

**Minutes of the 58th Goa State Expert Appraisal Committee
(Goa-SEAC) meeting held on 12th January 2016 at 02.30 p.m. in the
Conference Room of the EIA Secretariat, Patto.**

The fifty-eighth meeting of the Goa-SEAC (*hereinafter termed as 'Committee'*) was held on 12th January 2016 at 02.30 p.m. in the Conference room of the Goa State EIA Secretariat 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).

1. At the beginning, the Committee perused the compliance submitted, vide letter no. Nil dated 22nd December 2015, by **M/s Costa Enterprises** in response to the observation as sought during its 56th meeting held on 17th December 2015 (*i.e. submission of '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*). Accordingly, it has been decided that **the lease holder (i.e. M/s Costa Enterprises) needs to submit a copy of the 'Agreement' dated 15th January 2013 as reflected in the above-referred communication for further perusal and records.**
2. Subsequently and as per the directives of the Goa State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (*Goa-SEIAA, hereinafter referred as "Authority"*) as well as in continuation with the discussions held on the proposal w.r.t. 'rail freight terminal proposed by **M/s Sociedade de Fomento** during its previous meeting on 7th January 2016, the Committee re-examined various pertinent documents in response to various additional representations received from the O/o village panchayat of Xic-Xelvona, Assolda and Hodar as well as individual stakeholders. Accordingly, the Committee having convened this meeting as per the said directives for the purpose of re-visiting the said project proposal perused all available office records (*based on the submission of the project proponent*) vis-à-vis representations. As the opposition is from multiple stake holders on multiple counts, **the Committee seeks to deliberate on this issue with utmost care and at length and as such has decided to defer the decision at this juncture and felt that the prior environmental clearance (EC) granted by the Authority to the said project proposal be kept in abeyance till all the alleged violations / objections are ascertained and clarified by the State EIA Authority.**

3. Later, a proposal submitted by **M/s Sociedade de Fomento Ind. Pvt. Ltd.**, seeking environmental clearance (EC) for renewal of basalt-stone quarry lease located in survey number 31/P (4.85Ha) of Sigao village, Dharbandora, North Goa was perused. Accordingly, **the Committee decided to conduct site-inspection on 28th January 2016 (Thursday)** and invite the lease holder thereafter for making project-specific presentation before the Committee.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Dr. Manoj Borkar

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Mrs. A.A.B. Barreto

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Dr. P. K. John

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Dr. Jagannath Hirkude

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

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

Place: Patto, Panaji
Date: January 2016