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Subject: Approved Minutes of 1st Meeting of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) held on 03.02.2023: UNIDO GEF-5 Project " Application for Concentrating Solar Thermal Technology(CST) in India for various clusters identified under the Project"- reg.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith enclosed Approved Minutes of 1st Meeting of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) dated 03rd March 2023: UNIDO GEF-5 Project "Application for Concentrating Solar Thermal Technology(CST) in India for various clusters identified under the Project" for your kind perusal please.

This issues with approval of Chairman cum AS&DC(MSME).

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Approved Minutes of 1st Meeting of Project Steering Committee (PSC) of UNIDO-GEF-MSME project on “Promoting Business Model of Increasing Penetration and scaling up of Solar Energy in India” (GEF-5)

The 1st meeting of Project Steering Committee (PSC) for UNIDO-GEF-MSME project was held at 3:30 PM on 03.02.2023 at Conference Hall, O/o DC (MSME), Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary and Development Commissioner (AS&DC), O/o DC(MSME), Ministry of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME) to discuss on the progress of project activities including the financial scheme of identified MSME clusters for GEF- 5 funded project on Promoting Business Model of Increasing Penetration and scaling up of Solar Energy in India. The list of participants, who attended the meeting is place at Annexure 1.

At the outset, Sh. Vinamra Mishra, Director (Technical), MoMSME welcomed the Chairman and Members of the 1st Meeting of the Project Steering Committee. He informed the Committee members that the Solar project started with MoMSME on January 2022. He also mentioned that, this was the 1st meeting of PSC under the UNIDO-GEF-MSME project and before a high-level meeting with UNIDO & MoMSME under the chairmanship of AC&DC was held on 9th March 2022.

Action taken report of the earlier held high-level meeting (dated- 9th March 2022) was apprised to the committee by the UNIDO Project Team. Most of the points were related to the formation of Project Steering Committee (PSC), Technical Working Group (TWG) Committee, Annual Work Plan (AWP) including the financial package GEF grant discussed in that meeting.

2. Sh. Debajit Das, National Project Coordinator (NPC), UNIDO highlighted the project progress through power point presentation which covered project brief of Concentrating Solar Thermal (CST) project, Project achievements, Project Financial support in terms of grant under the demonstration and replication projects.

National Project Coordinator (NPC), UNIDO informed the committee members that, the Project expert team visited all the 5- identified MSME clusters and prepared 21 feasibility reports (FRs) and two Detailed Project Reports (DPRs). All the FRs were reviewed by the TWG committee members of the 1st & 2nd TWG meeting, which was held on 13th June 2022 and 1st February 2023 respectively. Two DPRs prepared under the project were also endorsed by the TWG committee members.

3. AS&DC, MoMSME appreciated the efforts made by the PMU in executing activities under the project. The chairman also suggested that emphasis may be given to explore more suitable clusters for application of Concentrating Solar Thermal technologies across the MSMEs. Further, he suggested preparing a tentative timeline for implementation of the project activities and same may be shared during next PSC meeting.

4. Director(T&P), MoMSME suggested in the meeting that UNIDO should prepare maximum Nos of DPRs and initiate actions to execute the project activities on expedited manner.

5. Dr. Rene Van Berkel, UNIDO Project Manager informed the committee that the commission of CST projects may take minimum 9-10 months and the actual timeline projections could be more accurately discussed, once majority number of DPRs are prepared.
6. Chairman, PSC advised the project team to make a timeline for the execution of CST projects based on the DPRs prepared under the UNIDO-GEF-MSME project. He also advised his departmental official to provide all operational supports to project team in executing the activities.
7. It was discussed since there is very likelihood of requirement of timeline extension of the project keeping in mind of the remaining activities, the actual quantum of extension could be decided once the actual framework for the execution of projects is submitted after studying the progress of the DPRs which could be tabled in the upcoming PSC meeting.
8. Chairman, PSC suggested UNIDO to organize 2nd PSC meeting of solar by May 2023 and suggested the MoMSME officials to closely monitor the progress of DPRs and discuss the framework of implementation and future execution plan.
9. NPC, UNIDO briefed the Committee that, the DPRs of the following industries prepared under the Surat Textile Cluster. He informed that the DPR has been approved by the TWG committee members in the meeting which was held on 1st Feb 2023. After deliberations on the main features of the DPRs, the PSC committee also approved the DPRs with technical and financial supports under the UNIDO-GEF-MSME project.
 - i. SujeTex (P) Ltd, Surat (Palsana), Gujarat
 - ii. J.P. Kachiwala Textile, Surat (Palsana) Gujarat
10. Dr. A.K. Tripathi, Advisor, MNRE suggested in the meeting that the project should consider one demonstration project in each of the 5- MSME or more clusters.
11. The criteria for selection of pilot industries is set as first cum-first basis. Out of the two units from Surat (who has submitted the consent letter) M/s SujeTex Pvt Ltd (Palsana) submitted the consent letter first and as such chosen for the first pilot demonstration unit with a financial assistance of 30% of project benchmark cost and J.P. Kachiwala, Palsana is considered under replication category with a financial assistance of 15% of project benchmark cost. The committee suggested the project team to prepare necessary bidding documents for the above two industries based on the approved DPRs and with above-mentioned financial incentives.
11. Director, MoMSME informed that Goa Energy Development Agency has requested to include Goa pharmaceutical cluster under the GEF-UNIDO-MSME CST project. After sufficient deliberation, the committee agreed to include the Goa Pharma cluster under the UNIDO-GEF-MSME project. The committee also endorsed Goa as a prospective venue for organizing training programme under the project.
12. Dr. Pankaj Kumar, National Technical Expert briefed a CST project proposed for Goa Medical College to the PSC committee members and the committee agreed for the technical and financial support under the UNIDO-GEF-MSME Project.
13. Another additional project where M/s Rallis India Ltd expressed interest for adoption of

CST under the project, was also discussed by the Committee members. Since Rallis does not have MSME registration, Chairman, PSC advised that the focus of the project for now should be the MSMEs.

14. UNIDO project team has also briefed the status of CST project in Jorhat Tea Cluster with respect to the higher payback period and proposed the Committee for additional financial grant for Jorhat Tea Cluster under the UNIDO-GEF MSME project. PSC, Chairman suggested that the parameter for the financial supports may consider as per the scheme approved under the UNIDO-GEF-MSME project, he also suggested UNIDO should first complete the first demonstration project in Jorhat Tea Cluster with 30% financial support as per the UNIDO's project benchmark cost, so that the nearby industries could draw confidence to go for replication.

The meeting then ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Annexure 1**List of Participants**

S.No	Name of the Officer	Designation and Organisation
1	Dr. Rajneesh	AS & DC, Mo MSME
3	Sh Vinamra Mishra	Director, Mo MSME
7	Sh Santosh Kumar	Assistant Director, Mo MSME
6	Dr. Anil Kumar	Director, MNRE
2	Dr. A.K.Tripathi	Advisor, MNRE
4	Dr. Rene Van Berkel	Project Manager, UNIDO Regional Office India
5	*Sh. Sanjaya Shrestha	Project Manager, UNIDO, Vienna
8	Sh. Debajit Das	National Project Coordinator, UNIDO
9	Dr. Pankaj Kumar	National Technical Expert, UNIDO

Note: * Project Manager, UNIDO-HQ, Vienna joined in the 1st PSC meeting through Virtual mode.