

Minutes of the 122<sup>nd</sup> (hundred twenty-second) meeting of the Approval Committee for sector specific SEZ for multi-services developed by M/s. GIFT SEZ Limited, held on 03rd May, 2023, at 11:30 hours under the chairmanship of Shri Vijay Kumar, ITS, Senior Development Commissioner, the GIFT Special Economic Zone was organized through hybrid mode i.e. physical as well as video conferencing mode.

List of participants is annexed as Annexure-I

**122-I)** The circulated minutes of the 121<sup>st</sup> meeting, held on April 19, 2023, were **confirmed** by the Approval Committee for GIFT-SEZ.

This Unit Approval Committee (UAC) meeting was organized in hybrid mode, i.e., physical as well as video conferencing mode.

The Chairman of Approval Committee raised **concern over the lack of availability of adequate office space for the applicant units**, as Gift SEZ is getting many applications. Many units are starting their operations from the co-working desks only, as enough space is not available with the developer/co-developer. Some units are not in a position to employ more persons because of shortage of space. Committee observed that this is not a desirable or satisfactory situation for an SEZ like Gift SEZ.

It also observed that although there are many approved Co-Developers for GIFT-multi-services-SEZ to set-up required office space for services unit, the applicant units has informed the Development Commissioner's Office regarding the lack of availability of adequate and favorable office spaces as per their requirements.

After detailed discussions, it was decided that **Developer company viz. M/s. GIFT SEZ Limited will make a detailed presentation in the next meeting of the Approval Committee** covering inter-alia existing situation of space availability in the SEZ, progress being made by Co-developers, status of current infrastructural works, availability of the temporary workspaces, and future plans (both short term and long term) to cater to the rising demands of the applicant units, etc. It was highlighted that the GIFT-SEZ is expanding like never before and more than 200 units were issued LOA in the last financial year alone; therefore, it is required to ensure that sufficient office infrastructure is there for the establishment of the approved units in the SEZ.

➤ **The next meeting of the Approval Committee shall be held on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month), at 11:30 hours.**

**122-A)** **Fresh cases for GIFT—Multi Services—SEZ:**

**122-A-01)** **Proposal of M/s. Credlix IFSC Private Limited, Gandhinagar, for setting up a new IFSC Financial Services unit in the GIFT-SEZ, Gandhinagar.**

Shri Pramit Joshi and Shri Rishabh Agarwal, Directors of the applicant company, appeared before the Approval Committee for a personal interview through video conferencing. They informed the Approval Committee that their parent/holding company viz. 'Moglix' has a presence in the DTA, with its headquarters located in Singapore, where they cater to their global clients. They have around 1500 employees in India. They are also present in other South Asian countries and in the Middle East as well. Now, they intend to set up a new unit/branch in GIFT-SEZ as a financial services entity with the aim

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of providing services such as export and import factoring and the lending of medium-term loans to SMEs. In the import/export factoring services, they shall act as a middleman between the buyer and the exporter.

The IFSCA member confirmed to the committee the receipt of their application and affirmed that the services proposed are within the framework of the IFSC Authority.

A brief description of the proposal is as follows:

- FOB value for export (inflow) of services for a five-year period is projected at Rs. 21,614.79 lakhs, with the import (outgo) of foreign exchange projected at Rs. 13,413.62 lakhs, resulting in a NFE of Rs. 82,01.17 lakhs (94%).
- The cost of the project is estimated at Rs. 64 lakhs.
- The proposed project would generate employment for 30 people (22 men and 8 women) over a period of 5 years.
- The Developer (M/s. GIFT SEZ Limited.) has, by letter dated September 3, 2022, earmarked, and confirmed the required premises/space GIFT-SEZ, District Gandhinagar-382355, for the proposed project.

The Approval Committee, after deliberation, **approved** the project, subject to the standard terms and conditions of the SEZ Rules, 2006, and subject to the furnishing of approval from the IFSC Authority/Competent Authority and compliance with all mandatory/statutory requirements of relevant Acts, Rules, and Regulations.


**122-A-02) Proposal of M/s. LGT Wealth India Private Limited, Mumbai, for setting up a new IFSC financial services unit in the GIFT-SEZ, Gandhinagar.**

Shri Nikhil Advani, Managing Director- International Business and his team of the applicant company appeared before the Approval Committee for a personal interview through video conferencing. He informed the Approval Committee that their parent company has a presence in the DTA as well as in the global market. They are engaged in the business of Portfolio Management Service, Wealth Management Services, Capital Market Services and Distribution of financial products. At present they are managing assets approx. 300 billion USD globally. Now, they intend to set up a new unit/branch in GIFT-SEZ as a fintech entity, where they shall provide opportunity to the investors with the offshore investment opportunities.

The IFSCA member confirmed to the committee the receipt of their application and affirmed that the proposal is within the fintech framework of IFSC Authority.

A brief description of the proposal is as follows:

- FOB value for export (inflow) of services for a five-year period is projected at Rs. 4,305.00 lakhs, with import (outgo) of foreign exchange projected at Rs. 2,174.86 lakhs, resulting in a NFE of Rs.2,130.14lakhs (49.48%).
- The cost of the project is estimated at Rs. 09.00lakhs.

  
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- The proposed project would generate employment for 6 people (3 men and 3 women) over a period of 5 years.
- The Co-Developer (M/s. Savvy ATS Realty LLP) has by letter dated December 17, 2022, earmarked, and confirmed the required premises/space GIFT-SEZ, District Gandhinagar-382355, for the proposed project.

The Approval Committee, after deliberation, **approved** the project, subject to the standard terms and conditions of the SEZ Rules, 2006, and subject to the furnishing of approval from the IFSC Authority/Competent Authority and compliance with all mandatory/statutory requirements of relevant Acts, Rules, and Regulations.

**122-B) Broad-banding/change of name cases for GIFT-Multi Services-SEZ:**

**122-B-01) Proposal of M/s. Nippon Life India Asset Management Limited, Gandhinagar, for Broad banding of Letter of Approval for inclusion of additional item of services.**

Shri Shahazad Madon, Business Head, and Shri Niutpol Handique, Chief Manager of the applicant company, appeared before the Approval Committee for a personal interview through video conferencing. They informed that in compliance with the decision taken in the 120<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Approval Committee/GIFT-SEZ held on March 29, 2023, they have requested the Broad-Banding of the existing authorized operations by way of the addition of the operations to the LOA.

The Approval Committee noted that the unit has already obtained and furnished the approval of the regulatory body, i.e., the IFSCA, dated March 1, 2023, under the Registered FME (Non-Retail) category, which authorizes them to perform the operations covered under the ambit of their existing LOA as well as the proposed services.

The Approval Committee, after due deliberation, **approved** the request of the unit to allow activities/services as permitted by the IFSCA notifications, subject to standard terms and conditions of the SEZ Rules, 2006.

**122-B-02) Proposal of M/s. Chronos Investment Managers India LLP, Gandhinagar, for change of unit (Name) in the Letter of Approval.**

Shri Ajay Kumar, Designated Partner of the applicant company, appeared before the Approval Committee for a personal interview through video conferencing and informed the Committee about their requirement for a change of name in order to align with name of the main company by the name and style of M/s. Investcorp.

The Approval Committee noted that the applicant unit has furnished fresh Certificate of Incorporation from the Registrar of the Companies under Rule 20 of the LLP Rules, 2009. Further, the representative of the unit confirmed that they have already

  
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obtained all compliance-related documents amended in line with the requirement for the change in the name of their unit viz, PAN, GSTIN etc.

The Approval Committee, after due deliberation, **approved**/noted the request for change of name subject to the standard terms and conditions of the SEZ Rules, 2006, like the execution of a fresh Bond-cum-Legal undertaking in the new name and compliance with DoC's instruction No. 109, dated October 18, 2021.

**122-C) Other cases for GIFT-Multi Services-SEZ:**

**122-C-01) Proposal of the Developer, M/s. GIFT SEZ Limited, Gandhinagar, for Approval of List of Goods and services required for Authorized operation under Section-14(1) (a) of the SEZ Act read with Rule - 10 and 12 of the SEZ Rules 2006.**

Shri Yogesh Bobade, representative of the Developer M/s. GIFT SEZ Limited, briefed about their requirement of duty-free goods and services as per their letters dated April 20, 2023 (two letters) for default Authorized Operations viz. Air conditioning of processing area and Telecom and other communication facilities including internet connectivity, common data center with inter-connectivity, access control and monitoring system as well as the Printing Services. The items/services intended to be procured are for authorized operations under DoC's Instruction No. 50, infrastructure work to be undertaken in the notified SEZ. The Developer has submitted the requisite Chartered Engineer's certificate for the proposed activities to be undertaken, for the authorized operations. The duty-free goods intended to be procured are required for basic development of various infrastructure and facilities in their building at GIFT-SEZ, Gandhinagar. The procurement of duty-free goods shall be strictly meant for Authorized Operations.

After due deliberations, the Approval Committee **approved** the requests for procurement of goods & services and addition of a new services to the default list of services subject to normal terms and condition of SEZ Rules, 2006 and to the entire satisfaction of the Specified Officer of the SEZ.

**122-C-02) Proposal of the Co-Developer, M/s. GIFT Power Company Limited, Gandhinagar, for space/premises in the processing Area of GIFT-multi-services-SEZ.**

Shri Yogesh Bobade, and Shri Ketan Pancholi, representatives for the Co-Developer M/s. GIFT Power Company Limited, briefed about their requirement of the Co-Developer, i.e., M/s. GIFT Power Company Limited, to set up an administrative office in the processing area of SEZ at Unit No. F02, First Floor, GIFT House, GIFT-SEZ, Gandhinagar, based on the PLOA dated December 1, 2022, issued by the Developer M/s. GIFT SEZ Limited. He informed the committee that this administrative office is for

  
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1) Power distribution within the SEZ area (including power back-up facilities); 2) operation and maintenance of infrastructure facilities and equipment required for power distribution within the SEZ area; and 3) Other support services like billing, customer care, etc. within the SEZ area.

After due deliberations, the Approval Committee **approved** the request subject to the standard terms and conditions of the SEZ Rules, 2006, like the execution of a fresh Bond-cum-Legal undertaking with the additional address, etc.

**122-D) Review of LOAs issued for GIFT-Multi Services-SEZ:**

**122-D-01) Proposal of M/s. Ashika Stock Broking IFSC Private Limited, Gandhinagar, for commencement of operations in SEZ to be taken on record with approval/registration of erstwhile Regulatory Authority i.e., SEBI.**

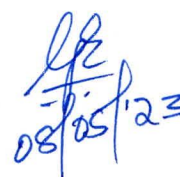
Shri Amit Jain, Director, and Smt Anju Mundhra, Head, Secretarial & Compliance, of the applicant company, appeared before the Approval Committee for a personal interview through video conferencing. They informed the committee members that at the time of issuance of the LOA to their unit, i.e., June 24, 2022, they had a valid SEBI registration to do operations as a 'Stockbroker' in the GIFT-IFSC. Further, the NSE International Exchange, vide its email dated May 24, 2022, had also informed them that the SEBI registration certificate held by the unit is valid and a revised certificate is not required to be obtained from IFSCA.

Similarly, the IFSCA member also confirmed that for a unit having a valid SEBI registration for doing business in the GIFT SEZ, there is no requirement for having a fresh registration with the IFSCA, unless and until it is cancelled or replaced by the IFSCA.

After due deliberations, the Approval Committee opined that the SEBI's registration held by the applicant unit can be treated as a valid instrument from the regulator, and therefore, their request for commencement can be put up to the competent authority separately as per existing procedure.

**122-D-02) Review of approved LOAs issued for GIFT-Multi-services-SEZ.**

The Approval Committee reviewed the cases wherein the validity of the LOAs has expired and the units have not made any communication for the extension/commencement/renewal of the same. It was noted by the committee that there are 17 such entities/units in the GIFT-SEZ, of which the validity of the LOA has lapsed, however, these units have not even executed the Bond-cum-LUT. This shows that such units are not interested in implementing the approved proposals.



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Further, it was also noted by the committee that there are 31 units, which have executed the Bond-cum-LUT, however, they have not shown any further progress and they have neither applied for the extension/commencement of the LOA nor they did reply to the letters issued from time-to-time by the DC's office for the same.

The IFSCA Member and the Developer's representative requested to give some time so that they may coordinate with these units and offer their comments after proper examination. **They also requested for deferment of these cases and to review these cases in the upcoming meeting of the Approval Committee.**

The Approval Committee also took note of the seven cases wherein the units have commenced business in the GIFT-SEZ; however, after completion of the five-year terms of the 1st block, these units have not applied for the renewal of their LOA within the stipulated time-frame of two months before the expiry of their LOAs as per the SEZ Rules, 2006, under sub-rule (6A) of Rule-19. Further, it was also noted by the Approval Committee that two out of these seven units have never submitted the requisite Annual Performance Report (APR) for any of financial years in the first block of five years, whereas three units have submitted their APRs only for the initial two financial years, and two units have not submitted their APRs for the period falling under the last financial year.

After detailed discussions, **following was decided:**

- i) Both IFSCA and Developer would get in touch with 48 units (17+31) at their level and will furnish **specific unit wise comments, if any, in the next meeting** before further action is taken by the Approval Committee on these 48 cases.
- ii) Regarding 7 cases where units have commenced business but have not applied for Block wise extension and some have not filed even their Annual Returns, Approval Committee decided that **Development Commissioner's Office would issue Show Cause Notice(s)** to such units and further progress would be reviewed in the upcoming meetings.

  
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#### ANNEXURE – I

The following members were present in the meeting:

01)	Shri Vijay Kumar, ITS Senior Development Commissioner, GIFT-multi-services-SEZ.	Chairperson
02)	Shri Alpesh Parmar, Additional Commissioner of Income Tax	Nominee of the Commissioner of Income Tax, Ahmedabad– by VC.
03)	Shri Dharmendrasinh Jadeja, GM, DIC, Gandhinagar.	Member – by VC
04)	Dr Rahul Singh, Deputy DGFT O/o Additional DGFT, Ahmedabad	Nominee of Additional DGFT, Ahmedabad– by VC.
05)	Shri N. R. Prajapati, Deputy Collector, Gandhinagar.	Nominee of the District Collector, Gandhinagar.
06)	Shri Y. M. Rawat, Assistant Commissioner, CGST, Kalol Division.	Nominee of the Commissioner of CGST, Gandhinagar – by VC.
07)	Shri Dipesh Shah, ED, Shri Rishi Kale, AM, IFSCA IFSC Authority, Gandhinagar.	Special Invitee representing the IFSC Authority, Gandhinagar– by VC.
08)	Shri Yogesh Bobade, GM, M/s. GIFT SEZ Limited.	Special Invitee representing the Developer, M/s. GIFT SEZ Limited.

  
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