

**MINUTES OF THE 28<sup>TH</sup> GOA STATE ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY (GOA-SEIAA) HELD ON 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2016 AT 03.00 P.M. IN THE CHAMBER OF ITS MEMBER SECRETARY, EIA-GOA STATE SECRETARIAT, PATTO.**

The twenty-eighth meeting of the Goa-SEIAA (*hereinafter referred as 'Authority'*) was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 at 03.00 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 during the last Authority meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015 as well as deliberate on the State Expert Appraisal Committee (*SEAC – hereinafter referred as 'Committee'*) recommendations w.r.t. minor mineral quarry proposals (new / renewal of lease) seeking prior environmental clearance (EC). Accordingly, matters referred to in *Annexure – 2* were taken up project-wise, as detailed below.

1. **M/s Gera Developers Pvt. Ltd.,** (*as Power of Attorney (PoA) holder for M/s Pasavnath Developers, Panaji*) for construction of a commercial building proposed at plot no. 43/44 at Patto, Panaji.

**The Authority** perused the revised '**Ecology and Biodiversity report**' re-submitted by M/s Sadekar Enviro Engineers (*NABET/QCI-accredited environmental consultant on behalf of the project proponent*) and **decided to accord prior environmental clearance (EC) as mandated in the EIA Notification, 2006 (as amended).**

2. In response to the 'Notice' issued by the Authority vide letter no. 3/181/2010/STE-DIR/200 dated 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016, a personal hearing was conducted comprising of representatives from both the parties – **M/s Akar Creations Pvt. Ltd., Margao** and **Colva Civic and Consumer Forum (CCCF), Colva.** Adv. Hanumant Naik, representing M/s Akar Creations Pvt. Ltd., submitted a written submission to a complaint filed by CCCF, Colva objecting to issuance of post-facto environmental clearance (EC) to the construction at Vanelim village, Salcete taluka as well as appraised the Authority about its status. Mrs. Judith Almeida, Secretary, CCCF requested for grant of time since her lawyer could not able to attend the hearing. The Authority agreed to her submission.

**The Authority** on hearing both the parties and deliberation thereafter directed M/s Akar Creations Pvt. Ltd., to submit 'Chronology of events' w.r.t. the said development at Vanelim. Further, M/s CCCF was also informed, if desired, to submit the response to submission made by M/s Akar Crations Pvt. Ltd., Margao to the

complaint. Accordingly, it was **decided to continue personal hearing in next meeting.**

3. Later, Authority perused minutes / recommendations of the 58<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 vis-a-vis deliberated on various representations / communications received from multi-stake holders (*i.e. village panchayat of Xic-Xelvona, Assolda and Hodar, Curchorem MLA, individuals, etc.*) conveying objections to the proposed development of 'Rail Freight Terminal' by **M/s Sociedade de Fomento** proposed at Xic-Xelvona / Assolda / Chandor villages of Quepem / Salcete taluka. After detailed discussions, **Authority has decided to issue Show Cause Notice (SCN) seeking clarifications to project-specific observations** made therein including following important points –
  - (a) Submission of (i) Land-use categorization and (ii) Zoning certificate for the survey numbers which are in possession of the project proponent (PP) and for survey numbers which are at various stages of acquisition by the PP.
  - (b) Submission of NOC from the competent Authority concerned (*i.e. Department of Forests,, etc.*) for non-forest utilization of the area.
  - (c) Details of land acquired from the erstwhile establishment (*which is located within the proposed plot area*) and its status thereof.
  - (d) Additional land proposed to be acquired in future for proposed rail freight terminal, if any, and its status.
  - (e) Submission of 'conversion sanad' from the competent Authority.
  - (f) Any other observation of the office the Goa-SEAC/Goa-SEAIA.
4. Subsequently, Authority perused the compliance submitted by **M/s Ocean View Properties** dated 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 in response to the observations made during the site-inspection conducted on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016. (*i.e. (i) drawing / plan for discharge of storm water and effluents – underground pipe-line networking, (ii) Traffic management for one-time exit of about 600 cars as well as provision of emergency exit / access (i.e. demarcation of any proposed road across the plot along its NDZ upto by-pass road at Alto-Raibandar), (iii) Source of water requirement vis-a-vis water harvesting initiatives and (v) Energy conservation initiatives (i.e. South-facing walls to be utilized to install solar pattern and effective utilization of roof-top to harness solar energy)*). It was noted that the project proponent (PP) is seeking environmental clearance for construction of residential group-housing cum commercial project in survey no. 26/2 of village Baingiumim, Tiswadi taluka, North Goa. After detailed deliberation / discussion, the **Authority has decided to re-inspect the site** to ascertain provision to address alternate route for entry / exit from the plot area and as such, defer the decision to be considered thereafter.
5. As regard to item no. 5 (a) to (d), **the Authority**, 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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016 and (b) S.O. 190 (E) – PART II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) dated 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016, **decided to re-direct these proposals to**

**approach the respective offices of the District Collectorate concerned** for further appraisal / consideration and suitable decision.

- 6. The Authority has decided** to avail the services of the Goa Tourism and Development Corporation (GTDC) **to hire the vehicle as and when required** to conduct site-inspection / outdoor meetings / office-related dispatch / day-to-day mobility, etc. and accordingly ensure the availability of vehicle on hire-basis for smooth functioning of Goa-SEAC/Goa-SEIAA.

Meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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

Mr. Vivekanand L. Sawkar  
**Member, Goa-SEIAA**

Dr. Pramod V. Pathak  
**Chairman, Goa-SEIAA**

Place: Patto, Panaji

Date: February 2015.

## **ANNEXURE – 1**

### **List of Members who attended the 28<sup>th</sup> Goa-SEIAA meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016**

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| 1. Dr. Pramod P. Pathak     | Chairman         |
| 2. Mr. Vivekanand L. Sawkar | Member           |
| 3. Mr. Srinet N. Kothwale   | Member Secretary |

**Further, Dr. Mohan Girap, Secretary-Goa-SEAC was also present during the meeting.**

## ANNEXURE - 2

### Agenda Items for the 28<sup>th</sup> Goa-SEIAA meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016

1. Follow-up, discussion / deliberation and final decision (*as per the deliberations held during the last Authority meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015*) w.r.t. a proposal submitted by **M/s Gera Developers Pvt. Ltd.**, for proposed commercial building at plot no. 43/44 at Patto, Panaji after perusing the re-submitted report on Ecology and Biodiversity.
2. To conduct personal hearing in response to a complaint by Mrs. Judith Almeida regarding grant of EC to a proposed development by **M/s Akar Creations Pvt. Ltd.**, Margao and decide further course of action.
3. To peruse minutes / recommendations of the 58<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 as well as various representations received from multi-stake holders (*i.e. village panchayat of Xic-Xelvona, Assolda and Hodar, Curchorem MLA, individuals, etc.*) conveying objections to the EC granted to a proposed development of 'Rail Freight Terminal' by **M/s Sociedade de Fomento** issued in December 2015.
4. Verification of compliance submitted by **M/s Ocean View Properties** dated 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 seeking environmental clearance for proposed construction of Residential group-housing cum Commercial project at survey no. 26/2 of village Baingunim, Tiswadi taluka, North Goa.  
  
*(subsequent to the site-inspection conducted by the Authority on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016 vis-a-vis following observations - (i) drawing / plan for discharge of storm water and effluents – underground pipe-line networking, (ii) Traffic management for one-time exit of about 600 cars as well as provision of emergency exit / access (i.e. demarcation of any proposed road across the plot along its NDZ upto by-pass road at alto-Raibandar), (iii) Source of water requirement vis-a-vis water harvesting initiatives and (v) Energy conservation initiatives (i.e. South-facing walls to be utilized to install solar pattern and effective utilization of roof-top to harness solar energy).*
5. Discussion and deliberation on SEAC's recommendations w.r.t. following minor mineral quarry proposals (New / Renewals) -
  - a. **M/s Satpurush Metal Industries** – proposal for **new basalt-stone quarry** (*abandoned basalt-stone quarry pit*) proposed in survey no.66/0, Allorna village, Pernem taluka. (*The proposal has been re-submitted through NABET/QCI-accredited consultant – M/s Sadekar Envirocare Engineers. The PP, through M/s Sadekar Enviro Engineers has made the project-specific presentation during 56<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December and has been recommended for grant of EC.*)
  - b. **M/s Rosario Fernandes** – proposal 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 Santona village, Sanguem Taluka. (*Following the site-inspection conducted by the SEAC on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015 and project-specific presentation held during its 54<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015, the compliances submitted by the lease holder was perused during 56<sup>th</sup> / 57<sup>th</sup> Committee meetings held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015 / 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016 and was recommended for further consideration of the Authority.*)

- c. **Mr. Ramkrishna Gaonkar** – proposal seeking re-consideration for grant of EC for **renewal of laterite-stone quarry** located in survey no. 24/1 of Mollem village in Dharbandora taluka, South Goa district. *(as per Notification w.r.t. ESZ of Mahavir WLS, the proposal was earlier rejected by the Authority). (Site-inspection was conducted by SEAC on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2015 and it informed that the lease proposed for renewal is located within the ESZ (i.e. buffer zone) of Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife sanctuary. Thereafter, SEAC deliberated and ascertained the applicability of 'Proviso' of the ESZ Notification w.r.t. Bhagwan Mahavir WLS during its 55<sup>th</sup> meeting scheduled on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 and decided that Authority should seek suitable Legal opinion on the proviso concerned referred to in the 'Table' annexed to said ESZ Notification).*
- d. **M/s Edison Cardoso** – proposal seeking renewal of basalt-stone quarry (*lease no. 11/Basalt/09*) proposed in survey no. 15/1, Padi village, Quepem Taluka. *(Following the site-inspected by the Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015, project-specific presentation was made during its 54<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015 by M/s Sinha Consultants. However, as decided during its 55<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December, site was re-inspected on 15<sup>th</sup> December to ascertain the existence of the alternate access route to the proposed route. Subsequently, the proposal was rejected during its 57<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016 based on the fact that (i) proposed quarrying activity is detrimental to the agro-ecosystem along the periphery of the lease area and (ii) there exist no alternate access route to the lease area.)*
6. To decide about the purchase of 8-seater multi-utility vehicle for EIA Goa State Secretariat.
7. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.