

**Minutes of the 56<sup>th</sup> Goa State Expert Appraisal Committee  
(Goa-SEAC) meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 10.30 a.m. in the  
Conference Room of the Goa State Pollution Control Board, Patto.**

The fifty-sixth meeting of the Goa-SEAC (*hereinafter termed as 'Committee'*) was held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 10.30 a.m. in the Conference room of the Goa State Pollution Control Board (Goa-PCB) 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 as per the Agenda items (refer Annexure – 2). However, Secretary informed that two minor mineral quarry lease holders (*i.e. M/s Shaik Mukthar and M/s Inancio Fernandes – refer agenda 1 (1) and 1(3) respectively*) will not be making the project-specific presentations and has sought its postponement.

1. As such, following two project-specific presentations were held followed by post-presentation discussion / deliberations, the details of which are as under –
  - (i) **M/s Anand Salgaonkar** – proposal for 'renewal' of basalt-stone quarry (*lease no. 14/Basalt/10*) located in survey no. 20/1 of Sirsaim village (*lease area – 9,000 sq.mts.*) in Bardez taluka of North Goa district.

M/s Kurade Consultants made the project-specific presentation on behalf of the lease holder. It was informed that although the Directorate of Mines and Geology (DMG) has granted the said lease in year 2010, no work has been initiated / stone extracted from the proposed lease area and has expired on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2015. The Committee had verified the on-site status during the inspection conducted on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

The Committee during the post-presentation discussion opined that lease holder needs to submit Environment Management Plan (EMP) prior to undertake quarrying for perusal of the Committee and further appraisal. Also, as suggested by the Committee during its site-visit, a buffer zone of 30 mt. linear distance parallel to the nala should be left inviolate. Further, the Committee has noted a rail track in the proximity of the proposed site and as such mandates that due care be taken to avoid any process impacts on stability of the same. Accordingly, the Committee decided that the lease holder needs to submit the compliance to above mentioned observations for further decision in the matter.

- (ii) **M/s Satpurush Metal Industries** – proposal for executing a 'new' basalt-stone quarry lease located in survey no. 66/0 of Allorna village, Pernem taluka of North Goa district.

**M/s Sadekar Enviro Engineers Pvt. Ltd.,** (*NABET/QCI-accredited environmental consultant*) made the project-specific presentation with rate of stone extraction @ 400 m<sup>3</sup> per month and limited to non-monsoon seasons. Further, the study carried out under 'Ecology and Biodiversity' within the peripheral limits of 5 kms. surrounding the lease area has reported a presence of Schedule-1 species (*i.e. Pea Fowl*) and as such, it is mandated that lease holder needs to initiate adequate measures for 'onsite conservation' of such species. Accordingly, **the Committee has decided to recommend the proposal for grant of prior environmental clearance (EC).**

2. Later, a compliance submitted by **M/s Costa Enterprises** in response to post-presentation observations sought during 52<sup>nd</sup> Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015 w.r.t. project proposal seeking prior environmental clearance (EC) for New Basalt-stone quarry lease proposed in Survey no. 36/0 of Muguli village in Sanguem taluka, South Goa was perused. However, on its scrutiny the **Committee desired that the lease holder needs to submit and 'undertaking / agreement / NOC', as applicable from the land owner for utilizing access / approach-road to the proposed lease vis-à-vis to-and-fro transportation of quarried material prior to further consideration of the said proposal.**
3. As per the advice of the Goa State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (*Goa-SEIAA, hereinafter referred as "Authority"*), the Committee perused the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Report forwarded by the **Goa State Infrastructure Development Corporation (GSIDC)** and prepared for construction proposed bridge across Tiracol river at Keri, Pernem taluka, North Goa district and decided to forward suitable comments / observations to the Authority in due course of time.
4. Thereafter, the Committee perused and verified the compliance submitted by **M/s Paul Godinho** (*in response to clarification sought during 55<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015*) and decided to recommend the proposal for grant of environmental clearance (EC). Later, after perusing e-mail communications received from M/s Kurade Consultants on behalf of (i) **M/s Minguelino D'costa** (*in response to clarification sought during 55<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015*) and **M/s Rosario Fernandes** (*in response to clarification sought during 54<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015*), the Committee sought detailed compliance (*not in part*) and its submission in hard copy format from these two lease holders prior to consider their proposals any further.

5. Subsequently, a communication received from **M/s Alcon Constructions (Goa) Pvt. Ltd.**, (*vide letter no. ACPL/GSEIAA/302/2015 dated 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015*) was perused and discussed in detail. It was informed that the Project Proponent (PP) had obtained prior environmental clearance (EC) from the Goa State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (*hereinafter referred as "Authority"*) in May 2011 for construction of hospital-cum-hotel proposed on plot no. 112/1 & 112/2 (Part) in Taleigao village of Tiswadi taluka in North Goa district and has not initiated any development / construction activity till date. Now, vide the above-referred letter the PP has revised the 'outline plan' to include residential / commercial usage instead of the hospital and accordingly has sought EC for the revised proposal. After detailed discussion **the Committee**, based on the clause 5(c) of the earlier EC issued by the Authority, **decided that the PP needs to re-submit the proposal afresh for further appraisal / consideration.**

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

**Dr. Manoj R. Borkar**

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

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**Dr. P. K. John**

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**Mrs. Ashwini Pai Panandiker**

\_\_\_\_\_ *Sd/-* \_\_\_\_\_

**Dr. Jagannath Hirkude**

\_\_\_\_\_ *Sd/-* \_\_\_\_\_

**Mr. Suhas Gaonkar**

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

*Sd/-*

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

Place: Patto, Panaji  
Date: December 2015