

## **Minutes of the special Goa-SEAC meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013 in the conference room of the Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB)**

A special Goa-SEAC meeting was convened on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013 in the conference room of the Goa State Pollution Control Board (Goa-PCB) to discuss and deliberate on the project proposal submitted by Project Proponent (PP) - **M/s Leading Hotels Pvt. Ltd., Panaji** seeking prior environmental clearance (EC) from Goa-SEIAA (*application dated 24<sup>th</sup> January 2013*). Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members of the Goa-PCB also attended the meeting in response to the similar application received by the Goa-PCB seeking Consent to Establish.

At the outset, Chairman welcomed the members and appraised that M/s Leading Hotels Pvt. Ltd., Panaji has proposed to set up 18-hole PGA-standard golf course and Eco-tourism resort facility under the Large Revenue Generation Scheme (LRGS) in survey nos. 2 to 13 of Tirakhol village (admeasuring 9,90,000 sq.mts.) in Pernem Taluka of North Goa district and accordingly, the PP has been requested to make a project presentation before SEAC. Subsequently, M/s Aditya Environmental Services, Mumbai made the detailed presentation which was followed by summary discussion in respect of seeking compliance to the following observations.

1. **Will Water Resource Department (WRD) be able to meet requirement of 1,250 m<sup>3</sup> of water per day?** – *Water will be made available through Tillari Water Supply Scheme by extending a Tillari canal upto Dhargal / Tuem. The PP proposes to tap irrigational canal water at Tuem and convey the same by 250 mm (dia.) pipeline upto Tirakhol village and will be used only for resort and associated facilities after treatment through a Water Treatment Plant (WTP). Water needs for a golf-course will be met through rainwater harvesting as well as recycling of treated STPs'. No water requirement is sourced through Public Distribution System of PWD. In addition, the PP has proposed various water conservation measures.*
2. **To establish a baseline data, pesticide levels to be established from 2-3 water bodies.** – *The PP has informed that collection of representative soil and water samples from the project site will be initiated shortly and results will be submitted in due course of time.*
3. **Technical details w.r.t. quantum and nature of pesticides to be used.** – *The PP will be complying with the same and accordingly has sought for additional time for its submission..*
4. **Submission of 'Affidavit' for investment** – *The PP has responded that the same will be submitted at the time of seeking Consent to Operate as investment is yet to be made and PP has sought Consent to Establish (NOC) from GSPCB which is a pre-requisite*

*prior to obtain NOC as mandated in the CRZ Notification, 2011 and EC as per the EIA Notification, 2006.*

5. **Requirement of obtaining NOC from village panchayat concerned** – *The PP has argued that NOC from the GSPCB is a pre-requisite to obtain TCP approval which, in turn is required to be submitted to obtain NOC from village panchayat concerned.*

Considering the time period requested by the PP for submission of compliances to above-referred observations, the Committee decided to conduct site-inspection of the project area by first/second week of March 2013 to understand ground reality for further suitable appraisal. Accordingly, the PP has been requested to submit details prior to conducting the site-inspection.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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Date: 11<sup>th</sup> February 2013

**Project / site-specific observation along with summary discussion  
and recommendations subsequent to site-inspection of project  
area at Tirakhol conducted by Goa State Expert Appraisal  
Committee (Goa-SEAC) on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

Subsequent to the decision taken during the special Goa-SEAC meeting convened on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013 in response to a proposal received from M/s Leading Hotels Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai, Goa-SEAC conducted the site-inspection of Terekhol area on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2013. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members of the Goa-PCB were also present during the inspection. The project proponent (PP) along with the environmental consultant concerned accompanied members during inspection for on-site clarification / updation to certain project-specific observations. Subsequently, SEAC requested the PP to comply with information sought during the special meeting conducted on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013 along with detailed written submission on the following points prior to forwarding suitable comments to Goa-SEIAA for further consideration in light of provision of EIA Notification, 2006.

- a. **Project Proponent (PP) should not extend beyond the acquired land boundary limits.** – *The PP has reiterated the commitment to the submission made during the project presentation on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013.*
  
- b. **No developments be proposed within area of atleast 100 mts. from the cliff-edge (i.e. coast) along the stretch where the rock has caved-in forming Laterite caves. Any such development activity may unstabilize the rock-formation, en mass, due to continuous coastal wave forces from beneath causing further erosion.** – *The PP is required to address this issue more specifically and accordingly, compliance is required to be sought from the PP.*
  
- c. **Since the golf-course is proposed on the elevated plateau-top region at Terekhol (Goa) build-up of chemicals (including pesticides) in the water (used for maintaining the lawn/landscape, etc.) should not have adverse environmental impact or pollute groundwater source or percolate the same in Redi lake (Maharashtra) across the project area.** – *The PP has proposed underground drainage system to capture excess irrigation water which will be channelized to artificial lakes (02 nos.), streams, trunk drains.*

Further, SEAC noted that the aforesaid proposal comes under the purview of CRZ Notification, 2011 as well as EIA Notification, 2006. As such, it is mandatory that the proponent needs to obtain Consent to Establish from the Goa-PCB as well as NOC from the Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority (GCZMA) - as Project Proponent (PP) has proposed certain developmental activities between 200 – 500 mts. from HTL. In addition, the

said activity needs to be appraised as per the State Hotel Policy of the Department of Science, Technology and Environment (DST&E), Goa.

Further, Goa-SEAC also noted that the proposed site is located within 10 kms. of the inter-State boundary (*Northern boundary between Goa and Maharashtra*) and deliberated in the context of the applicability of either General Conditions (GC) or Specific Conditions (SC). However, it was observed that GC or SC is not mandated and applicable for “Category 8(a) & 8(b) – Building and Construction projects” as per the ‘Schedule’ annexed to the EIA Notification, 2006. It is further informed that as per clause 7(III)(i) – Stage (3) : Public Consultation of the said Notification public hearing is not applicable for such category of projects.

Accordingly and based on the (a) submission of compliance received from M/s Leading Hotels Pvt. Ltd., Panaji dated 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013 in response to SEAC’s queries sought as per the discussions held during the meeting conducted on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013 as well as (b) submission of compliance dated 9<sup>th</sup> April 2013 in response to observations made during the site inspection conducted on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2013, Goa-SEAC decided to recommend the project proposal to Goa-SEIAA for a suitable consideration as per the EIA Notification with a condition that PP is required to obtain NOC from the Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority (GCZMA) as per the CRZ Notification, 2011 and other relevant permissions, as applicable, from competent authorities concerned.

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