

**Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of Goa State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (Goa-SEIAA) held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014 at 10.45 a.m. in the Conference room of the EIA Secretariat, O/o Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB), Patto.**

The fifteenth meeting of the Goa-SEIAA was held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014 in the Conference room of the GSPCB under the Chairmanship of Dr. Pramod Pathak. 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 comply with the 'Order' dated 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014 of the Hon'ble High Court passed in a matter of Writ Petition No. 3 of 2014 - **M/s Gera Developments Pvt. Ltd., Pune v/s Betqui Candola Samvardhan Samiti (BCSS)** in respect of proposed construction activity at Candola. It was noted that the Authority, vide communication bearing 3/181/2010/STE-DIR/207 dated 19<sup>th</sup> May 2011, had issued prior environmental clearance (EC) for the construction activities proposed only in phase-I and Phase-II to M/s Gera Developments Pvt. Ltd. Further, it was also noted that the project proponent (PP) had not undertaken any construction, *per se*, except for setting-up of a site-office building. Subsequently, the project proponent submitted the application afresh in January 2014 seeking prior environmental clearance for revised construction plan proposed in all the phases.

Accordingly and as per the order dated 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014 passed by the High Court, Authority granted the personal hearing (*wherein both the parties were heard*) on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2014 and 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014. Subsequently, based on the written submissions submitted by respective parties *vis-a-vis* its verification and detailed discussions and deliberation on the same, Authority decided that:

1. In light of the submission of a fresh application with revised construction plan, earlier EC dated 19<sup>th</sup> May 20-11 issued by the Authority to **M/s Gera Developments Pvt. Ltd, Pune** for the proposed developmental activity in phase-I and phase-II for ground + 1 structure stands cancelled.
2. The revised application *vis-a-vis* subsequent submissions thereafter made by M/s Gera Developments Pvt. Ltd., Pune (*hereinafter referred as PP*) is not clear in providing certain details as under –
  - a. There is inconsistency in projected occupants as referred from the document (*i.e. NOC obtained from the Health Department (vide letter no. PHC/Betki/NOC/2010-*

11/3064 dated 29/02/2012) which shows total number of 2,784 occupants (residential and commercial). Whereas, the number of occupants submitted by the PP in its revised application / submission indicate 4,300 occupants.

- b. Non-submission of details w.r.t. biodiversity, its status and likelihood impact on existing flora/fauna.
  - c. Non-submission of 'Sanad' obtained from the Department concerned (*i.e.* TCP) including declaration / submission of plot area which is demarcated / reserved under urban settlement as per applicable regional plan (RP).
  - d. Modus-operandi and relocation of the top-soil management.
  - e. Vehicular traffic management plan from the nearest Major District Road / village approach road dimensions in the proximity / vicinity of the residential area.
  - f. Proposed STP details should include – its design efficiency, quantity of input waste-water / output treated quantity and its disposal / utility. In addition, provision for storm water management need to be addressed.
  - g. The present approach road is sloppy and does not conform to the angle of repose of the ground material, as stated in the geo-technical soil report.
  - h. Unauthorized hill-cutting has been undertaken without obtaining prior permission / NOC from the authority concerned (*i.e.* TCP).
  - i. Provision for source of proposed water requirement vis-a-vis inadequacy to supply the water by the Public Works Department (PWD).
  - j. Submission of site assessment / practical feasibility for proposed G+4 structures / structural stability certificate issued by the registered structural consultant considering the reporting of status of existing lithological strata based on the geo-technical soil report submitted by the PP. The report should highlight on the aspect of 'angle of repose'.
3. Considering the above, the authority noted that the documents, details etc., submitted by the Project Proponent time and again are inconsistent. As such the authority decided to return back the revised application dated 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014 submitted by the Project Proponent for grant of prior Environmental Clearance along all the requisite documents.
  4. The Authority further decided that the PP will be at liberty to submit an application, seeking prior environmental clearance (EC), afresh enclosing therein relevant detail / information as referred to in 2(a) to 2(j) above. It should also include final approved plan from the Town and Country Planning (TCP) Department as well as NOCs' / mandatory approvals from departments concerned, including NOC/Licences issued by the village Panchayat, etc., as applicable for the proposed developmental activity. In

addition, a reference / final outcome to the Show Cause Notice (SCN) issued against illegal hill-cutting at the proposed site vis-a-vis remedial measures attempted, if any.

Meeting concluded with a 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: November 2014.

## **ANNEXURE – 1**

### **List of Members who attended the 15<sup>th</sup> Goa-SEIAA meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014**

Dr. Pramod P. Pathak	Chairman
Mr. Vivekanand Sawkar	Member
Mr. Srinet Kothwale	Member Secretary
Dr. Mohan R. Girap	Secretary, Goa-SEAC

