

**OFFICE OF THE ZONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER, FALTA
SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE**

Sub: Minutes of the 175/66th meeting of the Unit Approval Committee for SEZs of Odisha.

Minutes of 175/66th meeting of the Unit Approval Committee for Odisha SEZ Developers & SEZ Units constituted in terms of Section 13 of Sub section 1 of the Special Economic Zone Act, 2005 was held on 19.03.2024 at 11:30 hrs at Board Room of IDCO, Main Building, IDCO Tower, Janpath, Bhubaneswar through Hybrid mode.

02. Shri DeenBandhu Singh, Chairman & Zonal Development Commissioner welcomed all the members present in the meeting and requested Shri Prasanta Kumar Panda, ADC, to place the agenda before the Committee for discussion.

03. Item wise decision taken was as under:

Agenda Item No. 175/66.1: Ratification of the minutes of the 172/65th meeting of Unit Approval Committee held on 26.12.2023 at 16:30hrs for Odisha.

Minutes of the 172/65th UAC meeting were circulated among all the members. As no comment was received, the committee ratified the minutes and confirmed the same.

Agenda Item No. 175/66.2 : Adjudication of Show Cause Notice (SCN) No. SEZ/LOA/V-2 (Odisha) /2020/1007 dated 21.11.2023 issued against M/s Vedanta Resources Pvt Ltd, a trading unit of Vedanta Ltd SEZ, Jharsuguda.

Shri Ashok Patra and Shri Karan Agarwal, presented the Unit before the Committee through VC.

M/s. Vedanta Resources Limited was permitted for setting up a unit at Vedanta Limited Special Economic Zone, Jharsuguda, Odisha, vide Letter of Approval No. SEZ/LOA/V-2(Odisha)/2020/09 dated 16.06.2020 for authorized operations namely Service Activity (Trading of Alumina). The Letter of Approval was extended for 01 (one) year w.e.f. 16.06.2021 to 15.06.2022 and further extended for another 01 (one) year w.e.f. 16.06.2022 to 15.06.2023.

The Letter of Approval No. SEZ/LOA/V-2 (Odisha)/2020/09 dated 16.06.2020 has expired w.e.f. 16.06.2023 and the unit has neither commenced production nor complied Rule 19 (4) of SEZ, Rules 2006, the LOA is deemed to be lapsed w.e.f 16.06.2023.

The Show Cause Notice was issued to the Unit on 20.11.2023 under section 16 of SEZ Act, 2005 as to why the Letter of Approval should not be cancelled w.e.f. 16.06.2023 for contravention of SEZ Acts and Rules and penalty should not be imposed under the provision of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992.

Unit vide letter dated 27.12.2023 and Personal Hearing held on 27.02.2024 has stated that 2nd proviso of Rule 19(4) of SEZ Rules, 2006 is not applicable to trading Units like them for Letter of Approval validity extension beyond two years. But the said rule provides no such exemptions, and the rule applies for all category of Units.

Committee, therefore, decided to cancel the Letter of Approval No. SEZ/LOA/V-2(Odisha)/2020/09 dated 16.06.2020 w.e.f. 16.06.2023 for contravention of SEZ Acts and Rules.

Agenda Item No. 175/66.3 : Monitoring of Annual Performance Report of M/s Infosys Limited (Unit-I)

Sl No	Name of the Unit	Name of the Zone	Period of Monitoring	Remarks
01	M/s Infosys Limited (Unit-I)	M/s IDCO-II (IT Knowledge Park) Infovalley, Gaudakasipur, Khordha, Odisha	2022-23	1. (+) NFE taken note of. 2. Committee advised to increase Export performance.

Agenda Item No. 175/66.4 : Monitoring of Annual Performance Report of M/s Infosys Limited (Unit-II)

Sl No	Name of the Unit	Name of the Zone	Period of Monitoring	Remarks
01	M/s Infosys Limited (Unit-II)	M/s IDCO-II (IT Knowledge Park) Infovalley, Gaudakasipur, Khordha, Odisha	2022-23	1. (+) NFE taken note of. 2. Committee advised to increase Export performance.

Agenda Item No. 175/66.5 : Monitoring of Annual Performance Report of M/s LTIMindtree Ltd.

Sl No	Name of the Unit	Name of the Zone	Period of Monitoring	Remarks
01	M/s LTIMindtree Limited	M/s IDCO-I (IT/ITEs) SEZ, Chandrasekharapur, Bhubaneswar, Odisha	2022-23	1. (+) NFE taken note of. 2. Committee advised to increase Export performance.

Agenda Item No. 175/66.6 : Monitoring of Annual Performance Report of M/s Wipro Limited (Unit-I).

Sl No	Name of the Unit	Name of the Zone	Period of Monitoring	Remarks
01	M/s Wipro Limited (Unit-I)	M/s IDCO-I (IT/ITEs) SEZ, Chandrasekharapur, Bhubaneswar, Odisha	2022-23	1. (+) NFE taken note of. 2. Committee advised to increase Export performance.

This issues with the approval of Zonal Development Commissioner.

(Abhishek Sanyal)
Dy. Development Commissioner

Annexure-I

The following Officers attended the 175/66thUAC meeting held on 19.03.2024 at 11:30 hrs.

Sl No.	Name of the Officer & Designation	Name of the Office/Department
01	Deen Bandhu Singh, Chairman & Zonal Development Commissioner.	FSEZ, Kolkata
02	L.K Halder, Jt. DGFT	DGFT, Kolkata
03	Parthasarathi Ghosh, Dy. Development Commissioner	FSEZ, Kolkata
04	S.N. Nayak, Jt. Director	Industry Department, Govt. of Odisha
05	Prasanta Kumar Panda, Asst. Development Commissioner	IDCO-I/FSEZ, Bhubaneswar, Odisha
06	Praveen Kumar Panda, Asst. Development Commissioner	For Tata Steel, Saraf Agencies & Vedanta/FSEZ, Odisha
07	Pradeep Kumar Mohapatra, Asst. Development Commissioner	IDCO-II/FSEZ, Bhubaneswar, Odisha
07	S.P Rath, Specified Officer, Tata Steel and IT/ITES SEZs Bhubaneswar	Customs, Bhubaneswar
08	Dharambir Kumar, Specified Officer, Vedanta, , Saraf Agencies SEZ	Customs, Bhubaneswar
09	Subhrashree Mahananda, Asst. Manager, MSME-I	IDCO, Bhubaneswar