MINUTES OF THE 48th MEETING OF THE GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD HELD ON 31st OCTOBER, 2001 AT 11.00 AM

I. The 48th meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board was held in the Chamber of the Chairman on 31st October, 2001 at 11.00 am.

The following members attended the meeting:

1.	Mr. Arecio D'Souza	Chairman
2.	Chairperson, Mormugao Municipal Council	Member
3.	Air. Cmde. Mr. P.K. Pinto, as a representative	re
	of Goa Chamber of Commerce & Industry	Member
4.	Ms. Tereza Maria Rodrigues, as a representa	ative
	of Goa Mineral Ore Exporters Assoc	Member
5.	Director, S.T.E	Member
6.	Director of Panchayats	Member
7.	Director of Health Services	Member
8.	Sarpanch, Village Panchayat Kundaim	Member
9.	Mr. A.A. Parulekar	Member Secretary

The following members did not attend the meeting:

- 1. Chief Engineer, PWD
- 2. Director, Industries and Mines
- 3. Chairperson, Curchorem, Cacora Municipal Council
- 4. Managing Director, Industrial Dev. Corpn.

Managing Director, Goa Tourism Dev. Corpn. informed telephonically that he will not be in a position to attend the meeting due to some other engagements outside the State.

II. AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 47th MEETING OF THE GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

As recorded in the agenda notes, the members noted that the minutes of the 47th meeting duly approved are entered in the Minutes Book.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

FOLLOW UP ACTION ON THE MINUTES OF THE 46th MEETING OF THE GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD.

The Member Secretary informed the members that the performance of the power plant of Reliance Salgaocar Power Company Ltd, is within the prescribed limits, subsequent to change of fuel from Naphtha to L.D.O.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

PROGRESS MADE IN SELECTION OF SUITABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR THE BOARD OFFICE AND LABORATORY FOR ACQUISITION ON OUT-RIGHT PURCHASE BASIS.

The Member Secretary read the minutes of all the four meetings of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) constituted for advising the Board for selection of a suitable accommodation for the Board office and laboratory by outright purchase. The members perused the same and noted that after thorough scrutiny of the three offers received in response to the advertisement published in news papers, TAC has opined that the offer of V.S. Dempo & Co. Ltd. pertaining to the 1st floor admeasuring 603.74 sq.mts. of carpet area in their building named 'Dempo Towers' located at Patto Plaza, Panaji, is most suitable for acceptance. The Board also noted that in response to the negotiations carried out by TAC, V.S. Dempo & Co. Ltd. has agreed to bring down their offer from Rs. 24,550/- to Rs. 22,500/- per sq.mt. of the carpet area. The negotiated cost is inclusive of the cost of all the internal modifications as per the requirements of the Board office and laboratory.

The Member Secretary further informed that as advised by TAC, financial bid of V.S. Dempo & Co. Ltd. was only opened and that of Gold Star Construction Company Pvt. Ltd. has been retained without opening. After brief deliberations, the Board decided to open the financial bid of Gold Star Construction Co. Pvt. Ltd. also for comparison with the negotiated offer of V.S. Dempo & Co. Ltd.

As desired by the Board, the envelope containing financial bid of Gold Star Construction Company Pvt. Ltd. was opened and the Board noted that the price quoted by Gold Star Construction Company Pvt. Ltd. was Rs. 22,500/- per sq.mtr. of the carpet area.

After this preliminary discussion, representative of V.S. Dempo & Co. Ltd., Shri Hegde was invited to appear before the Board. He reiterated that their original offer of Rs. 24,550/- per sq. mtr. of the floor area has been reconsidered by them as per the advise of the TAC and they have agreed to give a rebate of Rs. 2,050/- per sq. mtr. Thus their final offer stands at Rs. 22,500/- per sq. mtr. of the carpet area.

The Board members thereafter visited the premises selected by TAC, alongwith the representative of V.S. Dempo & Co. Ltd. After thorough inspection and on site deliberations, the Board accepted the recommendations of the TAC and unanimously agreed that the premises offered by V.S. Dempo & Co. Ltd. would be the most suitable accommodation for the Board office and laboratory. However, the Board insisted that V.S. Dempo & Co. Ltd. should appreciate the fact that the Board office will add to the prestige of their building and as such they should give further rebate of Rs. 500/- per sq. mtr. to bring down their offer to Rs. 22,000/- per sq. mtr. of carpet area. The representative of V.S. Dempo & Co. Ltd. after consulting his top management on the mobile phone finally agreed to bring down their offer to Rs. 22,000/- per sq. mtr. of carpet area.

Accepting this offer, the Board adopted the following resolution:

'Resolved that, approval of the Board be and is hereby accorded to acquire by purchase from V.S. Dempo & Co. Ltd. the first floor admeasuring 603.74 sq. mtrs. of carpet area, of their building named 'Dempo Towers' located on plot number 16 in Patto Plaza, at the negotiated rate of Rs. 22,000/- per sq. mtr. of carpet area, with clear understanding that the cost agreed is inclusive of all the commitments made by V.S. Dempo & Co. Ltd. in their technical bid and subsequent correspondence and the actual carpet area for working out the total amount to be paid will be finalized after joint measurement. Resolved further that, Chairman and Member Secretary be and are hereby authorized to take all necessary steps those may be necessary for completion of the transaction and do all such acts, deeds, matters and things as it may deem fit in that regard, in consultation with the Board Advocate and to give necessary instructions to V. S. Dempo & Co. Ltd. in regard to the internal modifications those may require to be made in the acquired premises to make it ready for accommodating the Board office and laboratory and thereafter to take over the possession.



As directed by Hon. High Court in the Interim Order issued in PIL Writ Petition no. 384/1999, Chairman did not participate in the discussions, so also in adopting the Resolution.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR 2002-03

The Board perused and approved the Budget Estimate for the year 2002-03 and Revised Estimate for the year 2001-2002. The members also noted that a provision of Rs. 150 lakhs has been made in the 'Revised Estimate for the year 2001-2002' for making payment towards the cost of the office premises proposed to be acquired.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

CONSENT APPLICATIONS PROCESSED SINCE THE 46th MEETING OF THE GSPCB

The Board perused for acceptance the details of applications for consents processed by the Technical Committee and Chairman at the Committee meetings from 63rd to 83rd held between 19/4/01 to 27/09/01, as per the agenda notes.

The Board also decided that in case of the distillery of Penguin Alcohols Pvt. Ltd., a condition be inserted in the consent order making it mandatory on the management to keep the Board informed about the inventory of FMS at the site; further stipulating that the distillation operation should not be carried out unless sufficient spare storage capacity for the same is available at the site.

TABLE ITEM NO. 1

Chairperson, Mormugao Municipal Council informed the members that Ammonia Storage tank constructed by Zuari Industries Ltd within the Port limits of MPT is ready for commissioning. Member Secretary informed that the safety aspect of the same was examined by the Board as per the study carried out by National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI), Nagpur. The same Institute will be carrying out similar study after verification of the actual facilities provided during construction and submit their report to the Board office. Chairperson, Mormugao Municipal Council suggested that his Council be informed about the findings of NEERI. He also invited the Board members to visit the Ammonia Storage site preferably after its commissioning.



TABLE ITEM NO. 2

Chairman observed that the sitting fees for the non official members is due for revision. After a brief discussion, the Board resolved to move a proposal to the Govt. to enhance the sitting fees of the non official members to Rs. 250/- by making suitable amendment in sub-rule 4 of Rule 3 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules, 1988. It was further resolved to request the Govt. to examine as to whether the official members could also be made entitled for sitting fees, to encourage them to attend the meetings.

III. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

Prepared by:

A.A. Parulekar

Member Secretary

Approved by:

Arecio D'Souza Chairman