

**MINUTES OF THE 88<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE  
GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
HELD ON 06<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2008, AT 4.00 pm**

I. The 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board was held on 06/06/08 at 4.00 pm in the Conference hall of the Board.

The following members attended the meeting.

1. Dr. L.U. Joshi – Chairman
2. Shri A.V. Palekar, Managing Director, Economic Dev. Corpn.
3. Dr. Mohandas representing Director of Health Services
4. Shri Keshav Kamat – Representative of Goa Small Scale Industries Association
5. Mrs. Ruth Furtado, Councillor, Corporation of the City of Panaji
6. Shri Tulio De Souza, Architect
7. Shri L.C. Kavlekar representing Managing Director, Goa Tourism Dev. Corpn
8. Shri A.G. Daiwajna - Member Secretary.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1**

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 87<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD**

The minutes of the 87<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board duly approved by the members were confirmed, so as to enter the same in the Minutes Book.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2**

**FOLLOW UP ACTION ON THE DECISION TAKEN AT THE 87<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING.**

Agenda item no. 3 – The members stated that proposal for providing computer advance to the staff of the Board be submitted to the Co-operative Banks.

Agenda item no. 5 – The members perused and noted the same.

Agenda item no. 9 – The members perused the reply received from the Mormugao Port Trust stating that they will implement the short term measures, and as a long term measure they have already invited Expression of Interest for mechanization of berth no. 7 for handling coal

and coke. MPT in its letter has further stated that once berth no. 7 is commissioned, coal and coke handling at berth nos. 10 and 11 will be stopped. The members approved granting renewal of Consent under the Water and Air Acts to MPT subject to compliance of measures proposed vide their letter no. CE/P&C/1212 dated 27/05/08.

Agenda item no. 10 – The Board in its 86<sup>th</sup> meeting rejected the application of M/s G.N. Agarwal for non compliance to the conditions stipulated by the Board in the 78<sup>th</sup> meeting particularly with regards to construction of G.I. sheet barricades of 10 metres height along the boundary. The unit had provided a barricade of 7 to 8 metres height. The unit had also not provided tar road.

As decided in the 87<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, an inspection was carried out and it was observed that the G.I sheet barricade height has been raised to 10 metres for some length along the boundary and work of raising the barricade height was in progress. As regards to provision of tar road, the Board vide its letter no. 5/3146/06-PCB/5504 dated 22/03/07, initially permitting the unit to sprinkle the road with water in lieu of tarring. However, the Board members are now of the opinion that in order to avoid any dust pollution it would be advisable if the road is tarred.

Members further decided that the unit be granted Consent to Operate subject to the following conditions and prior compliance thereof, for the Consent to be operative:

- a. The conditional consent will be operational for a period of three months only
- b. The unit must complete the work of raising the G.I sheet barricade height to 10 metres all along the boundary.
- c. The approach road to the jetty should be tarred so as to ensure that no dust pollution is caused.
- d. Ambient air quality monitoring should be carried out for the said period of three months through a laboratory recognized by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India and the cost of the said monitoring should be entirely borne by the unit.
- e. The conditions stipulated herein above should precede the Consent to Operate and a compliance thereof should be submitted to the Board.

Non-compliance of any of the conditions cited above will result in recall / withdrawal of the Consent to Operate Order.

Agenda item no.11 – The members were of the opinion that since the Draft Mineral Policy will have long term effects on the environment, they sought more time to study the same. It was informed that once the final Draft of the Mineral Policy is received by the Board, the same will be placed before the members.

Agenda item no. 12 – The members stood by the earlier decision taken at the 87<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board in respect of M/s Gurukrupa Steel and Rollings Pvt. Ltd., rejecting the application.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3**  
**REPRESENTATION RECEIVED FROM THE INTERNATIONAL**  
**CENTRE – GOA.**

The members perused the letter received from the International Centre – Goa requesting for exemption in obtaining Consent to Operate under the Water and Air Acts.

The members deliberated on the same and felt that an industry / hotel / Centre could not be exempted from obtaining Consents from the Board under the Water and Air Act.

The members decided that the International Centre – Goa should be directed to submit an application under the Water and Air Acts. Since the International Centre has less than 50 rooms and the Board had earlier decided that hotels having less than 50 rooms should be directed to deposit one fee for the past period of operation and one fee for the subsequent period and the validity period for the Consents should be of five years.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**  
**PLACEMENT OF FUNDS AT THE DISPOSAL OF COLLECTOR,**  
**NORTH GOA FOR AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**

The members were of the opinion that the Board can formulate its own programme by appointing an agency for educating public and creating awareness on the use of amplified music system regarding noise pollution and the Rules in force instead of placing funds at the disposal of the Collector. It was also suggested by the members that awareness be conducted at four coastal Talukas of the State. The members further decided that a meeting of the hotel owners Association / Travel and Tourism Association of Goa operating in the coastal talukas should be

convened to bring awareness with regards to the implementation of Noise (Regulation and Control ) Rules, 2000.

Some members expressed that the operation of the cruise boats is causing a lot of noise pollution along the banks of the rivers. The Member Secretary informed the members that this is a subject matter of a Writ Petition and on the request of the Collector, North Goa, this office has conducted Noise monitoring at Miramar and submitted the reports to the Collector.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**  
**APPLICATION OF M/s MRF LTD. FOR CONSENT TO ESTABLISH**  
**OF THEIR PROPOSED EXPANSION OF TUBE PLANT**

The members perused the expansion proposal of M/s MRF Ltd. and desired that the unit make a presentation during the next Board meeting, giving therein the details of the stack, the no. of boilers the EIA report, installed capacity, manufacturing process, drawings etc.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**  
**CONSTRUCTION OF DEMO ROAD USING PLASTIC**

The Chairman explained to the members of the action taken for construction of Demo Plastic-Bitumen road at Ponda. He stated that 600 kgs. of plastic available at Ponda was utilized by Ponda Municipal Council and additional plastic was collected from other places to lay down the 0.6 kms plastic-bitumen road. He also informed that almost 10% of bitumen is saved by using plastic and the statement to that effect was made at the inaugural function held on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2008. However, a local daily had reported that a pot hole has been formed on the newly constructed road. A clarification regarding the same was sought from Prof. R. Vasudevan from Madurai, who is an expert in the field and who was present during the laying of the road. Prof. Vasudevan clarified that , no pot hole could be formed as it was not raining when the road was constructed. The members were of the opinion that a Press Note be released through the Directorate of Information and Publicity, clarifying the stand of the Board regarding the same.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**  
**EXTENSION OF CONTRACT PERIOD OF THE STAFF**

The members approved for extension in the contract period of the below mentioned employees, for a further period of one year with one day break in service on the same terms and conditions.

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| 1. Miss Francisca Auria Lobo | Lower Divn. Clerk    |
| 2. Shri Ramsey Braganza      | Scientific Assistant |
| 3. Mrs. Avina Pereira        | Scientific Assistant |
| 4. Shri Keshav Naik          | Scientific Assistant |

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

**PURCHASE OF CYCLE / BATTERY OPERATED TWO WHEELER**

The members approved for purchase of a battery operated / petrol operated two wheeler for the use of the Peon of the Board to deliver correspondence of the Board to various departments.

**TABLE ITEM NO. 1**

**EXTENSION OF TIME FOR COMPLIANCE TO THE RECOMMENATIONS MADE BY NEERI IN RESPECT OF SPONGE IRON PLANTS**

The members perused the item and noted that since the below mentioned units have completed almost 75% of the work as stipulated by the Board and recommended by NEERI, they may be granted an extension of three months for completion of the remaining work, subject to the Leave of the Hon. High Court.

- a. M/s Ambey Metallic Limited
- b. M/s Goa Sponge and Power Ltd.
- c. M/s Shraddha Ispat Pvt. Ltd.
- d. M/s Srithik Ispat Pvt. Ltd

**TABLE ITEM NO. 2**

**DECISION REGARDING GRANTING CONSENT TO GUEST HOUSES**

The Director of Tourism was requested to attend the meeting and it was clarified that the hotels are classified under A to D category. The official from the Directorate of Tourism informed that the 'D' category comprises of paying Guest houses without restaurant facilities consisting of 10 rooms and below, which is considered as a family business. It was requested by them to exempt the 'D' category of hotels from obtaining Consents of the Board.

The members deliberated on the suggestions made by the officials of the Tourism Dept. and agreed to exempt the hotels classified under 'D' category by the Tourism Dept. from obtaining Consents of the Board. The members further decided that a letter to this effect should be issued to the Director of Tourism.

**TABLE ITEM NO. 3**

The members perused the item in respect of the disposal of slag of the following three units.

1. M/s Mohit Steel Industries Pvt. Ltd.
2. M/s Karthik Inductions Ltd.
3. M/s Mandovi Castings Pvt. Ltd.

The members decided that the above mentioned units should be intimated to identify their own sites for disposal of the slag, as they will be held accountable for the same.

It was also decided to forward the proposal for disposal of slag to PWD with a request for incorporating the same in the Schedule, as use of slag will reduce the requirement of mud utilized for road filling.

**TABLE ITEM NO. 4**


**RELAXATION SOUGHT BY M/s SODDERS LEASING & HOLDINGS PVT. LTD.**

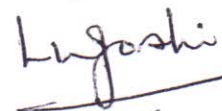
The members rejected the request made by M/s Soddors Leasing and Holdings Pvt. Ltd. (SLHPL) – Gloria Anne and Renton Manor, Candolim and Arpora respectively for exemption in installing of the sewage treatment plant.

**TABLE ITEM NO. 5**

The members rejected the request of M/s Goa Shipyard Ltd. requesting for waiver of late fees to the tune of Rs. 3.39 lakhs.

III. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

  
( A.G. Daiwajna )  
Member Secretary

  
( Dr. L.U. Joshi )  
Chairman