

**Minutes of the 14th Goa State Expert Appraisal Committee
(Goa-SEAC) meeting held on 8th April 2013 at 10.00 a.m. in the
Conference Room of the EIA Secretariat, O/o Goa State Pollution
Control Board (GSPCB), Patto.**

The fourteenth meeting of the Goa-SEAC was held on 8th April 2013 in the Conference room of the GSPCB under the Chairmanship of Dr. S. P. Fondekar. The list of members who attended the meeting is at “Annexure – 1”.

At the outset, Chairman welcomed the members and subsequently, Dr. Mohan R. Girap, Secretary, SEAC appraised the members about the purpose of the meeting and presented the Agenda items (Annexure – 2) to the Members. Accordingly, the item-wise proposals were discussed / deliberated with suitable recommendations, as applicable.

Project-wise comments are listed as under:-.

1. Reconsideration of following deferred proposal for minor mineral quarry leases by –

- a. **M/s Joao Lourenco Baptista** - for Renewal of two ‘Basalt stone quarries’ (*lease nos. (i) 01/Basalt/04 – Lease area - 7,150 sq.mts. and 04/Basalt/04 – Lease area - 5,080 sq.mts.*) located in survey no. 52/0 of Uguem village of Sanguem taluka in South Goa district.

Comments – Subsequent to project as well as site-specific compliance submitted by the Project Proponent (PP) and its scrutiny, the Committee has decided to recommend the proposal subject to mandatory compliance to the outcome by the PP after ascertaining current status, to be verified, by the Directorate of Mines and Geology (DMG), Goa in respect of –

1. Decision / order issued in respect of the PIL Writ Petition No. 10/2012. (*Francis Xavier Carvalho V/s Dept. of Mines and Geology*) and
2. ‘Suspension order cum Show Cause Notice’ issued by the DMG dated 8th October 2012.

- b. **M/s Rumaldo Fernandes** – for New ‘Laterite stone quarry’ located in survey no. 42/0 (*lease area - 7,180 sq.mts.*) of Muguli village in Sanguem taluka of South Goa district.

Comments – The Committee decided to defer the proposal as the proponent has not yet complied with / submitted the project-cum-site-specific observations.

2. Scrutiny and appraisal of the following new proposals namely –

- a. **M/s Mario Mascarenhas** – for Renewal-cum-expansion of ‘Basalt stone quarry’ located in Survey no. 62/1 (*Lease area - 7,000 sq.mts.*) of Santona village in Sanguem taluka of South Goa district.

Comments – The Committee, subsequent to project presentation by the proponent and detailed deliberation followed by site inspection on 9th April 2013 and ascertaining on-site clarification, has decided to recommend the proposal.

- b. **M/s Nilu Jaidev Shetye** – for New ‘Laterite stone quarry’ located in Survey no. 24/1 (*Lease area – 2,000 sq.mts.*) of Menkurem village in Bicholim taluka of North Goa district.

Comments - The Committee, subsequent to project presentation by the proponent and detailed deliberation, has decided to recommend the proposal.

- c. **M/s Anil Shaba Fal Dessai** – for New ‘Basalt stone quarry’ located in survey no. Survey no. 19/1(P) – *Lease area – 4,000 sq.mts.* of Goculdem village in Quepem taluka of South Goa district.

Comments - The Committee, subsequent to project presentation by the proponent and detailed deliberation, has decided to reserve its decision pending site-inspection. However, suggested that Authority may take a suitable decision after inspection, if agreeable.

- d. **M/s Kaloshi Granites** – for Renewal of ‘Basalt stone quarry’ located in survey no. Survey no. 12/1 of Damochem village in Sattari taluka of North Goa district.

Comments – The Committee reserved its decision as the said proposal could neither be discussed in detail nor site-inspection be conducted, owing to last-minute submission. However, it was suggested that Authority may take a suitable decision after its inspection, if agreeable.

Accordingly, the Committee has recommended the proposals mentioned in **1(a) and 2(a) and (b)** above with a request to undertake monitoring and compliance to the following by the Directorate of Mines and Geology (DMG), namely –

- a. ‘Goa Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2012 notified by the Directorate of Mines and Geology (DMG) and published in Official Gazette Series-I, No. 24 dated 17th September 2012.
- b. Submission of ‘**approved quarrying plan**’ by the competent officer as per Sub-rule (7) as well as specific compliance to Sub-rules 7(A) to 7(D) of the above-referred Rules, as applicable.

- c. Ascertaining the compliance to “Order” issued by National Green Tribunal (NGT) dated 21st September 2012 in a matter related to Review Application no. 8/2012 in Application No. 26/2012 and verifying that the minor minerals lease areas referred above do not fall within the Ecologically Sensitive Zone (ESZ-1) as defined in the Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel (WGEEP) report.

While, the Committee deferred the proposal mentioned in 1(b) and reserved its decision pertaining to proposals mentioned in 2 (c) and (d) with a request that Authority to take suitable decision in these matters.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Mrs. Anita. A. B. Barreto

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Dr. Savita S. Kerkar

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Mr. Antonio Jaime Afonso

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Mr. S. M. Sawant

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Dr. Purnanand Savoikar

_____ *Sd./-* _____

Sd./-
Dr. Mohan R. Girap
Secretary, Goa-SEAC

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Dr. S. P. Fondekar
Chairman, Goa-SEAC

Place: Patto, Panaji
Date: 10th April 2013