

**Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Goa State Environment Impact Assessment Authority  
(Goa-SEIAA) held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 12.30 p.m. in the Conference room of the  
EIA Secretariat, O/o Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB), Patto.**

The ninth meeting of the Goa-SEIAA was held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2013 in the Conference room of the GSPCB under the Chairmanship of Mr. Jose M. Noronha. The list of members is annexed (*refer Annexure – 1*).

At the outset, Chairman welcomed the Members and informed about the purpose of convening the meeting at the very short notice. Accordingly, Agenda Items (*refer Annexure – 2*) were taken up for detailed deliberation / discussions and suitable decision in the matter, namely -

1. As regard to proposal by **M/s Leading Hotels Ltd., Panaji** for setting up of a 18-hole PGA-standard Golf course and Eco-tourism resort facility in survey nos. 2 to 13 of Terekhol village in Pernem taluka of North Goa district admeasuring total area of 244.6 acres, the Authority, in response to a request by the Project Proponent (PP), has re-appraised the said development activity as per the ‘Schedule’ annexed to the EIA Notification, 2006 (*as amended upto 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013*) w.r.t. category 8(a) – Building and construction project.

**Decision** – The Authority has appraised the aforementioned construction / development activity as category ‘B’ project – 8(a) involving total proposed built up area (BUA) of 58,416 sq.mts. (*i.e.  $\geq 20,000$  and  $< 1,50,000$  sq.mts.*) for which ‘General Conditions’ are not applicable and has accordingly decided to grant prior EC. However, the Authority argued that applicability of provisions under any other Notification, as applicable, needs to be ascertained by competent authorities concerned.

2. As regard to non-compliance by **M/s Model Real Estate Developers, Panaji**, w.r.t the issuance of communication directing the firm for payment of penalty charges for violation of provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006, the Authority decided to file a case before the Court of Junior Magistrate First Class (JMFC) as per the provision mandated in the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
3. Following proposals, seeking New / Renewal for Minor Mineral Quarry Lease were discussed / deliberated in response to the compliance to SEAC’s observation submitted by respective project proponents. Accordingly, the **Authority has decided to recommend the following proposals for grant of prior EC** namely –
  - i. **Renewal** proposals by **M/s Joao Lourenco Baptista** of *two* ‘Basalt stone quarries’ namely –
    - a. *Lease nos. - 01/Basalt/04 (7,150 sq.mts.) and 0 4/Basalt/04 (5,080 sq.mts.)* located in survey no. 52/0 of Ugeum village in Sanguem taluka of South Goa district.

- ii. **Renewal** of one ‘Basalt stone quarry’ (*Lease no.05/Basalt/00 – 7,000 sq.mts.*) located in survey no. 62/1 of Santona village in Sanguem taluka of South Goa district by **M/s Mario Mascarenhas, Margao.**
- iii. **New** ‘Laterite stone quarry’ (*plot area – 2,000 sq.mts.*) located in survey no. 24/1 of Menkurem village in Bicholim taluka of North Goa district by **Shri. M/s Nilu Jaidev Shetye, Bicholim.**
- iv. **New** ‘Laterite stone quarry’ (*plot area – 7,180 sq.mts.*) located in survey no. survey no. 42/0 of Muguli village in Sanguem taluka of South Goa district by **Shri. Shri. Rumaldo Fernandes.**
- v. **New** ‘Basalt stone quarry’ (*plot area – 4,000 sq.mts*) located in survey no. 19/1(P) of Goculdem village in Quepem taluka of South Goa district by **M/s Anil Shaba Fal Dessai, Cuncolim.**
- vi. **Renewal** of ‘Basalt stone quarry’ (*Lease no. 15/Basalt/88 - plot area –5,400 sq.mts.*) located in survey no. 12/1 of Damochem village in Sattari taluka of North Goa district by **M/s Kaloshi Granites, C/o Mr. B. A. Xavier, Margao.**

subject to the compliance to the following by the Directorate of Mines and Geology (DMG), Govt. of Goa, namely –

- a. ‘Goa Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2012 notified by the Directorate of Mines and Geology (DMG) and published in Official Gazette Series-I, No. 24 dated 17<sup>th</sup> September 2012.
- b. Submission of ‘**approved quarrying plan**’ by the competent officer as per Sub-rule (7) as well as specific compliance to Sub-rules 7(A) to 7(D) of the above-referred Rules, as applicable.
- c. Ascertaining the compliance to “Order” issued by National Green Tribunal (NGT) dated 21<sup>st</sup> September 2012 in a matter related to Review Application no. 8/2012 in Application No. 26/2012 and verifying that the minor minerals lease areas referred in (i), (ii) and (iii) above do not fall within the Ecologically Sensitive Zone (ESZ-1) as defined in the Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel (WGEEP) report.

In addition, it was decided that the renewal of lease in respect of “3(i) above” is subject to ascertaining (a) update / outcome of the Public Interest Litigation (PLI) Writ Petition no. 10/2012 (i.e. *Francis Xavier Carvalho V/s Dept. of Mines and Geology*) and (b) current status / follow-up action on ‘Suspension cum Show Cause Notice’ issued by the DMG dated 8<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

*Sd./-*  
Dr. Arvind G. Untawale,  
**Member, Goa-SEIAA**

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Mr. Levinson J. Martins  
**Member Secretary, Goa-SEIAA**

*Sd./-*  
Mr. Jose Manuel Noronha  
**Chairman, Goa-SEIAA**

Place: Patto, Panaji

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

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