

**Minutes of the 11th Goa State Environment Impact Assessment Authority
(Goa-SEIAA) held on 27th March 2014 at 02.30 p.m. in the Conference
room of the EIA Secretariat, O/o Goa State Pollution Control Board
(GSPCB), Patto.**

The eleventh meeting of the Goa-SEIAA was held on 27th March 2014 in the Conference room of the GSPCB under the Chairmanship of Dr. Pramod Pathak. As per the suggestion from the members, two Goa-SEAC members also attended the meeting. The list of members is annexed (*refer Annexure – I*). At the outset, Chairman welcomed the Members and informed about the purpose of convening the meeting to finalize the pending matter(s) and appraise about various EIA-related Office Memorandums' (O. M.s') issued / notified by the Minister of Environment and Forests (MoEF), vis-a-vis their specific applicability, as recommended by the Goa-SEAC during its 17th meeting held 24th February 2014, while considering the applications received seeking prior Environmental Clearance (EC) for New or Renewal of Minor Mineral Quarry Leases. The details of such O.M.s' is as under –

- 1) O. M. No. L-11011 / 47/2011-IA.II(M) dated 18th May 2012 in compliance to the 'Order' of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 27th February 2012 in IA no. 12-13 of 2011 in SLP (C) No. 19628-19629 of 2009 in the matter of Deepak Kumar Etc. V/s State of Haryana and ors. – mandating the requirement of prior environmental clearance (EC) for minor mineral mining projects upto less than 50 Ha. of lease area.
- 2) Draft Notification (Extraordinary) No. 1698, PART-II, Section-3, Sub-section (ii) dated 19th July 2013 – mandating the requirement of NABET / QCI accredited or MoEF notified environmental consultant for preparation and presentation of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) report and Environment Management Plan (EMP) for a particular category of project for that sector.
- 3) Notification (Extraordinary) No. 2116, PART-II, Section-3, Sub-section (ii) dated 10th September 2013 – notifying exception of applicability of General Conditions(s) for minor mineral project or activity of less than 5 Ha. of lease area.
- 4) Notification (Extraordinary) No. 545, PART-II, Section-3, Sub-section(ii) dated 4th March 2014 – delegating the powers vested under Section(5) of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) to all the State and Union Territory Environment Impact Assessment Authorities (i.e. *to issue show cause notice(s) to project proponent(s) or activities within their jurisdiction and to issue directions for keeping such environmental clearance in abeyance or withdrawn from them*) for any violations of the EC condition(s).
- 5) Draft Notification (Extraordinary) No. 624, PART-II, Section-3, Sub-section(ii) dated 10th March 2014 – notifying the list of State-wise villages categorizing them as Ecologically Sensitive Areas (ESAs') as well as mandating the regulatory, implementation and monitoring mechanism for various categories of projects / activities, mentioned therein.

On perusal and detailed deliberation on above O.M.s', the Authority decided that the project proponents (PPs'), seeking prior EC for new / renewal of mine lease(s), need to mandatorily comply with the same and PPs' may adopt a cluster approach and undertake comprehensive EIA / EMP, through NABET / QCI accredited or MoEF-recognized environmental consultants, for quarries located within certain specific aerial extent (*i.e. peripheral boundary*) to be decided by the Goa-SEAC. The clustering should be based on internal distances between the closer sites rather than based on administrative subdivisions (talukas).

The Authority also noted the contents of the Draft O.M. as mentioned in (5) above, Member Secretary, Goa-SEIAA informed that such a draft notification is published to obtain public opinion / comments from various stakeholders within a period of sixty days. Accordingly, the State Government would suitably forward the suggestions to the MoEF prior to its final notification. In the meantime and with specific reference to 'Annexure B-3' of the said O.M., Authority suggested to conduct site-inspection of selective villages (*bearing sr. nos. 20, 21, 22, 39 and 33, 34, 35*), bordering Ecologically Sensitive Areas (ESAs'), by competent members in the Committee to ascertain the ground status in respect of land use / land cover.

Subsequently, the Authority perused the communication received from **M/s Raheja Universal Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai** dated 24th March 2014 in response to para-wise response to site inspection observations conducted by then Goa-SEIAA on 3rd March 2011 based on which the Authority had rejected the proposal for proposed construction of a residential project "Raheja Chrysalis" in survey nos. 64/1 and 67/1 of Carmona village, Salcete taluka in South Goa vide its letter dated 2nd June 2011. After going through the said communication and that too after a period of three years, the Authority has decided not to accept the said communication and resolved that henceforth no proposal from any project proponent, on the said site, will be considered keeping in view the reported violations of / non-adherence to various provisions of the CRZ Notification, 2011, Forest (Conservation) Act, etc., Accordingly, the Authority decided that the said communication be forwarded to the Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority (GCZMA) to ascertain site-specific compliance. Further, proponent be directed to restore the site (falling within the NDZ and reported to be encroached upon) to its original topography by cordoning-off the area falling under the purview of the CRZ Notification.

Later, referring to agenda item (1), the Authority perused the submission(s) of **M/s Ganesh Benzoplasts Pvt. Ltd.**, in response to the compliance(s) to the site-specific observations subsequent to the visit by Chairman, Goa-SEIAA on 29th January 2014 and decided to re-inspect the site on 15th April 2014 to ascertain on-site status and suitable decision in the matter. This was followed by a discussion on a communication received from **M/s SRE Estates Development, Margao** vide letter dated 22nd March 2014 seeking correction in the name of the residential complex from ‘Supreme Colmorod Central’ to ‘Supreme Colmorod County’ was discussed. Secretary, Goa-SEAC appraised that the said firm was granted EC by the Authority 22nd March 2013 under the name as – Supreme Colmorod Central which was as per the details submitted by the project proponent at the time of its submission. As such, Authority desired to seek the clarification for change in name as sought by the proponent.

With respect to levying the administration-cum processing charges from project proponent, seeking prior EC under various project categories, the Authority reiterated the decision taken by the Authority during its 4th meeting held on 10th August 2012 and decided to expedite it for Government approval and its effective implementation, subsequent to its publication on Official Gazette. Accordingly, it was decided to levy 5% of entire project cost or 25,000/- (rupees twenty-five thousand only) whichever is higher per project proposal as administrative-cum-processing charges.

Subsequently, the Authority also approved payment of Travelling Allowance (T. A.) of Rs. 1,000 /- (rupees one thousand only) per Member to attend the meeting / site-inspection at / from the EIA-Goa State Secretariat.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Sd./-

Mr. Vivekanand L. Sawkar
Member, Goa-SEIAA

Sd./-

Mr. Srinet N. Kothwale
Member Secretary, Goa-SEIAA

Sd./-

Dr. Pramod V. Pathak
Chairman, Goa-SEIAA

Place: Patto, Panaji
Date: 8th April 2014.

ANNEXURE – 1

List of members who attended the eleventh Goa-SEIAA meeting

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| 1. Dr. Poramod V. Pathak | - Chairman |
| 2. Mr. Vivekanand L. Sawkar | - Member |
| 3. Mr. Srinet N. Kothwale | - Member Secretary, SEIAA |
| 3. Dr. Manoj R. Borkar | - Member |
| 5. Mr. Suhas N. Gaonkar | - Member |
| 6. Dr. Mohan R. Girap, Panaji | - Secretary, SEAC |
