

MINUTES OF THE XXXII MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED STEERING COMMITTEE (ESC) FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL HELD ON 10TH AUGUST, 2007 AT 3.00 P.M. IN ROOM NO. 403, MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS, PARYAVARAN BHAWAN, CGO COMPLEX, LODHI ROAD, NEW DELHI

PRESENT:

Dr. B. P. Nilaratna, Joint Secretary welcomed Ms. Meena Gupta, Secretary (E&F) and Chairperson (ESC) to the meeting.

Ms. Meena Gupta, welcomed the participants to the meeting and informed the Committee that as of now, 90% of production and consumption of Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) has been phased out at global level and more than 85% at national level. This has been possible because of the financial and technical support provided by the Multilateral Fund (MLF). The most important factor for the success of the Protocol is because of equitable sharing of responsibility by both developed and developing countries. She noted that India has so far met all its compliance targets and the national phase-out plans are progressing as per the schedule.

The list of participants is enclosed at ***Annex-I***.

Agenda Item No. 1 : Adoption of the Agenda.

The ESC adopted the following agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda :-

- Item No. 1** : Adoption of the Agenda
- Item No. 2** : Confirmation of Minutes of XXXI Meeting of the Empowered Steering Committee (ESC).
- Item No. 3** : Action taken on decision of the XXXI ESC.
- Item No. 4** : Progress of Implementation status of the Projects.
- a) Umbrella Project in Foam Sector.
 - b) Umbrella Project in Commercial Refrigeration Sector.
 - c) National CFC Consumption Phase-out Plan (NCCoPP).
 - d) CFC Production Phase out Project.
 - e) National CTC Phase out Plan.

Item No. 5 : Consideration of the applications received for Duty Exemption in respect of new or expanded activities with non-ODS technology.

Item No. 6 : Any other matters
a) Date for next Meeting of the ESC.

Agenda Item No. 2 : **Confirmation of Minutes of the XXXI ESC meeting held on 2nd August, 2006.**

Since there were no comments received, the Committee confirmed the Minutes of XXXI meeting of the ESC held on 2nd August, 2006.

Agenda Item No. 3 : **Action taken on decision of the XXXI ESC.**

Dr. B. P. Nilaratna, JS introduced the item and informed the action taken on each decision of XXXI meeting of the ESC. The Committee noted the following :-

S. No	Decision taken in XXXI ESC	Action taken on the decision
1	Agenda Item No. 3. Serial No. 1	Duty exemption certificates for the following enterprises were issued :- a) ➤ M/s Subros Ltd., U.P. & Haryana ➤ M/s B.A International b) ➤ M/s Gasa Engineers ➤ M/s Malanpur Entech ➤ M/s U-Foam ➤ M/s Global Autotech Ltd., ➤ M/s Pranav Vikas Ltd.,

Agenda Item No. 4 : **Progress of Implementation of Projects**

The Committee noted the progress of implementation status, details of funds approved, enterprises endorsed and completion of the projects in respect of the following :

- (a) Umbrella Project in Foam Sector.
- (b) Umbrella Project in Commercial Refrigeration Sector.
- (c) National CFC Consumption Phase-out Project (NCCoPP).
- (d) CFC Production Phase out Project.
- (e) National CTC Phase out Project.

While considering the progress of implementation status in NCCoPP, the representative of CII enquired about the destruction facilities under this project. In response to this, it

was clarified that the Executive Committee of the Montreal Protocol is undertaking a study on this issue. On finalization of the study, the Executive Committee of the Montreal Protocol may prepare the guidelines for funding the project for establishment of destruction facilities in developing countries.

Agenda Item No. 5 : Consideration of the applications received for Duty Exemption in respect of new or expanded activities with non-ODS technology.

(i) The Committee noted the information and explanation provided by JS (BPN) regarding issuance of customs duty certificate in respect of the following enterprises : -

- M/s Nilkamal Crates and Bins, Silvassa (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
- 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)

The details of equipment in respect of each enterprise listed above are given in **Annex-II**. Taking note of the above, the Committee decided to accord ex-post-facto approval.

While considering the above, one member enquired that how the Technology and Finance Standing Committee (TFSC) examined the equipment of general nature for recommending to avail exemptions of customs duty. It was informed

to the Committee that as clarified by Ministry of Finance, if the equipment is installed in the premises of an enterprise where the products are manufactured by adopting non-ODS technology, an undertaking is obtained from the enterprise not to shift the equipment for any other use.

Agenda Item No. 6 : Any other matter with permission of the Chair.

(i) Policy for import of HCFC-22

The representatives of ICMA and CII raised the issue of import of HCFC-22 against license. They stated that with this change of policy for allowing import of HCFC-22, the indigenous producers will lose their domestic market. Further, it was also informed that so far about 2000 MT which is 40% of the total annual consumption has been imported during the last 2 months under license. The Committee, taking note of the concern of the ICMA and CII, suggested that the decision should be reviewed and recommended that no further license should be issued till a decision is taken by the Ministry on this issue.

(ii) As per the decision of the XXIII ESC to hold the meeting on first Wednesday of 2nd month of each quarter, the XXXIII meeting of the ESC will be held on 7th November, 2007 or any date during first half of November, 2007.

The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



Annex – I**List of participants of the XXXII meeting of the Empowered Steering Committee (ESC) held on 10th August, 2007 at 3.00 PM in Room No. 403, 4th Floor, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110003**

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