

**Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> (eighth) meeting of the Approval Committee for Engineering – Special Economic Zone, developed by M/s. Synefra Engineering & Construction Ltd., (formerly M/s. Suzlon Infrastructure Ltd.,) held on 29-12-2011 at 1200 hours, under the Chairmanship of Shri Pravir Kumar, IAS, Development Commissioner, Kandla Special Economic Zone, in the Conference Room of DC's Office, Dahej – SEZ, Ahmedabad.**

List of Participants is annexed as Annexure-1.


**A) Fresh Proposal:-**

The following case for setting-up manufacturing unit in sector specific Engineering – SEZ, was deliberated and taken-up for consideration by the Approval Committee.

**8-A-01) M/s. Bitumode International Pvt. Ltd., Vadodara:-**

Dr. Mohamed Walid Gamaleldin, Chairman & MD of the applicant company, appeared before the Committee for personal interview, and explained the salient features of the proposed project in Synefra - Engineering – SEZ, through a brief presentation.

- The proposal is for manufacture and export of 1) Waterproofing membranes; 2) Bituminous liquids; 3) Waterproofing paints; 4) Road paving materials; 5) Geotextiles; 6) Thermal insulations; and 7) Processed plastics”.
- The above products are used in Civil, Mechanical, and Automotive Engineering, in various applications like waterproofing of buildings, pond & canal lining, soil reinforcement, filtration in soil mechanics – road construction, pipeline protection (pipe wrap), noise reduction & vibration damping in kitchen sinks, lining of car bodies for corrosion protection, lining of car bodies for noise reduction and vibration damping. It was stated that final products are to be used in the Engineering industries; therefore the unit should be treated as an engineering unit.
- Basic raw material like Bitumen is the waste product of the petroleum industry which will be procured indigenously, the manufacturing process will be with advanced technology, fully automated Plant & sophisticated equipments for enhanced worker safety with very high environmental standards (complying with European norms). The project shall be environment friendly.
- The Central Excise department had reservations in considering the said proposed items of manufacture under the classification of “Hi-tech Engineering” and allowing such a unit in this sector specific SEZ. However, it was clarified that MoC&I vide their letter No. F.2/248/2006-SEZ, dated 25-01-2009 had changed the name of SEZ sector from “Hi-tech Engineering’ to “Engineering”.
- The Approval Committee deliberated the issue at length regarding the classification of the proposed items of manufacture, whether they could be categorized as “Engineering” products. Jt. DGFT, Vadodara suggested that a clarification regarding classification of the proposed item may be sought from the Ministry. Therefore, the Committee decided to defer the case, and refer the matter to the Ministry of Commerce & Industry for clarification regarding classification of proposed items of manufacture.



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**B) Other Proposal:-**

**08-B-01) Request of M/s. SE Forge Ltd., for broad-banding of their LOA:-**

Shri Nitin Shah, Sr. GM (Finance & Accounts), of the applicant company appeared before the Committee and explained their request for Broad-banding, i.e. inclusion for trading activity in the LOA. The items sought for trading were “Forged & Machined Rings, including tower flanges, gear ring, ring wheel, slew bearing ring, distance plate & lock plate, ring & flanges for oil and gas industries”. It was explained that whereas rings will be imported, the other parts of the assembly would be manufactured in house and completed assembly would be then exported. No additional plant & machinery will be required for this.

The Committee observed that the applicant in their operation in SEZ were NFE Negative so far. Thus, the Committee advised them to improve their export performance in the SEZ and achieve Positive NFE within the stipulated period. The Unit explained that inclusion of the requested items for trading activity would help them in becoming NFE Positive. After due deliberations and diligence the Committee considered and approved the proposal for trading, subject to standard terms and conditions as per SEZ Rules. The Unit was also advised to maintain separate account for the trading activity.



( Pravir Kumar )  
Chairman of Approval Committee,  
& Development Commissioner,  
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**Annexure-1**

**The following members were present:-**

01.	Shri. Pravir Kumar, IAS Development Commissioner, Kandla Special Economic Zone.	Chairman
02.	Shri B. P. Bunker, Jt. DGFT, Vadodara.	Member – through video conferencing
03.	Shri S. N. Patil, Joint DC, Dahej – SEZ.	Nominee for the Director – SEZ, MOC&I, DOC.
04.	Shri Raghavendra Singh, Assistant Commissioner of Central Excise, Baroda-II.	Nominee of the Commissioner of Central Excise, Baroda-II.
05.	Shri Harish Mehta, Director, M/s. Synefra Engineering & Construction Ltd., Vadodara.	Representative of the Developer – Synefra.
06.	Shri R. I. Pandey, OSD-B, KASEZ.	Special Invitee representing the DC, KASEZ.