

**Minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> Goa State Expert Appraisal Committee  
(Goa-SEAC) meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 10.30 a.m. in the Conference  
Room of the Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB), Patto, Panaji**

The thirtieth meeting of the Goa State Expert Appraisal Committee (*Goa-SEAC – hereinafter referred as “Committee”*) was held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 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 of the Committee to proceed as per the Agenda item (*refer Annexure – 2*). Accordingly, a proposal submitted by the **Corporation of the City of Panaji / CCP** seeking Terms of References (ToR’s) for Solid Waste Management Facility proposed at Baingunim village, Tiswadi taluka, North Goa district, subsequent to site-inspection conducted by the Committee on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015, was presented by the Commissioner, CCP. However, the Committee reserved its apprehension / reservations about the aforesaid proposal to setup a Common Municipal Solid Waste Management at Baingunim village by the CCP on date. While doing so, following facts were taken on account –

1. The surrounding of the proposed site has a dense settlement including local residents.
2. The cognisance of the UNESCO notifying the heritage status to the Bom Jesus Basilica & temple located within 1 km. aerial distance from the proposed site boundary. In addition, presence of archeologically relic nature of the Kadamba wall.
3. The likelihood of odour fallout emanating mainly during on-site transport of solid waste from various locations to the proposed plant.
4. It is given to understand that the Solid Waste Management Facility (SWMF) proposed to be established at Saligao facility is intended to receive and treat the waste from North Goa including the Panjim city. As such, exclusive SWM facility and its operation proposed at Baingunim will be unsustainable considering the quantity of optimum daily generation / receipt of waste at the said plant.

Further, the Commissioner requested for issuance of ToR’s to enable to conduct EIA study. The Committee decided to defer the matter until the operationalization of the SWM facility at Saligao for which prior environmental clearance (EC) has been granted recently. However, the CCP has been requested to submit ‘chronology of events’ to the Committee since initiation of process for acquisition of the proposed plot area until now to be discussed for further appraisal during the next meeting.

The members expressed their apprehension about this plant getting enough organic waste for its minimum daily operation, as it was earlier understood that waste from CCP would be feeding the Saligao waste management unit.

Later, a proposal submitted by **M/s In-Orbit Malls (India) Pvt. Ltd.** for proposed residential development with convenient shopping in plot bearing sy. nos. 12/1 (P), 13/1 A (P) and 13/1-B (P) at village Panelim, Taluka Tiswadi was discussed in light of certain project-cum-site specific observations. In response to the same, the Committee also heard representative architect of the project proponent (PP). He clarified that a farm-house is indeed a house in a farm for undertaking farming related activities – *i.e. poultry, dairy or horticulture-based activities* to be mandatorily practised. He also cited examples from the other states wherein such a condition has been strictly enforced from the occupants of farm-house. As regard to the query pertaining to the ‘source and quantum of water’ proposed to be utilized for the farming activities, it was informed that treated water from the STP will be utilized. However, considering the quantum of water required, the Committee realized the insufficiency of the source in light of farming sustainability. The Committee, in light of settlement at the foot-slopes, also raised apprehension about the status of land use land cover vis-a-vis ground slope within the immediate peripheral boundary of the proposed farm-house. In view of the above observations, the Committee directed the PP to submit a detailed ‘Concept Note’ supported with relevant documents / maps / plans / lay-out design, as applicable, including the viable and sustainable source of water to undertake long-term farming-related activities.

Other agenda items could not be taken up for discussions and suitable decision in the matter and it was decided to take up these matters along with the relevant compliances submitted by the CCP, if any, during the next Meeting to be scheduled shortly.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

**Dr. Manoj R. Borkar**

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**Mrs. Anita. A. B. Barreto**

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

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**Mr. Antonio Jaime C. Afonso**  
Chairman, Goa-SEAC

Place: Patto, Panaji  
Date: February 2015

## ANNEXURE – 1

### List of members who attended the thirtieth Goa-SEAC meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015

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| 1. Prof. Antonio Jaime C. Afonso, St.Istevam | <b>Chairman</b>    |
| 2. Dr. Manoj R. Borkar, Nuvvem               | - <i>Member</i>    |
| 3. Mrs. Anita B. Barreto, Panaji.            | - <i>Member</i>    |
| 4. Dr. Mohan R. Girap, Panaji                | - <i>Secretary</i> |