

GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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MINUTES OF THE 87TH MEETING OF THE GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD HELD ON 30TH APRIL, 2008, AT 3.30 PM IN THE BOARD'S CONFERENCE HALL.

I. The 87th meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board was held on 30/04/08 at 3.30 pm in the Conference hall of the Board.

The following members attended the meeting.

1. Dr. L.U. Joshi – Chairman
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3. Shri J.B. Bhingui –Director, Indi. Dev. Corporation
4. Shri Nitin Kunkolinekar, President, Goa Chamber of Commerce & Industry.
5. Shri Keshav Kamat – Representative of Goa Small Scale Industries Association
6. Mrs. Ruth Furtado, Councillor, Corporation of the City of Panaji
7. Shri Tulio De Souza, Architect
8. Shri A.G. Daiwajna - Member Secretary.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 86th MEETING OF THE BOARD

The minutes of the 87th 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

AUDIT STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 2001-2002.

The members perused and approved the Auditors report submitted by M/s Borkar and Muzumdar, Chartered Accountant appointed by the Govt., for the year 2001-2002.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

RELEASE OF COMPUTER ADVANCE TO THE STAFF

The members perused this item and were of the opinion that all staff members should benefit from the scheme, hence it was decided that the Board should fix a time limit for the staff for receiving applications for computer advance. The members also decided that offers from the Nationalized Banks /Co-operative Banks should be sought at a reasonable rate of interest, to provide funds for the Computer advance to be given to the staff of the Board as the present rate of interest offered by the Govt. is i.e 2% which is very less and the Board tends to loose money at the prevailing rate of interest. The members decided that the item should be placed before the next Board meeting after the proposals from the Banks is received.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

PURCHASE OF PREMISES FOR REGIONAL LABORATORY CUM OFFICE AT MARGAO

The members perused and approved the purchase of the premises admeasuring 196 sq. mtrs. built up area on the second floor of the building at Margao of M/s Swapna Developers at the negotiated rate of Rs. 31,000/- per sq. mtr. at an amount of Rs. 60,76,000/- (Rupees Sixty lakhs seventy six thousand only).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

CONDEMNATION OF THE EXISTING VEHICLE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND PURCHASE OF NEW VEHICLE

The members perused this item decided that the present vehicle of the Chairman should be replaced with a new vehicle. The members decided that an advertisement should be placed in papers for auctioning. On receipt of bids the offers from car dealers should be sought for exchange of the present vehicle. The highest offer received than should be considered. The members decided that either a Honda City or SX4 vehicle of Maruti Suzuki should be purchased from authorized dealers as vehicle for Chairman.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

APPLICATION OF GOA STATE INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PANJIM MINOR PORTS

The members perused this item and it was decided to defer the same to the next meeting as approval from the Goa Coastal Regulatory Zone has not been obtained.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

APPLICATION OF M/s SUNRISE ZINC LTD. FOR SETTING UP A CAPTIVE LAND FILL SITE.

The members perused this item and felt that with regards to application of M/s Sunrise Zinc Ltd. for Consent to Establish a Captive landfill site since the report submitted by Ramky Infrastructure for the proposed captive landfill site was a common report and the comments offered by NEERI are also common the applications of M/s Nicomet Industries Ltd and M/s Sunrise Zinc Ltd for establishment should be considered jointly and Consent to Establish should be granted to M/s Sunrise Zinc Ltd as the application of M/s Nicomet has already been approved in the previous Board meeting

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

REPRESENTATION RECEIVED FROM THE QUARRY OWNERS

The members perused and approved the waiver of fees for the previous period of operation to the quarry owners, holding valid Government leases in the same line as that for the Small Scale Industries and small hotels i.e one fee for earlier period of operation and one fee for the future period of operation. The members also decided to grant Consent with a validity period of five years for the Basalt quarries.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

APPLICATION OF MORMUGAO PORT TRUST FOR CONSENT TO OPERATE UNDER THE WATER AND AIR ACT.

The officials of Mormugao Port Trust were requested to give a presentation before the Board members in respect of the short term and long term measures proposed by them for handling of coal and coke at berth no. 10 and 11.

MPT was represented by Shri Joseph Silveira, Dy. Chief Engineer and Shri Eddy Rodrigues, Suptd. Engineer (P). They put forth that it is not possible for MPT to give prior intimation regarding the dates on which the vessels will be arriving at the Port the previous day, but assured that the Board will be informed once the same arrives at the Port. It was also informed that the oil water separator is installed on ship and land and

is collected automatically using German technology. It was also agreed that the short term and long term measures as proposed by the Board will be implemented to the extent possible.

After deliberation the members resolved that since the Port is an Utility service, the Mormugao Port Trust should submit a time bound action plan for mechanizing of berth nos. 10 and 11 so that impact of coal pollution is minimized in line with the letter issued by the Board on 20/03/08 with regards to the short and long term measures. The members decided that decision on the application for Renewal of Consent should be considered once the action plan is received from Mormugao Port trust.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10
REVIEWING OF DECISION WITH REGARD TO THE
APPLICATION OF M/S G.N. AGARWAL

On the directions of the Hon. High Court in Writ Petition no. 31 of 2007, the Board heard M/s G.N. Agarwal and the affected parties.

M/s G.N. Agarwal was represented by:

1. Adv. A.D. Bhohe
2. Mr. Devidas S. Kuchadkar

Bagwad Shirfod Nagrik Samiti was represented by:

1. Shri Shodan Naik
2. Shri Kayesh Bardali
3. Shri Sudhakar Naik
4. Shri Mulund Naik
5. Shri Abhay Khandekar

The representative of M/s G.N. Agarwal agreed to implement with the conditions imposed by the Board within three months from the date of issue of Consent.

The members of the Samiti charged that the unit is till date not complying with any pollution control norms and charged that the loading and unloading is being carried out at odd hours in the morning without give proper intimation to the concerned parties. They also submitted that transportation is being carried out in the No entry routes of the villages, thus violating the Notification issued by the concerned authorities. Trucks are found without tarpaulin cover and has caused a serious harm on the health of the villagers. The Samitti members vehemently opposed for operation of this jetty.

After deliberations the members decided that they would conduct a site inspection and placed the report before the Board for arriving at a decision.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT MINERAL POLICY FOR THE STATE OF GOA.

A copy of the Draft Mineral Policy prepared by the Board was placed for perusal of the members. The members sought time to study the same before submitting the proposal to the Govt.

The comments so received from the members shall be placed before the next meeting, before forwarding the same to the State Govt.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

APPLICATION OF M/s GURUKRUPA STEEL AND ROLLINGS PVT. LTD FOR CONSENT TO ESTABLISH AN INDUCTION FURNACE UNIT.

The members perused the item and rejected the application of M/s Gurukrupa Steel and Rollings Pvt. Ltd. to establish an induction furnace unit, as the sponge iron units have done a considerable damage to the environment.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

MOBILE ALLOWANCE FOR JUNIOR LEGAL OFFICER OF THE BOARD

The members perused and approved the grant of allowance of Rs. 250/- (Two hundred and fifty) only per month to the Junior Legal Officer of the Board as mobile phone allowance.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

