

**Minutes of the 29th Goa State Expert Appraisal Committee
(Goa-SEAC) meeting held on 20th January 2015 at 10.00 a.m. in the
Conference Room of the Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB),
Patto, Panaji**

The twenty ninth meeting of the Goa-SEAC was held on 20th January 2015 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 annexed (*refer "Annexure – I"*). At the outset, Chairman welcomed the Members and requested Secretary, Goa-SEAC (*hereinafter referred as Committee*) to proceed as per the Agenda item (*refer Annexure – 2*). Accordingly, the following two project proponents made the project-specific presentations before the Committee. The details are as under –

- a. **M/s Samrat Industries, Quepem** for renewal of Minor Mineral Quarry Lease area (1.00 Ha.) in survey no. 23/1(P) in Rumbrem village, Sanguem taluka. (*Site was inspected by SEAC on 13th February 2014*).

Representatives from **M/s Bhagavathi Anna Labs Pvt. Ltd.**, (*NABET/QCI-accredited environmental consultant bearing NABET Accreditation no. NABET/EIA/RA 008 / 013 dated 28th May 2014*), on behalf of the project proponent (PP) made the presentation.

The Committee, based on the said presentation, decided to recommend the proposal for grant of environmental clearance (EC) towards renewal of mineral quarry lease with the inclusion of 'Specific conditions' to be complied prior to undertake on-site excavation.

- (i) As referred to in the Environment Management Plan (EMP), dust suppression measures (*i.e. water sprinklers*) to be undertaken regularly at specific interval during the daytime.
- (ii) The entire minor mineral lease boundary (*i.e. as per the lease agreement*) should be fenced with cement poles / barbed wire.
- (iii) Submission of Form 1/16 or any other relevant approved / authorized document(s) suggesting the status of approach access from the main road to the quarry
- b. **M/s Nestle (India) Pvt. Ltd., Tisk**, Usgaon for the proposed expansion of Industrial building situated at Plot No. 294/1, 2,3,4 and 297/0, Usgao Industrial area, Tisk, Usgao, Ponda, Goa. (*Site was inspected by SEAC on 25th September 2014*).

Representatives from **M/s Sadekar Enviro Engineers Pvt. Ltd., Panaji**, on behalf of the project proponent (PP) made the presentation. The Committee, prima-facie has realized that the aforementioned proposal is a 'post-facto' case wherein the project proponent (PP) has submitted the application, seeking environmental clearance (EC), near-completion stage of project execution. Accordingly, the observations of the Committee are as under –

- (i) To penalise and impose punitive action, as deemed fit, by the Goa State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (Goa-SEIAA) as the PP has approached for post-facto environmental clearance.
- (ii) Admittedly, the existing campus due to concretization has caused habitat loss for birds and as such the same may be redeemed by proper landscape interventions to restore habitat value to the extent possible.
- (iii) In view of presence of few species of conservation values, the PP should conceptualise a sustained yearlong multi-stakeholder sensitization / awareness programme on the theme 'human-wildlife conflict – mitigation and conservation measures' for which appropriate budgetary outlay to be provided. As this involves financial implications, the PP has sought time to communicate the same. Accordingly, a concept note referring the scope, modalities of implementation and budget outlay need to be submitted.

The Committee, notwithstanding the above observations, has recommended the proposal for grant of environmental clearance (EC).

Subsequently, the Committee deliberated on the communication, in response to Committee's site-specific observations, received from **M/s Ramsukh Resorts Pvt. Ltd.**, and decided to obtain technical inputs to various observations of the Committee to enable to initiate further course of action. Further, as regards to the project proposal submitted by **M/s BITS, Pillani, Goa campus**, Sancoale for proposed expansion in educational institutions was discussed in light of the Notification no. S.O. 3252(E) issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change and published in the Official Gazette (Extraordinary) PART II, Section 3, Sub-section(ii) dated 22nd December 2014 for further appraisal, as applicable. However, considering the fact that BITS Pilani, Goa campus has applied prior to the date of effective enforcement of the said Notification, the Committee decided to suitable scrutinize and appraise the same as per the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006.

Later, the Committee could not verify all the details of compliance(s) submitted by **M/s In-Orbit Malls (India) Ltd.**, to various Goa-SEAC's site / project-specific

observations for the proposed residential Development with convenient shopping at plot bearing Sy. No. 12/1 (P), 13/1 A (P) and 13/1-B (P) at village Panelim, Taluka Tiswadi and as such, deferred the same to be discussed during its next meeting.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

Dr. Manoj R. Borkar

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Mrs. Anita A. B. Barreto

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Mr. Jaganath Hirkude

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Dr. P. K. John

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Mr. Suhas Gaonkar

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

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

Place : Panaji
Date: January 2015

ANNEXURE – 1

List of members who attended the twenty-ninth Goa-SEAC meeting held on 20th January 2015

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| 1. Prof. Antonio Jaime C. Afonso, St. Istevam | Chairman |
| 2. Dr. Manoj R. Borkar, Nuvvem | - <i>Member</i> |
| 3. Mrs. Anita A. B. Barreto | - <i>Member</i> |
| 4. Dr. P. K. John, Alto-St.Cruz | - <i>Member</i> |
| 5. Mr. Jaganath Hirkude, Nuvem | - <i>Member</i> |
| 6. Mr. Suhas Gaonkar, Canacona | - <i>Member</i> |
| 7. Dr. Mohan R. Girap, Panaji | - <i>Secretary</i> |