

MINUTES OF THE 29TH GOA STATE ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY (GOA-SEIAA) HELD ON 10TH MARCH 2016 AT 03.30 P.M. IN THE CHAMBER OF ITS MEMBER SECRETARY, EIA-GOA STATE SECRETARIAT, PATTO.

The twenty-ninth meeting of the Goa-SEIAA (*hereinafter referred as 'Authority'*) was held on 10th March 2016 at 03.30 p.m. in the chamber of its Member Secretary under the Chairmanship of Dr. Pramod Pathak. The list of members present during the meeting is annexed (*refer Annexure – 1*).

At the outset, Chairman welcomed the Members and informed about the purpose of convening the meeting to follow-up the discussions held / decision taken during the last Authority meeting which was held on 2nd February 2016 as well as to deliberate on the State Expert Appraisal Committee (*SEAC – hereinafter referred as 'Committee'*) recommendations seeking prior environmental clearance (EC) for construction / building projects. Mr. Srinet Kothwale, Member Secretary, Goa-SEIAA conveyed his inability to attend the meeting due to pre-occupation at NGT, Principal Bench, Delhi. Accordingly and as directed, Dr. Mohan Girap, Secy., Goa State Expert Appraisal Committee (*Goa-SEAC*) briefed the members about the matters to be taken up for consideration / suitable decision as per the agenda item referred in *Annexure – 2*.

1. **M/s Shrem Aansav Realty LLP, Margao, Goa** - proposal seeking prior environmental clearance (EC) for proposed construction of residential-cum-commercial project (*Total plot area – 30,256 sq.mts. / Total BUA – 45,382*) on land bearing sheet no. 57, chalta no. 1 of Margao city, Salcete taluka (*Env. Consultant: M/s Aditya Environmental Services Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai*).

On perusal of 60th Goa-SEAC's minutes vis-a-vis noted recommendations, **the Authority** verified the compliance to project-specific observations submitted by the Project Proponent dated 7th March 2016 w.r.t. submission of (a) Sanad and (b) Budget estimate towards CSR-related activities and **decided to grant prior environmental clearance for the proposed developmental activity.**

2. **M/s Ocean View Properties, Goa** - proposal for construction of residential group-housing-cum-commercial project at survey no. 26/2 of village Baingium, Tiswadi taluka, North Goa.

On perusal of compliance to post-inspection observations w.r.t. (i) provision of proposed expansion (*i.e. right of way*) of existing old NH-4 road, (ii) provision of additional access road and undertaking to develop its widening for effective utilization and (iii) site-specific location details of RWH tanks as well as fire-fighting overhead tanks with their respective storage capacities, **the Authority decided to consider the**

proposal and **grant prior environmental clearance (EC) for the proposed construction activity**. Further, the M/s Ocean View Properties has been directed to submit detailed plan for rebuilding of the culvert at least 2.5-3 mts wide and access by-pass road of suitable dimensions to conveniently pass two vehicles at a time.

3. Later, following two minor-mineral quarry proposals were taken up for re-consideration. In this context, it is informed that the Authority, during its previous meeting (*i.e.* 28th) held on 2nd February 2016, had decided to re-direct these proposals (*irrespective of the status of their appraisal / recommendations by the Goa-SEAC*) to the offices of District Collectors in response to Notifications published by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF &CC) vide Gazette of India – ‘Extraordinary’ namely – (a) S.O. 141 (E) – PART II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) dated 15th January 2016 and (b) S.O. 190 (E) – PART II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) dated 20th January 2016.

- (a) **M/s Satpurush Metal Industries** – proposal for **new basalt-stone quarry** (*abandoned basalt-stone quarry pit*) with rate of extraction: 400 m³ per month. proposed in survey no.66/0, Allorna village, Pernem taluka.

The Authority was informed that M/s Satpurush Metal Industries, *vide letter dated. 22nd February 2016*, has requested for re-consideration of the aforementioned proposal considering the fact that proposal was suitably appraised and subsequently recommended by the Goa State Expert Appraisal Committee (*i.e.* Goa-SEAC, *hereinafter referred as ‘Committee’*) during its 56th meeting held on 17th December 2015.

In response to the said representation, the Authority was detailed about the appraisal procedure followed by the Committee vis-a-vis its recommendation (*i.e.* *calendar of events*) for grant of prior environmental clearance (EC). The procedure followed by the Committee is as under –

The aforementioned proposal was initially submitted in February 2014 seeking prior EC for the ‘new basalt-stone quarry lease’. Thereafter, following the site-inspection, the lease-holder was directed to re-submit the proposal through NABET/QCI-accredited environmental consultant as per the decision taken during the joint meeting (*i.e.* Committee / Authority) held on 24th March 2015. Subsequently, the proposal was re-submitted through NABET/QCI-accredited consultant – M/s Sadekar Envirocare Engineers, Panaji in August 2015. Thereafter, following the site-inspection by the Committee on 27th October 2015 as well as project-specific presentation by M/s Sadekar Enviro Engineers, on behalf of the lease-holder during 56th Committee meeting held on 17th December 2015, the proposal was recommended to the Authority for grant of EC

Considering the fact that the proposal submitted by M/s Satpurush Metal industries, Pernem has been thoroughly screened / appraised as mandated in the EIA Notification, 2006 (*as amended till date*) prior to its recommendation by the Committee, **the Authority** decided to re-consider the request and **has decided to grant prior**

environmental clearance (EC) for a new basalt-stone quarry (*abandoned basalt-stone quarry pit*) proposed in survey no.66/0, Allorna village, Pernem taluka by **M/s Satpurush Industries Ltd., Mapusa.**

(b) Similarly, a proposal submitted by **M/s Rosario Fernandes** for **renewal of basalt-stone quarry** with two leases – (15,225 sq.mts.). - 04/basalt/90 (*exhausted*) and located within outer lease no. 03/Basalt/07 proposed in survey no. 72/1, Santana village, Sanguem Taluka with rate of extraction: 5,000 m³ per annum which was suitably screened / appraised (*i.e. subsequent to the receipt of the proposal in June 2015, the Committee had conducted the site-inspection on 20th August 2015. Thereafter, following the project-specific presentation held during the 54th meeting held on 26th November 2015 as well as verification of post-presentation compliance submitted by the lease-holder during 56th / 57th Committee meetings held on 17th December 2015 / 7th January 2016 respectively, the proposal was recommended to the Authority for grant of environmental clearance (EC)*), **the Authority decided to re-consider and grant prior environmental clearance (EC)** for the said proposal submitted by **M/s Rosario Fernandes.**

4. Later, the Authority was appraised about the status and follow-up of representations received from various stakeholders conveying objections to prior environmental clearance (EC) issued to **M/s Sociedade de Fomento, Goa** for proposed construction of Rail Freight Terminal at Xic-Xelvona / Assolda / Chandor villages of Quepem / Salcete taluka. It was informed that the Project Proponent (PP) has been issued Show Cause Notice (SCN) dated 2nd March 2016 with a direction to submit compliance to objections / observations received from various stakeholders latest by 18th March 2016 prior to initiate further course of action in the matter.

Further, it was also appraised that village panchayat of Assolda (*Application no. 21 of 2016*) as well as one person – Ms. Piety Fernandes (*Application no. 2 of 2016*) have filed appeal before the National Green Tribunal(NGT), Western Zone, Pune Bench challenging the prior EC issued to M/s Sociedade de Fomento for the proposed development of rail freight terminal. It is given to understand that both these matters will be heard on 28th March 2016 and accordingly, **the Authority (being Respondent no. 1 in both matters) has decided to file appropriate reply-affidavits / submit status update to NGT, Pune.**

5. After due deliberation on the revised proposal submitted by **M/s Alcon Constructions (Goa) Ltd., Panaji** for the development in survey no. 112/1, 112/1(P), in Taleigao village, Tisadi taluka seeking ‘Amendment’ in the prior environmental clearance (EC) issued earlier *vide no. 3/18/2010/STE-DIR/206 dated 19th May 2013 for 250-bedded hospital cum 42-room hotel*, **the Authority** noted that as the revised proposal excludes ‘Hospital’ and instead includes ‘Residential development’ (*i.e. total Built-up area is changed from 27,958.90 sq.mts. to 22,446 sq.mts.*) the expected pollution load will be proportionately less wherein biomedical wastes needs not have to be accounted for its disposal / treatment. Further, they also noted the ‘Specific Clause’ referred in the EC letter issued earlier that stipulates that ‘any change in civil plans would require re-

appraisal of the proposal'. As such, it was **decided to conduct site-inspection and deliberate thereafter** during its next meeting prior to take any decision in the matter.

Meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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Mr. Vivekanand L. Sawkar
Member, Goa-SEIAA

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Dr. Pramod V. Pathak
Chairman, Goa-SEIAA

Place: Patto, Panaji

Date: March 2015.