

**Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Goa State Expert Appraisal Committee  
(Goa-SEAC) meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 10.00 a.m. in the  
Conference Room of the EIA Secretariat, O/o Goa State Pollution Control  
Board (GSPCB), Patto.**

The fifteenth meeting of the Goa-SEAC was held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014 in the Conference room of the GSPCB at 10.00 a.m. under the Chairmanship of Prof. Antonio Jaime Afonso. The list of members who attended the meeting is at “Annexure – 1”.

At the outset, Chairman welcomed the members of the newly re-constituted Goa State Expert Appraisal Committee (Goa-SEAC) which was notified in the Govt. of India Official Gazette in Extraordinary Part-II, Section-III, Sub-section (ii) dated 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013 and conveyed wishes for the New Year. Subsequently, Dr. Mohan R. Girap, Secretary, SEAC appraised the members about the purpose of the meeting and made brief power-point presentation on mandate and objectives of the Goa-SEAC in terms of provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006, specifically for the appraisal of the new Members.

Further, Secretary appraised the Committee about the current status of receipt of various project proposals, seeking prior EC, along with some old pending cases with the Goa-SEIAA. It was informed that more than 50 various projects proposals (*i.e. minor mineral quarry leases, construction projects, etc.*) have been received and needs to be screened, appraised and considered subsequent to site-inspection followed by the project presentation by proponents concerned respectively. He also appraised the need and urgency to strengthen the EIA-Goa State Secretariat w.r.t. the human resource component to deal with the increasing workload / clearing of back-log and its time-bound dispensation and forwarding the relevant recommendations to the Goa-SEIAA for appropriate decision in the matter as per the EIA Notification. Accordingly, the proposal to initiate contractual appointments / staff deputation from other line depts. of at least 2 – 3 persons, as applicable, in the O/o the EIA-Goa State Secretariat, has been forwarded to the State Government, through Goa-SEIAA / Department of Science, Technology and Environment (DST&E), for approval and further needful. However, for the time-being, it is given to understand that two temporary staff from the O/o the Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority (GCZMA) have been deputed, as office assistants, in the O/o EIA-Goa State Secretariat.

He informed that the EIA-Goa State Secretariat has hired premises on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Dempo Towers and currently, it is being shared with the O/o the Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority (GCZMA).

Further, considering the large back-log of pending project proposals, he urged that Committee needs to meet at least twice / thrice a month subsequent to undertaking relevant site-inspections of project sites and as such, sought assistance from all the Goa-SEAC Members to prioritize the site-inspection.

Dr. Mohan Girap shared that e-mail communication, being the fastest mode of communication, be considered as official intimation / document in all future correspondences. Dr. Manoj Bokar and Dr. P.K. John suggested that hard copies of all the received proposals be made available in addition to its soft copy format for better scrutiny and reference. Dr. Manoj Borkar also suggested that official communication be forwarded to Colleges / Organization concerned requesting to depute / spare the service of the nominated 'Member' representing that College / Organization to enable to attend the meeting and/or participate during the site-inspection and the said assignment be considered as 'On Duty'. Further, he suggested that Photo-identity card be issued to all concerned Members. He also suggested that Members of the Goa-SEAC and Goa-SEIAA should meet at least once in 02-03 months to address any EIA-related matter to have a holistic approach of suitable project consideration.

Further, members opined that official entitlement of sitting fees / site-inspection fees per Member needs to be re-structured and accordingly proposed to enhance it to Rs. 5,000/- per person per sitting / meeting and Rs. 5,000/- per person per day for site-inspection. In addition, it was also proposed to purchase a multi-utility vehicle to enable timely site-inspection and other out-of-office related works on day-to-day basis. The Members resolved that these two proposals be forwarded to the Goa-SEIAA for onward submission to the State Government for approval / suitable decision in the matter.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

**Dr. Ashok G. Dessai** \_\_\_\_\_ *Sd./-* \_\_\_\_\_

**Dr. Manoj R. Borkar** \_\_\_\_\_ *Sd./-* \_\_\_\_\_

**Mrs. Anita A. B. Barreto** \_\_\_\_\_ *Sd./-* \_\_\_\_\_

**Mrs. Ashwinin Pai Panandikar** \_\_\_\_\_ *Sd./-* \_\_\_\_\_

**Dr. P. K. John** \_\_\_\_\_ *Sd./-* \_\_\_\_\_

**Shri. Jaganath Hirkude** \_\_\_\_\_ *Sd./-* \_\_\_\_\_

**Dr. Purnanand V. Savoikar** \_\_\_\_\_ *Sd./-* \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Sd./-*  
**Prof. Antonio Jaime C. Afonso**  
Chairman, Goa-SEAC

Place: Patto, Panaji  
Date: 30<sup>th</sup> January 2014

## **ANNEXURE – 1**

### **List of members who attended the fifteenth Goa-SEAC meeting**

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| 1. Prof. Antonio Jaime C. Afonso, St.Istevam | <b>Chairman</b>    |
| 2. Dr. Ashok G. Dessai, Margao               | - <i>Member</i>    |
| 3. Dr. Manoj R. Borkar, Nuvvem               | - <i>Member</i>    |
| 4. Mrs. Anita B. Barreto, Panaji.            | - <i>Member</i>    |
| 5. Mrs. Ashwinin Pai Panandikar, Bambolim    | - <i>Member</i>    |
| 6. Dr. P. K. John, Alto-St.Cruz              | - <i>Member</i>    |
| 7. Mr. Jaganath Hirkude, Verna               | - <i>Member</i>    |
| 8. Dr. Purnanand Savoikar , Bicholim         | - <i>Member</i>    |
| 9. Dr. Mohan R. Girap, Panaji                | - <i>Secretary</i> |

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