

**MINUTES OF THE 68th MEETING OF THE
GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
HELD ON 18/11/05 AT 3.30pm
IN THE BOARD'S CONFERENCE HALL**

I. The 68th meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board was held in the Conference hall of the Goa State Pollution Control Board on 18/11/2005 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 T.K. Nambiar, Principal Chief Engineer, PWD
4. Shri S.M. Paranjape, Rep. of, Chief Inspector, Factories and Boilers
5. Shri Tulio De Souza, Architect
6. Shri Atul Pai Kane, Rep. Goa Small Scale Industries Assocn.
7. Shri Nitin Kunkolienkar, President, GCCI
8. Shri A.K. Vazirani - Member Secretary

Dr. Arvind Salelkar, Director of Health Services and Shri Elvis Gomes, Managing Director, GTDC, expressed their inability to attend the meeting.

Shri J.B. Bhingui, Director of Mines, Shri A.V. Palekar, Managing Director, IDC did not attend the meeting

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 67th MEETING OF THE BOARD

As recorded in the Agenda notes, the members noted that the minutes of the 67th meeting (Special meeting), duly approved are entered in the Minutes Book.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

FOLLOW UP ACTION ON THE DECISION TAKEN AT THE 67th MEETING OF THE BOARD.

The Chairman informed the Board the follow up action taken by the GSPCB in respect of Agenda Item no. 3, 4, 5, and Table Item no. 2. The members noted the same.

As for Agenda Item no. 6, the members were of the opinion that the Consent application of M/s Costa Crushers be kept in abeyance till such time, some initiatives are taken to re-locate the plant.

As regards Agenda Item no. 7, in respect of the unit of M/s Dabsons Enterprises, the members desired that the Air Consent application submitted by the unit be kept in abeyance till such time the unit complies with the installation of the pollution control equipments.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

FOLLOW UP ACTION ON THE DECISION TAKEN AT THE 66th MEETING OF THE BOARD

Chairman informed the members of the correspondence received from M/s Dalmia Resorts – The Old Anchor – Cavelossim in response to the show cause notice issued to them. They have also requested for some time to provide acoustic enclosure to their D.G set due to the HTL passing over the room housing their D.G set. It was also informed that the unit has now applied for Air Consent of the Board.

After deliberations, the members were of the opinion that necessary action as per section 31(A) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, be initiated against the unit which includes suspending the operation of the unit for failing to provide acoustic enclosures to the D.G sets within the reasonable time period.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

REVISED ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR 2005-2006 AND BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR 2006-2007.

Chairman presented before the Board the Revised Estimate for the financial year 2005-2006 and Budget Estimate for the year 2006-2007 prepared in Form VI and VII prescribed in Rule 31 of the Goa Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules, 1988. The members perused and approved the same.

Chairman also placed before the Board the expenditure to be incurred towards purchase of Graphite furnace and a Gas Chromatograph. The estimated cost of the said instruments is estimated to Rs. 25 lakhs each. Chairman also informed the Board that financial assistance of Ministry of Env. & Forests was sought for funding of the same. MoEF, GoI has now informed that the required amount is sanctioned and the Board will receive

the same in due course. Till then the Board's fund will be utilized and the same amount will be added to the Boards fund as soon as the amount is received from MoEF, GoI.

Chairman also informed the Board of the expenditure incurred towards advertisement published in the Indian Express – Mumbai Edition and the Navhind Times, Panaji, for issuing of Tender Notice. The members approved the expenditure incurred on publishing the said advertisement.

The members also desired to know the progress of the work carried out by the Auditor, Shri C.Y. Ramani in finalizing the accounts of the Board. It was suggested that Shri Ramani be requested to give a time frame for completion of the said work.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

APPLICATION OF MINING COMPANIES FOR ISSUE OF CONSENT TO OPERATE UNDER THE AIR AND WATER ACT

Chairman informed the Board that the mining companies are required to be issued with Consent to Operate under the Air and Water Acts, for which Consent to Establish has been already granted to them after conducting Environmental Public Hearing, as required by the Notification issued by the Ministry of Env. & Forests, Govt. of India.

The mining companies have been granted Environmental Clearances by MoEF, GoI with a condition that the mining companies should obtain Consent to Operate from the Pollution Control Board.

The members were of the view that the mining companies be asked to pay the fees from the date of starting the mining operations.

After deliberations it was decided that Chairman convene a meeting with the mining companies to discuss this issue and place the out-come arrived at the meeting during the next Board meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

APPLICATION OF M/s VIJAYALAXIMI INDUSTRIES

Chairman informed the members of the proposal for rejection of the application of M/s Vijayalakshmi Industries, Plot no. A-2/6, Margao Indl. Estate, St. Jose de Areal for Consent to Operate under the Air Act by the Technical Committee as the noise levels of the unit are not within the permissible limits.

After deliberations it was decided that the unit be inspected by the Member Secretary along with a Member of the Board to ascertain the Noise levels and thereafter accordingly issue a Show Cause Notice.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7
CATEGORISATION OF INDUSTRIES

Chairman placed before the Board, a Draft Notification of categorization of Industries prepared in consultation with the Director of Industries, Representatives of Goa Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Rep. of Goa Small Scale Industries Association. The members were of divergent views towards classification of some of the industries under Green/ Orange / Red category. After deliberations and discussions it was decided to appoint an Expert Committee consisting of the following members to re-classify the units under Red, Orange and Green categories and the same will be placed before the Board at its next meeting for issuing a suitable Notification.

1. Shri Nitin Kunkolienkar
2. Dr. N.P. S. Varde, Director STE
3. Shri Tulio De Souza
4. Shri Atul Pai Kane
5. Shri Anil Kher
6. Member Secretary, GSPCB

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8
FEEES FOR ISSUE OF CONSENT TO OPERATE UNDER WATER AND AIR ACT AND THE VALIDITY PERIOD.

Chairman placed before the Board a Draft Notification in respect of the fee structure to be adopted which has been necessitated due to categorization of Industries which was prepared in consultation with the Director of Industries, Representatives of Goa Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Rep. of Goa Small Scale Industries Association. The Chairman felt that by changing the categorization and the fee structure, the Board should not loose any income.

The members listed that the ISO 14000 units should be given a rebate of 10-15%. The members were also cautious that the Board should not loose any income due to change in fee structure. It was also pointed out that fresh Notification superceding the present one will have to be published since the fee structure is likely to change.

After deliberations and discussions it was decided to appoint an Expert Committee consisting of the following members to re-classify the units under Red, Orange and Green categories and the same will be placed before the Board at its next meeting for issuing a suitable Notification.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

APPOINTMENT OF ADVOCATE FOR SUPREME COURT MATTERS

The members noted the appointment of Shri Bhavanishankar Gadnis as the Advocate for the Ministry of Tourism, Environment, Science & Technology, Agriculture & Animal Husbandry for the State of Goa for defending the cases in the Supreme Court.

The members approved the appointment of Adv. Bhavanishankar Gadnis as the Advocate of the Board to represent in the matter in the Supreme Court

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

APPOINTMENT OF ONE RETIRED SCIENTIST 'E', 'F' ON CONTRACT BASIS.

Chairman informed the members that since the Board is in the process of acquiring sophisticated instruments /equipments like the Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer, Gas Chromatograph etc. guidance of experienced Scientist will be required to operate the same.

In this regard, it was agreed to appoint one retired Scientist as Consultant on contract basis, who retired on one of the grades of D/E/F from reputed CSIR laboratories like National Institute of Oceanography who is experienced in operating these sophisticated instruments, on a consolidated salary of Rs. 10,000/- per month excluding the pension drawn by them for an initial period of one year to be renewed for two more years, one year at a time. He will also co-ordinate all the scientific activities of the Board.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

GUIDELINES FOR ISSUING CONSENT TO OPERATE UNDER WATER AND AIR ACT FOR MINING COMPANIES

The members perused and approved the guidelines to be issued to the mining companies, so as to incorporate the same in the Consent Orders to be issued to the mining companies.

(a copy of the guidelines to be issued to the mining companies is enclosed as Annexure I for perusal of the members).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

APPLICATIONS CLEARED BY THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD – STATUS REPORT FROM 04/10/05 TO 08/11/05

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.

AGEDNDA ITEM NO. 13

LIST OF THE MINING COMPANIES WHO HAVE BEEN ISSUED NOC BY THIS BOARD AFTER CONDUCTING ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING.

The members perused the enclosure to the item, wherein the status report of the applications who have been granted NOC of the Board after conducting Environmental Public Hearing.

TABLE IEM NO. 1

Vide the 59th meeting of the Board held on 25/03/04 – Agenda item no. 4, the fees to be charged for the analysis conducted in the Board laboratory was discussed and the extracts of the same were forwarded to Director STE for issue of a suitable Notification. Chairman requested Director STE to expedite the matter, for which Director STE requested the Board to forward the relevant section under which the same has to be Notified.

A. Vazirani
(A.K. Vazirani)
Member Secretary
29/11/05

L. U. Joshi
(Dr. L.U. Joshi)
Chairman
29/11/2005