MINUTES OF THE 70th MEETING (SPECIAL MEETING) OF THE GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD HELD ON 07/04/2006 AT 3.00 pm. IN THE BOARD'S CONFERENCE HALL

I. The 70th meeting (Special meeting) of the Goa State Pollution Control Board was held in the Conference hall of the Goa State Pollution Control Board on 07/04/2006 at 3.00 pm.

The following members attended the meeting:-

- 1. Dr. L.U. Joshi, Chairman
- 2. Dr. N.P.S. Varde, Director, STE
- 3. Shri S.G. Redkar, Chief Inspector, Factories and Boilers
- 4. Shri Tulio De Souza, Architect
- 5. Shri A.V. Palekar, Managing Director, GIDC
- 6. Shri Ryan Braganza, Vice-Chairperson, Mapusa Mun. Council
- 7. Mrs. Piedade Noronha, Councilor, Margao Mun. Council
- 8. Shri Joseph Sequeira, Sarpanch, Village Panchayat Calangute
- 9. Shri Savio Almeida, Sarpanch, Village Panchayat, Anjuna
- 10. Shri A.K. Vazirani Member Secretary

Dr. Arvind Salelkar, Director Health Services, Shri T.K. Nambiar, Principal Chief Engineer, P.W.D, Shri J.B. Bhingui, Director, Mines & Geology, Shri Atul Pai Kane, Rep. Goa Small Scale Industries Assocn., Managing Director, GTDC, Shri Nitin Kunkolienkar, President, GCCI, and Mrs. Carmeline Menezes, Sarpanch, Village Panchayat Guirim, did not attend the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 69th MEETING OF THE BOARD

Chairman stated that the minutes of the 69th meeting have to be confirmed. As recorded in the Agenda notes, the members noted that the minutes of the 69th meeting, duly approved and entered in the Minutes Book.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

FOLLOW UP ACTION ON THE DECISION TAKEN AT THE 69TH MEETING OF THE BOARD

Agenda Item no. 7 & 8 – The members perused and approved the changes made in the Categorization of Industries, so as to submit the same to Director, S.T.E for issue of a suitable Notification.

Table Item no. 1 - Chairman informed the members that the Revised fee structure for analysis of various samples were forwarded to Director STE for issue of suitable Notification. However, Director STE informed the Board that under section 17, the laboratory has to be declared as a Board laboratory, for which Chairman agreed. It was also stated by Director STE that under section 53(2) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and under section 29(2) of the Air Act, the name of the Board analyst has to be notified along with the Notification.

Agenda Item no. 5 – The Vice-Chairperson of Mapusa Municipal Council informed that an application for Authorization of municipal solid waste for Mapusa Municipal Council will be submitted to the Board within 15 days time.

Table Item no. 2 – Chairman informed the members that in addition to Director Municipal Administration and Director, Panchayats, the Town Planning Dept. may be also requested to make provisions not to permit activities such as carpentry, fabrication, flour mill, servicing stations etc. in the residential complexes on the ground floor.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

CREATION OF THREE POSTS OF DRIVERS ON CONTRACT BASIS IN THE BOARD.

Chairman informed the members of the necessity of having three drivers as one Driver has resigned and the another Driver has reported sick and there are in all five vehicles in the Board. The members noted and approved creation of three posts of Driver on contract basis in the Board for a period of six months extendable for a maximum period of two years on a consolidated salary of Rs. 4500/- per month, by advertising in the local papers and calling names from the Employment Exchange and holding walk in interviews.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

APPLICATION OF M/s JAIN UDYOG, SANTONA, SANGUEM

Chairman informed the members that as per the Orders of the Hon. High Court in Writ Petition no. 7/2005, vide order dated 03/05/05, the Board was directed to submit the analysis report of water and air to determine the levels of pollution.

Accordingly, the Board availed the services of M/s Padmaja Aerobiological Pvt. Ltd., Navi Mumbai, a laboratory recognized by the Central Government, for conducting the analysis.

The reports submitted by the said laboratory were placed before the members for submitting the same to the Hon. High Court. As per the analysis report submitted by M/s Padmaja Aerobiological Pvt. Ltd., all the parameters prescribed by this Board in the Consent to Operate are within the permissible limits. At three locations between 9th to 14th November, 2005, the RSPM values were beyond the permissible limits of 150 mg/Nm³ for industrial area. This opinion of the Board will be forwarded to the Hon. High Court for decision.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

APPLICATION OF M/s MANUEL CERAMICS, MOIRA

The members perused the enclosure to this item wherein the application of M/s Manuel Ceramics, Moira was placed and the complaint filed by Mrs. Jennifer Mendes, regarding the noise pollution caused due to operation of the said unit.

The members unanimously agreed to grant Air Consent to the unit of M/s Manuel Ceramics, Moira, since the unit has a valid NOC of the Village Panchayat and is a tiny unit.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

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APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANT

Chairman informed the members that since a Graphite furnace and a Gas Chromatograph is being installed in the office, an experienced person will be required to handle the same. As such, a retired Scientist in the grade of 'C', 'E', 'F' from CSIR laboratories like National Institute of Oceanography is proposed to be appointed on a consolidated salary of Rs. 8000/- per month for an initial period of one year to be renewed for two

more years. The consolidated salary shall be excluding the pension drawn by him / her from the previous employment.

The members perused and approved the same.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

UPGRADATION OF THE POSTING OF SHRI SANJEEV JOGLEKAR, JUNIOR ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER TO THE POST OF ASSISTANT ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER.

Chairman informed the members that Shri Sanjeev Joglekar, Technical Assistant from PWD is on deputation to this Board as Junior Environmental Engineers since the last three years. It was also informed that during the last three years of his service in the Board, he has put in excellent service.

Presently there is one post of Assistant Environmental Engineer vacant in the Board, and as Shri Joglekar is already drawing the pay of Assistant Engineer in PWD as per the Assured Career Programme, it is proposed to upgrade Shri Sanjeev Joglekar, Junior Environmental Engineer of the Board to the post of Assistant Environmental Engineer in the pay scale of Rs. 8000-275-13500 with effect from 01/01/2006. The members approved the same.

Chairman also informed that Public Works Dept. will be informed accordingly. However, Shri Sanjeev Joglekar will hold the post of Technical Assistant when he reverts back to his parent department.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

APPOINTMENT OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANTS IN THE BOARD OFFICE

Chairman informed the members that at present there are two posts of Junior Environmental Engineer and that recommendation for creation of additional two posts has been sent to the Govt. However, since the Board is not in a position to cope up with its activities, Principal Chief Engineer, PWD was requested to depute two additional Technical Assistants to the Board against the vacant posts of Assistant Environmental Engineer and Executive Engineer. The payment of the Junior Env. Engineers is presently being made against the vacant posts of Assistant Env. Engineer and Environmental Engineer

The members perused and approved the same.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

APPLICATIONS CLEARED BY THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD – STATUS REPORT FROM 16/02/05 TO 29/03/06

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

LIST OF THE MINING COMPANIES ISSUED CONSENTS

Chairman informed the Board that 12 mining companies who have obtained Environmental Clearances and applied to the Board for Water and Air consents have been granted Consents.

TABLE ITEM NO. 1

APPLICATION OF M/s MARMAGOA SPONGE PVT. LTD.

Chairman informed the members that the application of M/s Marmagoa Sponge Pvt. Ltd. is for setting up a sponge iron plant of capacity 1.5 lakh tons/annum at plot no. 3 and 4 of Indl. Dev. Corpn., Navelim, Bicholim, was discussed at the 69th meeting and the same was deferred.

The unit has now submitted that they would establish a power generation plant utilizing flue gases generated from the rotary kiln. Since the High Powered Co-ordination Committee has approved the project, the members agreed for issue of Consent.

TABLE ITEM NO. 2

PURCHASE OF INSTRUMENTS FOR THE BOARD LABORATORY

Chairman informed the members that out of the sanctioned amount of Rs. 50 lakhs towards the purchase of Graphite furnace and Gas Chromatograph, only Rs. 30 lakhs have been released. Since the instrument is supplied by 31/03/06, the actual payment can be made only in the year 2006-2007, as per the terms and conditions of the supply order. As such the balance payment of Rs. 20 lakhs towards the purchase of the above two instruments is proposed to be made through the Current Account of the Board, and as soon as the remaining Rs. 20 lakhs are received from the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India, the same amount will be added to the Board's fund.

The members approved the same.

TABLE ITEM NO. 3

APPLICATION OF M/s COSTA CRUSHERS FOR RENEWAL OF CONSENT UNDER THE AIR ACT

Chairman informed the members of the application of M/s Costa Crushers, Verna for Air Consent which was discussed at the 67th meeting (special meeting) and it was decided to inform the unit to shift to a new location.

Now, the unit has served an Ultimatum to the Board, failing which he is contemplating legal proceedings against the Board.

The members have taken a serious view of the said Ultimatum and refused to grant consent, as the unit wants the Board to succumb to their pressure.

As regards to the application of M/s Mahadev Rameshwar Industries, Saleli, the members were of the opinion that the unit be granted Consent to Establish (NOC) incorporating the guidelines as discussed at the 69th meeting of the Board and accordingly grant Consent to Operate if the unit has complied with the guidelines.

Chairman also informed the members that at present all the stone crushers in and around Saleli have been closed down by the Deputy Collector in wake of the recent incident at Saleli.

TABLE ITEM NO. 4

NEWS PAPER REPORT REGARDING DUMPING OF FLY ASH GENERATED FROM SPONGE IRON UNITS AT MOLLEM

Chairman informed the members of the recent incident that has occurred at Mollem due to dumping of fly ash / spent dust by the sponge iron units and the subsequent directions issued by the Board to the five sponge iron units operating in the State for removal of the same.

The members were of the view that the sponge iron units should be compulsorily made to install a brick manufacturing unit within their premises, as stated in their Consent to Establish / Consent to Operate order.

TABLE ITEM NO. 5

Chairman informed the members that as per the Coastal Regulation Zone, any hotel having 25 rooms or more should install a Sewage Treatment Plant. The Board deliberated and decided that any hotel having more than 25 rooms should compulsorily install a sewage treatment plant.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

(A.K. Vazirani) Member Secretary

(Dr. L.U. Joshi)

Chairman