

**AGENDA OF XXXIII MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED STEERING COMMITTEE
OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL TO BE HELD ON
21ST NOVEMBER 2007.**

Item No. 1 : Adoption of the Agenda

The provisional agenda may be adopted.

Item No. 2 : Confirmation of Minutes of the XXXII Empowered Steering Committee (ESC) meeting held on 10th August, 2007.

The Minutes of XXXII meeting of the ESC which was held on 10th August, 2007 have been circulated to all members. No comments have been received. The Minutes placed at **Annex-A, page-1** may be confirmed.

Item No. 3 : Action taken on decision of the XXXII ESC.

S. No	Decision taken in XXXII ESC	Action taken on the decision
1.	Duty exemption applications in respect of new or expanded activities with non-ODS technology.	<p>Duty exemption certificates for the following enterprises were issued :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ M/s. Nilkamal Crates and Bins, Silvasa (U.T.) ➤ M/s. Subros Ltd., Manesar (Haryana) ➤ M/s. Lloyd Insulations India Ltd., Pithampur (M.P.) ➤ M/s. Polyflex (India) Pvt. Ltd., Chennai ➤ M/s. Polyflex (India) Pvt. Ltd., Pune ➤ M/s. Aster Tele Services Pvt. Ltd., Secunderabad, (A.P.) ➤ M/s ICOMM Tele Ltd., Hyderabad ➤ M/s Subros Ltd., New Delhi ➤ M/s Jindal Soft Italia Seating Pvt. Ltd., Pune ➤ M/s. Shakti Televentures, Mandideep (M.P.) ➤ M/s. Jindal Mectec Pvt. Ltd., Nalagarh, H.P. ➤ M/s. Nav Texfeb (NTF) India Pvt. Ltd., Gurgaon, Haryana ➤ M/s. Zeppelin Mobile Systems India Ltd., NOIDA, U.P. ➤ M/s. Modern Prefab Systems Pvt. Ltd., Manesar (Gurgaon); ➤ M/s. Blue Star Ltd., Bharuch, Gujarat ➤ M/s. Bayer Material Science Pvt. Ltd., NOIDA, U.P. ➤ M/s. Subros Ltd., NOIDA, U.P. ➤ M/s. Videocon Industries Ltd., Kashipur (Uttarakhand) ➤ M/s. Tecumseh Production India Pvt. Ltd., Ballabgarh, Haryana ➤ M/s. Rinac India Ltd., Bangalore

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ M/s. Visteon Automotive System India Pvt. Ltd., Chennai, Tamilnadu ➤ M/s. S. G. Engineers, Delhi ➤ M/s. Sintex Industries Ltd., Kalol (Gujarat) ➤ M/s. Rinac India Ltd., Murbad (Maharashtra) ➤ M/s. Krishna Maruti Ltd., Gurgaon (Haryana)
2.	Policy Issues	No recommendations have been issued for issuance of license for import of HCFC-22 w.e.f. 10 th August, 2007

Item No. 4 : Progress of Implementation of Projects

a) Progress of Implementation Status of Umbrella Project in Foam Sector

The project was approved in 37th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund (MLF) held in July 2002, at a total funding level of US\$ 5,424,577, to be provided in five tranches, leading up to the complete phase-out of CFCs in the Foam Sector in India. All the five tranches have been approved by the Executive Committee and released to UNDP.

A total of 122 enterprises have been endorsed for implementation, out of which, the conversion activity and training have been completed at 105 enterprises, and National and International Consultants will have to visit and issue the completion certificate at the remaining 17 enterprises. As per the components of the approved project document, incremental operating costs are to be disbursed to each enterprise. The disbursement will be made on physical verification through site visit by National Program Manager, Sector Phase-out Plan Unit (SPPU).

The Committee may kindly take note of the above information and recommend the following :-

- Verification may be made to ensure that enterprises where CFC phase-out activities have been completed and are in operation. Thereafter, UNDP may be advised to disburse incremental cost to all the enterprises.

b) Progress of Implementation Status of Umbrella Project in Commercial Refrigeration Sector

The Plan for Phase-out of CFCs in the Refrigeration (Manufacturing) Sector in India project was approved in 38th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the MLF held

in November 2002, at a total funding level of US\$ 3,609,186 to be provided in five tranches, leading up to the complete phase-out of CFCs in the Refrigeration (Mfg.) sector in India. The Project is implemented by the UNDP and UNIDO. All the five tranches have been approved by the Executive Committee and released to the UNDP.

A total of 157 enterprises have been endorsed for implementation, out of which, the conversion activity and training have been completed at 146 enterprises, and National and International Consultants will have to visit and issue the completion certificate at the remaining 11 enterprises. As per the components of the approved project document, incremental operating costs are to be disbursed to each enterprise. The disbursement will be made on physical verification through site visit by SPPU.

The Committee may kindly take note of the above information and recommend the following : -

- Verification may be made to ensure that enterprises where CFC phase-out activities have been completed and are in operation. Thereafter, UNDP may be advised to disburse incremental cost to all the enterprises.

c) Implementation Status of the National CFC Consumption Phase-out Plan (NCCoPP)

The National CFC Consumption Phase-out Plan was approved at 42nd meeting of the Executive Committee held in April 2004 at a total cost of US\$ 6.388 million. The Government of Germany, as the Lead Implementing Agency, has initiated the implementation process. The UNDP has taken steps for procurement of equipments. The UNEP has also initiated activities to launch the awareness programme and National Academy of Customs, Excise and Narcotics (NACEN) is coordinating for the Customs and Policy Training. So far, the MLF has approved two tranches amounting to US\$ 6 millions.

The Core Group met on 24th August, 2007 to review the progress of projects.

The progress of various activities made upto October 2007 are given at **Annex-B, page-23**.

The Committee may kindly take note of the above information.

d) Implementation Status of CFC Production Phase out Project.

The CFC production sector gradual phase out project was approved at 29th Meeting of the Executive Committee held in November, 1999. It includes US\$ 80 million for compensation of producer enterprises and US\$ 2 million for Technical Assistance Programme. So far, 7 tranches amounting US\$ 70 million have been released and disbursed to four CFC producing enterprises.

Till date the project has successfully phased out 18635 MT of CFCs beginning from the baseline of 22,588 MT in the year 1999.

As per the Agreement, half yearly technical audit has been conducted. It is reported that the quota for production of CFC is 3388.87 MT during the calendar year 2007. Out of this quantity, 717.185 MT has been produced by 4 producers as of 30th June 2007. During the first half of this year, 1290.445 MT has been sold by the 4 producers. This quantity includes both domestic sale and export. M/s. Navin Fluorine Industries Limited produced and sold 491.478 MT of CFC-113 as feedstock.

Taking note of the above, the Committee may consider the following :

- a. To closely monitor the production, export and domestic sale of CFC in November and December, 2007.
- b. To convene a meeting with producers to review the demand and supply of CFC and possibilities to reduce stockpile as of 31st December, 2007.

e) Implementation Status of National CTC Phase out Plan.

Carbon Tetra Chloride (CTC) National Phase out Plan has been approved by the Executive Committee at its 40th Meeting held in July 2003 at the total cost of US \$ 52 million.

Under the CTC National Phase-out Plan, the annual program of CTC production and consumption for non-feedstock applications were reported to 52nd Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund Secretariat along with the Annual Program for the calendar year 2007. The annual programme for the

calendar year 2007 was approved with a funding of US \$4810938 for implementation of CTC sector plan.

While the Executive Committee vide its decision 52/39 (**Annex-C, page-30**) decided the following : -

- (a) To request the World Bank to continue monitoring the movement within the CTC inventory held by both the producers and feedstock users, as part of the annual verification exercise, in order to account for total CTC production and imports;
- (b) To authorize using the flexibility provided for under the agreement between India and the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund for the phase-out of ozone-depleting substances, approved by decision 41/95, to allow funds to be used to cover all relevant sectoral consumption, on the understanding that that would not change existing Executive Committee guidelines for determining eligible incremental costs for consumption and production;
- (c) To request the World Bank to provide an impact assessment of the annual work programs by agency and by sector;

In view of the above, the Committee may recommend to the Ozone Cell and the Project Management Unit to take follow-up action on (a) and (c).

Item No. 5 :

Consideration of the applications received for Duty exemption in respect of new or expanded activities with non-ODS technology

- (i) The Technology and Finance Standing Committee (TFSC) in its meeting held on 30th August, 2007 considered the following applications and recommended for exemption of Customs Duty :-
 - M/s. Jindal Mectec (P) Ltd., Gurgaon, Haryana;
 - M/s. Pranav Vikas India Ltd., Faridabad;
 - M/s. Nilkamal Ltd., Puducherry;
 - M/s. Nilkamal Ltd., Samba, Jammu;
 - M/s. Suchi Foams Pvt. Ltd., Ahmedabad, Gujarat
 - M/s. Subros Ltd., Noida & Manesar

A copy of Minutes of the TFSC is placed at **Annex-D, page-31**.

Certificates for exemption of customs duty were issued in respect of enterprises listed above with the approval of Secretary (E & F), Chairman of the ESC.

The ESC may accord the Ex post facto approval on the above.

(ii) The TFSC in its meeting held on 19th October, 2007 considered the following applications and recommended for exemption of Customs Duty :-

- M/s. Apex Prefab Building Systems, H.P.
- M/s. Voltas Ltd., Mumbai
- M/s. Subros Ltd., NOIDA
- M/s. InTime Fire Appliances, Mumbai
- M/s. Polyflex (India) Pvt. Ltd., Tamil Nadu
- M/s. Techno Electronics Ltd., Kashipur

A copy of Minutes of the TFSC is placed in **Annex-E, page-47**.

Certificates for exemption of customs duty are being issued in respect of enterprises listed above with the approval of Secretary (E & F), Chairman of the ESC.

The ESC may accord the approval on the above.

Item No. 6 :

Regulatory Measures.

Ozone Depleting Substances (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 have been amended and the Amendment Rules have been published in the Gazette of India on 18th September, 2007. A copy of the same may be seen at **Annex-F, page-72**. The salient features of this amendment are as follows : -

- The definition of the consumption of Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) has been further defined.
- The provisions of agreements signed between the Government of India and the Executive Committee in respect of CTC National Phase-out Plan and CFC National Phase-out Plan have been included in the Ozone Rules.
- The provisions of renewal of registration has been dispensed.
- Date of registration for CFC and halon has been extended upto 31st December, 2006, for CTC upto 31st December, 2009, for HCFC upto 31st December, 2030.

- Date of registration for dealers of CFC, halon and CTC has been extended upto 31st December, 2009, methyl bromide and methyl chloroform upto 31st December, 2014.
- Establishment of new capacity to produce ODS for feedstock applications, has been allowed.
- The names of new Parties who ratified the Montreal Protocol after 2000, have been included in Schedule VI.
- Ban on imports of products containing CFCs and halons has been imposed.

Item No. 7 :

Reporting of Data for the year 2006.

(a) Country Program Progress Report (CPPR) for the year 2006

The Country Program is under implementation since 1993. As per the requirement of the Executive Committee, progress reports have been submitted up to the year 2005 in the prescribed format as approved by 28th meeting of the Executive Committee held in July, 1999. The CPPR for the year 2006 is to be submitted in the format which has been revised by the Executive Committee at its 46th meeting held in July 2005.

The information required by the Multilateral Fund Secretariat related to implementation of the Country Program Progress has been sent in the prescribed format to the Multilateral Fund Secretariat (MLF) with the approval of Secretary (E & F) and Chairman (ESC).

The Committee may kindly consider to take note of the above and accord the Ex post facto approval on the data submitted to the MLF (*Annex-G, page-80*).

(b) Reporting of Data under Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol for the year 2006

India ratified the Montreal Protocol and its London Amendment in 1992. Further, Copenhagen, Montreal and Beijing Amendments to the Montreal Protocol have also been ratified in 2003.

As per Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol, the data on production, import, export and feedstock of CFCs, Halons, CTC, HCFC and methyl bromide for the year 2006 is to be submitted to the Ozone Secretariat by 30th September of each calendar year. Accordingly, the data has been collected and collated for the year 2006.

The Meeting of Standing Committee on Monitoring was held on 23rd August, 2007 under the chairmanship of Shri J. M. Mauskar, Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). The data on production, import, export and feedstock of CFC-11, CFC-12, CFC-113, Halon-1211, Halon-1301, Halon-2402, CTC, HCFC-22, HCFC-123, HCFC-124 and HCFC-141b and methyl bromide for the year 2006 was considered in the meeting.

The Committee, taking note of the detailed information and explanation on production, export, import and feedstock use of CFC-11, CFC-12, CFC-113, CFC-114, halon-1211, halon-1301, halon-2402, CTC, HCFC and methyl bromide for the year 2006, recommended for submission of data for Annex A (Group I and Group II), Annex B (Group I, II and III) and Annex C (Group I and Group II) and Annex E substances for the year 2006 to the Ozone Secretariat in the format prescribed by the Meeting of the Parties with the approval of ESC. A copy of the Minutes of the Standing Committee on Monitoring is placed at (***Annex-H, page-84***).

The data was submitted to the Ozone Secretariat on 10th September, 2007 with the approval of Secretary (E&F) and Chairperson, ESC.

The Committee may kindly consider to take note of the above and accord the Ex post facto approval on the data submitted to the Ozone Secretariat (***Annex-I, page-96***).

(c) Reporting of methyl bromide data for pre-shipment and quarantine applications for the years 2005 and 2006

The Meeting of the Parties (MOP) at its 11th meeting held in November, 1999 in Beijing decided (vide XI/13, paragraph 3) to request all parties to submit statistical data on the annual amount of methyl bromide used for pre-shipment and quarantine applications. This provision has also been included through amendment in the Article 7 of the Protocol.

Data on pre-shipment and quarantine applications of methyl bromide for 2005 and 2006 was also considered by the Standing Committee on Monitoring held on 23rd August, 2007 and recommended to submit the data to the Ozone Secretariat with the approval of Secretary (E&F) and Chairperson, ESC (***page-93***).

Accordingly, the data of methyl bromide used for quarantine and pre-shipment applications for the years 2005 and 2006 was submitted to the Ozone Secretariat in the prescribed format (**pages-98 and 100**).

Taking note of the above, the ESC may consider the following : -

- a. to accord the Ex post facto approval on the data submitted to the Ozone Secretariat.
- b. To undertake a survey on the use of methyl bromide on different commodities under quarantine and pre-shipment applications in India. The Ministry of Agriculture and UNEP (CAP), Bangkok may be associated with this activity. The report should be submitted to the 34th meeting of the ESC in 2008.

(d) Reporting of Stockpile of CFC for the year 2006

The 18th MOP considered the treatment of stockpile of ODS in relation to compliance. It was noted that in four cases, stockpile could be resulted. The stockpile out of the production in a given year for export to meet basic domestic need (BDN) of developing countries in future years. Considering these 4 cases, the MOP vide its decision XVIII/17 (**Annex-J, page-104**) decided to request the Secretariat to maintain a consolidated record of these cases and incorporate that record in the documentation of the Implementation Committee, for information purposes only, as well as in the Secretariat's report on data submitted by the Parties in accordance with Article 7 of the Protocol.

India is a producer of CFC. As per the agreement between the Government of India and the Executive Committee signed in 1999, 6963.36 MT of CFC was produced. As per the annual audit, undertaken by the World Bank reported a stockpile of 1682.29 MT as of 31st December, 2006.

The Standing Committee on Monitoring, while considering the data on production, export, import and feedstock application of CFC, noted that the maximum allowable consumption by India was 3560 MT. As per the definition for calculating consumption, 219.76 MT was estimated as stockpile.

Taking note of the decision of the MOP, the Committee recommended to report the stockpile quantity (219.76 MT) of CFC to the Ozone Secretariat in accordance with

decision XVIII/17 with an explanation that this quantity has already been exported to other developing countries for meeting the BDN, with the approval of Secretary (E&F)/Chairperson (ESC). This information has been submitted to the Ozone Secretariat on 10th September, 2007 with the approval of Secretary (E&F)/Chairperson (ESC).

Taking note of the above, the ESC may consider the following : -

- a. to accord the Ex post facto approval on the data submitted to the Ozone Secretariat.
- b. to advise the Ozone Cell to monitor closely the production, export and stockpile of CFC during 2007 and beyond.

Item No. 8 :

Allocation of CFC quota for Metered Dose aerosol Inhalers (MDI) and Refrigerator Servicing Sector.

The Montreal Protocol mandates to phase-out CFC including CFC-11 and CFC-12 within specific time schedule. Developed countries phased out CFC as on 1.1.1996. However, the use of CFC in manufacturing MDI has been considered as an essential use. Accordingly, the MOP approved CFC production for consumption in MDI sector in developed countries. This was due to the non-availability of economically viable technology for switching over to non-ODS MDI. Developing countries are allowed to use CFC in this sector upto 2010.

India being a Party to this, has prepared a program to phase-out CFC in aerosol, foam and refrigeration sectors. As per Ozone Rule, the use of CFC in refrigeration, foam and aerosol sector has been stopped w.e.f. 1.1.2003. The use of CFC is allowed in MDI sector upto 1.1.2010. As per the decision of the MOP, use of CFC beyond this date would be allowed with the approval of MOP under essential use nomination procedure. Currently, the NCCoPP is under implementation to phase-out CFC in refrigeration sector. As per the agreement, maximum allowable consumption in this sector has been determined.

This Ministry considering the essential use of CFC in MDI sector and the maximum allowable consumption under the agreement between Government of India and the MLF, an office order was issued on 27th April 2007. Through this order, the producers of CFC were advised to

produce 750 MT of pharma-grade of CFC to meet the demand of MDI sub-sector in 2006 in India.

In response to the office order F.No.38/1/2007-OC dated 27th April, 2007 (**Annex-K, page-106**), REGMA represented to the Secretary (E&F) and made the prayer for consideration of diversion of CFC from stockpile to meet the demand of CFC in MDI sector.

In order to examine the prayer of REGMA, information regarding production, export and domestic sale as on 30th June 2007 from the REGMA was obtained and examined in the Ozone Cell.

On receipt of the information, the matter was discussed with Secretary (E&F) where it was suggested to hold a meeting with REGMA to discuss this issue on the difficulties to comply with the order issued by this Ministry.

A meeting with the representatives of REGMA was convened on 3rd August, 2007 in the office of the Ozone Cell where the issues were discussed. Considering the clarifications given by REGMA, a proposal for allocation of CFC from the leftover quantity from the 2006 consumption was submitted for consideration to the Standing Committee on Monitoring held on 23rd August, 2007. The Committee taking note of the circumstances and essentiality of the use of CFC in MDI sector in India, recommended to allocate the required quantity of CFC for manufacture of MDI and for servicing sector. The Committee also noted that the remaining quantity 764.53 MT of CFC could be utilized in 2010 or beyond for MDI sector. Minutes of the Standing Committee on Monitoring is placed at **page-84**.

An office order F.No.3/3/2007-OC dated 10th September, 2007 (**Annex-L, page-108**) providing detailed allocation of CFC between MDI and refrigeration servicing sector for the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 was issued with the approval of Secretary (E&F)/Chairperson, ESC.

Taking note of the above, the ESC may consider the following : -

- a. to accord the Ex post facto approval on the allocation of CFC between MDI and refrigeration sector as given in the **page-108**.
- b. to advise the Ozone Cell to monitor closely the consumption of CFC in MDI and refrigeration sector.

- c. in pursuance to decision 51/34 of the Executive Committee (***Annex-M, page-111***), paragraph 170a, Ozone Cell to convene a meeting with MDI producers to discuss about the requirement of CFC beyond 2009 and collect information as per the requirement for seeking essential use nominations for use of CFC in MDI sector for 2010 and beyond. The Ozone Secretariat may be contacted for detailed procedure to be followed.

Item No. 9 :

Phase-out of CFC in MDI Sector.

India is one of the largest manufacturers of the MDI. There are 8 manufacturers of CFC based MDI. The annual consumption of MDI is about 750 MT.

The 18th MOP to the Montreal Protocol, while considering the difficulties of the developing countries including India vide its decision XVIII/16 (***Annex-N, page-115***) decided to request the Executive Committee of the MLF to consider as a matter of urgency the funding of projects in relation to those Parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 that experience difficulties due to high consumption of CFC for manufacturing MDI, in order to facilitate the transition from CFC based MDI sector.

In pursuance to the above decision, the Executive Committee at its 51st meeting held in July 2007 in Montreal vide 51/34 decided to consider the request of Parties for project preparation funding on case to case basis. The country has to submit detailed information as per the requirement given in paragraph (c) of the decision 51/34. The Government of India, submitted the proposal with justification through UNDP (implementing agency) to the MLF for consideration at 52nd Executive Committee meeting which was held during July 2007.

The Executive Committee at its 52nd meeting under the agenda item No. 7 (c) (i), "work program amendment of UNDP for 2007", approved the request for project preparation in the CFC-MDI sector for India at the level of funding US\$ 100,000. The detailed decision 52/25 is placed at (***Annex-O, page-117***).

UNDP-Montreal Protocol Unit, New York and SPPU are preparing the project in consultation with MDI manufacturing industry for the Ozone Cell, Government of India. The draft project will be submitted to the Ozone Cell for necessary consideration by 15th December, 2007. With the endorsement from the Government of India, the

project will be submitted by UNDP on or before 1st January, 2008 to the MLF Secretariat for approval of funding at the 54th meeting of the Executive Committee scheduled to be held in April, 2008.

Taking note of the above, the Committee may consider to recommend the Ozone Cell to monitor closely the progress of project preparation activities for submission of the project to the Executive Committee before 31st December, 2007 with the recommendation of TFSC and approval of Secretary (E&F), Chairperson (ESC).

Item No. 10 :

Important decisions taken by the 19th MOP.

UNEP celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the Montreal Protocol. On this occasion, a Seminar on the Montreal Protocol, its achievements, lessons learned, challenges and applicability to other environmental issues was held on 16th September, 2007 and the 19th Meeting of the Parties (MOP) to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer was held from 17th to 21st September 2007 in Montreal, Canada. The MOP took 29 important decision including the following two decisions relevant to India : -

A. Adjustment to the Montreal Protocol : Accelerated Phase-out of production and consumption of HCFC in India

The MOP decided the control schedules for phase-out of production and consumption of HCFC by amending the Montreal Protocol (**Annex-P, page-119**).

The Committee may take note of the following progress made in activities related to HCFC : -

1. The Executive Committee at its 45th meeting held in July 2005 approved US \$186,000 for undertaking a survey on production and consumption of HCFC in India. UNDP, through SPPU and National Consultant, prepared the survey report and submitted to the 51st meeting of the Executive Committee for consideration. The report is placed at (**Annex-Q, page-125**).

Taking note of the above, the Committee may consider the following : -

- To have a stakeholder workshop with manufacturers of foam, refrigerators, commercial refrigeration

system, manufacturers of air-conditioners including chillers and producers of HCFC.

- To create adequate awareness among target groups about the accelerated phase-out of production and consumption of HCFC.
- To review the existing regulatory and fiscal measures to support the implementation of the accelerated phase-out schedules of production and consumption of HCFC as specified in the ***Annex-R, page-153***.
- To communicate the decision to line Ministries for information.
- To monitor the trend of production and consumption of HCFC in 2007 and report to the ESC on quarterly basis.
- A database on HCFC production and consumption needs to be established.

B. Membership of the Executive Committee of the MLF for Implementation of the Montreal Protocol

The 19th MOP endorsed the selection of India as a Member of the Executive Committee for the year 2008. As per the mutual understanding among the members of Asia Group, India has co-opted Jordan and Nepal as members of its delegation to participate in the meetings of the Executive Committee for 2008.

New members of the Executive Committee are Gabon, Sudan, China, **India**, Lebanon, Dominical Republic, Uruguay Belgium, Australia, Romania, Germany, Japan, USA and Sweden, with Gabon as Chair and Sweden as Vice Chair.

C. Twentieth Anniversary Ozone Protection Awards

- (i) Implementers Award : Ozone Cell of India has been selected for the Implementers Award for its strongest and most effective national implementing institution under the Protocol.

The award was received by Hon'ble Minister of State for Environment, Mr. Namo Narain Meena from Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director of UNEP on 17th September, 2007.

- (ii) The Montreal Protocol Exemplary Project Recognition Award : ECOFRIG, HIDECOR and NCCoPP have been selected for the

Montreal Protocol Exemplary Project Recognition Award for its achievement in developing hydrocarbon technology for refrigeration and insulation of foam. A copy of the Award certificate is placed at **Annex-S, page-156**.

Kirloskar Copeland Ltd. got the Montreal Protocol Exemplary Project Recognition Award for conversion of compressor design for refrigerators and appliances from CFC-12 to HFC-134a. A copy of the Award certificate is placed at **Annex-S, page-157**.

Item No. 11 : Budget and expenditure of the Ozone Cell for the year 2007-2008.

The MLF under the financial mechanism has been providing the funding for strengthening the capacity of National Ozone Unit since 1993. The Ozone Cell in India is responsible for implementation of the Montreal Protocol. It has been undertaking all the activities to implement all the provisions of the Montreal Protocol. The total expenditure towards all activities has been funded by the MLF through the Institutional Strengthening Project. The project is for 2 years. Currently, the Sixth phase is continuing. The cost towards all the activities including rent, the budget and expenditure made so far in 2007 and the proposed budget are given at **Annex-T, page-158**. The Committee may consider to approve the budget for 2007 and 2008.

Item No. 12 : Any other matters with the permission of the Chair.

In accordance with the decision of the 23rd ESC, the 34th meeting of the ESC is scheduled to be held on 6th February, 2008.

The Committee may take note of the above information.

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