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Government of India
Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Department of Commerce
(SEZ Section)

Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi Dated the 30th January, 2025

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: 126th Meeting of the Board of Approval for Special Economic Zones held on 24th January, 2025– Reg.

Please find enclosed herewith Minutes of the 126th meeting of the Board of Approval for Special Economic Zones held on 24th January, 2025 under the Chairmanship of Shri Sunil Barthwal, Secretary, Department of Commerce for information and necessary action.

2. The Development Commissioners are requested to take urgent necessary action, on the directions of BoA.

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Minutes of the 126th meeting of the Board of Approval for SEZs held on 24th January, 2025

The One Hundred and Twenty-Sixth (126th) meeting of the Board of Approval (BoA) for Special Economic Zones (SEZs) was held on 24th January, 2025 under the chairmanship of Shri Sunil Barthwal, Secretary, Department of Commerce, in Room No. 427, Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi through hybrid mode. The list of participants is at **Annexure-I.**

The item-wise decisions taken by the Board are as below:

Item No. 126.1:

Ratification of the minutes of the 125th meeting of the Board of Approval for Special Economic Zones (SEZs) held on 6th December, 2024.

The Board **ratified** the minutes of the 125th meeting of the BoA for SEZs held on 6th December, 2024.

Item No. 126.2:

Request for extension of validity of In-principle/Formal approval [2 proposals – 126.2(i) and 126.2(ii)]

126.2(i) Proposal of M/s. Phoenix Tech Zone Private Limited for further extension of the validity period of formal approval, granted for setting up of IT/ITES SEZ at Nanakramguda Village, Serilingampally Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana.

The Board, after deliberations, **granted extension** of validity of LoA for a further period of one year, i.e., upto 06.12.2025.

126.2(ii) Proposal of M/s. Infosys Limited for extension of the validity period of formal approval granted for setting up of IT/ITES SEZ at Plot No. A-01 to A-06, Sector-85, Noida (U.P.) beyond 14.04.2025.

The Board, after deliberations, **granted extension** of validity of LoA for a further period of one year, i.e., upto 14.04.2026.

Item No. 126.3:

Request for extension of LoA of SEZ Unit [1 proposal - 126.3(i)]

126.3(i) Proposal of M/s. RoboMQ Private Limited for grant of LoA extension for a period of one-year, located at Plot No. IT-B-02, Multi-Product SEZ of Mahindra World City (Jaipur) Ltd. at Vill. Kalwara, Jhai, Bhamboriya, Bagru Khurd & Newta, Tehsil-Sanganer, Distt. Jaipur (Rajasthan).

The Board, after deliberations, **granted extension** of validity of LoA for a further period of one year, i.e., upto 10.11.2025.

Item No. 126.4:

Request for conversion of Processing Area into Non-Processing Area under Rule 11(B) [4 proposals – 126.4(i) to 126.4(iv)]

126.4(i) Proposal of M/s. Oxygen Business Park Private Limited, Developer, for demarcation of '3471 Square Meter at 13th floor, Tower-3' into Non-Processing area of IT/ITES SEZ at Plot No. 7, Sector-144, Noida (Uttar Pradesh), under Rule 11B of SEZ Rules, 2006.

The Board, after deliberations, **permitted** the demarcation of the following area as Non-Processing Area in terms of Rule 11B of SEZ Rules, 2006: -

| Details | |
|-------------------------------------------|--|
| 13 th floor, Tower-3 (1 floor) | |
| Total 3471.00 Sq.mt. | |

126.4(ii) Proposal of M/s. Seaview Developers Private Limited, Developer, for demarcation of additional built-up Processing Area of 9935.32 Sqmt. at Ground to 3rd floor, Tower-2 of the IT/ITES SEZ at Plot No. 20 & 21, Sector- 135, Noida (U.P.) into Non-Processing Area, under Rule 11B of SEZ Rules, 2006.

The Board, after deliberations, **permitted** the demarcation of the following area as Non-Processing Area in terms of Rule 11B of SEZ Rules, 2006: -

| Tower | Floor | Built-up area |
|---------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | | (in Square meter) |
| Tower-2 | Ground floor | 2586.22 |
| | 1st floor | 2449.70 |
| | 2 nd floor | 2449.70 |

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| | 3 rd floor | 2449.70 |
|--------|----------------------------|---------|
| Total: | G to 3 rd floor | 9935.32 |

126.4(iii) Proposal of M/s. DLF Cyber City Developers Limited, developer of IT/ITES SEZ at Sector- 24 & 25A, DLF Phase-III, Gurugram (Haryana) for demarcation of built-up Processing Area admeasuring '2382.261 Sqmt. at 8th floor, Block-B, Building No. 14' into Non-Processing Area under Rule 11B of SEZ Rules, 2006 read with Instruction No. 115 dated 09.04.2024.

The Board, after deliberations, **permitted** the demarcation of the following area as Non-Processing Area in terms of Rule 11B of SEZ Rules, 2006: -

| Details | |
|-----------------------|--|
| Ground+16 (17 floors) | |
| Total 2382.261 Sqmt. | |

126.4(iv) Proposal of M/s. Manyata Promoters Private Limited, Developer, for demarcation of SEZ Processing Built-up area (6373 sq.mtr.) as Non-Processing Area in terms of Rule 11 B of SEZ Rules, 2006 read with Instruction No.115 dated 09.04.2024.

The Board, after deliberations, **permitted** the demarcation of the following area as Non-Processing Area in terms of Rule 11B of SEZ Rules, 2006: -

| Building | /Tower | / | No. of floors | Total built-up area (in |
|-------------------------|----------|------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Block/Plot | No. | | | M^2) |
| Building Building B) | H2 (Anne | xure | 7 th & 8 th Floors | 6373.00 |
| Total | | • | | 6373.00 |

Item No. 126.5:

Miscellaneous [2 cases - 126.5(i) and 126.5(ii)]

126.5(i) Proposal of M/s. ANSR Global Corporation Pvt. Ltd. for surrender of partial space of their co-developer area.

The Board, after deliberations, <u>approved</u> the proposal of M/s. ANSR Global Corporation Pvt. Ltd. for surrender of partial space of their co-developer area as below: -

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| Floor | Area (in sq.ft.) |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 4 th Floor (south & North Towers) | 1,25,409 |
| 6 th Floor (North Tower) | 69,871 |
| Total surrendered area Total remaining area | 1,95,280 1,80,947 |

126.5(ii) Request for permission for amalgamation of the three sector-specific SEZs into one multi-sector SEZ in Mahindra World City.

The Board, after deliberations, **approved** the request of M/s. Mahindra World City for amalgamation of their three sector-specific SEZs into one multi-sector SEZ. The Board also **recommended** issuing a new notification for the amalgamated SEZ, rendering the previous notifications infructuous.

Item No.126.6:

Appeal [2 cases – 126.6(i) and 126.6(ii)]

126.6(i) Appeal filed by M/s. Aquapetro Solutions LLP, under Rule 55 of the SEZ Rules, 2006 against the Order dated 29.10.2024 passed by UAC, KASEZ.

The Board observed that there is a need to regulate warehousing activities dealing with sensitive items in the SEZs. The Board also took cognizance of the instructions issued by the DoC on the necessity of exercising due diligence and maintaining strict controls over the operations of warehousing units to prevent misuse and ensure compliance with SEZ laws and safety standards.

In view of the above, the Board directed the DoC to explore the warehousing policy for storing of sensitive items in SEZs, ensuring alignment with SEZ laws. Consequently, the appeal was <u>deferred</u> to the next meeting to enable a final decision to be taken in alignment with the policy review.

126.6(ii) Appeal filed by M/s. Tekwud Products Pvt. Ltd. under Rule 55 of the SEZ Rules, 2006, against the decision of UAC, KASEZ.

The Board heard the appellant and noted that the appellant admitted to contraventions of the terms and conditions of their LoA. After deliberations, the Board concluded that the decision of the UAC, KASEZ, to cancel the LoA was appropriate and in line with the provisions of the SEZ Act and Rules. Accordingly, the Board upheld the decision of the UAC, KASEZ, and **rejected** the appeal of M/s. Tekwud Products Pvt. Ltd.

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Decision on Supplementary Agenda

Item No. 126.7:

Request for extension of LoA of SEZ Unit [1 proposal - 126.7(i)]

126.7(i) Proposal of M/s. BEML Limited, a unit in KIADB Aerospace Special Economic Zone, Bangalore for extension of validity of Letter of Approval for a further period of three months from 05.01.2025 to 04.04.2025 (13th Extension).

The Board was informed that the unit had requested an extension of six months instead of the initially proposed three months. The DC also recommended the extension for six months. Accordingly, the Board, after deliberations, **granted extension** of validity of LoA for a further period of six months from 05.01.2025 to 04.07.2025.

Item No. 126.8:

Request for Co-Developer status [2 proposals – 126.8(i) to 126.8(ii)]

126.8(i) Proposal of M/s. Soujanya Color Private Limited for Co-Developer status in Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority-SEZ, Raigad, Navi Mumbai.

The Board, after deliberations, **approved** the proposal of M/s. Soujanya Color Private Limited for Co-developer status in the M/s. Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority-SEZ at Raigad, Navi Mumbai for Construction of Buildings and Infrastructure for SEZ/FTWZ units, Manufacturing, Trading, Warehousing, Commercial and Other Service units with Associated Civil, Structural Infrastructure including Mechanical, Instrumentation work, Equipment related to process and utilities, piping, Software and IT systems, Offices, Canteen, Materials Storages systems, Racks, material handling equipment, Water purification and waste water disposal systems, Public Health MEP, Firefighting System, and Alarm Systems and alike systems and facilities required to set up and maintain chemical manufacturing unit, and undertaking other default authorized operations as per DoC's Instruction No. 50 dated 15.03.2010 over an area of 36,788.47 Sq.mtrs. (3.67 Hectares), in accordance with the Co-developer Agreement dated 25.11.2024 entered into with the Developer (Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority-SEZ) subject to standard terms and conditions as per the SEZ Act and Rules. Further, the Assessing Officer will have the right to examine the taxability of the income by way of lease rentals/down payment/premium, etc. for the purpose of assessment under the prevalent Income-tax Act, 1961 and Income-tax Rules, 1962 as amended from time to

time. The lease period shall be in accordance with DoC's Instruction No. 98 dated 29^{th} August, 2019.

126.8(ii) Proposal of M/s. MariApps Marine Solutions India Private Limited, Co-Developer for approval of construction of IT building with additional facilities in lieu of Multi-Level Car Parking on the additional land of 0.3966 Ha (98 cents) approved by BoA.

The Board, after deliberations, approved the proposal of M/s. MariApps Marine Solutions India Private Limited, a Co-developer in the M/s. SmartCity (Kochi) Infrastructure Private Limited at Kakkanad Village, Kanayanoor Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala, for Construction of a new IT building containing additional facilities comprising of IT office space, parking facility and temporary accommodation facility for trainees during the time of their marine training in the additional land of 0.3966 Ha which was approved by the BoA for construction of Multi-Level Car Parking facility, in accordance with the Co-developer Agreement dated 26.05.2023 entered into with the Developer (M/s. SmartCity (Kochi) Infrastructure Private Limited) subject to standard terms and conditions as per the SEZ Act and Rules. Further, the Assessing Officer will have the right to examine the taxability of the income by way of lease rentals/down payment/premium, etc. for the purpose of assessment under the prevalent Income-tax Act, 1961 and Income-tax Rules, 1962 as amended from time to time. The lease period shall be in accordance with DoC's Instruction No. 98 dated 29th August, 2019.

Moreover, the Board highlighted the need for a detailed performance review of all SEZs. Accordingly, the Board directed all DCs to undertake a comprehensive performance review of SEZs, covering key aspects, including FDI inflows, investments, SEZ units, EOUs, exports, and imports. A detailed performance presentation, incorporating these aspects, should be prepared by DoC and presented to the Board in each meeting for informed decision-making and enhanced oversight.

Agenda Item No. 126.9:

Miscellaneous [1 case - 126.9(i)]

126.9(i) Proposal in respect of M/s. Shree Bhomika International Limited for Revival/Renewal of LOA of sick unit, Broad-banding of authorized operations, renewal of Lease deed.

The Board, after deliberations, <u>approved</u> the proposal of M/s. Shree Bhomika International Limited for Revival of Sick Unit for IT/ITES Services only, and transfer of

funit-

assets & liabilities to M/s. Commodities Trading, in terms of Rule 72 of the SEZ Rules, 2006.

Decision on Supplementary Agenda II

Item No. 126.10:

Request for Co-Developer status [1 proposal - 126.10(i)]

126.10(i) Proposal of M/s. Steinweg Sharaf (India) Private Limited for Co-Developer status in Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority-SEZ, Raigad, Navi Mumbai.

The Board, after deliberations, approved the proposal of M/s. Steinweg Sharaf (India) Private Limited for Co-developer status in the M/s. Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority-SEZ at Raigad, Navi Mumbai for Development, Operation and Maintenance of Processing Zone and to develop Free Trade Warehousing Zone (FTWZ) and infrastructure like Modular Infrastructure Facilities, Container Yard, office complex, Open spaces, Roads, Operations Leasing of project infrastructure, and its allied logistics and supply of utility in the SEZ Area" at JNPA-SEZ and undertaking other default authorized operations as per DoC's Instruction No. 50 dated 15.03.2010 over an area of 48,572 Sq.mtrs. (4.85 Hectares), in accordance with the Co-developer Agreement dated 26.11.2024 entered into with the Developer (Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority-SEZ) subject to standard terms and conditions as per the SEZ Act and Rules. Further, the Assessing Officer will have the right to examine the taxability of the income by way of lease rentals/down payment/premium, etc. for the purpose of assessment under the prevalent Income-tax Act, 1961 and Income-tax Rules, 1962 as amended from time to time. The lease period shall be in accordance with DoC's Instruction No. 98 dated 29th August, 2019.

Moreover, the Board observed that there is need to review the warehousing policy in light of Rule 18(5) of the SEZ Rules, 2006 and Instruction No. 60 issued by the DoC. Accordingly, the Board directed DoC to take inputs from all the DCs/other stakeholders and prepare a concept note along with a proposal for the Board for its consideration.

Item No. 126.11:

Request for partial/full de-notification [1 proposal - 126.11(i)]

125.11(i) Proposal of M/s. Adani Ports & Special Economic Zone Ltd. for partial de-notification of 333.7396 Ha out of 8282.7670 Ha of their multiproduct SEZ at Mundra, Kutch, Gujarat.

The Board, after deliberations, **recommended** the partial de-notification of 333.7396 Ha out of 8282.7670 Ha of M/s. Adani Ports & Special Economic Zone Ltd., Multi-Product SEZ at Rajiv Mundra, Kutch, Gujarat.

Item No. 126.12:

Request for extension of LoA of SEZ Unit [1 proposal - 126.12(i)]

126.12(i) Proposal of M/s. Mundra Petrochem Limited, APSEZ, Mundra for grant of LOA extension for a period of one-year.

The Board, after deliberations, **granted extension** of validity of LoA for a further period of one year, i.e., upto 30.12.2025.

Item No. 126.13:

Miscellaneous [1 case - 126.13(i)]

126.13(i) Proposal of M/s. Perungudi Real Estates Private Limited for Dual Use Infrastructure in Non-Processing Area of SEZ in terms of Rule 11 A(1) of SEZ Rules, 2006.

The Board, after deliberations, <u>approved</u> the proposal of M/s. Perungudi Real Estates Private Limited for Dual Use Infrastructure in Non-Processing Area of the SEZ in terms of Rule 11A(1) of the SEZ Rules, 2006.

Item No. 126.14:

Appeal [2 cases - 126.14(i) & 126.14(ii)]

120.14(i) Appeal filed by M/s. Nara Exim Pvt. Ltd. against the decision of UAC, Falta SEZ.

The Board heard the appellant and noted that M/s. Nara Exim Pvt. Ltd. failed to comply with the conditions, including the prescribed export performance during the designated 18-month period, specified for plastic recycling units during the 120th meeting of the BoA held on 29.10.2022. The Board, after deliberations, concluded that the decision of

the UAC, Falta SEZ was appropriate and consistent with the provisions of the SEZ Act, 2005, and SEZ Rules, 2006. Accordingly, the Board upheld the decision of the UAC, Falta SEZ, and **rejected** the appeal filed by M/s. Nara Exim Pvt. Ltd.

126.14(ii) Appeal filed by M/s. Jiwanram Sheoduttrai Industries Limited under the provision of Section 16(4) of the SEZ Act, 2005 against the Order-in-Original dated 17.10.2024 passed by DC, FSEZ.

The Board was informed that the appellant was unable to attend the hearing and had requested to defer their case. Accordingly, the Board <u>deferred</u> the case.

List of Participants for the Meeting of the Board of Approval for SEZ held on 24.01.2025 under the Chairmanship of Commerce Secretary, Department of Commerce.

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- 3. Shri Santosh Kumar Sarangi, Additional Secretary & DG, DGFT
- 4. Shri Vimal Anand, Joint Secretary, DoC
- 5. Shri Ranjan Khanna, Pr. ADG, DGEP, CBIC
- 6. Shri Roshan Lal, ADG, DGEP
- 7. Shri Gaurav Pundir, Director, DoC
- 8. Smt. P. Hemalatha, Development Commissioner, CSEZ
- 9. Shri Bipin Menon, Development Commissioner, NSEZ
- 10. Shri Dinesh Singh, Development Commissioner, KASEZ
- 11. Shri D.B. Patil, Development Commissioner, SEEPZ-SEZ
- 12. Shri Srinivas Muppaala, Development Commissioner, VSEZ
- 13. Shri D.B. Singh, Development Commissioner, FSEZ
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- 3. Shri Yogesh Kumar Sharma, Deputy Director, MSME
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