

MINUTES OF THE 89<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE  
GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD HELD ON  
30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2008 AT 3.30 PM.

I. The 89<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board was held on 30/09/08 at 3.30 pm in the Conference hall of the Board.

The following members attended the meeting.

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| 1.  | Dr. L.U. Joshi   | Chairman         |
| 2.  | Shri J.B. Bhingui, was represented by Shri Arvind Loliyekar, Director, Dte. of Mines & Geology,  | Member           |
| 3.  | Shri Subhash Redkar was represented by Shri S.M. Paranjape, Chief Inspector, Factories & Boilers | Member           |
| 4.  | Dr. Joseph D'Souza, Chief Scientist GSCST, Dept. of Science, Technology & Env.                   | Member           |
| 5.  | Mrs. Ruth Furtado, Councillor, Corporation of the City of Panaji                                 | Member           |
| 6.  | Shri A.V. Palekar, Managing Director, Goa Indl Dev. Corpn.                                       | Member           |
| 7.  | Shri Sagun Wadkar, Village Panchayat Pissurlem   | Member           |
| 8.  | Shri Tulio De Souza, President, Association of Architects,                                       | Member           |
| 9.  | Shri Nitin Kunkolienkar, President, Goa Chamber of Commerce & Industry,                          | Member           |
| 10. | Shri Keshav Kamat, Goa Small Industries Assocn.,   | Member           |
| 11. | Shri A.G. Daiwajna   | Member Secretary |

Dr. Rajananda Dessai, Director of Health Services expressed her inability to attend the meeting.

Shri J.S.S. Rego, Chief Engineer – II, Public Works Deptt., Mrs. Carmeline Menezes, Sarpanch, Village Panchayat Guirim, Shri Sanjit Rodrigues, Goa Tourism Dev. Corpn., did not attend the meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1**

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 88<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD**

The minutes of the 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board duly approved by the members are confirmed, so as to enter the same in the Minutes Book.



## AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

### a. FOLLOW UP ACTION ON THE DECISION TAKEN AT THE 88<sup>TH</sup> BOARD MEETING.

*Agenda item no. 2* – Chairman informed the members that inquiries were made with the Bicholim Urban Co-op. Bank and they have not agreed for grant of computer loan at the rate of 2% as provided by the Govt. to its employees.

After deliberations the members agreed to continue with the grant of the computer advance to its employees at the rate of 2% from the Boards funds on first come first serve basis.

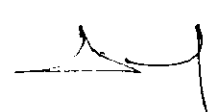
*Agenda Item no. 5* – Chairman informed the members that the item was deferred in the last meeting for MRF to make presentations. Then the officials of M/s M.R.F Ltd. made a presentation before the Board in respect of their proposed expansion of the unit.

The members deliberated on the presentation made by the project proponent and agreed for grant of Consent to Establish for expansion of the unit, subject to HPCC clearance.

*Table item no. 2* – Chairman informed the members that the Board had decided to exempt D category hotels having 10 or less rooms from obtaining Consent from the Board. The Hotels having 10 or less rooms and of D category had already submitted applications along with fees for obtaining Consent of the Board and were now seeking refund of the same. The members decided that all 'D' category hotels as listed by the Tourism Dept., and as exempted by the Board from obtaining Consent of this Board in the 88<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, who had applied prior to the decision of the Board should be refunded the amount deposited by them towards obtaining Consent. The members decided that this decision should be made applicable retrospectively.

### b. FOLLOW UP ACTION ON THE DECISION TAKEN AT 87<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD

*Agenda item no. 8* – Chairman informed the members in the earlier meeting it was decided to charge stone quarries one fee for the past period of operation and one fee for the subsequent period of operation. However some units had submitted application for Consent with the fees.



The members decided that in case of those stone quarrying units who had submitted application along with fees for all the past years of operation prior to the decision of the Board to impose one fee for the past period of operations and one fee for the subsequent period of operation should be refunded the additional fees deposited by them.

The members decided that this decision of the Board to charge one fee for the past period and one period for subsequent period of operation should be made applicable retrospectively.

*Agenda item no. 5* – Chairman informed the members that as decided in the earlier Board meeting quotations were invited and the highest quotation received for was an amount of Rs 1.05 Lakhs. The dealer had offered an rate of Rs 1.15 Lakh for the vehicle. The members deliberated on auctioning of the vehicle and decided that the vehicle should be sold to the Dealer at his quoted rate of Rs. 1.15 lakhs.

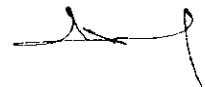
*Agenda item no. 11* – Chairman informed the members that the draft comments on the Mineral Policy were forwarded to the Director of Mines and Geology. The members perused the draft comments on the Mineral Policy forwarded to the Dept. of Mines and Geology and approved the same.

*c. FOLLOW UP ACTION ON THE DECISION TAKEN AT 85<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD*

*Agenda item no. 8* - The Chairman informed the members that as per the provision of the Right to Information Act a post of Record Keeper has to be created .The members approved for creation of one post of Record Keeper on regular basis in the Board office in the pay scale of Rs. 4000-100-6000 with the qualifications as Graduate in any stream and forward the proposal to the State Govt. for creation of the post.

*Agenda item no. 7* – The Chairman informed the members that monitoring was carried out at the four out of the seven locations as approved earlier. The Chairman further said that monitoring could not be carried out due to non availability of power connections at some locations.

The members approved to carry out ambient air quality monitoring twice a week at the said seven locations as earlier approved in the 85<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board through a laboratory recognized by the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India, from October, 2008 to May, 2009, at an estimated expenditure of Rs. 19 lakhs by inviting quotations.



*d. FOLLOW UP ACTION ON THE DECISION TAKEN AT THE 82<sup>nd</sup> BOARD MEETING*

*Agenda item no. 7* – The Chairman informed that in the earlier Board meeting it was decided to charge one fee for the past period of operation and one fee for the subsequent period of operation for Hotels, however it was not clearly recorded whether the same was applicable only to those hotels having 50 or less rooms. The members decided that charging of one fee for past period of operation and one fee for the subsequent period of operations for Hotels as decided in the 82nd meeting of the Board be applicable to all hotels having 50 or less rooms and hotels having 50 or more rooms. The members also decided that accordingly, M/s Alcon Holdings Pvt. Ltd. having 180 rooms which had earlier not obtained Consent of the Board should be charged one fee for the earlier period of operation and one fee for the subsequent period of operation.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3**

**MOBILE FACILITIES TO THE ACCOUNTANT OF THE BOARD**

Chairman informed the members that only five Scientific Assistants and the Accountant were not provided with mobile facility. The members approved for granting of mobile facilities to the Accountant of the Board and all the Scientific Assistants who are appointed on regular basis, with a ceiling of Rs. 250/- per month., as provided to the other staff of the Board.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**


**CREATION OF POSTS IN THE BOARD.**

The Chairman informed the members that the Board has voluminous records and the same have to be maintained in order and one post of Assistant Record Keeper and Peon was required to be created. The members approved for creation of one post of Assistant Record Keeper / Peon to assist the Record keeper in maintaining the records of the Board with minimum qualification of S.S.C in the pay scale of Rs. 2750-70-3800-75-4400 and one post of Peon as per Recruitment Rules and forward the same to the State Govt.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

**CONFIRMATION OF THE STAFF OF THE BOARD**

The Chairman informed the members that staff appointed in the Board since 1992-93 has not yet been confirmed. The members



unanimously agreed for confirmation of the staff of the Board who were appointed since 1992-1993 as the probation period has since expired and the employee is considered as permanent if he /she is not issued the confirmation letter within 5 years after his/her probation period.

However, as per the procedures laid down, it was decided to place the same before the Departmental Promotion Committee as constituted in the Recruitment Rules, for confirming the staff of the Board.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**  
**CONDEMNATION OF MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF THE BOARD.**

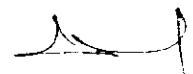
The Chairman informed the members that various miscellaneous items in the office have become unserviceable and the same require to be disposed. The members noted and approved the condemnation of the miscellaneous items by call of quotations of the items like laboratory equipments, computers, mobile hand sets, old chairs tables, racks etc. only after obtaining the condemnation certificate from the concerned authorities. Members also recommended that a list be prepared of the items to be sold and the approximate value of the scrap to be obtained before disposal.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**  
**HOUSEKEEPING SERVICES PROVIDED AT THE BOARD**

The members perused the ex-post facto approved the appointment of M/s Rodricks at a rate of Rs. 11,000/- per month for house-keeping services provided at both the floors of the office for a period of one year. However the members opined that instead, the Board should recruit two sweepers on contract basis at a consolidated amount of Rs. 3500/- each per month.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**  
**REINVESTMENT OF FIXED DEPOSITS**

Chairman informed the members that the fixed deposits of the Board are now reinvested to avail the best interest's rates. The members appreciated the initiative taken by the Assistant Accounts Officer of the Board in reinvesting the fixed deposit receipts of the Board for a higher rate of interest, thus increasing the revenue of the Board.



The members decided that a Committee comprising of the following members will decide on re-investing of the fixed deposits in Nationalized Banks.

1. Dr. L.U. Joshi
2. Shri Nitin Kunkolienkar
3. Shri Keshav Kamat

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

**HONORARIUM FOR THE STAFF OF THE BOARD.**

Chairman informed the members that the Board had approved to charge Rs 5 Lakhs as fee for conducting Public Hearing. The Environmental Public Hearings are conducted in locations which are in close vicinity of the mines. The Public Hearings are held for long durations.

- a. The members approved for granting of honorarium to the staff of the Board who are required to attend public hearings as follows:
  - i. Panel member of the Committee who represents the Board for the Hearing – Rs. 500/-
  - ii. Supporting staff of the Board – Rs. 350/- each.

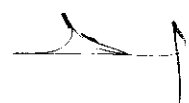
It was also decided that the said honorarium be paid to the staff for all the Public hearings conducted by the Board after the decision of the Board to charge a fee of Rs. 5 lakhs from the project proponent for conducting the Environmental Public Hearing to be paid retrospectively.

- b. The members also approved to pay honorarium to the staff of the Board who perform duties beyond office hours and cannot be compensated with compensatory off and are not eligible for other allowances, as per the Rules in force.

- c. The members also decided that the Non official members of the Board be paid a honorarium of Rs. 500/- plus the cost of transportation for attending the Board meetings and the same should be paid with effect from the re-constitution of the Board i.e. June, 2006.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**

**RE-NOMINATION OF THE APPELLATE AUTHORITY AND PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER UNDER THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT FOR THE BOARD.**



The Members decided that the Member Secretary should be the Appellate Authority under the Right to Information Act and Shri. Sanjeev Joglekar should be nominated as the Public Information Officer of the Board.

The members approved for the said appointments.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.11**

**ENHANCEMENT IN THE FINANCIAL POWERS OF THE CHAIRMAN**

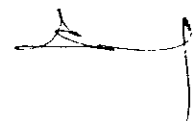
Chairman informed the members that as per Rule 17 the Chairman has powers to appoint staff on contract basis with consolidated pay of Rs 6000/ month. The members approved for enhancing the financial powers of the Chairman, as per Rule 17 of the Goa Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules, 1988, as amended to appoint staff on contact basis with minimum consolidated pay of Rs. 6000/- per month to Rs. 14,000/- per month.

The members also decided to forward the same to the Department of Science, Technology & Environment for issuing a suitable amendment in the said Rules.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 12**

**MAINTENANCE OF THE DISPLAY BOARD INSTALLED AT THE PANAJI BUS STAND**

Chairman informed the members that Indian Environmental Association had installed a display board at the Kadamba Bus Stand to display the Ambient Air Quality Monitoring reports conducted by GSPCB twice a week in Panaji city. There is a fault in the LED of the Board and the Indian Environmental Association has expressed its inability to repair the same due to paucity of funds. The members agreed to bear the cost in carrying out the repairs in the LED display board installed at the Kadamba bus stand Panaji, which was erected by the Indian Environmental Association at its own cost, displaying the results of the ambient air quality monitoring for Panaji City, carried out by Goa State Pollution Control Board. The members decided that quotations from the supplier of the board should be invited and repairs be undertaken and the expenditure towards the maintenance of the Board should be borne through the funds of the Board.



**AGENDA ITEM NO.13**

a. APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO ESTABLISH FOR A GASSIFIER PLANT OF M/s RUKMINIRAMA STEEL PVT. LTD., CUNCOLIM INDL. ESTATE.

B. APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO ESTABLISH FOR A GASSIFIER PLANT OF M/s GOA ISPAT PVT. LTD., MADKAIM INDL. ESTATE.

D. APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO ESTABLISH FOR A GASSIFIER PLANT OF M/s SHIRDI RE-ROLLERS PVT. LTD., CUNCOLIM INDL. ESTATE.

E. APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO OPERATE UNDER THE WATER AND AIR ACT FOR A GASSIFIER PLANT OF M/s SUNRISE ELECTROMELT LTD.


A presentation was made by the technology providers for the gassifier plant which is installed in the unit of M/s Sunrise Electromelt Ltd. (SEL) which has obtained Consent to Establish for the same from the Board. The units listed above propose to establish a gassifier plant and submitted applications for Consent to Establish. SEL was granted Consent to Establish a gassifier plant in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting.

The members decided that the matter should be referred to the Govt. to take an appropriate decision regarding permitting use of coal gassifier plants with the opinion regarding the operation of the gasification plant as installed in SEL.

The members decided that the decision regarding granting Consent to Establish gasification plants of M/s Rukminirama Steel Pvt. Ltd, M/s Goa Ispat Pvt. Ltd, M/s Shirdi Re-rollers Pvt. Ltd and granting Consent to operate the gasification plant of SEL should be taken once the State Govt. finalizes the policy.

b. APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO ESTABLISH of M/s MOHIT ISPAT LTD., FOR SHIFTING OF THE ROLLING MILL UNIT FROM KUNDAIM INDUSTRIAL ESTATE TO NAVELIM – BICHOLIM. ✓

The members noted that M/s Mohit Ispat Ltd. had obtained Consent to Establish a rolling mill as well as an induction furnace at plot no. 339 and 340, Kundaim Indl. Estate vide order dated 22/4/1997. However, the unit had established only an induction furnace and has obtained Consent to Operate under the Water and Air Acts from the Board. The unit now proposes to establish the rolling mill at Navelim, Bicholim Goa.





The members decided to grant Consent to Establish a steel rolling mill to M/s Mohit Ispat Ltd. at Navelim, Bicholim, Goa subject to the conditions that the capacity of the rolling mill would not exceed the earlier capacity approved and the unit will obtain SSI registration / HPCC approval for the same.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 14**

**APPLICATION FOR RE-STARTING OF THE INDUCTION FURNACE UNIT OF M/s SUNRISE ELECTROMELT LTD.**

The members decided to grant Consent to Establish to M/s Sunrise Electromelt Ltd. at plot no. M-4, Cuncolim Indl. Estate to re-establish the induction furnace which was dismantled earlier by the unit.

The members decided to grant Consent to Establish at the earlier approved capacity subject to installation of roof suction hood system in addition to the air pollution control equipment and also subject to obtaining HPCC approval.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 15**

**CONSENT TO ESTABLISH M/s GURUKRUPA STEEL ROLLINGS PVT. LTD.**

The members noted that M/s Gurukrupa Steel Rollings Pvt. Ltd. (GSRMPL) had purchased the closed unit of M/s Kay Pee Steel Pvt. Ltd. from a financial institution which had Consent of the Board to Establish an induction furnace and rolling mill. Subsequently, GSRMPL had submitted an application for Consent to Establish to re-set up the induction furnace and rolling mill. The Consent to Establish granted has since expired and the unit could not establish the plant due to financial constraints and hence has re-submitted application for Consent to Establish to re-set up the said induction furnace and rolling mill at Mollem - Usgao.

Considering the above facts, the members decided to grant Consent to Establish for re-setting up of the induction furnace and rolling mill at the earlier capacities subject to the condition that the unit installs a roof suction hood system for induction furnace in addition to the air pollution equipment and obtaining HPCC clearance.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 16**

**APPLICATION OF M/s ZANTYE & CO. PVT. LTD. (SARVONA IRON AND MANGANESE ORE MINE), BICHOLIM GOA, FOR CONSENT TO OPERATE UNDER AIR AND WATER ACTS.**

Chairman informed the members that the application of M/s Zantye & Co. Pvt. Ltd (ZCPL) for Consent to Establish was placed before the Board in its 84<sup>th</sup> meeting and it was decided that the application should be considered only after the National Appellate Authority decides on the appeal filed challenging the Environmental Clearance granted by the Ministry of Environment and Forests. The said appeal has not been allowed by the National Appellate Authority. ZCPL have also appealed against the decision of the Board in its 84<sup>th</sup> meeting for considering the application only after the appeal has been decided by the National Appellate Authority in the Administrative Tribunal.

The applicant has now requested the Board to grant Consent to Establish in view of the appeal being disallowed by the National Appellate Authority.

The members then perused the inspection reports of the Board officials and of the Dept. of Mines and Geology and decided to grant Consent to Establish to the mine of M/s Zantye & Co. Pvt. Ltd, T.C. No. 28/53 subject to the following conditions:


- i. The mine should comply with conditions stipulated in the Environmental Clearance.
- ii. The mine should prepare and implement flood control / protection measures on consultation with Water Resource Department.
- iii. The mine should construct an alternate road for movement of ore through trucks and should not transport ore through the existing road.
- iv. The mine should carry out plantation in 33% of the mining lease area.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 17**

#### **APPLICATION OF M/s MERCK SPECIALTIES PVT. LTD. FOR CONSENT TO ESTABLISH A NEW PRODUCT**

The officials of the unit made a presentation before the members in respect of their product i.e dehydrated culture medium and ready to use production, which is mainly a formulation unit. ✓

The members approved for grant of Consent to Establish a new product to M/s Merck Specialties Pvt. Ltd., subject to obtaining HPCC approval / SSI registration.



**AGENDA ITEM NO. 18**

APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO ESTABLISH RECEIVED FROM AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA FOR PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF NEW INTEGRATED INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL AT GOA CIVIL ENCLAVE.

The officials of Airport Authority of India made a presentation of their proposed construction of New Integrated International Terminal at Goa Civil Enclave at Dabolim, Goa. ✓

After deliberations the members approved for granting of Consent to Establish for the proposed construction of New Integrated International Terminal at Goa Civil Enclave.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 19**

EXEMPTION SOUGHT BY HOTEL LE GRANDE FROM OBTAINING CONSENT OF THE BOARD

The members perused the request made by Shri Udai Vagle representing Hotel Le Grande requesting for exemption in obtaining Consent of the Board as the hotel comprises of 24 rooms without restaurant and which does not generate any wet waste. Shri Vagle also stated that the sewerage is disposed through the PWD line.


The members felt that if concession is granted to such hotels then most of the hotels in the Cities having sewer connections will have to be exempted from Consent.

The members decided that the item should be discussed in the next Board meeting after compiling the data regarding the number of such hotels operating in the State and the estimated revenue loss if such exemption is granted.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 20**

SETTING UP OF A CONTINUOUS AMBIENT AIR QUALITY MONITORING STATION

Chairman informed the members that the Central Pollution Control Board has agreed to set up a continuous ambient air quality monitoring station with 50-50 funding basis. The estimate cost of the said station is Rs. 80 lakhs, for which the Board will have to bear the operational and



maintenance cost amounting to Rs. 10 lakhs per annum including manpower requirement, in addition to the 50% amount of Rs. 40 lakhs.

The members approved for bearing the 50% cost of the display board of the continuous ambient air quality monitoring station and also approved the additional amount of Rs. 10 lakhs as operational and maintenance cost of the station. The members decided to install the automatic display station at Verna junction.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 21**

#### **REVISION OF SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS CHARGES**

Chairman informed the members that the Central Pollution Control Board has revised the sampling and analysis charges for ambient air quality monitoring, stack monitoring, water and waste water samples etc.

The members agreed to implement the revised rates for carrying out the analysis of the Board laboratory and forward a proposal to the Dept. of Science Technology & Environment for approval and issue of amendment in the Notification for the revised rates.

#### **TABLE ITEM NO. 1**

#### **APPLICABILITY OF VI<sup>th</sup> PAY COMMISSION TO THE STAFF OF THE BOARD**

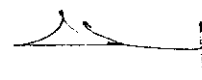
The members approved for implementation of the recommendations of the VI<sup>th</sup> Pay Commission as accepted and notified by the State Govt. to the employees of the Board.

#### **TABLE ITEM NO. 2**

#### **APPLICATION OF M/s G.N. AGRAWAL FOR EXTENDING OF THE VALIDITY PERIOD FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING OPERATIONS**

The members perused the request made by M/s G. N. Agrawal for extending of the validity period for operation of their jetty upto 15/12/08 as they could not carry out any operations due to the prevent monsoons.

The members deliberated and decided that Consent should be issued only for monitoring purpose i.e upto 15/12/08 and the decision regarding granting of Consent will be taken by the Board on receipt of the ambient air quality monitoring and noise monitoring reports.



The members also approved to carry out ambient air quality monitoring and noise monitoring through a laboratory recognized by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and recover the cost from M/s G.N. Agarwal.

**TABLE ITEM NO. 3**

**RENTING OF PREMISES AT MARGAO FOR SETTING UP A REGIONAL OFFICE FOR THE BOARD.**

Chairman informed the members that as decided earlier and approved by the Board, the formalities for purchase of premises could not be completed and stated that it is now proposed to rent a premises at Margao within 1 km radius of Collectorate bldg. in Margao City / 1 km. radius of Fatorda bus stand having an area of 60-80 sq. mtrs. by call of tenders to be advertised in one English and Marathi dailies.

The members decided to rent the premises for one year, and if the response to the Regional office from the industry and public at large is found satisfactory then it was proposed to purchase a premises in Margao for setting up a Regional Office within 1 km. radius of Fatorda bus stand / Collectorate bldg., Margao by call of tenders in local dailies..

**TABLE ITEM NO. 4**

**APPLICATION FOR EXPANSION FROM M/s SIMONA INDUSTRIES.**

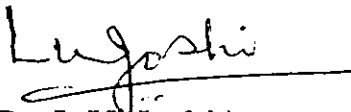
The members perused the application for expansion received from M/s Simona Industries for installation of cupola furnace for melting of the pig-iron with coal.

It was brought to the notice by some members that the Cabinet has decided not to permit new units involving melting / ferro alloy units.

The members felt that a detailed Note on such type of units with probable environmental effects / air pollution should be placed before the Board for arriving at an appropriate decision.

II. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

  
( A.G. Daiwajna )  
Member Secretary

  
( Dr. L.U. Joshi )  
Chairman