

**Minutes of the 39th Goa State Expert Appraisal Committee
(Goa-SEAC) meeting held on 4th June 2015 at 10.30 a.m. in the Conference
Room of the EIA Secretariat, O/o Goa State Pollution Control Board
(GSPCB), Patto.**

The thirty-ninth meeting of the Goa-SEAC (*hereinafter termed as 'Committee'*) was held on 4th June 2015 in the Conference room of the Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB) at 10.30 a.m. under the Chairmanship of Mr. Antonio Jaime Afonso. The list of members who attended the meeting is given in "Annexure – I".

At the beginning Chairman welcomed the Members and proceeded with the discussions regarding applications received from **District Collector / SDO, South Goa** seeking environmental clearance (EC) for extraction of Sand / Pebble extraction from proposed leases within estuarine / riverine stretches in South Goa. Following the site-inspections conducted by the Committee on 19th / 20th / 29th May 2015 and after ascertaining the site-conditions of the proposed leases, the Committee has realized that although in the State of Goa sand extraction is carried out in a traditional manner by manual method using canoe, rope and bucket, its location, depth as well as bathymetry of the river channel needs to be prioritized and ascertained based on ecological set-up of the area. This in turn, will aid in understanding the rate of erosion/accretion, sediment movement vis-a-vis practical feasibility of its replenishment within the excavated portion of an estuarine/river bottom. As such, the Committee desired to know the institutional mechanism proposed to be adopted by the Project Proponent (PP) – South Goa District Collectorate or the regulatory authority – Directorate of Mines and Geology (DMG) so as to regulate and monitor the quantity of sand extraction, either lease-wise or cluster-wise, prior to forward suitable recommendations to the Authority (*i. e. Goa-SEIAA*). Further, the Committee has decided to reject the proposal of sand mining lease proposed along Khandepar riverine stretch at Piliem as the sand is proposed to be extracted from a portion of a riverine stretch abating a laterite quarry wherein overburden from the said quarry is dumped along the bank of the river.

Further, following communications received by the O/o EIA Goa State Secretariat was taken up for the discussions as stated below:

1. Proposal received from **M/s Gera Development Pvt. Ltd., Pune dated 26th May 2015** for proposed construction of a commercial building 'Imperium-V' at plot No. 43/44, EDC Patto Plaza, Panaji, 403001, was placed before to the Committee.

However the same was not taken for discussion in view of the letter dated 01/06/2015 withdrawing the said proposal.

2. Proposal received from **M/s Loonkar Developers Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai** with a request to effectuate ‘amendment’ in the Environmental Clearance (EC) issued earlier for proposed residential project in survey. no. 93/2 of Bambolim village in Tiswadi Taluka, North Goa by M/s Pascol Trindadae. Accordingly, the Committee decided to conduct site-inspection on 9th June 2015.
3. Communications received from – (a) **M/s Marushka Stone Industries, Pajimol, Uguem**, (b) **M/s M/s Danra Metals, Pajimol, Uguem**, (c) **M/s Satyappa G. Dhangalkar, Kakoda, Sanguem** requesting to reconsider the proposal submitted while seeking environmental clearance (EC) in light of non-inclusion of relevant quarry leases as Ecological Sensitive Area (ESA). Accordingly, the Committee decided to conduct site-inspections of minor mineral quarry leases concerned.
4. Communication received from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (*MoEF & CC*) with a request to depute Chairman, Committee along with one technical staff for 1-day workshop proposed on “**Environment Impact Assessment : online submission of TORs**”. Accordingly, it was decided to depute Chairman (Goa-SEAC) for the said workshop.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Dr. Manoj R. Borkar

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Mrs. Anita Baretto

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Mrs. Ashwini Pai Panandikar, Bambolim

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Dr. P. K. John

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

Place: Patto, Panaji
Date: June 2015.

List of members who attended the 39th Goa-SEAC meeting held on 4th June 2015

1. Prof. Antonio Jaime C. Afonso - **Chairman**
2. Dr. Manoj R. Borkar - *Member*
3. Mrs Anita Baretto - *Member*
4. Mrs. Ashwini Pai Panandikar - *Member*
5. Dr. P. K. John - *Member*