identification of common facility for segregation. It was also suggested that these units should be asked to install a separate electric meter for air pollution control equipments and the meter readings be submitted periodically to the Board office. The members suggested that some guidelines should be framed for setting up of air pollution control equipments for induction furnace units. It was also suggested that the slag generated from the induction furnace be analyzed in a laboratory recognized under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for presence /absence of hazardous waste as specified in Schedule I /II of the Hazardous Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1989.

After deliberations and discussions, of the above, the members decided to form a Committee to appoint a Consultant. It was decided to appoint Dr. N.P.S. Varde, Director, STE, as the Convenor of the Committee. The Convenor of the Committee, Dr. Varde or any other member of the Board should suggest the name of a Consultant. The Consultant has to study the raw material, process, air pollution control equipments used, solid waste generated and suggest suitable methods of air pollution control, disposal of solid waste, segregation of raw

material (scrap) etc. The recommendations of the Consultant, after approval of the Committee has to be made binding on all the induction furnace units in the State of Goa.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

EXTENDING OF CONTRIBUTORY PROVIDENT FUND BENEFITS TO THE STAFF OF THE BOARD.

The members perused this item and noted that the Board employees would like to register themselves for voluntary coverage under the Employees Provident Fund Act, 1952, through the Employees Provident Fund Organization.

It was also decided that the total amount which was earlier deposited in the Saving Bank Account of the Board be also transferred to the Employees Provident Fund Account in the respective accounts of the staff along with the interest and the Board share.

It was also agreed by the members that the Board will be have to bear the administrative charges of 1.10 % of the total salary, besides the Board share, which is to be paid to the Employees Provident Fund Organization. The members also agreed for the proposal to register for voluntary coverage under the Employees Provident Fund Organization.

The Board members have suggested that the financial implications involved in the contribution of the Board share should be conveyed to the Board at the next Board meeting..

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

APPLICATIONS CLEARED BY THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD – STATUS REPROT FROM 08/12/04 TO 08/03/05

The members perused the enclosure to the item wherein the status report of the applications cleared by the Technical Committee of the Board were cleared.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR THE BOARD LABORATORY

Chairman informed the members that the purchase of additional space for the Board laboratory, which was approved at the 59th meeting

of the Board was sent to the Govt. for approval on 18/10/04the same is still awaited.

It was also informed by the Chairman, that the Developer has informed that since there is no communication received from the Board regarding the purchase of the said premises, he intends to dispose the premises to other intending purchasers.

The members were of the opinion, since the said premises is located on the same building as of the office premises, the opportunity should not be missed and that the Board should request the Developer for some more time till the Govt. approval is accorded.

The members were of the unanimous opinion that the file submitted to the Chief Secretary / Hon. Minsiter for Environment on 18/10/04 should be located and moved for approval of the Govt.

TABLE ITEM NO. 1

PURCHASE OF ATOMIC ABSORPTION SPECTROPHOTOMETER

Chairman explained to the members the procedure followed for the procurement of Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer. The members also perused the Agenda Notes, wherein the shortfalls in the Technical specifications of the bidders identified by the Technical Committee were listed.

After deliberation, the Board decided to qualify only the offer of M/s Perkin Elmer (I) Pvt. Ltd in the technical bid and approved opening of the financial bid of M/s Perkin Elmer (I) Pvt. Ltd. Mumbai, a single qualified offer for the purchase of the instrument by the officials of the Board.

The members also suggested that since that this was the only tender left for opening of the financial bid, the Committee should negotiate at the price quoted by the company.

TABLE ITEM NO. 2

PURCHASE OF WATER PURIFICATION SYSTEM - MILLIQ SYSTEM

Chairman informed the members that since the Board is going to procure that Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer, it requires highly

purified water, for conducting analysis of the trace metals. It was suggested that M/s Millipore India Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore, is a proprietary firm and supplies the said instrument.

The Board agreed for the purchase of the instrument, without call of tender, with all consumables, having a capacity for 10,000 litres, at their quoted rate of Rs. 2,41,946/- inclusive of all taxes, which is valid upto 30/03/05.

II. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

Amaraya 24/3/05 (A.K. Vazirani)

Member Secretary

(Dr. L.U. Joshi)

Ln Joshi - 024/3/2005

Chairman