

ACTIVITIES REPORT

OF

**APTPMA
HEAD OFFICE**

SELECTED ACTIVITIES OF "APTPMA" **HEAD OFFICE**

Dear Readers:

We are giving hereunder brief excerpts of APTPMA activities for the year 2008-09 from APTPMA Head Office record for your kind perusal and ready reference:

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Secretary APTPMA

Head Office



STOPPAGE OF GAS SUPPLY TO TEXTILE INDUSTRY: On November 25, 2008, we confirmed our participation in the meeting scheduled to be held in Karachi on 26th November 2008 on the above subject. The meeting would be chaired by the Federal Textile Minister.



AUTHORIZATION FOR NEPRA'S HEARING: On December 1, 2008, we issued an Authority Letter in favour of Mr. Shabbir Ahmed, Vice Chairman APTPMA, authorizing him to present the complaint of APTPMA to the Registrar/Chairman National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) with regard to NEPRA's hearing to be held on 04th December 2008 to revise/decrease the rates of fixed charges of the Industrial Establishments.



PRESS RELEASE: ANNUAL ELECTIONS OF APTPMA: On conclusion of the annual election for 2008-09 of All Pakistan Textile Processing Mills Association (APTPMA), M. Nisar Shekhani, of M/s Razak Silk Mills, Karachi, was elected Chairman, while Abdul Sattar of M/s Rahim Industries, Karachi, Mian Shabbir Ahmed of M/s Bashir Printing Industries, Faisalabad, and Sheikh Muhammad Ayub of Asmy Dyeing & Printing Mills, Lahore, were elected Vice Chairmen from Karachi, Faisalabad and Lahore/Gujranwala respectively. This was learnt through a PR issued by APTPMA head office Faisalabad through Election Commissioner, Muhammad Saeed Sheikh of Rashid Textile Printing Ind., Faisalabad

During the first and second phase of APTPMA election all the 36 members of APTPMA Executive Committee were made to retire from office in conformity with the Trade Organizations Ordinance/Rules 2007 and following 30 members of APTPMA Executive Committee were elected to replace them for 2008-09, commencing from 01st December 2008: Karachi Region: M.Nisar Shekhani of Razak Silk Mills, Abdul Sattar, of M/s Rahim Industries, Zulfiqar Ali Chaudhary of Fazal Omer Ind, Anees Motiwala of Motiwala Industries, Abdul Ghaffar Essa of Essatex, Faisal Iqbal of I.H.Textile, M.Shakil of Oman Dyeing, M.Suleman Chawala, M.Ashraf of Kausar Industries, and Qamar Ibrahim of Lucky Industries. Faisalabad Region: Mian Shabbir Ahmed of Bashir Printing Ind, Mian Aftab Ahmed of Hilal Textile Corporation, Faisalabad, and M. Saeed Sheikh of Kausar Processing, Mian Ajmal Farooq of Noor Fatima Fabrics, Rizwan Ashraf of M.A.Textile, Zahoor Elahi Rana of Al-Fareed Fabrics, Riasat Ali Shah of Syed Dyeing, Habib Ahmed Chaudhary of Zam Zam Textile, Shoukat Ali of Ali Processing and Muhammad Yaseen of Khyber Textile. Lahore/Gujranwala

Region:- Sheikh Muhammad Ayub of Asmy Dyeing & Printing, M. Pervez Lala of Shahab Dyeing, Haji Abdul Rashid of Silko Processing, Rana Abdul Basit of Shan Dyeing, Muhammad Ashraf of Brothers Dyeing, Sheikh Shahid Iqbal of Fazal Younas Industries, Imran Saeed of Madni Dyeing, Gujranwala, Malik Zia-Ullah of Haroon Textile, Hafiz Abdul Waheed of Zeenat Printing, and Abdul Rasheed of New Sattar Dyeing. Out of these 30 executive committee members 15 will retire after one year by draw of lots, while remaining 15 would complete their term of two years.

During the third and final stage of APTPMA elections, three Vice Chairmen and one Chairman were elected as under: (1) Vice Chairman and Regional Incharge Faisalabad Region, Mian Shabbir Ahmed of Bashir Printing Industries, (2) Vice Chairman & Regional Incharge Karachi Region Abdul Sattar of Rahim Industries and (3) Vice Chairman & Regional Incharge Lahore/Gujranwala Region, Sheikh Muhammad Ayub, of Asmy Dyeing & Printing, Lahore.

Finally, Mr.M. Nisar Shekhani of Razak Silk Mills, Karachi was elected Chairman. The most outstanding feature of the elections was that all the candidates were declared elected unopposed. On conclusion of the elections, Haji Bashir Ahmed of Sitara Textile Faisalabad and Mr. G.R. Arshad of Rauf Textile Karachi, were Guests of Honor, and Mr. M.Zubair Motiwala Member Prime Minister's Task Force on Textile paid glowing tribute to the elected office-bearers for having been returned unopposed which is indicative of their cohesion and solidarity. On 06th December 2008 detailed results of APTPMA Elections were sent to the Director General Trade Organizations (DGTO), Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad.



CHANGE OF OFFICE BEARERS: On December 11, 2008, we sent a circular letter to all the major Embassies in Pakistan, Federal Ministers and Secretaries of the Ministries of Textile Industry,, Petroleum & Natural Resources, Water & Power, Labour & Manpower, DGTO, FPCCI, major Chambers of Commerce & Industry, all Textile Associations of Pakistan, Federal Board of Revenue, Textile Commissioner of Pakistan and Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP), informing them about the change of our Office-Bearers for the year 2008-09 after our Elections wherein we gave them the names and addresses of our newly elected Chairman and three Vice Chairmen.



INVITATION FOR EXPORT TROPHY AWARDS: On December 15, 2008, we sent a set of documents with regard to Export Trophy Awards to our Vice Chairmen & Regional Incharge APTPMA which we had received from FPCCI.



FILING OF DOCUMENTS UNDER COMPANIES ORDINANCE 1984: On December 17, 2008, we sent a complete set of SECP's documents including Form "27", "28" , Form "B" and copy of paid challan to our Auditors for onward submission to SECP.



NATURAL GAS LOAD MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: On December 18, 2008, we sent copies of Natural Gas Load Management Program for winter 2008-09 to Regional Incharge APTPMA Faisalabad and Lahore/Gujranwala for their views. Salient features of the Program were (a) Rotation of weekly off-days, (b) Immediate energy audit of member units for efficient gas utilizations and (c) Availability of alternative fuel during winter months to avoid closure of industrial units.



NOMINATION OF MEMBERS FOR GENERAL BODY & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF FPCCI FOR THE YEAR 2009 AND 2010:

On December 20, 2008, we sent the names of following members of APTPMA for the General Body and Executive Committee of FPCCI for the next two years term beginning from 01st February 2009 as per revised schedule of FPCCI and nominated in our meeting on 29th November 2008.

Nomination for General Body of FPCCI for the year 2009 and 2010:

- (1) MR. MUHAMMAD ZUBAIR MOTIWALA
- (2) MR. MUHAMMAD AYUB SHEIKH

Out of the two nominations on the General Body, MR. M. ZUBAIR MOTIWALA shall represent the Association on the Executive Committee of FPCCI.



CONDOLENCE: On December 20, 2008, a Resolution of Condolence was forwarded to Mr.G.R.Arshad on the sad demise of his Son-in-Law, Mr. Masud Ahmed.



OBITUARY: On December 23, 2008, a Resolution of Condolence was sent to All the Vice Chairmen & Regional Incharge of APTPMA on the sad demise of the wife of Mian Muhammad Adrees of Sitara Group of Industries and daughter-in-Law of Haji Bashir Ahmed, Life Patron-in-Chief of APTPMA.



NOMINATION FOR SEMINAR: On December 29, 2008, the Chairman APTPMA, Mr. Muhammad Nisar Shekhani, nominated Mr. Muhammad Ayub Sheikh and Mr. Shabbir Ahmed for participation in the National Engineering Council Seminar on Textile Engineering, scheduled to be held in Islamabad from 12-13 January 2009 in collaboration with Higher Education Commission (H.E.C.).



MEETING STANDING COMMITTEE ON TEXTILE INDUSTRY: On December 29, 2008, we sent a copy of letter dated 26th December 2008 received from the Ministry of Textile Industry for attending a high-level meeting of Textile Industry scheduled to be held in the Committee Room of the Ministry on 01st January 2009.



SUPPLY OF LIST OF MEMBERS TO TDAP: As advised by the DGTO, we sent a list of our members on C.D. on 31st December 2008, to the Trade Development Authority (TDAP), Karachi and DGTO.



PRESS RELEASE: COMMENTS ON TEXTILE POLICY: On January 2, 2009, Chairman APTPMA, Mr. Muhammad Nisar Shekhani, issued a Press Release wherein he expressed his candid remarks about the new Textile Policy. He reiterated that the current textile policy of the Government is not understandable, because instead of giving any relief to the affected Textile Sector, it has further aggravated the gas and electricity crisis, and if immediate remedial measure are not adopted forthwith, it will cast devastating repercussions on the afflicted Textile Sector, very much to the detriment of the National Economy.

Elaborating his contention at length, the APTPMA Chief contended that the dual crisis has placed us virtually on the horns of a dilemma. Whereas the international prices of

crude oil have, during the preceding few months, dropped down from 147 to below 40 \$ per barrel, the overall Gas Prices for the Industrial Sector have been enhanced by 3%. This erroneous policy is beyond the threshold of our comprehension as it has rendered the cost of doing business in Pakistan unviable as compared with our neighboring countries, e.g., India, China and Bangladesh, and is likely to oust us from the international export arena. The worst affected areas are the Northern Areas, especially Faisalabad, Lahore and Gujranwala while the hardest hit sector is that of Textile Processing. There is no gainsaying the fact that Textile Processing Sector is, by far, the most value-added, export-oriented, revenue-generating and labour-intensive sector of Textile Industry in Pakistan. Forced closure of hundreds of export-oriented textile processing units of Pakistan would, God forbid, oust us from the international export arena, very much to the detriment of our National Economy.

Elaborating further, Chairman APTPMA dwelt at some length over the electricity crisis. He argued that whereas the capacity to generate electricity is there the electricity generating companies are allegedly, unable to buy the oil due to "liquidity crunch". Concluding, he complained of the prevalent "scheduled and un-scheduled load-shedding" of electricity and gas. These grave apprehensions were envisaged by M.Nisar Shekhani, Chairman All Pakistan Textile Processing Mills Association (APTMA), on his return to Karachi after attending a high level meeting of the Standing Committee of National Assembly on Textile Industry.



PARTICIPATION IN GAS & ELECTRICITY LOAD-SHEDDING MEETING:

In response to letter dated 01st January 2009 from the Ministry of Textile Industry, our Vice Chairman, Mr. Shabbir Ahmed attended the meeting of the Ministry in Islamabad on behalf of APTPMA on 06th January 2009.



PARTICIPATION IN EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF APTMA ON 09TH JANUARY 2009:

As directed by Mr. Muhammad Nisar Shekhani, Chairman APTPMA on 05th January 2009, we sent APTMA's Notice of meeting published in the National Press to all the Vice Chairmen & Regional Incharge APTPMA Chairman APTPMA requesting them to attend APTMA's video conferencing extra ordinary meeting to be held in Lahore, Karachi and Peshawar simultaneously to finalize an Industry-wise MILLS CLOSURE STRATEGY in view of the catastrophic crisis faced by the Textile Industry of Pakistan.



PRESS RELEASE: MR. ZUBAIR MOTIWAL HONORED: On 06th January 2009 the Govt of Sindh appointed Mr. M.Zubair Motiwala as Adviser to Chief Minister Sindh for Investment. We issued PR to that effect on 13th January 2009. In another PR dated 14 January 2009 Mr. M Nisar Shekhani, Chairman APTPMA has hailed the appointment of renowned economist and textile expert, M.Zubair Motiwala, as Advisor to the Chief Minister.

While felicitating Zubair Motiwala on the occasion, Nisar Shekhani recalled his outstanding services as ex-President Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI), Former Chairman APTPMA, Past Chairman SITE Association of Industry, and former Director KESC, Director National Bank of Pakistan, etc., he contended that he occupied a status of great respect among the commercial and industrial circles of Pakistan.

The Chairman and members of the Executive Committee of APTPMA, thanked the Chief Minister Sindh Syed Qaim Ali Shah, and Governor of Sindh Dr. Ishrat-ul-Ibad,

for conferring a well deserved honor on Zubair Motiwala who had been the fulcrum and spokesman of the Textile Processing Industry. Shekhani deemed it a unique honor for APTPMA.

Concluding, Nisar Shekhani said that he was sanguine that Zubair Motiwala would contribute meaningfully for ameliorating the lot of the industrial sector in general and the textile Sector in particular, which is presently afflicted with multitudinous problems and impediments in particular. Mian Shabbir Ahmed, Mr. Abdul Sattar and Sheikh Muhammad Ayub, Vice Chairmen APTPMA, Faisalabad, Karachi and Lahore/Gujranwala respectively also felicitated Mr. Motiwala on his appointment as Advisor.



MEETING WITH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON TEXTILES: On 10th January 2009 we sent a report/minutes of the meeting with National Assembly Standing Committee on Textiles held in Parliament House,, Islamabad on 01.01.2009 prepared by Mr. Muhammad Nisar Shekhani, Chairman APTPMA to all the Vice Chairmen & Regional Incharge APTPMA, all members of the Executive Committee, Life Chairman Action Committee and Member PM's Task Force on Textiles for their kind perusal and comments which is reproduced as under:

"Meeting of the National Assembly Standing Committee on Textiles was held with the stakeholders on January 1, 2009 at 10.50 AM in the Committee Room no.7, fourth floor, Parliament House, Islamabad. Representatives of different textile sectors from ginning to garment manufacturers attended the meeting. Knitting sector was not represented. Federal Minister for Textiles, Rana M.Farooq Saeed Khan, was also present in the meeting.

The Agenda of the Meeting was as under:

1. Briefing/discussion on former Textile Policy.
2. Briefing/discussion on the current situation in textile industry.
3. Steps taken by the Ministry for improvement of Textile Industry.
4. To discuss the issue of R & D for Exporters.
5. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

The meeting started with the Tilawat from the Holy Quran.

All the participants showed grave concern at the serious situation that has developed due to serious shortage of gas and electricity in the Northern areas and in particular the demonstration being held in Faisalabad. Everyone unanimously agreed that the government must intervene and resolve the issues on urgent basis. The Textile Minister informed the house that he had called a meeting on the 6th specifically to discuss and resolve this issue.

The Chairman requested the Secretary, Ministry of Textiles to give a briefing/presentation on the Textile Policy (Previous as well as the Current). The Secretary informed the participants that currently no Textile Policy was in vogue. A "Textile Vision" was prepared by a Committee headed by Mr. Tariq Saigol and submitted to Mr. Showkat Aziz in December 2006 for preparation of a Textile Policy. However, the recommendations were lopsided as these centered around the processing sector whereas other sectors were not given due weightage with the knitting sector being ignored totally. New Textile Policy (2009-14) was under

preparation by the present government and a prepared draft would be sent to all the stakeholders and their comments/opinions will be solicited and incorporated.

The Secretary acknowledged that Textile Industry had received “step-motherly treatment” from the government and that is one of the reasons why the current situation has come to pass. Textile is our most important sector as its contribution in exports is over 60% yet these units are deprived of utilities and thus the production has come to a halt in the industries located in the north.

The Secretary then gave a presentation on power point on the number of units in each sector, ginning to garment, with production capacity, kind of machines, old or modern, number of production machines, etc.

The Secretary, in his presentation, started with the production of cotton that stood at 11.44 million bales. 2.81 million bales were imported during the period as the local fiber length is 26/27mm which is not fit for spinning of fine yarns hence import of cotton with fiber length of 32mm. About 0.33 million bales, worth around US\$ 50.22 million, were exported. The yield per hectare is 566 bales.

GINNING:

There are around 1221 ginning mills in Pakistan with a capacity to process 12 million bales. Due to obsolete machinery, loss of Rs.17 billion is incurred essentially due to defective ginning.

SPINNING:

Total number of spinning units are 516 having 11.3million conventional ring-spinning frames and 0.21 million Rotors. Yarn worth US\$1.34 billion was exported.

WEAVING:

Majority of the weaving units are in the unorganized sector. However, it is estimated that there are 549 weaving units having 28,000 conventional shuttle looms and 30,000 weaving machines. Unfinished fabric export is 0.86 billion sq. meters worth US\$ 0.77. Finished fabric that is exported is worth US\$ 1.10 billion (1.19 billion sq. meters).

PROCESSING:

It is estimated that 90% of the textile processing industry is in the unorganized sector; the organized sector being the vertically integrated units. There are around 700 plus units all over the country.

It is unfortunate that our exporters have not developed the Brands of “Made in Pakistan”. Total garment export from Pakistan is about US\$ 3 billion whereas only JC Penny purchases garments worth US\$ 19 billion and Wall Mart US\$ 25. Our exports are only 7% of the total purchases of the two American giants.

The presentation also showed as to what extent “value addition” has helped in exports: Yarn fetches 59%, towels 143%, processed fabric 363% and garments 846%. Essentially value addition should be encouraged. “Greater the addition, greater the return”.

The Secretary stressed the need to reduce the cost of doing business in Pakistan. Hollow words and aspirations in view of the ever increasing utility rates!

The representatives from each sector described the problems faced by their respective units. The Ginners felt that unless the cotton producers got a fair value for their produce, the acreage under cultivation would decline. They appreciated the intervention of TCP to stabilize the cotton price. Agriculture needed the support and incentive for the progress and prosperity of the country. In these difficult times when the export demand has fallen by 35-40%, Chairman APTMA stressed the viability and sustainability of each sector because each one is economically chained to the other. He stressed on better cotton initiatives so that the textile industry survives and thrives for the workers, 5 million directly employed and 10million indirectly employed in the textile chain. Representatives of the Weavers spoke of the serious financial losses and closure of many units and the serious social problem unemployment will create. Textile processing representative stressed on the need to resolve the current energy crisis immediately and take practical steps for uninterrupted supply of energy at reasonable rates. The cost of doing business in Pakistan must be brought down to remain competitive with our regional competitors. The Garment Manufacturers discussed the R&D issue in detail describing the "R&D" as "Duty drawback" which the government had to repay the amount collected indirectly on services and goods. He deplored the fact that whereas China, India and Bangladesh supported its exporters through subsidies, our government was still denying this facility to the largest exporting industrial sector. He also spoke of the unusual hike in interest rates. One of the representatives demanded that a garment city should also be planned for Sialkot.

The Chairman summed up the discussion as under:

1. Growers must be supported through incentives.
2. All textile sectors have their own importance and none should be neglected by the government in its support.
3. Export of value-added products, especially garments and made- ups, should be encouraged and supported to maximize our foreign earnings.
4. Load-shedding of any kind should be planned and a schedule should be strictly followed.
5. Mark-up is probably the highest in the world. Whereas other countries have decreased the discount rates, ours have gone up steeply from 6% to 20%. The government should revise the rates downwards to reduce the cost of manufacture..
6. R&D should be continued as before.
7. TCP should make immediate payment of the purchase of raw cotton.
8. Textile Policy should be prepared on urgent basis and the stakeholders must be duly consulted and their suggestion/recommendations should be duly incorporated.
9. A large sector that has made substantial contribution to the economy is the "unorganized sector". Special package should be given to bring it at par with the organized sector.
10. Garment city is recommended for Sialkot.
11. Next meeting will be held in Sialkot.



ENTRY OF CHEMICALS CARRYING VEHICLES IN THE CITY DURING DAY

TIME: On 13th January 2009, we sent a letter to Chief Traffic Officer Faisalabad pointing out that the entry of chemicals carrying vehicles in town during day time may be allowed.



MINUTES OF MEETINGS ON GAS AND ELECTRICITY LOAD-SHEDDING & THEIR IMPACT ON TEXTILE INDUSTRY:

On 21st January 2009, we sent

copies of minutes of meetings on gas and electricity loadshedding to all Vice Chairmen & Regional Incharge APTPMA Faisalabad and Lahore/Gujranwala which had been received by APTPMA Head Office from the Ministry a letter to Chief Traffic Officer Faisalabad pointing out that the entry of chemicals carrying vehicles in town during day time may be allowed.



(1) **FINAL LIST OF MEMBERS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE FOR FPCCI ELECTIONS FOR TERM 2009 AND 2010:**

- (2) **NOMINATIONS INVITED FOR ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS OF FPCCI FOR THE TERM 2009 & 2010:** On 24th January 2009, we sent a joint letter to Mr. M.Zubair Motiwala, Former Chairman APTPMA & Nominees for FPCCI Election 2009-10 and Mr. Muhammad Ayub Sheikh, Vice Chairman APTPMA & Nominee for FPCCI Election for 2009-10, informing them that we had received letter dated 23rd January 2009 from Mr. M.A.Lodhi, Secretary General FPCCI, wherein he has enclosed a final list of voters (24-pages) after disposal of appeals by the Election Commission and DGTO.

Furthermore, we have received another letter from the Secretary General on the same date wherein he has notified that the elections for the posts of President and Vice Presidents will take place on 30th January 2009 at FPCCI Head Office, while the last date for receipt of nominations for above is 25th January 2009.



NOTICE FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP FOR THE YEAR 2009-10: In compliance with Rule 11(5) of Trade Organizations Rules 2007 and clause 10(b) of our Memorandum & Articles of Association, we sent notices for renewal of membership fee to our members on 24th January 2009, through all the Vice Chairmen & Regional Incharge/Secretaries wherein we informed them that the membership of our members for the 2008-09 is expiring on 31st March 2009 and its renewal for the year 2009-10 may commence w.e.f 16th February 2009 and be completed till 31st March 2009, while their 30% (head office) share has to be deposited to this office not later than 30 days of receipt as per article 7 of our Memorandum. It is therefore necessary for your to get the following documents copies whereof may be sent to H.O. along with 30% Head Office share of subscription for the year 2009-10 for issuance of membership certificates:

- (1) Copy of Income Tax and Sales Tax Returns for the year 2008 as proof of filing of returns.
- (2) Complete address, phone, fax and mobile number and e-mail address of the member firm and its representative.
- (3) Annual subscription is Rs.10,000/-. However Small Dyeing Units having not more than two Jigger machines are allowed to pay Rs.5,000/- per annum.

Renewal of membership should be completed till 31st March 2009. Any member who does not pay annual subscription by 31st March 2009, shall cease to be a member.



BUDGET PROPOSALS: Proposals and Suggestions for the Federal Budget/Trade Policy are normally solicited from us by the Federal Ministry of Commerce, FPCCI,

Textile Commissioner etc. We prepare our detailed suggestions in consultation with the Chairman APTPMA and with the help of whatever data/guidelines we receive from our Regional Offices. Most of our proposals/suggestions are incorporated by FPCCI in their proposals and forwarded to the Govt. On completion of the final draft, the Ministry of Commerce convenes a high-level meeting in Islamabad, normally during the month of April. During this meeting we received an invitation from the Ministry for participation therein: our Chairman for the current year, and Mr. G.R.Arshad who has become so familiar with the procedure that he is treated as a permanent member of the high-level Standing Committee. Our suggestions are normally held in high esteem by the FPCCI, the Textile Commissioner, and the Ministry as these are realistic and pragmatic and prepared by us quite painstaking.

Brief Comments/Suggestions for the Federal Budget 2009-10 were prepared by Mr. G.R.Arshad, Chairman Action Committee and Former Chairman APTPMA, which are being reproduced hereunder:

INCOME TAX:

1. **MINIMUM TAX:** Minimum tax was withdrawn and it was termed as bad taxation in the Finance Act 2008. Now the same bad taxation provision has been introduced and minimum tax @ 50% has been levied.
2. **ADVANCE PAYMENT OF TAX:** It is proposed in the budget that advance tax payment will now be made on the basis of turnover instead of income basis. For example the turnover for the quarter July to September will not be known until the sales for September are recorded/compiled which is possible only after 30th of September. However the date of payment of advance tax for this quarter is 15th September which is not possible. Therefore the dates of payment of advance tax need to be changed from the present dates i.e. 15th December , 15th March and 15th June each year. These dates should be substituted as 07th October, 07th January, 07th April etc as was the case when advance tax was required to be paid on the basis of turnover a few years back.
3. **TAX PAID AT IMPORT STAGE:** The income tax paid at import stage under section 148 of Income Tax Ordinance 2001 was considered as final discharge of tax liability for commercial importers and as advance tax for industrial undertaking etc. The change now proposed seeks to change the character of such tax from "final" to "minimum tax" which means that commercial importers will now have to file income tax return and submit other supporting documents as provided in the Ordinance.
4. **RATE OF TAX ADJUSTMENT AT IMPORT STAGE:** The rate of income tax payable at the import stage by all classes of tax payers is proposed to be increased from 2% to 4%. This proposal is unreasonable and it will practically result in increase in cost of doing business. The negative effect of this proposal is compounded by the change that such payment of tax will now be treated as payment of "Minimum Tax".
5. **NON PROFIT ORGANISATIONS TO BE WITHHOLDING AGENTS:** Through an amendment in section 153(6) of Income Tax Ordinance it is proposed to insert clause (ii) in the second proviso of sub section 6 of section 153 of Income Tax Ordinance 2001 to the effect that tax so deducted shall be "Minimum Tax" instead of the same being treated as "final tax" as at present. This switch from final to minimum tax will be without entitling such tax payers to a refund of

tax in the event the ultimate tax liability works out to be lower than the tax deducted.

6. **EXPORTS NO MORE IN FINAL TAX REGIME:** In order to promote Pakistan's export a presumptive tax regime was introduced in Finance Act 1992. without going into details of changes made over the years this scheme provided that the tax deducted at the rate of one percent from the export proceeds realized by the banks constituted full and final discharge of tax liability of exporters. The bill now proposes to substitute the tax deducted as "a minimum tax". As a result of the proposed amendment the exporters will be required to file income tax returns along with to all other supporting documents and face hassle with the taxation authorities which is not likely to encourage exporters to devote their time and energy for expansion of Pakistan exports.
7. **SELECTION OF CASE FOR AUDIT:** Through an amendment in Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 the Commissioner is proposed to be empowered to delegate a firm of Chartered Accountants to conduct audit of person(s) selected for audit under section 177. the firm of chartered accountants are also empowered to keep record and computer on which record is kept for such a period as is considered necessary for the purpose of completion of their audit. The Board is now being empowered to select any particular case or classes of cases for the purpose of audit. This proposed power will open the gates for discretionary powers for tax officials which is likely to result in harassment of tax payers for ulterior motives.

All limited companies presently submit their income tax returns along with their accounts which are duly audited by chartered accountants. In their certificate the auditors inter-alia state that in their opinion "the expenditure incurred during the year was for the purpose of the company's business". What will be the purpose of the audit now proposed to be conducted by a firm of chartered accountants. This proposal is likely to shatter the confidentiality of business record and result in undue influence of firms on tax payers.
8. **EXPORT INDENTING COMMISSION:** The Commission received by an export indenting agent or an export buying house is subject to tax @ 1% i.e., the same rate at which exporter is liable to pay tax. In the budget Clause 5, Part II, Second Schedule of Ordinance is proposed to be deleted with the result that such income will be liable to income tax @ 5% instead of 1% as at present.
9. **TAX PAYER'S REGISTRATION:** A new rule 81A has been inserted whereby the Commissioner has been empowered to register a person as a taxpayer when he is satisfied that the income of the person is taxable and the person is required to file a return of income.
10. **CHARGING OF INTEREST:** Whenever interest is chargeable due to late payment of tax, non payment of tax or shortcut payment of tax etc the rate of interest mentioned in the Income Tax Ordinance of Sales Tax Act it has now been substituted with KIBOR plus the rate as specified in relevant section(s) etc.
11. **TAX CREDIT:** It is proposed to allow the manufacturers a tax credit @ 2.50% of tax payable where at least 90% of sales is made to the persons registered under Sales Tax Act, 1990.

12. **SMALL COMPANY:** Small company is also to be taxed at the rate of 20% irrespective of the quantum of its annual turnover. Previously, the limit of turnover was upto Rs.250 million.
13. **WEALTH STATEMENT:** Wealth statement is now required to be filed by a taxpayer having income of more than Rs.500,000/- per annum which should be accompanied by a wealth reconciliation statement.

SLAES TAX

14. Through an amendment in section 23, Sales Tax Act, 1990 it is proposed to make it obligatory for a registered person to mention National Tax Number or Computerized National Identity Card number of buyers where sales tax invoices are issued for goods sold to unregistered persons.
15. Record/documents are now required to be retained by the taxpayer for five years or the final decision in any proceedings under the Sales Tax , 1990.
16. Rate of default surcharge, delayed refunds has been linked with KIBOR.

FEDERAL EXCISE DUTY

17. The rate of duty has been reduced from Rs.900 to Rs.700 per metric ton.
18. The duty has been levied at the rate of 16% on advertisements in newspapers and periodicals, and on hoarding boards, pole signs, sign board and shop boards.
19. Duty on telecommunication services has been reduced from 21% to 19%.
20. The duty has been increased from 10% to 16% on insurance.
21. Duty has been levied on services of the banking and non banking financial companies. The rate has also been increased from 10% to 16%.
22. Duty @ 16% has been levied on services provided by stock-brokers, port and terminal operators in relation to imports.

CUSTOMS

23. Surcharge on deferred amounts to be calculated based on KIBOR + 3% per annum.
24. Director Custom Valuation has been given powers to determine customs value on his own motion to control under invoicing.
25. Duty on mobile phones reduced from Rs.500 per set to Rs.250 per set.
26. Duty on hydrogen peroxide increased from 5% to 10%.

27. If a passenger avails the facility of green channel it would be taken as a declaration made by him that no dutiable or contraband goods are contained in his baggage.

CAPITAL VALUE TAX

28. CVT rate on property transactions has been increased to 4% from 2% which would augment revenue receipt on this head considerably.



15TH EDITION OF TEX-STYLES INDIA FAIR: On January 27th 2009, we sent a complete set of Brochures of 15th Edition of Tex-Styles India to our Regional Offices. The mega-event would be organized by the Indian Trade Promotion Organization in New Delhi from March 1 to 3, 2009.



ELECTION FOR OFFICE-BEARERS OF FPCCI: Copies of Election Schedule for Office-Bearers of FPCCI received by us from FPCCI Head Office on 20th January 2009, were dispatched by us to Mr. M.Zubair Motiwala and Mr. M.Ayub Sheikh, the potential contestants, under advise from Chairman APTPMA, on 28th January 2009.



FELICITATIONS TO NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT FPCCI: On February 9, 2009, Mr. Muhammad Nisar Shekhani, Chairman APTPMA, sent a letter of felicitation to Mr. Sultan Ahmed Chawala for having been elected President of FPCCI for 2009 and 2010. He paid a glowing tribute to Mr. Chawala for having been elected unopposed as President of the Apex Trade Organization of Pakistan which is indicative of his outstanding qualities of head and heart and his popularity among the business fraternity.



MAPPING EXERCISE OF INDUSTRIAL ESTATES/CLUSTERS TO ASSESS THE REQUIREMENT OF OF COMBINED EFFLUENT TREATMENT PLANTS: On February 9, 2009, we sent a circular letter to all the Regional Incharge of APTPMA informing them that the Ministry of Textile Industry has contemplated to launch a comprehensive study for the establishment of effluent treatment plants for industrial estates/clusters of the country to be funded through Public Sector Development Programme (PDSP). As a starting point, the Ministry has hired M/s Environmental Management Consultant Karachi to undertake the mapping exercise of industrial estates/clusters. Their technical staff will be carrying out a field survey in major cities of the country. The Ministry has therefore advised APTPMA to extend maximum cooperation to the Consultants and their staff for collection/compilation of requisite data.



OFFICE ORDER: TWO NOMINATIONS ON RESERVED SEATS OF REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR 2 YEARS TERM : On February 10, 2009, Chairman APTPMA, Mr. Muhammad Nisar Shekhani, nominated the following two members of APTPMA for the reserved seats of FPCCI Regional Committee (Punjab) for two years term, i.e., 2009-2010:

1. Mr. Shabbir Ahmed, Vice Chairman & Regional Incharge APTPMA Faisalabad Region.
2. Sheikh Muhammad Ayub, Vice Chairman & Regional Incharge APTPMA Lahore/Gujranwala Region.

For the sake of implementation and record, he issued an Office Order to that effect.



VISIT OF FEDERAL MINISTER FOR TEXTILE INDUSTRY TO LAHORE: On February 16, 2009, we received a letter from Zonal Secretary FPCCI wherein he stated that Federal Minister for Textile Industry, Rana M.Farooq Saeed Khan is scheduled to visit Zonal Office Lahore on 20th February 2009 ON SPECIAL REQUEST of Mr. M.Adress, Vice President & Regional Chairman FPCCI (Punjab) to discuss on Problems being faced by Textile Industry and Mr. M.Adrees has invited our Chairman and Regional Chairmen APTPMA to participate in the meeting.



NOTIFICATION FROM GOVT OF PUNJAB REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF PUNJAB CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE: On February 18, 2009, we received a Notification from Mr. Tahir Raza Naqvi, Secretary Commerce & Investment, Govt of Punjab wherein he stated that the GoP has established a Punjab Chambers of Commerce Coordination Committee which would constitute five large/lead Chambers of Punjab, while the smaller Chambers shall coordinate with the lead Chambers. The FPCCI will invite other Trade Bodies to join the forum. It will evolve a vision for promotion of industry, creation of employment opportunities, organize micro, cottage, small and medium industries, develop export and import subsidization, while the lead chambers would conduct a coordination meeting with the smaller chambers in the third week of every month. The PCCI shall meet every 4th week of the month.



WORKSHOP ON A PERSPECTIVE PLAN FOR THE TEXTILE & CLOTHING INDUSTRY (2008-13): On February 19, 2009, we sent a copy of letter dated 16th February 2009 from Deputy Director Textile Commissioner's Office Karachi wherein he stated that the Ministry of Textile Industry GoP had invited a study on Perspective Plan for the Textile and Clothing Industry of Pakistan for which M/s Gherzi Textile Organization have been engaged as Consultants. The main objective of the study would be to devise ways and means for strengthening the Textile and Clothing Industry of Pakistan. Two consultants from M/s Gherzi Textile Organization would present their findings and recommendations as a draft for short and medium term strategy and invite input from the participants which would, in turn, be adopted as Textile Policy for the period 2008-13. In this regard, a one-day Workshop has been tentatively scheduled by the MINTEX in Lahore on 24th February 2009 wherein our representatives would be invited to express their views. On February 21, 2009, we received a detailed Questionnaire from M/s GHERZI CONSULTANTS, ZURICH through T.C.O.



REQUEST FOR COPIES OF PETITION FROM "OGRA": On February 23, 2009, we sent a letter to the Registrar OGRA requesting him to send us copies of applications/petitions and amendments thereof filed by SNGPL and SSGCL notification with OGRA on 29.11.2008 and thereafter, for determination of gas tariff for the year 2009-10 w.e.f. 01st July 2009. We also requested him to make it a point to send us copies of all the petitions filed in future because APTPMA happens to be one of the largest Industrial Consumers of Suigas in Pakistan.



"MADE IN PAKISTAN EXHIBITION CANADA" JULY 2009: On February 25, 2009, we sent a circular letter to Vice Chairmen/Regional Incharge APTPMA Faisalabad, Karachi and Lahore/Gujranwala Region, under instructions from Chairman APTPMA informing them that FPCCI is coordinating with the Consul General of Pakistan in Toronto, Canada, and organizing MADE IN PAKISTAN

EXHIBITION in Toronto w.e.f. 07th to 12th July 2009 in collaboration with TDAP. Venue of the Exhibition would be Toronto Congress Hall "C", Toronto, Canada, while Five Days full participation has been stipulated to cost USD 2500. Spot sales would be allowed during Exhibition.



"VISIT OF SECRETARY COMMERCE TO TDAP HQ IN KARACHI ON 06TH & 07TH MARCH 2009: On February 27, 2009, we received a letter from Mr. M.A.Lodhi, Secretary General FPCCI wherein he has informed us that Mr. Suleman Ghani, Federal Secretary Commerce would be visiting TDAP Head Quarters Karachi on 06 and 7th March 2009 where he intends to hold a meeting with the Presidents and Chairmen of Chambers and Associations in order to discuss export issues. The meeting was attended on behalf of APTPMA by Mr. Muhammad Nisar Shekhani, Chairman APTPMA.



PETITIONS FILED BY SNGPL AND SSGCL FOR DETERMINATION OF REVENUE REQUIREMENTS/PREScribed PRICES FOR THE YEAR 2009-10: On March 2, 2009, we sent a letter to the Registrar OGRA Islamabad on the above subject which reads as under:

Dear Sir, We wish to draw your kind attention to the Public Notice published in the National Press on 21st and 22 February 2009, to the effect that SNGPL and SSGCL have filed applications with OGRA for determination of gas tariff for the year 2009-10 w.e.f. 01st July 2009. In this context, please refer to our letter No.APTPMA/OGRA/2008-2009/187 dated 12th November 2008, addressed to the Authority wherein we wish to make the following additional observation in this regard.

Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2002 and particularly section 6 thereof, explicitly define the procedure of the determination of wellhead gas prices by OGRA and its notification in the official gazette. Obviously the gas wellheads price is relevant for the purposes of any specific enhancement or revision of gas tariff in terms of Section 8 [2]. A licensee shall submit for review by the Authority its Estimated Revenue Receipts (ERR) only after incorporating the actual changes in the wellhead prices as notified by the Authority.

It may further be noted that as per OGRA's Rules, the wellhead prices should be determined on 01st January and 01st July every year. However, it has been observed that the wellhead prices have not been determined in this manner. It is pertinent to note that out of a total number of 49 wells, the wellhead prices of only 7 wells have been determined as on 01st January 2009. Cumulative effect of this omission would cause undue burden on the consumers.

Furthermore, an amendment to the petition of November 2008 was filed by SSGCL on 12th February 2009, which cuts the downward revision to Rs.24.09 per MMBTU due to different and changed value of the parameters. We need to check the veracity of the gas price as shown in the Amendment. We, therefore, request you to inform us the mode of computation and the impact of each of the factors for determination of the tariff by each of the Licensee.

As the wellhead price is a major factor in determining the gas prices (increase or decrease). The OGRA/Govt should, therefore clearly define the methodology and modalities of well head prices in order to eliminate future ambiguities and confusion,

once and for all. We would therefore request you to please advise us regarding the true basis/parameters of wellhead price.



OBITUARY/CONDOLENCE: PRESS RELEASE: FAISALABAD: March 09, 2009: Renowned business leader and Immediate Past Chairman All Pakistan Textile Processing Mills Association (APTPMA), Haji Muhammad Riaz Sheikh, Chief Executive Messrs Riaz Fabrics (Pvt) Ltd., 120/4 Kotlakhpat, Lahore, has expired after prolonged illness and kidney failure. This has been learnt through a press release from APTPMA Head office, Faisalabad.

Haji Riaz, 66, was former Chairman APTPMA during the term 2007-08 and former Chairman Lahore Township Industries Association, and an active social worker and business leader. By virtue of his acumen and demeanor, he was extremely popular among the commercial and social circles of the province. He has left behind, besides a grieving widow, two sons, Khalid Riaz and Shahid Riaz, four daughters, and, a large number of friends and admirers. He was laid to rest in Lahore.



INVITATION FROM ECOMMERCE GATEWAY TO CHAIRMAN APTPMA TO ACT AS THEIR GUEST OF HONOR: On 24, March 2009, we received an invitation from Dr. Khurshid Nizam, President Ecommerce Gateway Ltd to act as their Guest of Honor at the 06th ITIF Asia 2009 International Trade & Industrial Machinery Show scheduled to be held at Karachi Expo Center on 28-30 March 2009. Accordingly, Mr. Muhammad Nisar Shekhani Chairman APTPMA has agreed to accept the honor.



PARTICIPATION IN APTMA MEETING ON LOAD-SHEDDING AND TARIFF: On 26, March 2009, Mr. Shabbir Ahmed and Sheikh Muhammad Ayub Vice Chairmen APTPMA, and Mian Aftab Ahmed, former Vice Chairman APTPMA participated in APTMA's meeting on Load-shedding & Tariff in their Office at Gulberg Lahore.



REVIEW APPEAL OF M/S RASHID TEXTILE PRINTING INDUSTRIES FILED WITH OGRA: On 31st March 2009, we filed a Review Appeal for from M/s Rashid Textile Printing Industries (Pvt) Ltd., Faisalabad with the Senior Executive Director OGRA against alleged pilferage of gas and imposition of a penalty of Rs.113,880/-

In our opinion, this was a case of erroneous billing caused through lack of proper hearing of the view point of Mr. Muhammad Saeed Sheikh, Chief Executive of Rashid Textile Printing Industries as he could not attend the review meeting due to confusion of venue. We further contended that the firm in question is one of the largest consumers of gas whose average monthly bill ranges from 5 to 6 million rupees and their record of payment is unblemished and impeccable. In view of these apprehensions, we requested the Senior Executive Director (Gas) to hold a fresh meeting of the Review Committee with the consumer firm in order to sort out the issue amicably.



RE-IMPOSITION OF WORKERS WELFARE FUND (WWF) ON PRESUMPTIVE REGIME HOLDERS FOR THE YEAR 2009: On April 7, 2009 2009, one of our senior members M/s Noor Fatima Fabrics (Pvt) Ltd, Faisalabad sent a complaint to the Chairman APTPMA, Mr. M.Nisar Shekhani, that they are being subjected to double taxation by FBR on the pretense of Workers Welfare Fund (WWF)

in gross contravention of the Taxation Policy of the Board which is likely to subject Textile Exporters to an unprecedented liquidity crunch very much to the detriment of the National Export Drive.

It is a known fact that FBR had imposed Workers Welfare Fund Cess on assesses of presumptive tax regime which had to be withdrawn during the tax year 2007 and 2008. During the tax year 2009, however, FBR amended the income tax laws in this regard for reason not known. Presently, the exporters were paying a tax @ 1% of the total turnover in full and final discharge of tax liabilities. But consequential to the proposed amendment they shall be constrained to pay WWF @ 2% on net profit or 4% of total turnover, whichever is higher. This would subject textile exporters to untold hardship and discourage our National Export Drive.

In view of above-cited predicament, the complainant has requested to take up this matter of paramount importance with the Chairman FBR for withdrawal of defacto double taxation.



APTPMA'S CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION ABATEMENT FOR PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF CLEANER PRODUCTION CENTRE AT NATIONAL TEXTILE UNIVERSITY

FAISALABAD: On 10th April 2009, Mr. Shabbir Ahmed, Vice Chairman APTPMA & Chairman National Environmental Steering Committee APTPMA sent a detailed letter to Rana M. Farooq Saeed Khan, Federal Minister for Textile Industry, Islamabad, wherein he stated that Mr. Mudassar Shehzad Director (Infrastructure Development) Ministry of Textile Industry has stated in his letter dated 27th February 2009 that the National Textile University, in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Textile Industry intends to establish, a centre for cleaner Production (CPC) in Faisalabad on the pattern of CPC Sialkot. In this regard, All Pakistan Textile Processing Mills Association (APTPMA) has already initiated different Projects and Programs for Pakistan's largest industrial sector of Textile Processing in collaboration with the Royal Netherlands Embassy along with the technical support of NEC Consultants (Pvt) Ltd. For this purpose, APTPMA has constituted National and Regional Steering Committees as under:

1. Mr. Shabbir Ahmed, Chief Executive M/s Bashir Printing Industries (Pvt) Ltd., Faisalabad: Chairman National Environmental Steering Committee APTPMA.
2. Mr. Ajmal Farooq Mian, Director M/s Noor Fatima Fabrics (Pvt) Ltd., Faisalabad: Chairman Regional Environmental Steering Committee (Faisalabad Region).
3. Mr. Muhammad Iqbal Arbi, Chief Executive M/s Arbi Industries, Karachi: Chairman Regional Environmental Steering Committee APTPMA (Karachi Region).
4. Mr. Muhammad Anwer Sheikh, Chief Executive M/s Zenotex (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore: Chairman Regional Environmental Steering Committee APTPMA (Lahore/Gujranwala Region).

The main objective of these Committees and Project has been to serve the Textile Sector and support the Textile Processing Industry to be energy efficient and environmentally benign. All the services of the Programs and Projects have been offered to the Industry free of cost.



PRESS RELEASE: LOAD-SHEDDING & POWER TARIFF: FAISALABAD: April 10, 2009: The proposed enhancement of four (4) percent in power tariff along with

four to six hours load-shedding would cast devastating repercussions upon the national export drive and overall textile industry. This was contended by M.Nisar Shekhani, Chairman All Pakistan Textile Processing Mills Association (APTPMA), and all three Vice Chairmen APTPMA Shabbir Ahmed, Abdul Sattar and Sheikh Muhammad Ayub from Faisalabad, Karachi and Lahore respectively through a recent press release.

Elaborating, the signatories of the PR contended that according to recent press reports, Pakistan's textile exports have declined by more than 5.6 percent during the first eight months of the current fiscal year due to an extremely tough competition from our neighboring exporter countries, e.g., India, China, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. In view of the ongoing state of affairs, if the proposed increase of 4 percent in power tariff is clamped in the next three months besides four to six hours load-shedding, it would prove to be the last straw on the camel's back.

In view of the above grave apprehensions, the signatories of the PR fervently appealed to the Competent Authorities to refrain from the proposed enhancement in tariff and excessive incidence of load-shedding which would, God forbid, oust our exporter members from the international export arena and bring our Member Units on the brink of complete collapse and ruination. This would also throw thousands upon thousands of wage-earners out of jobs and create a law-and-order situation. Furthermore, it would deprive the National Exchequer of valuable forex and revenue to the tune of billions of rupees and the entire investment made in the textile sector would go down the drain, very much to the detriment of the National Economy.



CORRIGENDUM-CUM-EXPLANATION ON THE ISSUE OF RE-IMPOSITION OF WORKERS WELFARE FUND (WWF) ON PTR ASSESSEES BY THE TAX YEAR 2009: FAISALABAD: On April 8, 2009, our senior member unit Messrs Noor Fatima Fabrics (Pvt) Ltd., Faisalabad sent a letter to the Chairman APTPMA on the above subject which is self-explanatory and being reproduced hereunder:-

Sir, The Workers' Welfare Fund (WWF) was enforced under section 4 to the Workers' Welfare Fund Ordinance, 1971, at the rate of 2% on the total income, as is assessable, of an industrial establishment having such total income not less than 100,000/- per financial year. Under the same section, such collection of WWF was delegated to the income tax authorities having the jurisdiction over such establishments.

By virtue of the Finance Act, 2006, the definition of the "total income" was amended for PTR assesses as highlighted in attached annexure-I. but owing to some admitted legislative flaws, the income tax authorities were not able to enforce & collect the WWF for the onward tax years 2007 & 2008.

Through the Finance Act, 2008, all known legal anomalies were removed for a valid levy of WWF again for the onward tax year 2009. Owing to expected defeat in the courts of law, the levy for the tax years 2007 & 2008, was suspended through a Circular No.13 of 2008 dated 23, Oct, 2008 as per annexure-II.

Now, the imposition for the tax year 2009, is again in question which would certainly create a financial hardship for the final liability tax payers & manufacturers-cum-exporters class of the country. So it is the eventual time to join hands for its ultimate removal. Regards.



PRESS RELEASE: "ADVANCE OF CLOCKS' TIME": FAISALABAD: April 10, 2009: Decision to advance the clocks by one hour w.e.f. 15th April 2009 would do more harm than good, so the existing time schedule ought to be allowed to continue. This was contended by Shabbir Ahmed, Vice Chairman, All Pakistan Textile Processing Mills Association (APTPMA), through a press release.

Elaborating, he stated that the recent decision to advance Pakistan Standard Time (PST) by one hour with effect from 15th April 2009 would disturb the working schedules rather than bringing about discipline and harmony in the official working. He further stated that the ongoing global economic scenario requires more attention towards increasing interaction with the major trading partners around the world, and by forwarding the clocks, by one hour, the interaction time for local traders with the western hemisphere would be further curtailed.

He further stated that the decision of advancement of time by one hour will not serve the purpose, because in our industry wherein B-3 and above tariff meters are installed which are working on Time of Day (ToD)/Time of Use (ToU) built in clocks and these meters calculate the reading in peak hours automatically. Peak hours are pre determined and the built in clocks are pre set and cannot be altered in Pakistan, and the current time in these clocks varies with the Standard Time hence even the peak hours cannot be determined correctly.

Concluding, he argued that in a country where literacy rate is very low and more than 65 percent of whose population resides in rural areas, the timings of government offices and educational institutions ought to be so scheduled as to cause minimal confusion.



LETTER TO REGISTRAR NEPRA REGARDING DECREASE OF RATES: On April 13, 2009, Vice Chairman APTPMA, Mr. Shabbir Ahmed, sent a letter to Mr. Arshad Mehmood, Registrar NEPRA, wherein he pointed out that we had approached NEPRA to instruct various DESCOS for implementation of the decision of the Supreme Court of Pakistan. Instead of passing on these instructions to the DESCOS, however, the Authority has forwarded our letter to the Chief Executive Officer FESCO. We understand that the Govt of Pakistan has established the Authority and vested it with judicious powers to resolve the grievances of consumers. We would therefore request the Authority to issue clear-cut instructions to all the DESCOS for implementation of the orders of the learned Supreme Court of Pakistan.



ZERO-RATING OF SALES TAX-AN OVERVIEW: Under instructions from Chairman APTPMA, we sent a copy each of "Overview on Zero-Rating of Sales Tax" to all the Vice Chairmen & Regional Incharge APTPMA. The presentation was given by Mr. M. Zubair Motiwala to Mr. Shaukat Tareen, the then Advisor to PM on Finance, during a meeting at PHMA Karachi on 11th April 2009 wherein Federal Minister of Textile and Chairman FBR were also present.



HIGH-LEVEL MEETING WITH MINISTER FOR TEXTILE INDUSTRY, ADVISER TO PM ON FINANCE, GOVERNOR SBP, CHAIRMAN FBR, SECRETARY TEXTILE, MEMBER INLAND REVENUE AND TEXTILE COMMISSIONER: On 11th April 2009, a high-level meeting was held at PHMA Karachi with Rana M. Farooq Saeed Khan, Federal Minister for Textile Industry, where

besides the Federal Minister, Mr. Shaukat Tareen, the then Adviser to PM on Finance, Mr. Saleem Raza, Governor SBP, Mr. Ahmed Waqar Chairman FBR, Secretary Textiles Mr. Irfan Nadeem, Member Inland Revenue, and Mr. M. Idrees Ahmed Textile Commissioner of Pakistan were present. The sixteen (16) Chairmen from all Textile Sector Associations were also present in the meeting. APTPMA was represented by its Chairman Mr. M. Nisar Shekhani.

On conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Shaukat Tareen resolved the following issues in a summarized form:

1. Zero-rating of Sales Tax on Textiles shall continue in its present form.
2. Balance payment of R&D shall be made after due verification by a Committee, including members from Textile Associations.
3. In the matter of Income Tax Audit, the Advisor gave an assurance (confirmed by Chairman FBR) that 100% audit will be carried out on those persons/firms/companies who have valid NTN but have not filed their returns. In cases where returns have been filed, 2.5 to 3% of the assesseees shall be picked up through computer rating by ICAP. If any member who has filed a return and still received the audit notice, he should inform the Association who will take up this issue with FBR.
4. The Advisor took strong exception to the fact that the Textile Sector had to bear the brunt of cross subsidy on gas for other sectors. He promised to allocate funds from the Federal Budget to cater to the subsidies.
5. Draft of Textile Policy is ready and will be finalized after due consideration by the Stakeholders.
6. Modalities are under review for regulating Afghan Transit Trade (ATT).
7. The Advisor assured the participants that this Government has resolved to promote, facilitate and support the Textile Sector.



CROSS SUBSIDY IN GAS TARIFF AND REGULATORY DUTY ON PIGMENT

THICKENER: On 21ST April 2009, the Chairman APTPMA sent a letter to the Textile Commissioner, Ministry of Textile Industry, Govt of Pakistan, Karachi, on the above subject, copy whereof is being reproduced hereunder:

Dear Sir, Textile Industry is the most important industrial sector in Pakistan in terms of exports, employment generation and contribution to the exchequer. Foreign exchange earnings have increased substantially due to value-addition. The recent global meltdown coupled with our own problems of higher costs of production, political instability, terrorism, law and order, etc. have seriously impacted exports of textile goods from Pakistan. This in turn, has not only reflected on the health of our economy but has created a dangerous socio-economic imbalance in the country.

It is a common knowledge that cost of doing business in Pakistan is comparatively higher than our regional competitors, specifically Bangladesh that has now overtaken Pakistan in exports of textile goods. Natural Gas is not only a fuel but due to the level of consumption it can be classified as a raw material. The Gas Tariff applied on industries, including Textile Industry, contains the cost of cross-subsidy to domestic consumers as well as feedstock (fertilizer) manufacturers. The gas tariff on feedstocks is truly ridiculous; it is only 15 to 20% of the wellhead price. While the rates of all commodities in the world have increased manifold, the gas tariff on fertilizers has not changed for nearly a decade. We believe the industry and specifically the textile industry should not be burdened with the cross-subsidy.

Essential raw material in the process of printing of textiles is Pigment Thickener. This item is consumed in such huge quantity that even a slight increase in its cost has serious impact on the ultimate cost of the finished/printed material.

In August 2008, SRO 896(I)/2008 dated 27th October 2008 was issued wherein "Pigment Thickener", HS Code 3906.9030, was exempted from Customs Duty in order to encourage value addition of Textiles and make our products more competitive in the world market.

The last SRO 105(I)/2009 dated 13th February 2009, essentially issued to enforce "Regulatory Duty" on a number of items also imposes 10% Duty (Advalorem) on Pigment Thickener at serial No.300.

The rationale of imposing duty on an item that did not attract any duty at all and therefore out of the ambit of regulatory duty, defies logic. If the rationale was to protect the local producers, then the pigment thickeners produced locally are first generation (outdated) and do not meet the specifications required for printing exportable goods. The issuance of the subject SRO is counter-productive to the efforts by the Government to increase exports. It is requested that your office recommend withdrawal of the subject 10% duty on pigment thickener.

Thanking you and assuring you of our best cooperation at all times,

Yours faithfully
MUHAMMAD NISAR SHEKHANI
Chairman



SUBMISSION BEFORE OIL & GAS REGULATORY AUTHORITY (OGRA) IN THE MATTER OF PETITIONS FILED BY SSGCL FOR ESTIMATED REVENUE REQUIREMENT (ERR) FY 2009-2010: On 15th April 2009, Mr. Muhammad Nisar Shekhani, Chairman APTPMA, delivered a detailed presentation before OGRA, Camp Office, Karachi on the above subject, which is being reproduced hereunder:

My name is Muhammad Nisar Shekhani. I am the Chairman of All Pakistan Textile Processing Mills Association (APTPMA) on whose behalf I am an Intervener in the in the instant Petitions filed by SSGCL before the Authority on ERR for FY 2009-2010.

Before touching the Petition, I would remind you that Textile Sector is THE most important industrial sector in this country and the processing mills help in process of value addition. I take the liberty of sharing with the Honorable Members of the Authority some of the statistics given by Mr. Shaukat Tarin, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Finance, on the existing role of Textiles in the economy of Pakistan and what the Government envisages in future. He said, 30% of the total industrial investment is in textiles that give direct employment to 39% of the workforce. In raw cotton production, Pakistan is 4th in the world whereas in export of textiles we are 12th. The value addition of textile (processing is a part of it) is only 8%, which in terms of exports fetches us US\$940 million per million bales of cotton in sharp contrast to \$3,900 million by China and \$1,400 million by India for the same quantum of cotton. The Government envisages a quantum jump to \$2000 million in five years through greater value-addition. For value addition, availability of natural gas in quality and pressure is indispensable so is the cost of gas.

The Petitioner originally filed a petition on 29th November 2008 for "Estimated Revenue Requirement for FY 2009-10" wherein ""decrease in SSGC's revenue requirement for FY 2009-10 has been worked out at Rs.51.56 per MMBTU in gas operations w.e.f. 1 July 2009 mainly due to decrease in cost of gas..." The Petitioner quotes crude oil and HSFO prices at US\$ 47.17/barrel and 212.97/MT respectively. Re. \$ parity is taken at Rs.75.

An Amended Petition was filed on 13 February 2009 wherein crude oil and HSFO prices were divided into two parts, first half (July-Dec. 09) and second half (Jan.- June 2010) with juggling of projected figures of prices (crude oil: \$46.81 & 49.50/barrel and HSFO at \$252.47 & 265.15/MT) and \$-Rupee parity increased from Rs.75/\$ to Rs.81 and 82.

These prices are quoted as "Actual monthly average rates of HSFO and Crude Oil in International Market up to January 2009" and WACOG is arrived at accordingly. We seriously question this method of "assumptions" and even the computation of WACOG. In the Review Petition for FY 2008-09, in Table # C-7, the Petitioner has calculated WACOG at Rs.296.08 taking Crude Oil at \$102.71/barrel and HSFO at \$560.98/MT; Exchange parity was taken at Rs.83.17/\$. Now when the prices of both the commodities in the instant Petition are less than 55% of the prices in FY 2008-09 and Re.-\$ parity is also slightly less, yet WACOG is calculated at Rs.219.89 that is only 25% less. What is so sacrosanct about the method of calculation that the stakeholders are not informed? Why do we have to accept all that is dished out to us? We believe the Weighted Average Cost of Gas should be much lower.

Under section 4(c) of OGRA Natural Gas Ordinance 200 which states: *Determine gas wellhead prices for the producers in accordance with the relevant agreements or contracts and notify the same in official Gazette on the first day of July and first day of January each year.*

Yet, of the 49 or so gas fields, OGRA has NOT notified the gas wellhead prices for the periods 01-07-08 or 01-01-09 of 4 gas fields including Quadirpur (the other three being Badin Compression, Missakiswal and Mazarani), while 12 fields' prices have not been notified for the period 01-01-09. Effectively it allows the Petitioner to compute whatever price it finds fit. A case in point is Quadirpur gas field. We request the Authority to scrutinize the prices strictly. Even a dollar here or there makes a difference.

Furthermore, what about Badin gas field? We understand that butane and propane are extracted from the gas for LPG that substantially decreases its heating values (936 BTU?) while maintaining the volume. The Petitioner in Annexure 'D' on "Shrinkage" explains as "valued at an estimated average rate of Rs.226.76/MMBTU for Badin Gas purchase". Is this enough? Is this not the prerogative of the Authority?

The Petitioner has, it seems fallen into a habit of raising issues that have been already settled by OGRA. The Royalty and Transportation Income from JJVL, Meter Manufacturing Profit, Late Payment Surcharge (LPS) and Income of Gas condensate are regular items of contention in practically every Petition. These issues were decided even in Review Petitions.

Let us examine one of the earlier Decisions on these issues:

Determination of Final Revenue Requirement of SSGCL
Financial Year 2007-08 Dated September 23, 2008.

The Authority has extensively covered all the above issues in the following paragraphs:

7.3.4 The Authority observes that the whole system of which extraction of condensate from LHF plant is an off-shoot, has been financed over the years through gas price mechanism. Similarly, depreciation, other operating expenses and return related to this plant have always been claimed by the petitioner as part of revenue requirement. The petitioner's latest stance defies logic.

7.3.5 In view of the above, the Authority disagrees with the petitioner's contention and, therefore, maintains treatment of sale of gas condensate as operating income and determines the same at Rs.631 million for the said year.

7.3.8 The Authority notes that the arguments advanced now by the petitioner are not new and mere repetition. The Authority has, time and again, reviewed and analyzed the submissions of the petitioner in its various earlier decisions and, therefore, decision of the Authority to treat Royalty from JJVL as operating income has reached finality.

7.3.9 In view of above, the Authority maintains its decision of treating royalty from JJVL amounting to Rs. 2,145 million, as operating income for the said year.

Motion for Review of FRR FY 2005-06.

The Authority gave its Decision in Para 10.2.6 as under:

"In view of the above discussion, the Authority maintains its earlier decision of treating LPS, Meter Manufacturing and Royalty from JJVL as operating income for the said year. Consequently, the fixed assets will remain part of the assets base as discussed in para 6.1.2 of FRR 2005-06 dated September 25, 2006."

Having quoted these decisions, does the Petitioner expect the Authority to change its stance? If the Government does not announce the Tariff Regime for which the Petitioner is lamenting, it cannot blame the Authority. We have been fighting for relief from "Cross-subsidy" for years now on false promises maybe.

Cross-subsidy is a thorn in the price mechanism of gas for the industry. For the umpteenth time we say that the Government should directly give subsidy to domestic and feedstock, through budgetary allocation, instead of the prevalent cross-subsidy mechanism. It is unjust to ask the industry to bear the brunt of this load which is probably in the range of anywhere around Rs.20billion in case of the Petitioner. The industry can no longer bear the load of huge subsidies to feedstock and domestic consumers that have created all kinds of economic distortions, bringing the industry at the verge of closure / collapse.

Profits of the fertilizer factories are burgeoning as is evident from their annual accounts, and they are diversifying now in other sectors. Subsidy provided by the GoP has never been passed on to the farmers. It is not justified that the fertilizer factories continue to enjoy subsidy even after the expiry of ten year contract period in most instances.

Honorable Members, before concluding, I seek your indulgence to bring to your kind attention certain complaints with respect to BTU and gas pressures in the gas supplied by the Petitioner.

One of our members, M/s. Liberty Mills Ltd., had serious doubts on the heating value of the gas supplied by the SSGCL and that charged on the bill. I am submitting the Test Report of Perac Research & Development Foundation for the month of March 2009 that shows Gross heating value as 914.11 and 914.65 BTU/cft. whereas the net BTU is 826.72 and 827.24 BTU/cft. respectively. In the bill for the month, BTU computed for billing is 931. That means the consumers are overcharged and grossly at that.

In textile processing industry, gas is considered as a raw material indispensable for the operation of the industry. Its standards and parameters obviously need to be maintained for its utility. Since last year, our members have complained of low gas pressure in the supply line and also as a result of choking of filters. The low gas pressures in the lines were on specific times for duration of nearly four hours. In other words, load shedding of gas was taking place without prior information. Another implication of gas consumed at lower pressure is charging more for lesser quantity of gas as demonstrated by Charles-Boyle's Law:

$$\frac{P_1 V_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2 V_2}{T_2} = \text{Constant}$$

Where "P" stands for "Pressure", "V" for "Volume" and "T" for "Temperature". Temperature being constant, the volume varies directly to the variation in pressure in accordance with the above formula. We are told that "correction" meters are installed but when we get inflated bills, the efficacy of the meter is doubted.

The choking of gas filters is a new phenomenon and has been "introduced" very recently. I am not technically qualified to comment on the reasons for such mishaps that have become chronic in gas consuming industries. Perhaps the Petitioner will explain why this complaint and that too on such a large scale that on a particular day their "service" van is so busy that an industry remains inoperative for six to eight hours.

I thank you, Honorable Members of this Authority for your patient hearing.

Nisar Shekhani
Chairman APTPMA,
Hotel Marriot, Karachi, 15th April 2009.



SUBMISSION BEFORE OIL & GAS REGULATORY AUTHORITY (OGRA) IN THE MATTER OF PETITIONS FILED BY SNGPL FOR ESTIMATED REVENUE REQUIREMENT (ERR) FY 2009-2010: On 22ND April 2009, Mr. Shabbir Ahmed, Vice Chairman APTPMA, sent a detailed presentation to the Chairman OGRA, Camp Office Lahore on the above subject, which is being reproduced hereunder:

Dear Sir, My name is Shabbir Ahmed, I am the Vice Chairman of All Pakistan Textile Processing Mills Association (APTPMA) on whose behalf I am an Intervener in the instant Petition filed by Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Ltd. (SNGPL) before the Authority for Estimated Revenue Requirement (ERR) for the financial year 2009-2010.

1. **Wellhead Prices:** THE WACOG price in this petition is based on average rates of crude oil and HSFO in the international market upto January 2009. As the Authority determines the wellhead prices and notifies these, we therefore

had requested the Authority vide our letter dated 02nd March 2009 that as the well head prices is the major factor in determining the gas prices (increase or decrease) therefore the parameter to determine the wellhead prices should be transparent and clearly mentioned in the petition.

To elaborate our viewpoint, we as intervener in the review petition for SNGPL for the year 2008-2009 had pointed out that the wellhead price of Qadirpur was computed at the price, calculated on oil price whereas the notified price of Qadirpur gas was Rs.161.02 per MMBTU. Our objection was accepted by the Authority and the average WACOG price was reworked at Rs.251.75 instead of Rs.296.08 per MMBTU.

As we understand from the above that the Authority estimates the wellhead price on the basis of crude oil and HSFO prices in the international market and then spreads the prices backward for the different wellheads.

According to table 20 (copy enclosed as Annexure-I) of the ERR of SNGPL for 2008-2009, the wellhead prices was taken at Rs.243.75 per MMBTU and the exchange rate at Rs.64.50 for July to December 2008, but according to the calculation of the notified wellheads price for the period starting from 01st July 2008 the exchange rate is taken at Rs.68.9287, as per the calculation sheet on page 12, the actual rate as per the notification were taken for the month of July and August 2008, but the price for Qadirpur was taken without any notification. (sheet enclosed as Annexure-II).

We have calculated the prices for the first six months i.e. 01.07.2008 to 31.12.2008 and the result is Rs.263.85 with the Qadirpur price at Rs.305.93 and Rs.278.86, but taking the Qadirpur price at Rs.161.02 the price comes to Rs.224.33.

The question as to whether wellhead prices are based on crude oil and HSFO prices on international price base, we know that the prices of crude oil had touched as high as \$ 147 per barrel and to a low of \$ 43/barrel, but according to the prices notified by the Authority, we do not see any relevancy to the international prices. I have worked out a comparison chart for these notified prices for a period from 01.07.2004 to 01.01.2009 on six monthly basis. (Chart enclosed as Annexure-III)

These notified prices do not show any dip in the prices but on the contrary the prices of the wellheads worked in Pak rupees shows an increase of 11% in the period from 01.07.2008 and increase of 15% from 01.01.2009.

It is interesting to note that Mari Gas Field which is one of the largest gas field of Pakistan and the only field which is not linked with either of the distribution companies has a different mechanism to determine its wellhead price. The price effective from 01.07.2004 was Rs.26.16 per MMBTU and it increase to Rs.55.94 from 01.07.2007, but it is now reduced to Rs.37.28 with effect from 01.01.2009.

Sir, it is difficult to digest that how the notified price of Mari Gas is notified at Rs.37.28 whereas for all the other major gas fields, the notified prices ranges from Rs.162/- per MMBTU to Rs.500/- per MMBTU, whereas the crude oil and HSFO prices are same for all the wellheads.

In view of the above observations, we the intervener request the Authority to use their judicious power and reject this petition in the present form filed by SNGPL as average price of gas had been calculated at the crude oil price at \$ 101.47/barrel and the exchange rate of Rs.65.50 in the petition 2008-09 resulting the WACOG price at

Rs.243.75 per MMBTU. As the crude oil price for the year 2009-2010 is around \$ 50/barrel and the exchange rate taken at Rs.80/-. The WACOG price should come to around Rs.147/- per MMBTU instead of Rs.219 as stated in the petition (enclosed as Annexure-I).

2. **Gas Available for Sale:** According to the petition by SNGPL the envisaged volume of gas available for sale is estimated at 617,549 MMCF as against the volume of 636838 MMCF which is 3.12% less than the last year. Whereas the SSGCL is estimating an increase of 5% in the sale volume for the year 2009-2010. It is an admitted fact that SNGPL is forcing the industrial consumers to gas load-shedding in winter then why the Authority has reduced the gas quota to SNGPL.

I would like to ask the Authority if they are taking any measure to overcome this difficulty faced by the industrial consumers of SNGPL.

SNGPL has curtailed the gas to the industrial consumers in the month of October for the ATA (Annual Turn Around) for the Qadirpur and Sawan Gas Fields and had assured the consumers that new wells are being linked up to overcome the gas shortage in the coming winter season. The Prime Minister of Pakistan had given directions to the Authorities in this regard and I quote;

“While approving the Annual Turn Around (ATA) of Qadirpur, the Prime Minister directed the concerned Authority to complete the proposed project as soon as possible but not later than 18th October 2008 as scheduled.” Unquote

In spite of the directions by the Prime Minister the new wells have not been linked till today.

Gas Load Management Programme for the period of December 2008 to February 2009 was launched by the Ministry of Petroleum

Gas Load Management Program for the period Dec 2008 to Feb 2009

*Source: (Electronic Government Directorate, Ministry of IT & Telecom,
Government of Pakistan)*

Approved Gas Curtailment Program as follows:

(a) Sector-wise approved Gas Curtailment Program in MMCFD:

Sector	December 2008	January 2009	February 2009
Cement	60	60	60
Power	320	320	320
Fertilizer (30 days ATA)	10	91	24
General Industry and Captive Power	317	352	281
Total curtailment	707	823	685

(b) Proposed Implementation Program:

(i) Domestic and commercial sector would continue to get gas supply even during peak winter months.

- (ii) These fertilizer plants, on SNGPL system, will go for annual turn around of 30 days each as per following schedule:

Pak Arab	26-12-2008 to 24-01-2009
Dawood Hercules	01-01-2009 to 30-01-2009
Pak American	25-01-2009 to 23-02-2009

- (c) For start-up purposes SNGPL will make best efforts to supply upto 30 MMCFD of gas for following plants of WAPDA:

Faisalabad TPS	15 MMCFD
Faisalabad GPS	5 MMCFD
Multan	5 MMCFD
Muzafargarh	5 MMCFD

- (d) The supply of 80 MMCFD gas to Gaddu direct from the fields will continue. In addition, 85 MMCFD, 19 MMCFD to FKPCL and 50 MMCFD to Liberty Power, who have 12 months supply contract will also continue.
- (e) 41 Glass units on SNGPL system will be supplied/curtailed gas as per the following strategy:
- Supply to 10 units will be disconnected and will be supplied on as and when available basis.
 - Supply to 22 small scale units with negligible load will continue.
 - For 9 major units, best efforts will be employed to meet 50% of their demand.
- (f) To ensure transparency, industrial clusters/estates including textile sector shall be divided into zones for gas disconnection in a rotational manner.
- (g) Weekly holidays shall be rotated by industrial clusters/estates.
- (h) Industrial units shall also arrange timely alternate fuel for winter months to avoid clouser.
- (i) Lahore Chamber of Commerce will arrange immediate Energy Audit of member Industrial units for efficient Gas utilization.
- (j) Specific gas earmarked for Gadoon Industrial Estate will be managed locally by their management.

Federal Government has also approved the diversion of 150 MMCFD of gas to WAPDA and balance to Industrial Sector, from the following additional gas arranged for winter load management:-

Figures in MMCFD

	December 2008	January 2009	February 2009
Qadirpur Field – OGDC	35	50	65
SSGC	60	60	60
Tajjal – OMV	25	25	25
Kadanwari – ENI	15	15	15
Dewan Petroleum	37	37	37
Tal Block – MOL	12	12	12
	184	199	214

Subsequent to the producer's earlier commitments, based on which the above available gas was finalized, the ENI has encountered operational problems. As a result thereof the gas from Kadanwari will not be available for some time. This

resultant shortfall has been replaced, on urgent basis and additional supplies of 15 MMCFD over and above the normal commitments will be available from Dhakni field.

This curtailment programme was implemented for the industries but the measures taken in the programme to overcome the difficulties for the industry were not implemented by the SNGPL and SSGCL, such as, the fertilizer plants did not go for annual turn around as per the schedule given in the program.

The extra gas to be provided by different gas fields and SSGCL was also not provided.

We therefore request the Authority that a uniform policy should be adopted to overcome the crisis faced by the consumers of SNGPL.

The SNGPL had promised to provide us the sale agreements pertaining to different fertilizer companies at the public hearing on 12th November 2008, but it is not provided to us yet.

3. Calorific Value: The calorific value of SNGPL is 937 and major gas to SNGPL is being supplied from Balochistan, Punjab and Sindh provinces and more than 50% gas is being utilized at Multan, Faisalabad and Lahore and the gas supplied to Faisalabad in July to December 2008 was of the calorific value of 915 and same was the case for the Lahore Region. Therefore we would like to know how the calorific value of 937 is being fulfilled.

It is therefore prayed that the Petition by the SNGPL to review the estimated revenue requirement for F.Y.2009-10 may kindly be dismissed in view of the above facts.

I thank you, Honorable Chairman and members of OGRA for your patient hearing.

(SHABBIR AHMED)
Vice Chairman APTPMA
And Authorized Representative of APTPMA
For the OGRA/SNGPL Hearing
Pearl Continental (P.C.) Hotel, Lahore, Wednesday, 22nd April 2009



REMOVAL OF ANOMALIES & IRRITANTS ON TEXTILE SECTOR: Full text of the Chairman's letter dated 28th April 2009 addressed to Mr. Ahmed Waqar, Chairman FBR is being reproduced hereunder copy whereof was circulated to all the Vice Chairman & Regional Incharge APTPMA.

Dear Sir, In a recent meeting of the Advisor to the Prime Minister on Finance with all Chairmen/Presidents of Textile Associations, Mr. Shaukat Tareen acknowledged, "Textile is the Mother of all industries". He regretted the indifference shown to this sector in the past and promised to do more so that the true potential can be achieved. Elaborating, he envisaged value addition in textile products to improve its earnings from the present rate of US\$ 0.94 billion per million bales of cotton to US\$ 2.0 billion/million bales within the next five years. He also stressed on decreasing the cost of manufacture to boost exports of textile made-ups and articles. Processing (Dyeing, Bleaching and Printing) is the first step towards value-addition in Textiles.

Sir our members, the Processing Units, are facing serious irritants and anomalies enumerated as under:

1. **Caustic Soda:**

Caustic Soda Flakes (PCT Heading 2815:1100) is subject to Custom Duty of 25% to protect the local manufacturers. However, it has proved counter-productive, as it has encouraged monopoly of product resulting in undue price escalation. The classic example is that of Sitara Chemical Industries who raised their caustic prices from Rs.33,000 (June 14, 2007) to Rs.42,320/MT (April 03, 2008) and Rs.45,000 (December 06, 2008). In 18 months, the price has increased by 36%; all at the expense of value-adding textile industries. The second and most telling damage the undue protection created was during the "load-shedding period". Both manufacturers, located in Punjab, remained inoperative during the gas and electric load shedding; resulting in serious shortages of the commodity and price escalation in open market leading to higher cost of manufacture. We request you to remove custom duty from import of caustic soda (flakes).

Caustic Soda liquid (PCT Heading 2815:1200) attracts 100% L/C margin (SBP's BPRD Circular 06 of 2008 dated May 22, 2008) and 16% Sales Tax. Textile industry consumes huge quantities of this commodity and therefore the refund amount is correspondingly high. However, our members are denied actual refunds but subjected to harassment. We propose that any caustic soda sold to a manufacturer of textiles should be zero-rated.

2. **Pigment Thickener (HS Code 3906.9030):**

In August 2008, SRO 896 (I)/2008 dated 27th October 2008 was issued wherein "Pigment Thickener", HS Code 3906.9030, was exempted from Customs Duty in order to encourage value addition of Textiles and to make our products more competitive in the world market.

The latest SRO 105(I)/2009 dated 13th February 2009, essentially issued to enforce "Regulatory Duty" on a number of items, also imposes 10% Duty (Advalorem) on Pigment Thickener at serial no. 300. The rationale of imposing duty on an item that did not attract any duty at all and therefore out of the ambit of regulatory duty, defies logic. If the rationale was to protect the local producers, then the pigment thickeners produced locally are first generation (outdated) and do not meet the specifications required for printing exportable goods. It is requested that the subject 10% duty on pigment thickener be withdrawn.

3. **Duty on Disperse Dyes (HS Code 3204.1100):**

Import of Disperse Dyes attracts duty of 15% whereas Vat dyes and Sulphur dyes are subjected to 5% duty and Basic (Cationic/Acrylic) dyes are exempted from custom duty. This anomaly has led to massive misdeclaration and evasion of duty. The matter was agitated last year also and we convinced the

EDB that duty on Disperse Dyes should be brought down to 10% and tariff adjustment made on raw materials of local manufacturers. We once again appeal to you to bring down the duty to 10% on Disperse Dyes.

4. **Duty on Filament Yarn:**

The custom duty on filament yarn was raised from 7% to 9% in the last Federal Budget. Duty was increased without taking the stakeholders on board and was a result of intense lobbying by vested interest. In terms of exports, the maximum growth in the textile sector was achieved by the synthetic fabric industry. Yet they were burdened with extra duty on their raw material! It is pertinent to mention here that the rate of duty was arrived at only after serious computations

taking all the factors into consideration at the time of "Zero Rating of Textiles". It is requested that the old Duty structure of 7% should be restored.

5. Afghan Transit Trade (ATT):

The Afghan Transit Trade is a menace for both the Exchequer as well as for trade and industry. With the imposition of "Regulatory Duties" on a number of items, the trade volume under ATT increased many folds. The ultimate destination of these imports is Pakistan because Afghanistan does not have the capacity to absorb/consume these goods. We are pleased to note of draft policy has been evolved on the basis of imports by other land-locked countries. We wish to stress that there is an urgency in the matter

We earnestly hope that you will give due consideration to our plea and give a positive reply. Thanking you and assuring you of our best cooperation at all times,

Yours faithfully:
(Muhammad Nisar Shekhani)
Chairman



MEETING ON MONTHLY AND QUARTERLY REVIEW OF GAS PRICES: On 02ND May 2009, we sent a letter to the Directorate General of Gas Ministry of Petroleum & NR wherein we stated that we had learnt from reliable sources that a high-level meeting of major industrial consumers of Sui Gas had been convened in the Committee Room of the Ministry of Petroleum & NR on 28th April 2009 in order to discuss the monthly and quarterly review of Gas Prices. It has, however, been regretfully noted that the name of APTPMA had not been included in the Review Committee although we happen to be one of the "Principal Stake-Holders".



IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISION OF REVISION/DECREASE OF RATES OF FIXED CHARGES ON INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS: On 02ND May 2009, Acting Chairman APTPMA, Mr. Shabbir Ahmed, sent a letter to the Registrar Supreme Court of Pakistan that we have had a series of detailed correspondence with NEPRA for implementation of the decisions of the Supreme Court of Pakistan with regard to imposition of Fixed Charges during the period of load-shedding. But as ill luck would have it, the decision of the Supreme Court has not been implemented so far by the Concerned Authorities which tantamount to contempt of Court. In view of the abovesited predicament, we requested the Registrar to intervene in the matter and advise NEPRA for implementation of the decision of the Supreme Court for redressal of our genuine grievance and grant of requisite relief to our member units. In support of our contention we appended along with our letter a full set of correspondence with NEPRA, FESCO and GEPCO (nearly 10 letters for ready reference).



OBITUARY/CONDOLENCE: SAD DEMISE OF CH. FATEH MUHAMMAD: On 04th May 2009, we circulated a condolence letter to all the Vice Chairmen & Regional Incharge/Secretaries APTPMA informing them of the sad demise of Chaudhary Fateh Muhammad, Former Vicew Chairman and Regional Vice Chairman APTPMA and Chief Executive M/s Zam Zam Textile Industries, Faisalabad. INNA-LILLA-HE-WA-INNA ILAIH-E-RAAJE'OON !



NOMINATION OF MR.SHABBIR AHMED FOR FPCCI REGIONAL STANDING COMMITTEE: On 11th May 2009, Mr. M.Nisar Shekhani, Chairman

APTPMA nominated Mr. Shabbir Ahmed, Vice Chairman APTPMA as Member of FPCCI Regional Standing Committee on Energy (WAPDA), Suigas and Alternatives.



TRAINING NEED ASSESSMENT (TNA) FOR SMEs YEAR 2009-10 : On 11th May 2009, Mr. Shabbir Ahmed, Acting Chairman APTPMA, sent a circular letter to all the Regional Incharge/Secretaries APTPMA informing them that SMEDA have launched a Training Need Assessment Program for SMEs for the year 2009-10 in accordance with their stipulated Proforma. The have solicited our feedback on TNA.



NOMINATION OF MR.M.NISAR SHEKHANI AS A MEMBER OF FPCCI STANDING COMMITTEE FOR DIRECT TAXES FOR THE TERM 2009-10 : On 14th May 2009, Mr. G.R.Arshad, Chairman FPCCI Standing Committee for Direct Taxes and Life Chairman Action Committee APTPMA nominated Mr. Muhammad Nisar Shekhani as a member of FPCCI Standing Committee for Direct Taxes for the term 2009-10.



DONATION FOR INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS FUND (IDPF): In response to the appeal floated by Mr. Shabbir Ahmed, Acting Chairman APTPMA among Regional Incharge on 16th May 2009, the members donated generously at Regional Offices level for IDP Fund.



IMPLEMENTATION OF TARIFF B-2(B) INSTEAD OF B-2(A): On 19th May 2009, Mr. Shabbir Ahmed, Vice Chairman APTPMA, sent a detailed letter to the Registrar NEPRA Islamabad on the above subject wherein he pointed out that the industrial consumers falling under B-2 Tariff are being charged under B-2(B) Tariff instead of the existing B-2(a) tariff by DESCOS without giving prior notices to the consumers. He has supported his contention with reference to NEPRA's Order No.NEPRA/TRF-40/FESCO-2005/1037-40 dated 23.02.2007 annexure part-II along with Schedule of Electricity Tariffs in vogue in different Categories, and complained that deviation from stipulated Chart tends to subject industrial consumers to huge financial losses. In the same order by NEPRA, it is clearly stated that "all existing consumers under this tariff shall be provided T.O.U metering arrangement and charged according to the 'applicable' T.O.U tariff. But in actual practice, this undertaking is being deviated which tantamounts to breach of trust.

The Petitioner has also enclosed the tariff of KESC effective from 01.09.2008 which shows that the B-2 T.O.U tariff is 15.16% less than the single tariff B-2 . From the order it is clear that the DESCOS were not able to provide T.O.U, meters to their consumers by 30.06.08 and hence the new date 30.06.2010 has been given by NEPRA. We are also enclosing herewith the tariff of KESC effective from 01.09.2008 which shows that the B-2 T.O.U. tariff is 5.16% less than the single tariff B-2.

In view of abovesaid observations it is prayed that the DESCOS may be directed that the tariff of B-2(B) may not be charged until all the existing consumers are not provided with the T.O.U. meters. Furthermore, it appears that NEPRA does not have the authority to charge the category of the tariff for the consumers. Therefore the implementation of B-2(b) TARIFF IS WITHOUT ANY LEGAL AUTHORITY.

Special Note: Full text of the abovesaid presentation along with charts and statistics is available with APTPMA Head Office and can be provided on demand.



AUDIT NOTICES ISSUED U/S 177 OF INCOME TAX ORDINANCE 2001: ISSUANCE OF MULTIPLE NOTICES: On May 27, 2009, we sent a letter to Mr.

M.A.Lodhi, Secretary General FPCCI on the above subject in response to his letter dated 25th May 2009 wherein we pointed out that despite the assurances provided to us in high-level ministerial meetings on the above subject, multiple notices are still being served to some of our member units. We requested him to take up this issue with the Government.



16TH EDITION OF "TEX STYLES INDIA FAIR": On 03RD June 2009, we sent copies of flyers on the 16th Edition of "Tex Styles India Fair" to all the Regional Incharge/Vice Chairmen APTPMA which we had received from the Indian High Commissioner Islamabad for distribution among members who may be interested in participating. Tex-Styles Fair is amongst the largest events of India Textiles organized by the India Trade Promotion Organization at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from February 24-27, 2010.



REVIEW APPEAL OF M/S RASHID TEXTILE PRINTING IND.: On 04TH June 2009, we filed a review appeal with Joint Executive Director OGRA on prescribed complaint format on behalf of M/s Rashid Textile Printing Industries (Pvt) Ltd., Faisalabad, against SNGPL for excessive billing.



NOMINATION OF OUR SENIOR MEMBERS ON FPCCI REGIONAL STANDING COMMITTEE ON "SMEs".: On 04TH June 2009, Mr. Rehmatullah Jawed, Chairman FPCCI Regional Standing Committee on "SMEs", FPCCI Regional Office Lahore, invited our nominations for FPCCI Regional Standing Committee on SMEs. We sent copy of the FPCCI's letter to our Vice Chairmen and Regional Incharge APTPMA Faisalabad and Lahore/Gujranwala Region for nominations of suitable person for the committee.



NOMINATION OF SENIOR MEMBERS OF APTPMA ON FPCCI REGIONAL STANDING COMMITTEE ON FIARS, EXHIBITIONS & TRADE.: On 06TH June 2009, Mr. Jamil Naz Chairman FPCCI Regional Standing Committee on Fairs, Exhibitions & Trade, FPCCI Regional Office Lahore, invited our nominations for FPCCI Regional Standing Committee on Fairs, Exhibitions & Trade. We sent copy of the FPCCI's letter to our Vice Chairmen and Regional Incharge APTPMA Faisalabad and Lahore/Gujranwala Region for nominations of suitable person for the committee.



NOMINATION FOR FPCCI REGIONAL STANDING COMMITTEE ON "CUSTOMS & DRY PORTS": On 06TH June 2009, Mr. Maqbool Ahmed Sheikh, Chairman FPCCI Regional Standing Committee on Customs & Dry Ports requested our Chairman to invite more members of APTPMA for the said committee. As advised by Mr. M.Nisar Shekhani, Chairman APTPMA, we sent copy of the FPCCI Zonal Office Circular to Mr. Shabbir Ahmed and Sheikh Muhammad Ayub, Vice Chairmen APTPMA Faisalabad and Lahore/Gujranwala Region respectively requested them to nominate suitable person for the said committee.



"SMART" TEXTILE TESTING: On 13TH June 2009, Mr. M.Nisar Shekhani, Chairman APTPMA, sent a circular letter to all the Vice Chairmen/Regional Heads and Regional Secretaries of APTPMA informing them that Messrs SMA Rizvi Textile Institute Karachi have been equipped with the state-of-the-art equipment for physical testing of textiles and are in the process of renovation of their lab. They have sent us their price list of 21 different types of Tests. They have offered a special discount of 20% for members of APTPMA, PHMA, PRGMEA and PCMA on their prices.



AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR COMBINED EFFLUENT TREATMENT PLANT

AT PORT QASIM TEXTILE CITY: On 12TH June 2009, Chairman APTPMA, Mr. M.Nisar Shekhani, informed all the Vice Chairmen/Regional Incharge/Secretaries of APTPMA through a circular letter that M/s Pakistan Textile City Ltd., have embarked upon an ambitious project to develop and manage the first Industrial Zone at Eastern Zone Port Qasim for the benefit of value added textile industries to meet global challenges and augment textile exports. Board of Directors of Pakistan Textile City Ltd., have recently signed a consultancy contract with M/s NEC Consultants (Pvt) Ltd., one of the leading environmental consultants in Pakistan.



ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNCIL OF ALL PAKISTAN TEXTILE

ASSOCIATIONS: Under instructions from Mr. M.Nisar Shekhani, Chairman APTPMA, we have circulated a copy of letter dated 09.06.09 from the Council of All Pakistan Textile Associations (CAPTA) wherein a positive initiative has been envisaged from rejuvenating the Council of All Pakistan Textile Association (CAPTA). Mr. M.Zubair Motiwala has been nominated Chairman CAPTA.



CURTAILMENT OF GAS SUPPLY DURING ANNUAL TURN AROUND (ATA)

OF MAJOR GAS FIELDS: On June 29, 2009, Mr. Shabbir Ahmed, Vice Chairman APTPMA SENT OAN "S.O.S" letter to Hon'ble Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani, Prime Minister of Pakistan on the above subject, contents whereof are being reproduced hereunder:

Respected Sir,

It has been learnt by us as a matter of utter surprise and shock through SNGPL's fax/letter No.GMS:119 dated 26.06.09 received by us today that the gas supply of our Member Units who fall under the following Major Gas Fields shall be disconnected as pr following schedule:

- Sawan Gas Field : 01.07.2009 to 10.07.2009
- Bhit Gas Field : 07.08.2009 to 16.08.2009
- Qadirpur Gas Field : 20.08.2009 to 26.08.2009

As you are aware Textile Processing Sector is the major Textile Sector which is catering for the needs of the Textile Industry by way of export and domestic production, and is serving as a lifeline for the entire Textile Industry of Pakistan. Abrupt disconnection of suigas supply which is the basic source of energy for our Member Units would certainly incapacitate this vital industry and deprive the Exchequer of valuable revenue and forex to the tune of billions of rupees beside throwing thousands upon thousands of wage earner out of jobs who shall be constrained to come out on roads in protest, which would create law-and-order situation very much to the detriment of our National Economy which is already at its lowest ebb.

It would not be out of place to mention here that Textile Processing Sector is the most value-added and export-oriented sector is already facing untold hardship due to intermittent load shedding and other crisis.

In view of these grave apprehensions we have the honor to request that the concerned Sector of SNGPL who have been ill advised to resort to the abovesited closures programe of the Textile Industry, may be directed to refrain from the above noted closures programe forthwith.

Hopefully, our abovenoted plea will stand in good stead and save a major Textile Sector from complete collapse and ruination. Thanking you,

A similar letter was sent by us to Mr. Shahbaz Sharif, Chief Minister, Punjab.



COPY OF OGRA'S DECISION DATED 15TH MAY 2009 REGARDING SSGCL PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF ESTIMATED REVENUE

REQUIREMENT F.Y.2009-10: ON July 01, 2009, we sent a copy of the full set of OGRA's decision on SSGCL's petition for determination of estimated revenue requirement (ERR) for the year 2009-10 along with appendix (total 73 pages) received from registrar OGRA, to Mr. Muhammad Nisar Shekhani for reference and record.



EXPECTED REVENUE RECEIPTS (ERR) OF GAS COMPANIES ON THE BASIS OF OGRA NOTIFICATION:

On July 02, 2009, Mr. M.Nisar Shekhani, Chairman APTPMA, sent a letter to the Chairman Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) on the above subject and copies endorsed to the Presidents, FPCCI, KCCI, LCCI, FCCI, ICCI, Chairmen APTMA, PHMA, CNG Association and SITE Association of Industry, Karachi, contents whereof are being reproduced hereunder:

The Chairman,
Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority,
Tariq Chambers, Civic Center, Sector G-6,
Islamabad.

Reference: OGRA Notification, S.R.O. (I)/2009, Dated 30th June 2009.

Subject: EXPECTED REVENUE RECEIPTS (ERR) OF GAS COMPANIES ON THE BASIS OF OGRA NOTIFICATION.

Dear Sir, On the subject under reference, we request you to convey to us the amount/figures of ERR of the SNGPL and SSGCL on the basis of the Notification under reference.

It may be recalled that the Authority had given its Decisions of May 15, 2009 on the basis of the Expected Revenue Requirements of the two gas Companies for FY 2009-10 wherein it had given "Provisional Prescribed Prices for FY 2009-10 w. e. f. July 1 2009". Since the "Notified Tariff" varies substantially from the "Prescribed Price", the impact of this variance will obviously be reflected on the total ERR of each gas Company.

While OGRA has the capacity and capability, we do not have the expertise or the information to calculate the ERR in light of the current tariff, hence our request. We fully understand the limitations of the Authority to fix gas tariff (applicable) under the OGRA Ordinance and we are not disputing that at the moment. All we ask of you is to compute the amount of revenue receipts the two Companies are expected to generate under the tariff notified on June 30, 2009.

We hope you will be kind enough to give the relevant information at the earliest.

Thanking you,

Sincerely Yours;
(Muhammad Nisar Shekhani)
Chairman

INFORMATION BROCHURE REGARDING INDIA TRADE FAIR (IITF

2009) NOV 14-27, 2009: On July 03, 2009, we sent copies of information brochure "India International Trade Fair (IITF 2009)" TO ALL THE Vice Chairmen/Regional Incharge APTPMA Karachi, Faisalabad and Lahore/Gujranwala Regions. The brochures for the Mega Event scheduled to be held in New Delhi on 14-27 September 2009, were received by us from the Indian High Commissioner, Islamabad.



VISIT OF FPCCI TRADE DELEGATION TO USA: On July 04, 2009, we circulated a letter from the Board of Directors of Pak-USA Business Council FPCCI to all the Vice Chairmen/Regional Incharge of APTPMA informing them that FPCCI intends to take a high-profile Trade Delegation to USA during the second week of August 2009. Interested participants have been requested to furnish their particulars along with their letter of intent by 20th July 2009.



LETTER OF THANKS TO MEMBER CUSTOMS: On 23 June 2009, Mr. M.Nisar Shekhani Chairman APTPMA sent a special letter of thanks/appreciation to Mr.Muneer Qureshi, member FBR, Islamabad for having accorded our request for rationalization of Import Duty on Pigment Thickener and Disperse Dyes, which is being reproduced hereunder. Copy of the Chairman APTPMA's letter was sent on 04.07.09 to all Vice Chairmen & Regional Incharge APTPMA for their kind perusal, record and comments.

Mr. Muneer Qureshi,
Member Customs,
Federal Bureau of Revenue,
Government of Pakistan,
Islamabad.

Subject: **APPRECIATION / THANK YOU FOR ACCOMMODATING OUR REQUESTS OF DOWNWARD REVISIONS OF DUTY ON PIGMENT THICKENER AND DYES IN THE FEDERAL BUDGET.**

Dear Sir, on behalf of all the members of All Pakistan Textile Processing Mills Association, the undersigned expresses appreciation of your understanding of the problems faced by the industry and reducing the duty rates from 10% to 0% on Pigment Thickener (PCT 3906.9030) and 15% to 10% on Disperse Dyes (PCT 3204.1100). We are indeed truly grateful to you, Sir.

I take this opportunity to draw your kind attention to other irritants / issues facing Textile Processing Industry that were discussed with the former Chairman FBR, Mr. Waqar Ahmed, who had agreed to incorporate the suggestions in the Budget 2009:

Dyes: It was decided in the subject meeting that all types of dyes would attract uniform duty of 10% to deter misdeclaration. Acrylic and vat dyes were / are exempt from duty leading importers taking undue advantage and import other dyes under the head of the exempted ones. We request you, Sir, to remove this disparity to stop the corrupt practices. The new duty structure will not have any adverse financial impact on the revenue collection.

Caustic Soda Flakes (PCT Code 2815:1100), a basic raw material of Textile Industry, is subject to Custom Duty of 25%. The high rate of 25% duty on the industrial raw material was ostensibly to protect the local industry. However, it has only

encouraged monopoly and cartel of the manufacturers resulting in the steady escalation of the price of the commodity by 36% in 18 months. Despite higher prices, both manufacturers were unable to meet the demand of textile processing industry. During the "load-shedding of gas" both manufacturers, located in Punjab, remained inoperative which led to further escalation of price and thereby still higher cost of manufacture.

Sir, we are not against tariff protection to local industry but we do not subscribe to "over protection" that only hurts other industries. We do not believe in creating monopolies and cartels but in healthy competition that secures and safeguards standards, both in terms of quality and prices. We believe that duty protection of 10% and not more is a realistic number.

Similarly, another basic raw material that is consumed in huge quantity and forms substantial part of the cost of manufacture in textile processing is "Hydrogen Peroxide" (PCT Code 2847:0000). The Federal Budget 2009 proposes to enhance the duty on hydrogen peroxide from 5% to 10%. Most of the textile processors were using the local product despite 5% import duty, as it was cheaper than the imported one. Hence there was no plausible reason to enhance the duty rate on this product. However the increase in duty rate has only encouraged the monopoly manufacturers to increase their prices, which they have done by 10% (Rs.27 to Rs.30/kg). We, therefore, request you to kindly review the duty structure on the item and revert back to the old duty rate of 5% to curtail the cost of manufacture.

Thanking you once again for rationalizing the duty rates on Pigment Thickeners and Disperse Dyes. We hope you will give due consideration to our request as stated above.

Assuring you of our maximum support,

Sincerely yours
(Muhammad Nisar Shekhani)
Chairman.

Cc: Mr. Zubair Motiwala, Advisor to Chief Minister,
Government of Sindh, Karachi



PUBLICITY THROUGH TDAP'S EXPORTERS DIRECTORY: On July 07, 2009, we sent a copy of TDAP's letter dated 04th July 2009 along with their advertisement tariff to all the Vice Chairmen and Regional Incharge APTPMA and requested them to send their ads to TDAP before 15th July 2009.



INCOMING HIGH-LEVEL BUYING MISSION FROM SOUTH AFRICA 20-24 JULY 2009: On July 07, 2009, Mr. Muhammad Nisar Shekhani, Chairman APTPMA sent a copy of letter dated 04th July 2009, from TDAP wherein they have informed our members that a high-level Buying Mission of leading importers from South Africa intends to visit Karachi, Lahore and Faisalabad around 20-24 July 2009. The members of the mission would like to explore the prospect of exporting a wide range of products from Pakistan to South Africa including Textiles and Clothing Products, Denim Fabrics, Clothing, Upholstery Fabrics, Home Textiles, Towels, Bed Sheets, Curtain Cloth, etc. etc. TDAP have requested that interested members of our Association may please file their applications for matchmaking meetings within due date.



CIRCULAR AUDIT: ISSUANCE OF MULTIPLE NOTICES: INDISCRIMINATE SELECTION OF CASES FOR AUDIT BY INCOME TAX AUTHORITIES: On July 08, 2009, we sent a letter to the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Karachi which should read as under:

Dear Sir, Please refer to your E-mail dated 07.07.09 on the above subject along with copy of letter of Syed Nisar Ali Mirza, Manager Members Affairs FPCCI, Karachi addressed to Vice Presidents FPCCI, Member Executive Committee FPCCI, Member Bodies Affairs-FPCCI and Member General Body-FPCCI on the above subject (and our subsequent telephonic conversation with your Mr.Rashid/Ms.Kausar) wherein he has stipulated that a copy of letter C.No.7(23)5/ASST/2007.Vd-I dated 23rd June 2009 from FBR has been attached therein. We wish, however, to regretfully point out that the copy of the said letter has not been found attached therewith. We would therefore request you to please send us a copy of the same for our record and further action. Thanking you,



E-FILING & E-PAYMENT THROUGH DIRECT DEBIT FACILITY: On July 10, 2009, we forwarded copies of letter dated 07.07.09 received by us from the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) along with annexure through Taxpayers Facilitation Division Faisalabad stating that the FBR Islamabad has launched the facility of electronic filing of returns and payments through direct debit.



IMPORTANT BUSINESS MEETING AT REGIONAL OFFICE FPCCI, LAHORE: On July 11, 2009, we received a letter from Regional Secretary Zonal office FPCCI, Lahore wherein he informed us that Acting President FPCCI, Mian Muhammad Adrees has arranged an important meeting of FPCCI in Lahore on 14th July 2009. The meeting was attended by Sheikh Muhammad Ayub on behalf of APTPMA.



ANOMALIES IN GAS SUPPLY CONTRACT FORMS: On July 13, 2009, Mr. Shabbir Ahmed, Vice Chairman APTPMA, sent a letter to the Chairman Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) Islamabad that we had been repeatedly pointing out to OGRA since as long as the year 2000 that there are a number of discrepancies in the Gas Supply Contract Forms but no heed has been paid to our complaint so far. Elaborating, he said that there are several clauses in the Contract Forms of SNGPL which are contradictory to each other. We had also informed Chairman OGRA vide our letter dated 23.08.2005 that it was agreed during our meeting with M.D.SNGPL that a Special Sub Committee would be constituted to revise and update the Contract Forms and decide other policy matters. It was also agreed that our Association would be duly represented in the said Committee.

In view of above state of affairs, we requested the Chairman OGRA to withdraw the submission of the Contract Forms being served to our member units and arrange a meeting with our Association for deliberation about requisite amendments in the Contract Form, whereafter the amended/corrected Contract Forms may be served to our member units for submission to SNGPL/SSGCL through our Association.



BUDGET ANOMALIES: On July 15, 2009, we received a letter from Mr. Kanwar Usman, Director R&D, Ministry of Textile wherein he informed us that the Government has constituted a Committee to review and resolve anomalies arising out of budgetary tariff adjustments. He has also requested all the representatives of Textile Industry in Pakistan to identify the accrual anomalies by 21st July 2009.



MANUFACTURERS STOP DELIVERY OF CAUSTIC SODA: On July 14, 2009, Mr. Muhammad Nisar Shekhani, Chairman APTPMA, sent a letter to Mr. Munir Qureshi ,Additional Secretary/Member Customs, Ministry of Finance & Revenue, Govt of Pakistan, Islamabad, on the above subject which is being reproduced as under:

Dear Sir, Please refer to the telephonic talk with Mr. M.Zubair Motiwala Advisor to the Chief Minister of Sindh on the subject under reference.

Caustic Soda, Flakes (PCT Code 2815:1100) as well as Liquid (PCT Code 2815:1200), is a basic raw material of Textile Processing Industries. Scarcity or unavailability of this commodity renders this textile value-addition sector inoperative and leads to closure of all processing Units.

M/s Sitara Chemicals and M/s Ittehad Chemicals have stopped delivery of Caustic Soda on the plea that duty on liquid Caustic that has been revised downward in the Finance Act 2009, has forced them to close down their plants. We have serious reservations on their claim.

We would like to inform you, Sir, that the price of Caustic Soda (Liquid) has neither decreased after the passing of the Finance Bill 2009 nor have any of our members (Consumers) demanded any decrease in price. Furthermore, we would like to assert that, to the best of our knowledge, there has been no import of caustic soda (liquid) in the last decade or more. Hence the attitude/action of the caustic soda manufacturers is inexplicable.

Our interaction and experience with you has shown that you are a sagacious person, who understands the ground realities and, as such, can resolve issues successfully. We request you to kindly prevail upon these Manufacturers to realize the immense damages their action is likely to cause to the national economy in general and the Textile Industry in particular.

In the event that the Manufactures do not see reason, we request you to zero-rate the duty on Caustic Soda Flakes for import by the Textile Industry enabling them to survive in such adversity.

Thanking you and assuring you of our total cooperation at all times.

Yours sincerely
M.NISAR SHEKHANI
Chairman



SUSPENSION OF DELIVERY OF CAUSTIC SODA BY MANUFACTURERS AND IMMINENT BANGER OF CLOSURE OF TEXTILE PROCESSING UNITS: On July 15, 2009, we received An S.O.S. letter from Mr. Shabbir Ahmed, Vice Chairman APTPMA addressed to the Chairman APTPMA partial extracts wherefrom are being reproduced hereunder:

"There is no denying the fact that Caustic Soda has assumed the status of an essential/basic raw-material for the Textile Processing Sector. It is, however, regretfully pointed out that both the manufactures of this essential item in Pakistan (Messrs Sitara Chemicals and Ittehad Chemicals) have suspended the delivery of Caustic Soda and Liquid Bleach to the Textile Processing Units of Faisalabad since Sunday 12th July 2009, for reasons not known. This has subjected our already crisis-

ridden member units to imminent danger of closure and collapse. It is therefore requested that these Manufacturing Units may be advised to restore the supply of Caustic Soda to the Textile Processing Units of this Region with immediate effect and save our industry from complete collapse and ruination."



NOTICE/AGENDA OF APTPMA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: On July 16, 2009, the notice/agenda of APTPMA (Central) Executive Committee Meeting Scheduled to be held in Karachi on 18th July 2009, were sent to all the members of the Committee, minutes whereof were recorded in the Minutes Book thereafter.



CHAIRMAN APTPMA'S LETTER TO FEDERAL MINISTER FOR TEXTILE INDUSTRY REGARDING CAUSTIC SODA PROBLEMS: On July 17, 2009, Mr. Muhammad Nisar Shekhani, Chairman APTPMA, sent a letter to the Federal Minister for Textile, Islamabad on the above subject, which is self-explanatory and being reproduced hereunder:

Mr. Rana M. Farooq Saeed Khan
Federal Minister of Textiles,
Islamabad

Honorable Minister Sahib,

It is a common knowledge in Pakistan that Textile industry is the highest foreign exchange earner for the country as well as the largest engine of employment. The exports from this sector have risen to the level of 65% of the total exports only after value-added textile products were manufactured.

You are fully aware of the fact that Textile Processing Industry is the first step or the base on which the whole textile value-addition chain is built. Any jolt/crisis that the textile processing industry feels automatically balloons into a major crisis for other components of the chain. In short, any hiccup in the processing industry would automatically mean substantial fall in exports, unemployment and loss of revenue, etc.

Textile Processing Industry is, at the moment, in the grip of severe crisis, a crisis artificially created by the formation of a cartel by two manufactures of caustic soda. Caustic Soda,, it may be pointed out, is the very basic and indispensable chemical for textile processing. This fact is amply demonstrated by the following statistics of region-wise consumption of Caustic Soda.

Faisalabad:	Around 3,860 MP per month of Caustic Soda (Liquid) About 452 MT per month of Caustic Soda (Flakes)
Lahore:	Around 994 MT per month of Caustic Soda (Liquid) Around 239 MT per month of Caustic Soda (Flakes)
Gujranwala:	Around 310 MT per month of Caustic Soda (Liquid) Around 79 MT per month of Caustic Soda (Flakes)
Karachi:	Around 930 MT per month of Caustic Soda (Liquid) Around 229* MT per month of Caustic Soda (Flakes)

The two manufactures, M/s Sitara Chemical Industries, Faisalabad and Ittehad Chemical Industries, Kalashah Kaku, Lahore, largely meet the caustic soda requirements of the processing industry.

Our representatives have already apprised you that since Sunday 12th July 2009, the two manufactures of caustic soda mentioned above have suspended the delivery of their product without any prior intimation or specifying any reason in writing. In fact, Sitara has also suspended the delivery of their other chemical product, liquid bleach. The plea of the producers is that they have closed the plants; we have serious reservations on this plea. Informally, the management says that it is in retaliation to an SRO issued by FBR reducing the duty on Caustic Soda (liquid, PCT Code 2815:1200). Interestingly, however, the rates of the commodity, caustic (liquid) have neither decreased since the passage of Finance Bill 2009 nor have any of our members, the consumers, demanded any reduction in price. Furthermore, the commodity has not been imported for more than a decade. Then why are our members being targeted in the name of retaliation ? Retaliation for what ?

Sir, the fact of the matter is that these two manufacturers have enjoyed undue pampering by the government in the form of protective duty, 25% Customs Duty on Flakes (PCT Code 2815:1100) which has licensed them to wreak havoc on our industry. Up until now, these manufacturers had pressurized us through constant increase in prices of the commodity but now this blackmail has gone a bit too far. Their action has brought our member industries, already reeling under the load shedding of gas and electricity, to a point of closure and collapse. They have refused to listen to reason and are adamant on destroying the Textile Processing industry.

Today, M/s Sitara Chemical Industries and M/s Ittehad Chemical Industries have announced that they will restart delivery of caustic soda from Monday, 20th July 2009 and not TODAY! They will deliver only for fifteen days and will revert to closure unless their demands are met by FBR. New threats and blackmail have become their forte. It's time the government established its writ.

We urge you, Sir, to take this issue at the highest level and immediately:

1. Remove the protective duty on caustic soda flakes (PCT Code 2815:1100) and bring it in line with duty on other industrial raw materials. This is the only option open for the government to avert such a situation in future. Such protection is not given anywhere in the world especially where protection is misused, it is done away with.
2. Save this industry from total ruination.

We hope you will take immediate and urgent action on our appeal and resolve this issue confronting the industrial sector that is in your fold.

Thanking you and assuring you of our maximum support.

Sincerely yours,

(Muhammad Nisar Shekhani)
Chairman

C.C: The Textile Commissioner's Organization, Kandawala Buildingm M.A.Jinnah Road, Karachi



CONSTITUTION OF TRADE ORGANIZATIONS ADVISORY COUNCIL AND PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS IN TRADE ORGANIZATIONS RULES

_____: On July 16, 2009, we sent a copy of Circular No.12(91)/2007 dated 01st July 2009 on the subject to our Chairman received from DGTO through FPCCI.



MEETING TO DISCUSS GAS RELATED ISSUES: On July 20, 2009, we acknowledged receipt of notice of meeting from the Ministry of Textiles in Islamabad, and confirmed participation therein of our u/m members: Mr. Shabbir Ahmed, Sheikh Muhammad Ayub, Mr. Ajmal Farooq Mian, and Mr. Shahid Iqbal.



NOMINATION ON FPCCI REGIONAL COMMITTEE ON "SALES TAX": On July 25, 2009, we sent a letter to our Regional Chairman Faisalabad Mr. Shabbir Ahmed and Regional Incharge Lahore Sheikh Muhammad Ayub to send their nominations for Regional Committee FPCCI for Sales Tax.



EXPECTED REVENUE RECEIPTS OF GAS COMPANIES AS PER NOTIFIED GAS TARIFF: On July 27, 2009, Mr. M.Nisar Shekhani, Chairman APTMA, sent a letter to Syed Jawad Naseem, Senior Executive Director (Finance) OGRA, Islamabad, on the above subject and copy endorsed to President FPCCI, KCCI, Chairman APTMA and SITE Association of Industry, Karachi. Contents of the abovesited letter are being reproduced hereunder:

Dear Sir, The undersigned thankfully acknowledges your letter No.10-3(8)/2008-09 dated 15th July 2009 on the subject under reference.

I believe we are on a different wavelength altogether; while my letter refers to Expected Revenue Receipts; you are referring to Expected Revenue Requirement, which falls within the purview of OGRA. We accept that we are ignorant of many intricacies related to oil and gas including terminology like "estimated sale revenue". Anyway, thank you very much for computing and providing us the statements of estimated sale revenue of SNGPL and SSGCL.

We have studied the "Statements" of the estimated sale revenue of the two gas Companies and "Appendix I" that gave details of sale to each sector. The sale revenue could be computed by "multiplying the category wise sale volume" as advised in your letter. However, in the case of Decision on SSGCL, the said "Appendix I" was missing. That necessitates a more elaborate computation with insufficient data available with us.

The analysis of the Statements/Computations prepared by you and by us shows a variation of about Rs.1 billion in the case of Domestic Consumers of SSGCL, due to reasons stated above. The calculations match in other consumers. Similarly, the calculations match in most gas consumers of SNGPL but there is a marked difference in "Power" Sector where your calculations put revenue at Rs.40,170.678 billion whereas ours shows an amount of Rs.47,944.39 billion on application of the notified tariff. On checking your statement, we are of the considered opinion that in computing the revenue from "Liberty Power", the rate applied by you is that of the "Determined Price" (Rs.528.85/MMBTU) by OGRA in its Decision of May 15, 2009 and not the applicable Notified Tariff of Rs.1060.39/MMBTU effective 1st July 2009. The difference disappears once the proper tariff is applied on this single head.

The above discrepancy has raised another grave issue (for us) and, possibly, sacrosanct (for government and the Authority) issue of agreements and contracted prices/tariff. Obviously an agreement was reached between the buyer and the seller on the quantum of gas to be supplied and the tariff to be applicable. If OGRA

determines a price of Rs.528.85/MMBTU) in case of Liberty Power, what rationale exists for the Government to double the tariff to Rs.1060.39/MMBTU when the wellhead prices have decreased ? Is there no agreement or contract of tariff ?

Furthermore, in case of "Additional Load of 70mmcf" to ENGOR, the "Determined Price" (OGRA Decision 15th May 2009) for feedstock is Rs.96.14/MMBTU whereas the government has notified the price 41% lower at Rs.56.70/MMBTU! We are positive that the Authority has based its price on the "contracted price" and not whimsically. If that is so, then why the variance between the two prices/tariff ? Our members would certainly like to know especially in view of the constant load shedding of gas, which our members are subjected to by SNGPL!

While OGRA had based its price determination on the basis of the requirements of "Expected Revenue Requirements" of the two gas companies, we are unaware of the rationale behind the higher "Notified Price", unless, of course, the Government wishes to generate revenue from sale of natural gas. Our estimates, based on our computation, show a difference of Rs.23 billion which the government is liable to "earn" from the exercise of notifying higher tariff.

We hope you will clarify the issues and points raised above at the earliest.

Thanking you once again for your continued cooperation,

Yours sincerely,
(Muhammad Nisar Shekhani)
Chairman



CONFIRMATION OF PARTICIPATION IN MEETING FOR RATIONALIZATION OF FIXED CHARGES: On July 27, 2009, we sent a letter to Syed Musawar Shah, Senior Adviser/Director NEPRA Islamabad to confirm participation of our Vice Chairman Mr. Shabbir Ahmed and Sheikh Muhammad Ayub in NEPRA's meeting for revision/decrease of Fixed Charges for Industrial Establishments.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LETTER FROM MR.BASHIR MAHMOOD, FORMER CHAIRMAN APTPMA: On July 27, 2009, Chairman APTPMA, Mr. Muhammad Nisar Shekhani, acknowledged the letter dated 17th July 2009 from Mr. Bashir Mahmood, M.D. M/s Faisal Textile Industries (Pvt) Ltd., Gujranwala and Former Chairman APTPMA, addressed to Mr. Shabbir Ahmed Vice Chairman APTPMA and informed him that the points raised by him had been discussed in the Central Executive Committee meeting of APTPMA held in Karachi on 18th July 2009, and incorporated in the minutes.



DGTO's CIRCULAR No.12 DATED 22.07.09 REGARDING ELECTION OF TRADE BODIES:

QUOTE:

"That certain Trade Bodies are demanding nomination fee for the election of the Executive Committee. This is contrary to the Trade Organizations Rules 2007, hence any change in respect of elections or development activities of the trade bodies is not justified. The Trade Organizations are reminded to refrain from demanding this fee for the forthcoming election".



PRESS RELEASE: TEXTILE POLICY: 01st August 2009, The Federal Minister of Textiles, Rana Mohammad Farooq Saeed, had an interactive luncheon meeting with the members of All Pakistan Textile Processing Mills Association in the conference room of SITE Association of Industry on 1st August 2009. Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Dr. Waqar Masood, Textile Commissioner, Mr. Idrees Ahmed and his team accompanied the Minister in the meeting.

The Minister, in his opening remarks, said that Textile Sector was the most important industrial sector of Pakistan whose contributions to the economic growth of Pakistan are exemplary. He termed the inadequate support and abandonment of this sector by the previous government as unfortunate and opined that the honeymoon with development of electronic industry by the then government was over and part of history. He also bemoaned the fact that industrialists had invested heavily to the tune of US\$ 5 billion in this sector when it fell out with the government of the day. Textile industry has been suffering since then. He assured the members of APTPMA that the present government was fully aware of the importance of textile industry in our economy and committed to support and foster this all-important sector that fetches 65% of the foreign exchange and employs 42% of the total workforce. The Minister further assured the members that the government was also aware of the market access difficulties our exporters were facing and he categorically stated that Commercial Sections in our foreign embassies will be revamped and only those personnel will be posted who can deliver the goods.

Speaking on the occasion, the Secretary, Dr. Waqar Masood gave salient features of the expected Textile Policy and informed the members that the policy will address the difficulties presently faced by the textile manufacturers including cost of manufacture, availability of utilities, human resource development, market access, etc. He shared concerns of members that despite Pakistan being the fourth largest producer of cotton in the world and third largest consumer of cotton, it occupied twelfth position as far as exports were concerned whereas those countries that did not produce a single gram of cotton were amongst the top exporters. He also regretted that Pakistan's share in international textile trade was an insignificant percentage.

Mr. Zubair Motiwala, Advisor to the Chief Minister, Sindh, also spoke on the occasion and outlined the difficulties faced by the textile processing sector and questioned federal government's action of earning income from public services like utilities, more specifically gas from where the government stands to gain Rs.23 billion through notification of higher gas tariff. He also flayed the continued cross-subsidy the industry has to bear due to lower tariff on Feedstock (Fertilizer) and domestic consumers.

Lively question answer session ensued where excellent proposals were given to the Ministry for consideration of incorporation of textile policy and giving practical shape.

Mr. Muhammad Nisar Shekhani, Chairman All Pakistan Textile Processing Association, in his welcome address briefed the Minister of the problems confronting the textile-processing sector and specifically of the units located in the north, Punjab. He appealed to the Minister to use his good offices in resolving the issues.



MONTH-WISE SALE DATA OF SUIGAS: On August 3, 2009, we sent a letter to Mr. Abdul Rashid Lone, Managing Director SNGPL, wherein we stated that in view of the apprehension of shortage of gas supply in the forthcoming winter season, we

have been constrained to collect the data of consumption of Suigas from our member units in Faisalabad, Lahore, and Gujranwala for preparing our proposals for remedial measures. We would therefore request you to provide us sector wise monthly sale data in MMCF of seven different sectors of their consumers, i.e. WAPD, IPPs, Fertilizers, Cement, General Industry, Captive Power Units, CNG, Commercial and Domestic.



ENERGY AUDIT OF INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL UNITS: On August 5, 2009, we received a copy of Report on "Energy Audit of Industrial & Commercial Units" from the Ministry of Textile Industry Islamabad through courtesy of the Ministry of Petroleum & NR (total 10 pages) and forwarded it to all the Vice Chairmen & Regional Incharge APTPMA (Faisalabad, Karachi and Lahore/Gujranwala) for their comments.



DISBURSEMENT OF R&D SUPPORT TO TEXTILE INDUSTRY AND R&D CLAIMS: On August 5, 2009, we received two letters dated 30.07.09 from the Textile Commissioner's Organization (TCO) on the above subject copies whereof were circulated among all Regional Incharge APTPMA.



PRESS RELEASE: LAW-&-ORDER: On August 8, 2009, Mr. Muhammad Nisar Shekhani, Chairman APTPMA, Mr. Shabbir Ahmed, Vice Chairman APTPMA (Faisalabad) and Sheikh Muhammad Ayub, Vice Chairman APTPMA (Lahore/Gujranwala) issued a joint PR wherein they strongly condemned the murder of Mian Zafar Najeeb, an eminent industrialist from Muridke which is indicative of rapidly depleting law-and-order situation.



DINNER RECEPTION IN HONOUR OF FEDERAL MINISTER OF TEXTILES RANA M. FAROOQ SAEED BY THE COUNCIL OF ALL PAKISTAN TEXTILE ASSOCIATION (CAPTA): On 20th August 2009 at PHMA House, Karachi The Council of All Pakistan Textile Association (CAPTA) hosted a dinner reception at PHMA house on 20th August 2009 in honor of the Federal Minister of Textiles, Mr. Rana Mohammad Farooq Saeed, to extend appreciation of the Textile Policy 2009 that he announced recently. The Chairmen of all Textile Associations graced the occasion and each Chairman presented the Association memento to the Minister. Chairman APTPMA, Mr. M. Nisar Shekhani was also present. Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Dr. Waqar Masood, Textile Commissioner, Mr. Idrees Ahmed accompanied the Minister.

Mr. M. Zubair Motiwala Advisor to Chief Minister Sindh on Investment and Chairman CAPTA accompanied by all the Chairmen, presented a Gold Medal to the Chief Guest. Mr. Motiwala presented the welcome address wherein he lauded the efforts of the Textile Ministry in general and of the Minister in particular. He also praised the Secretary for his pragmatic approach in formulating the policy.

The Minister, in his speech bemoaned the indifferent attitude of the previous government towards a sector as important as Textiles that contributed so much foreign earnings as well as offering employment to 40% of the work force in the country.

Elaborating on Textile Policy 2009, he said, "The Government will provide Rs.42 billion to boost textile exports" and assured the audience that he had the assurance of the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister prior to announcing the first textile policy. However, he made it clear that the ball was now in the court of the textile

industrialists to boost the textile trade specifically with EU and US after the concessions announced in the textile policy.

He urged the stakeholders to undertake a lobbying-drive for promotion of the country's textile products in the global markets so that products from countries like India, China, Bangladesh, Vietnam, etc, could be replaced with Pakistan-made products. It was important to convince and remove the concerns the local manufacturers felt in the countries importing our products. In this context, he added that a roadmap, in consultation with textile sector, would be drawn up to put our stamp in world markets with quality products.

He said that growth in the Bangladesh textile sector was in fact indebted to our Pakistani brethren who were managing the industry there and left their own country for want of facilities at home. He expressed the belief that they would soon return to their country when the manufacturing sectors of the country starts showing better results.

The Minister, in his speech said that President Asif Ali Zardari will shortly promulgate an ordinance to introduce the sowing of BT Cotton with a view to increase crop yield to cater to the Textile sector's needs. He announced that sowing of the newly introduced genetically evolved seeds of BT cotton would be started from next year. Dispelling the impression that the target of \$ 25 billion textile export in five years was stiff, he said it was achievable and "You gentlemen should achieve it", he added.

Rana Mohammed Farooq lauded the support of President Asif Ali Zardari, Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani, and Finance Minister Shoukat Tarin, in evolving and introducing the country's first Textile Policy. He also expressed appreciation of the input of the Secretary, Textiles, Dr. Waqar Masood. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



SEMINAR ON E-FILING OF INCOME TAX RETURNS & WITHHOLDING STATEMENTS BY AOPs ETC: On August 27, 2009, we informed all the Vice Chairmen of APTPMA Karachi, Faisalabad and Lahore/Gujranwala that in conformity with amendment made in Rule 73 of Income Tax Rules 2002, all persons registered for Sales Tax and all AOPs shall be obliged to electrically file their Income Tax Returns with effect from 01st July 2009 onward. Likewise, electronic filing of withholding statements by AOPs has been made mandatory.

Accordingly, Regional Tax Office Faisalabad has arranged to hold a Seminar in its Conference Room on 01st September 2009 for facilitating the Tax-Payers and Withholding Agents.



ZERO-RATING OF PHOTOGRAPHIC FILM, WITH SILVER HALIDE EMULSION (FOR TEXTILE USE): On 29 August 2009, under advice of Mr. Muhammad Nisar Shekhani, Chairman APTPMA, we sent a letter to Mr. Ghulam Nabi Kamboh, Second Secretary (STB), Federal Board of Revenue (Sales Tax & Federal Excise Wing), Islamabad in reply to his letter dated 08.07.09 on the above subject. contents whereof are being reproduced hereunder:

Dear Sir, In this regard, we have the honor to inform you that Messrs Rehman Industries (Pvt) Ltd., F-41, Estate Avenue SITE, Karachi are a bonafide member of our Association who are operating a textile printing unit in Karachi wherein they use photographic film with "Silver Halide Emulsion" which is exempt from Sales Tax.

They have asserted that the subject film is used only in Textile Industry, and, as such, should not attract Sales Tax. In support of their contention, they have submitted a copy of certificate from M/s AGFA Graphic N.V. dated 10.12.2008. They have given reference to SRO 509(1)/2007 dated 09.06.07 to the effect that photographic film with silver halide emulsion (PCT 3702-3900) is exempt from sales tax. They have sent us a complete set of documents in support of their contention (total 26-pages) which are being enclosed herewith.

M/s Rehman Industries have, however, complained that recently the Customs Authorities have declined the facility of sales tax exemption to their recent consignments in gross contravention of SRO 509(1)/2007 stating that the films for textiles do not fall under the PCT under reference because this exemption is for film which is of a width not exceeding 105 mm. The stance taken by FBR is erroneous and uncalled for because the width of films to be used does not exceed 105 mm (about 4 inches). This is a known fact which can be proved to the entire satisfaction of concerned quarters that the size of films to be used in textiles this small is not possible. The Customs officials try to categorize the imported films under a category that is not exempted from GST, but that category is used for color photographic film or X-Ray which has given rise to undue complications and confusion. Needless to point out here that this attitude on part of the Customs Authorities concerned is likely to affect our export drive, very much to the detriment of our National Economy. The basic fact is that the film used in Textile Printing has Silver Halide Emulsion while X-Ray and other photographic films do not have Silver Halide Emulsion.

In view of the above state of affairs, we wish to fervently appeal to your goodself to preclude the concerned Authorities from raising undue objections in similar cases which is likely to affect our national export drive. Thanking you,



EXPECTED REVENUE (ERR) RECEIPT VIZ-A-VIZ GAS TARIFF: On August 31, 2009, we sent a letter of thanks to Syed Jawad Naseem, Senior Executive Director (Finance) OGRA, Islamabad for his letter dated 26.08.09 along with OGRA's Memorandum and Notification in response to our Chairman's letter dated 27.07.09. We, however, informed him that the issue taken in this matter had been originally been initiated by APTMA.



PETITION FILED BY KESC "FOR MODIFICATION IN THE CONSUMER-END TARIFF AND REVISED TERMS OF TARIFF AND DEPOSIT RATES"; CASE NO.NEpra/TRF-133/KESC-2009(6); NOT QUALIFIED FOR ADMISSION: On September, 01, 2009, Mr. M.Nisar Shekhani, Chairman APTMA, sent a letter to The Chairman National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA), Islamabad on the above subject and copies endorsed to the Registrar NEPRA, President, FPCCI, KCCI, Chairmen APTMA, PHMA and SITE Association of Industry, Karachi. Contents of the abovesited letter are being reproduced hereunder:

Dear Sir, We are of the firm opinion that the Tariff Petition filed by KESC is not fit for admission for the following reasons:

1. The Karachi Electric Supply Co.Ltd. (formerly, Karachi Electric Corporation Ltd.) was privatized only after an extensive exercise on the conditions and modalities of agreement of sale/purchase were reached. NEPRA also played a cardinal role in the process, as Multi-year tariff was determined for KESC in Case No.NEpra/TRF-14/KESC-2002. This was the basis, the essence on which KESC was privatized through an agreement with the Privatization Commission

(PC) and Ministry of Water and Power (MW&P), of Government of Pakistan duly supported by an Implementation Agreement. (IA). There were two signatories from the government side, Privatization Commission, (PC) and the Ministry of Water and Power (MW&P), to the Implementation Agreement, the precursor and indispensable condition of privatization and normally not amended for obvious reasons. If any amendment/modification in the Implementation Agreement has to be carried out, it must be done with the consent and signature of both the original signatories, (PC and MW&P) otherwise the document, in the eyes of law, would be defective and untenable.

2. NEPRA in its letter No.NEPRA/TRF-113/KESC-2008/9553 dated 12.08.09 addressed to the CEO of KESC, while denying admission to the petition, has advised the Petitioner vide paragraph two "to provide concurrence of the counterparts (i.e. PC & MW&P) for filing of the subject tariff petition for amendment/revision of their multi-year tariff pursuant to Rule 4(2) of NEPRA (Tariff Standards and Procedure) Rules 1998".

KESC in its letter DDRA&SP/ET040/195 Dated April 21, 2009, re-submitted the "earlier suspended" tariff petition, filed "after execution of the Amendment Agreement ("AA") to Implementation Agreement with the Government of Pakistan dated 13.04.09". In order to confirm the legitimacy of the "AA", the Petitioner contends, in continuation of the letter "As you would recall that the admission of our earlier tariff petition was suspended by NEPRA due to non-submission of concurrence of the Privatization Commission and Ministry of Water and Power for the filing of tariff petition by KESC vide NEPRA's letter dated August 12, 2008". The question and a serious one at that is, WEHRE IS THE CONCURRENCE OF THE PRIVATIZATION COMMISSION IN THE AMENDMENT AGREEMENT ?

Mr. Shahid Rafi, Secretary Water & Power, has signed it, on behalf of the Government of Pakistan while Mr. Naveed Ismail, CEO, KESC, has signed on behalf of the petitioner. Mr. Saifullah, Joint Secretary, MW&P and Mr. Tabish Gauher, Executive Director, Abraaj Capital Dubai have signed as witnesses. The document does not contain any signature of any official from the Privatization Commission, the other counterpart.

Since the Petitioner has failed to meet the requirements set by NEPRA in its letter, No.NEPRA/R/TRF-113/KESC-2008/9553 Dated 12.08.2008, the Petition fails to qualify for admission.

You are therefore, requested to hold the hearing on the petition in abeyance till such time as the petitioner, KESCL, fulfills, in letter and spirit, the conditions laid down in your letter of August 12, 2008.

Thanking you and assuring you of our maximum support.

Yours truly,
(Muhammad Nisar Shekhani)
Chairman



TEXTILE POLICY 2009-14: ISSUANCE OF S.R.O.s: On September 07, 2009, we sent a letter to all the Vice Chairmen & Regional Incharge APTPMA wherein we informed them that we have downloaded the u/m SRO's from the website of the MINTEX which are being e-mailed to them for ready reference:

1. S.R.O. No.3(1)TID/09-P-I dated 01st September 2009 ("Drawback of Local Taxes and Levies Order, 2009")
2. S.R.O No.3(2)TID/09-P-I dated 01st September 2009 ("Export Finance Mark-Up Rate Facility' Order 2009")
3. S.R.O. No.3(3)TID/09-P-I dated 01st September 2009 ("Mark-up Rate Support for Textile Sector, Order 2009")



NOTICE OF INITIATION OF ANTIDUMPING INVESTIGATION AGAINST ALLEGED DUMPING OF HYDROGEN PEROXIDE INTO PAKISTAN ORIGINATING IN AND/OR EXPORTED FROM BELGIUM, CHINA, INDONESIA, SOUTH KOREA, TAIWAN, THAILAND AND TURKEY:

On 08th September 2009, under advice of Chairman APTPMA, we sent a letter to all of our Vice Chairmen & Regional Incharge APTPMA on the above subject, contents whereof are being reproduced hereunder:

Dear Sir(s), I have been directed by Mr. Muhammad Nisar Shekhani, Chairman APTPMA to enclose herewith a photocopy of Notice (downloaded from NTC's website www.ntc.gov.pk) published in daily DAWN dated 31.08.09, on the above subject, which is self explanatory.

M/s Sitara Peroxide Limited, Faisalabad and M/s Descon Oxychem Limited, Lahore, the domestic producers of Hydrogen Peroxide ("HP") have filed an application with National Tariff Commission for alleged dumping of Hydrogen Peroxide into Pakistan originating in and/or exported from Belgium, China, Indonesia, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and Turkey.

As you can understand, this issue is of vital importance for Textile Processing Industry as hydrogen peroxide is consumed by our member units in bulk. You are also aware of the havoc the monopolistic control of caustic soda wreaked on our members when the cartel stopped delivery for two weeks in gross contravention of the universally acclaimed norms of monopoly and cartels. So please take this issue seriously. Our action or inaction will determine the future of our industry. Please pay heed now. The last date for registration with National Tariff Commission is 10th September 2009.

You are therefore requested to please advise all the members of your respective Regions to get urgently registered with the National Tariff Commission (NTC), State Life Building No. 5, Blue Area, Islamabad, Tel: +9251-9205944 Fax: +9251-9221205 till 10th September 2009 on the issue and take active participation in the forthcoming hearing of NTC on the above subject.

Kindly treat this as MOST IMPORTANT and URGENT. In case of any confusion or assistance please contact us. Thanking you,

Subsequently on 09.09.2009 we had requested Secretary National Tariff Commission, Islamabad to register our Association in the said "Investigation".

In response to our letter dated 09.09.2009 we received letter dated 18.09.2009 from Mr. Arshad Mahmood, Assistant Director, National Tariff Commission, wherein he has informed us that our request has been acceded to and our Association has been registered as an interested party in the subject case.



NOTICE OF HEARING: SNGPL's PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF TOTAL REVENUE REQUIREMENT FOR FY 2008-09:

On 12th September 2009, Mr. Shabbir Ahmed, Vice Chairman and Former Chairman APTPMA sent a letter to Mr. Muhammad Yasin, Registrar OGRA, Islamabad on the above subject, contents whereof is being reproduced hereunder:

Dear Sir, Please refer to your Notice of Hearing dated 03.09.09 and subsequent letters No. OGRA-6(2)/2009-DTRR dated 09.09.09 and 11.09.09 on the above subject addressed to the undersigned besides seven other addressees. In this regard I would like to state that the date of hearing on the above subject scheduled by you is 15th September 2009, and now SNGPL have been repeatedly revising their Petition. In view of this it is not possible to examine and prepare the documents received just two days prior to the Hearing date i.e. 15th September 2009.

Furthermore, please refer to your letter dated 03.09.09 along with enclosures. The copy of demand draft of Rs.200,000/- deposited by the SNGPL in OGRA's favor as mentioned in SNGPL's petition/application dated 14.08.09 has not been found. It is also astonishing to note that SNGPL has filed their petition with OGRA on 14th August 2009 while "14th August" is a gazetted holiday in Pakistan.

In view of above facts, we would request that the hearing of 15th September 2009 may be adjourned and a new date for the said hearing may be given to allow the participants to make requisite preparation for a meaningful dialogue. Thanking you,



NEW CONTRACT FORM FOR SUPPLY OF GAS BY SNGPL AND SSGCL: On September 15, 2009, the Chairman APTPMA sent a letter on the above subject to Mr. Sultan Ahmed Chawala, President, FPCCI which is being reproduced hereunder:

Dear Sir, The undersigned wishes to draw your kind attention to serious problems our Member Units are facing with regard to subject under reference.

You may be aware, Sir, that both the companies supplying natural gas, i.e. SNGPL and SSGCL, have served new Contract Forms to all its consumers including our member units. In textile processing, gas is treated as a raw material in the same way as water because both are consumed in huge quantity. As such, adverse clauses in the new contract would seriously impede the smooth function of our mills and therefore, needs to be toned to the mutual benefit of the supplier and the customer.

In this regard my Vice Chairman as well as my self had sent letters to the Chairman OGRA dated 13.07.09 and 05.08.09 respectively on the issue, contents whereof are self-explanatory as copies are enclosed herewith. In response to our letter dated 13.07.09, Mr. Sarfraz A. Sheikh, Senior Executive Director (Gas), OGRA had advised vide his letter No. OGRA-9(2)/I.C./39/2009 dated 22.07.2009 (copy enclosed) to M.D.SNGPL to hold a meeting with representatives of our Association and get their views but no such compliance has been made by SNGPL so far.

Subsequently, our Vice Chairman, Mr. Shabbir Ahmed raised the issue during a high level ministerial meeting held in Islamabad on 21.07.09. The Minister of Petroleum advised OGRA and SNGPL/SSGCL that the contract forms may be held in abeyance and the MDs of both companies were advised to hold deliberations with the stakeholders and action should be taken only after mutual consent. On 05.08.09 I have sent a letter to Chairman OGRA pointing out the decisions taken at the

Ministerial meeting and compliance thereof but the Authority has not taken any action so far.

Furthermore, some of our member units have complained that SNGPL is demanding cash guarantee instead of bank guarantee from them as it is alleged that the Board of Directors of SNGPL have taken a decision to that effect. This is a serious issue that is creating undue hardship for our member units.

I would, therefore, request you as head of the apex body to kindly intervene and resolve the pricking issue of our industry

Your prompt action would be highly appreciated. Thanking you and assuring you of our maximum support,

Sincerely your;
(Muhammad Nisar Shekhani)
Chairman



ESTABLISHMENT OF PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE UNDER NEW TEXTILE POLICY: On September 18, 2009, we sent a letter to all the Vice Chairmen & Regional Incharge APTPMA informing them that the Ministry of Textile Industry is contemplating to take various major initiatives for the revival and support of textile industry. Establishment of Product Development Centers for testing, research and new product development is one of the facilities for which MINTEX has sought our proposals and suggestions.



TEXTILE POLICY 2009-14: FORMATION OF EVALUATION COMMITTEE: On 18th September 2009, we sent a letter to Mr. Naseem Qureshi, D.G. R&D Cell, Ministry of Textile Industry, Islamabad soliciting his guidance with regard to formation of Evaluation Committee by the Association as stipulated in the S.R.O. dated 01.09.2009, contents whereof is being reproduced hereunder:

Dear Sir, I have been directed by Mr. Muhammad Nisar Shekhani, Chairman All Pakistan Textile Processing Mills Association (APTPMA) to refer our telephonic conversation with your Mr. Abbas Mehdi on the above subject and solicit your guidance with regard to formation of Evaluation Committee by the Association as stipulated in clause 4 of MINTEX's S.R.O. No.3(1)TID/09-P-I dated 01st September 2009 ("Drawback of Local Taxes and Levies Order, 2009").

As you may be aware our Association represents Textile Processing Sector of Pakistan and 450 plus member units are operative in our three Regions (i) Karachi (ii) Faisalabad (iii) Lahore/Gujranwala. In view of our Association's setup we would like to request you to please inform as to how many members could be nominated for the Evaluation Committee and would it be necessary for a member unit to get his case verified by all three members of the Evaluation Committee of the Association (if our Association nominates three members for the committee one from our each Regional office), or just one member from concerned Region.

In this regard requisite guidelines from your goodself would be highly appreciated.

Thanking you,

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**ALL PAKISTAN TEXTILE PROCESSING
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

JUNE 30, 2009

**ACTIVITIES REPORT
OF
AFTPMA**

**REGIONAL OFFICE
KARACHI REGION**

ACTIVITIES REPORT OF KARACHI REGION

It is my honour to present the Annual Report of the All Pakistan Textile Processing Mills Association (Karachi Region) for the year 2008/09, on behalf of the Executive Committee.

Abdul Sattar
Vice Chairman & Regional Incharge

1. **ADMINISTRATION:** The following Office Bearers and Executive Committee members of the Association took over the charge on 1st December 2008.

Mr. M. Nisar Shekhani	Chairman
Mr. Abdul Sattar	Vice Chairman
Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Ch.	E. C. Member
Mr. Anees Motiwala	E.C. Member
Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Essa	E.C. Member
Mr. M. Shakil	E.C. Member
Mr. M. Suleman Chawla	E.C. Member
Mr. M. Ashraf	E.C. Member
Mr. M. Qamar Ibrahim	E.C. Member
Mr. Faisal Iqbal	E. C. Member

The Chairman, Mr. M. Nisar Shekhani assisted by Mr. Abdul Sattar, Vice Chairman & other senior members of the Association supervised and controlled the administration as Chief Executive of the Association.

The Vice Chairman made valued contribution as Chairman Sub-Committee of R&D of the Association. The Vice Chairman looked after the matter relating to accounts of the Association

2. **VISIT OF PAKISTANI TRADE DELEGATION TO BRAZIL:** A five-Textile Associations Trade Delegation from Pakistan visited Brazil on a week-long tour (16th to 21st November 2008) in order to promote Bilateral Trade & Commerce. The delegation was led by Mr. Anees Motiwala the then Regional Chairman APTPMA and consisted of the following members:

1. Mr. Anees Motiwala from APTPMA (Leader)
2. Mr. Saleem Parekh, from PHMA
3. Mr. Muzammil Hussain, from TMA
4. Mr. Bilal Mulla from PRGMEA
5. Mr. Abid Chinoy from PCMA
6. Mr. Saleem Shahzad (Member)
7. Mr. Inam Akhtar (delegation Secretary)

The delegation was also accompanied by Dr. Shoaib, Mr. Inam-ul-Rehman and Mr. Asif Ismail (Staff photographer).

The delegation arrived at Sao Paula Air Port on late Sunday night and stayed at Hotel Mercure Grand Hotel S.Paul Ibirapuera On Monday, a Lunch Reception was hosted by CACB at Sau Paulo Chamber of Commerce & Industry in honor of the Delegation.

Mr. Saleem Shahzad, a senior member of the Delegation, offered his thanks to CACB on behalf of the Delegation for having invited them to Brazil. He said that there is no denying the fact that Textile is the backbone of Pakistan's Industrial Sector which accounts for as much as 60 percent of our value-added export earnings. Representatives from Mexico South Africa, Uruguay, Mozambique, Columbia and Chile also delivered goodwill speeches on the occasion. On conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Anees Motiwala presented APTPMA Shield and Members Directory to Mr. Alencar Burti, President of Confederation of Brazilian Commercial & Business Associations (CACB).

On Sunday, the members of the Delegation were taken to Sebrae where thousands of Brazilians are persistently struggling for the survival and expansion of their enterprises who are keen to join hands with their Pakistani counterparts in the form of Joint Ventures.

On November 18, the members of the Delegation were shown round the city of Santo Andre. They visited the Santo Andre Chamber of Commerce & Industry and a number of local Trade Houses. They were given a warm reception by the President of ACE.

On November 19, 2008, the members of the Delegation visited the city of Guarulhos where they were feted by the local Chamber of Commerce & Industry and introduced to a large number of Dignitaries and Entrepreneurs.

On November 20, they were invited at the inaugural ceremony of the 01st International Empreender Conference as Guests of Honor. On November 21, the Delegation was taken to attend the 05th Sao Paulo Empreender Congress which was followed by a Special Sight-seeing Mission.

On the whole, it was a very successful trade mission wherein the Delegation received very encouraging response and was accorded a warm welcome and generous hospitality by all the Trade Associations in Brazil. There was a strong desire on both sides to enhance bilateral trade relations. Mr. Anees Motiwala and his companions were deeply impressed by the hospitality and moral support of the hosts, especially Mr. Alencar Burti, President of Confederation of Brazilian Commercial & Business (CACB) and his colleagues. He also appreciated the dedication and untiring efforts of Honorary Consul General of Brazil in Karachi who was responsible, by and large, for the astounding success of the visit of the delegation to Brazil.

3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2008-2009: The Executive Committee, during the period under review, held three regional meetings. The working of the present Executive Committee was marked by complete coherence, rational and positive approach towards all the issues that were placed on the agenda. The participation of the members was quite encouraging.

Many important issues came under the consideration of Executive Committee during the year, some of these are; Caustic Soda, Income Tax & Sales Tax, Electricity tariff & Gas tariff, Trade Policy, approval of Audit reports, problems faced due to customs and sales tax refunds, Problems of PTCL and many other problems and appropriate action was taken to resolve many of these problems.

A brief resume of the activities and performance under the various heads of administration is given below; -

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**: The position of the receipt and dispatch of letters, circulars, Press Releases, Fax and E-mails has been as under during the current year.

- **Letters Received**
- Local 3000
- Foreign 200

- **Letters Dispatched**
- Local 4700
- Foreign -0-

- Circulars 100
- Press Releases 20

- **Fax**
- Fax Incoming 1500
- Fax Outgoing 4000

- **E-mail**
- E-mail out going 4000
- E-mail Incoming 3760

5. **MEMBERSHIP**: The Membership Sub-Committee, which is one of the significant sub-committees of the Association, worked under the able guidance of its Chairman Mr. Sikander Imran a senior member of the Association.

The committee has made its utmost effort to improve the working of the membership department and to make it more efficient and supportive to the members of the Association. The prime function of the sub-committee is the scrutiny of the new applications. The break-up of Association' membership as on 31st August, 2009 is as under;

Members (2008-09)	:	228
New Members (2009-10)	:	11

Total members	:	239

6. **VISA RECOMMENDATION**: The Association continues to issue the recommendation letters to Foreign missions for issue of business visas to our members and/or their official representatives. Similarly some of our members required recommendations from the Association addressed to Pakistan missions abroad to invite foreign nationals to visit Pakistan for business or technical assistance.

The number of Visa Recommendation letters issued this year was 450

7: **R & D CERTIFICATE & CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN**: The Association continues to issue the R & D Certificate & Certificates of origin to the Exporter (members) of the Association and providing information of foreign missions needed by them from time to time.

The following table will show the performance and volume of work during the year

Certificate	Year 2007-08	Year 2008-09
R & D Certificate	Rs.406,400/-	Rs.91,800/-
Certificate of origin	Rs.19,300/-	Rs.39,900/-

8. **SUPPLY OF CAUSTIC SODA, HYDROGEN PEROXIDE & SODA ASH THROUGH ASSOCIATION:** The Association provides the facility of issuing letter of recommendation for Caustic Soda, Hydrogen Peroxide and Soda Ash to the members.

During the year we took up the matter of supply of Caustic Soda to our members with the Ministry of Textile & manufacturers of Caustic Soda. For some period the demand and supply position was quite comfortable but at a later stage members faced shortage of supply of Caustic Soda and Soda Ash and faced long waiting period. There has also been a continuous increase in prices by the manufacturers, resulting in high cost of production of our members and affecting their exports also.

The following is the detail of the recommendation issued during the year

2007-08	2008-09
Rs.112,950/-	Rs.158,200/-

9. **ENERGY CRISES:** The year 2008 started with severe crises and violence due to acute shortage of energy, Long hours of load shedding, high cost of production and the loss of competitive edge in regional and international markets remained the daunting challenges throughout the year. Presently, Pakistan is faced with acute shortage of electricity, as its production does not cope with the demand, which is increasing by 10% to 20% per annum. According to an estimate, the demand for electricity will exceed by 200.5 thousand Mega watts by 2010, which clearly indicates that an immense amount of energy is required to meet the growing demand at domestic, commercial and industrial levels. The shortfall in supply and demand which averaged 2000mw during the last 2 years has increased to over 2500 mw from the beginning of the year 2008.

10. **SWITZERLAND JOINS THE SCHENGEN ASSOCIATION:** The Consul General of Switzerland HE Martin Bienz vide his letter has informed to the Association that from 12th December 2008 the Schengen Association Agreement will formally become applicable for Switzerland.

Consequently Switzerland, through the Swiss Embassy in Islamabad, will be in a position to issue visas which are valid for entry into the whole of Schengen territory. Pakistani citizens and foreign nationals who are obliged to obtain a visa and who hold a valid Schengen visa will also be authorized to enter Switzerland from that date. New applicants may apply for the visa through FedEx or by personally visiting the Embassy in Islamabad. The consulate General in Karachi will not entertain visa applications.

11. **REFUND OF VAT FOR PAKISTAN BASED EXHIBITORS AT GERMAN TRADE FAIRS:** Reciprocity between Germany and Pakistan regarding refund of value-added tax to traders resident in Pakistan has now been established. As a result, in keeping with the German VAT Act (specifically its article 18, para. 9, clause 6), Pakistan

based exhibitors at German trade fairs will be able to claim refund of VAT paid for goods and services during their visit to Germany for business purposes while participating in exhibitions and trade fairs. Claims can be lodged for VAT paid after July 1, 2008.

What is VAT?

VAT (Value Added Tax) is a consumer tax on goods and services. The normal VAT rate of 19 percent is slightly below the European average. A lower rate of 7 percent is charged for convenience goods and services needed on a day-to-day basis (such as food, newspapers or public transport). Some services (including banking, healthcare, and non-profit work) are VAT exempt. Please note that this VAT ("Mehrwertsteuer") should be identified on all receipts.

Who is entitled to claim a VAT refund?

In principle, Pakistan based entrepreneurs are entitled to submit all incoming invoices showing German VAT and issued in connection with business activities (e.g. an exhibition in Germany). Specifically, those VAT amounts invoiced for the participation in the exhibition, as well as the VAT invoiced for additional costs like accommodation, taxi, service, etc. may be made part of a claim for a refund. Entrepreneurs not resident in the EU, however, are not entitled to a claim for a VAT refund in connection with vehicle fuel.

Is there a deadline for the refund?

The application has to reach the Federal Tax Office by 30 June of the following calendar year.

How to claim VAT refund?

Step 1: Obtain the application form from the following link:

http://www.steuerliches-infocenter.de/en/003_menu_links/001_CC/004_Umsatzsteuer/022_auslaendische/224_Formulare/02_Antrag_USt_1T_Antrag_A_pplication_englisch.pdf

Step 2: Fill out the application form

Step 3: After you have filled out the application form, scroll to the top of the page and click on "Deutsch" (left corner).

The application form will change into German.

Step 4: Print the completed application form. Affix signature and business stamp.

Step 5: Send application together with all required documents (original invoices) to the following address:

Bundeszentralamt fuer Steuern, Dienstsitz Schwedt

Passower Chaussee 3 b ,16303 Schwedt/Oder - Germany

Upon receipt of the above documents, the Federal Tax Office will check whether the conditions for a refund have been met. You will then receive in due time the decision of the Federal Tax Office, including all the original documents submitted by you.

Requirements:

- The application must be signed by the applicant in his or her own hand.
 - Please do not apply for amounts under 500 EUR unless the end of the calendar year approaches. Applications for less than 250 EUR will not be considered at any time of the year.
 - Only apply for a refund of a period not less than three months unless the end of the calendar year approaches.
 - Do not mix refund claims of different calendar years in one application.
 - Required documentation:
 - original invoices and
 - confirmation of business capacity (a sample is shown on page 1 under no. 2 of the following instruction
- http://www.bzst.de/003_menuue_links/006_ustverguetung/061_ausl_unttern/613_Formulare/005_anleitung_antrag_ust1t.pdf
- Do you have any other question?

- For technical questions, please send an e-mail to: vatapplic@bzst.bund.de
- For any questions about payment, please send an e-mail to: vatrefund@bzst.bund.de

Note: To reduce the administrative burden for your company in connection with the above mentioned proceeding and to ensure that the requirements of German VAT law are fulfilled, specialized agencies offering refund services for German value added tax can be engaged. Corresponding addresses may be obtained from the internet.

Partnership Project between BfZ and Pakistani textile associations

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BfZ (Training and Development Centers of the Bavarian Employers' Association) started a partnership project with the five major associations of the Pakistani textile industry. Main focus of this project is the promotion of small and medium enterprises, institution building of business associations and with increasing importance of environmental issues (energy conservation, energy efficiency and cleaner production). All this would result in stimulation

of the economic and social development of the country. This project, which already started in May 2008 and is planned to be completed by April 2011, is funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and is supported by SEQUA (German Service organization).

12: A FORUM ON PUBLIC PRIVATE DIALOGUE FORMED: The Bfz gGMBH International Division of Germany held a meeting for the formation of a Forum on public private dialogue in Karachi, attended by Mr. Sultan A. Chawla, President of FPCCI, Mr. M. Zubair Motiwala, Advisor of the Chief Minister of Sindh, Mr. Nusrat Iqbal Jamshaid, Director General of TDAP, Mr. M. Idress Ahmed, Textile Commissioner, Mr. M. Iqbal Arbi, former Chairman APTPMA, Anees Motiwala, M. Arif Lakhany, former regional Chairmen APTPMA & Mr. Martin Strahle, International Project Co-ordinators of the Partnership Project. The meeting was largely attended by the office bearers of trade Associations, Members of the business community and representatives of business community. Bfz gGmbH Berufliche Fortbildungszentren der Bayerischen Wirtschaft is one of the largest private providers of vocational training in Germany; the International Division of bfz conducts development cooperation project on behalf of World Bank, European Union and the German Government in several countries in Latin America, Africa and Asia.

In Pakistan, the project is funded by the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and development and is supported and monitored by SEQUA gGMBh, Bfz is partnering with the five Textile Associations namely, All Pakistan Textile Processing Mills Association (APTPMA), Pakistan Cloth Merchants Association (PCMA), Pakistan Hosiery Manufacturers Association (PHMA), Pakistan Readymade Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association (PRGMA), and Towels Manufacturers' Association of Pakistan (TMA).. Overall objective of the project is to equip enterprises of the textile industry to work economically more efficiently and ecologically sustainable by applying adopted techniques, which will ensure a sustainable textile Industry and promote the economic and social development of the country.

As part of the project, the formation of a Forum for the public- private dialogue on the issue of sustainable production is envisaged. Bfz gGmbH and their partner Associations in Pakistan, invited several key persons from industry and Governmental bodies to discuss on the formation of a forum on public private dialogue.

Mr. Martin Strahle, International project coordinator of the partnership project between bfg and five Textile Association gave a brief overview over the project and underlined the interest of bfg in the formation of the forum as this is one of the aspired project result

Mr. Martin pointed out that bfg believes in the necessity to join forces between the government and the industry to guarantee the success of such a forum. To make the forum work effective he suggested that the plenary meetings should be held once a year while the real work has to be accomplished in subcommittees that meet frequently.

The Director General of TDAP, Mr. Nusrat Iqbal Jamshaid, explicated the ideas of the Government on the formation of the forum. He referred to a previous conversation with Mr. Martin and Mr. Salahuddin from bfg in which it was already mutually agreed that cooperation on this issue would be beneficial. Mr. Nusrat Iqbal also mentioned that he is already in regular exchange with Associations of the textile sector in this respect.

The Textile Commissioner, Mr. Muhammad Idrees Ahmed appreciated the idea of the forums but also pointed out that there are several other forums already existing and that duplication must be avoided.

Mr. Sultan Chawla, President of FPCCI, and Mr. Zubair Motiwala, advisor of the chief Minister of Sindh on Investments thanked Bfg for its work in Pakistan and assured the general support for the establishment of a forum on public private dialogue.

13. KESC INDUSTRIAL B-2/B-3 CATEGORY: The Association has issued circular to his members and asked about KESC Industrial B-2/B-3 category and took up the matter with NEPRA for refund/adjustment of fixed amount charged during announced Load Shedding hours.

Name of the Firm and Address;
KESC Tariff;
KESC Consumer/Account No.
Cont. Load

Electricity Consumer number in the case of MANUFACTURER-CUM-EXPORTERS falling under PTR (Presumptive Tax Regime)

The Association has received a self explanatory letter no. DG/RTO/SO-I-TR.RECORD/2008/ dated 28th August 2008 from Mr. Sajidullah Siddiqui, Additional Commissioner (HQs), Regional Tax Office (RTO), FBR, Karachi on the subject mentioned above, with the request that following information in respect of manufacturrs-cum-exporets, engaged in the business of Textile, Hosiery, Sports Goods, Leather Goods and Surgical Goods may be provided to the Association's Secretariat by mail for further submission to Regional Tax Office, as FBR intends to issue a notification to KESC, U/S 235 read with clause (66) of Part-IV of the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Ordinance 2001;

- Name & Address of the Taxpayer
- Nature of business
- Electricity Consumer/Account number
- Photocopy of latest Income Tax Statement/Return
- Photocopy of latest Sales Tax & Federal Excise Return

Electricity bills for the month of December (KESC TARIFF)

The Association has issued a circular to its members about Electricity bills for the month of December 2008. The Electricity Bills issued for the month of December 2008 are correct and as per our agreement with Ministry of Water & Power, which is less than 22% in the categories of tariff B-1, B-2 & B-3 of industrial consumers.

Therefore, we would advise the members to calculate and compare the bill of August (which is based on old tariff) with the bill of December 2008 (based on new tariff). Do not apply the arrears reflected compare with net to net. Result would be enhancement @ 22% or less.

If is therefore advised to those members, who would like to be sure of arrears amount may recalculate the bills pertaining to the disputed months of October & November which may satisfy you about the amount of arrears which are shown in your current bill:

Industrial B	Energy Chgs	F. A. S.	Add. Surcharges	Total Variable
B-1 (upto 40kW)	1.86	2.31	3.37	7.54
B-2 (41 – 500kW)	1.35	2.19	2.50	6.04
B-3 11KV Off peak	1.20	1.43	1.91	4.54
B-3 11KV peak	2.02	2.54	2.66	7.22

There is another simple and approximate way of satisfying yourself by applying the following way of calculation:

Net Amount of Bill of September 08 / Units consumed = A

Net Amount of Bill of December 08 / Units consumed = B

B – A = should be 22% or less.

If the above mentioned calculation is still not satisfying you, then contact the Association for assistance and correction by KESC, if any.

COMPLAINT REGARDING ENHANCEMENT OF SD OF KESC

The Association is receiving complaints from members that KESC has issued notices/letters to members for enhancement of Security Deposit (SD) of KESC.

Those members who have received notices/letter from KESC for enhancement of Security Deposit, are therefore requested to please send a copy of notice/letter to the Association' Secretariat, so that the matter may be taken up with the KESC as well as the NEPRA.

COMPLAINT REGARDING ENHANCEMENT OF SD OF KESC

The Association has issued a circular to its members and asked about the SD position.

Kindly fill in the table, provide supporting documents in respect of SD paid by you during the relevant period

S. No.	Name of Industry	Consumer No.	SD reflected in KESC bill	Actual SD paid by consumer	Comments if any
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)

NOTICES OF ENHANCEMENT OF SECURITY DEPOSIT BY KESC

The Association has issued a circular to his members and informs them about meeting on the above subject.

It is to inform you that a meeting with Mr. Amer Zia, Director Technical, KESC Ltd. was held today at SITE Association's office. Mr. M. Nisar Shekhani, Chairman APTPMA was also present in the said meeting.

The meeting concluded on the decision that, the notices of Enhancement of Security Deposit shall be held in abeyance till further orders, and no action will be taken against the concerned members by KESC till final deliberations to follow.

14. **15TH EDITION OF TEX-STYLES INDIA FAIR:** The Association has issued a circular to its members and informed them about Tex Styles India Fair New Delhi from March 1-3, 2009

Tex-Styles India Fair is amongst the largest events of Indian Textiles held in India. The Mega Event is going to be organized by the India Trade Promotion Organizations (ITPO) at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from March 1-3, 2009.

15. **CHECK-LIST FOR VISA APPLICANT BUSINESS VISA/VISITOR'S VISA FOR INDIA:** The Association has received a Check-List for Business/Visitors Visa for India from the Commercial Wing of High Commission of India, Islamabad.

The Contents of the check-list are circulated for your information and necessary compliance of instruction contained in the enclosed check-list for Business/Visitors visa for India while applying for said Visa.

If you have any enquiry in this regard, you may contact the Association' office for any guidance or advise.

16. FIBERS & YARNS 2009 EXHIBITION, MUMBAI: The Association has issued a circular to his members received from Mr. R. K. Sharma, Counsellor (E&C) Commercial Section, High Commission of India, Islamabad and informed them about Fibers & Yarns 2009 Exhibition, Mumbai from 23-25 April, 2009. The following details about the event:

Event Profile: Fibers & Yarns will be an excellent platform where a visitor will get exposure to various alternate raw materials available from indigenous and international source. The exhibition will be an ideal platform to develop, interact, nurture and strengthen direct contacts with thousands of India weavers and knitters from all over India

Visitor's Profile: Profile for visitor includes-Research development & consulting institutes, universities and polytechnics, Textile Technology, Machinery and accessories, Fibers and yarns, Fabrics and membranes, non wovens, smart textiles, Finishing techniques, integration of electronics, sensors, microsystem technology, innovative apparel, Design, prototypes, Textile care Associations, Publishers,

Exhibitor's Profile: The exhibitors at Fibers & Yarns will be from different segments displaying the following products: Polyester, Polypropylene, Acrylic and Viscose fibers, Polyester-Nylon-Polypropylene-Acrylic-Viscose-Cuprammonium and Acetate Filament Yarns, Natural fibers, Cotton, Cellulosic, Silk, Wool, Angora, Mohair and Camel Hair, Value Added Spun and Blended Yarns.

17. PAYMENT OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT: The State Bank of Pakistan, Foreign Exchange Operations Department has issued a circulars to all his Banks and asked about payment of R&D Support

It has been noted that claims with invalid HS codes and some other discrepancies are resubmitted by banks with recurring objection without making any effort to remove the objections. In order to keep track of such type cases, banks are advised to resubmit the same upto 10th April 2009. Processing and disposal of such cases will be taken up with Ministry of Textile and Ministry of Finance in due course to time.

18. LAUNCHING OF PAKISTAN TEXTILE CITY AT PORT QASIM, KARACHI
This is to inform you that Mr. M. Nisar Shekhani, Chairman APTPMA held a meeting with Mr. M. Imran Afreedi, Associate Manager Sales, Pakistan Textile City on 17th April 09, at Association' office to discuss about Launching of Textile city located at Port Qasim, The Salient features of Textile city are as under:

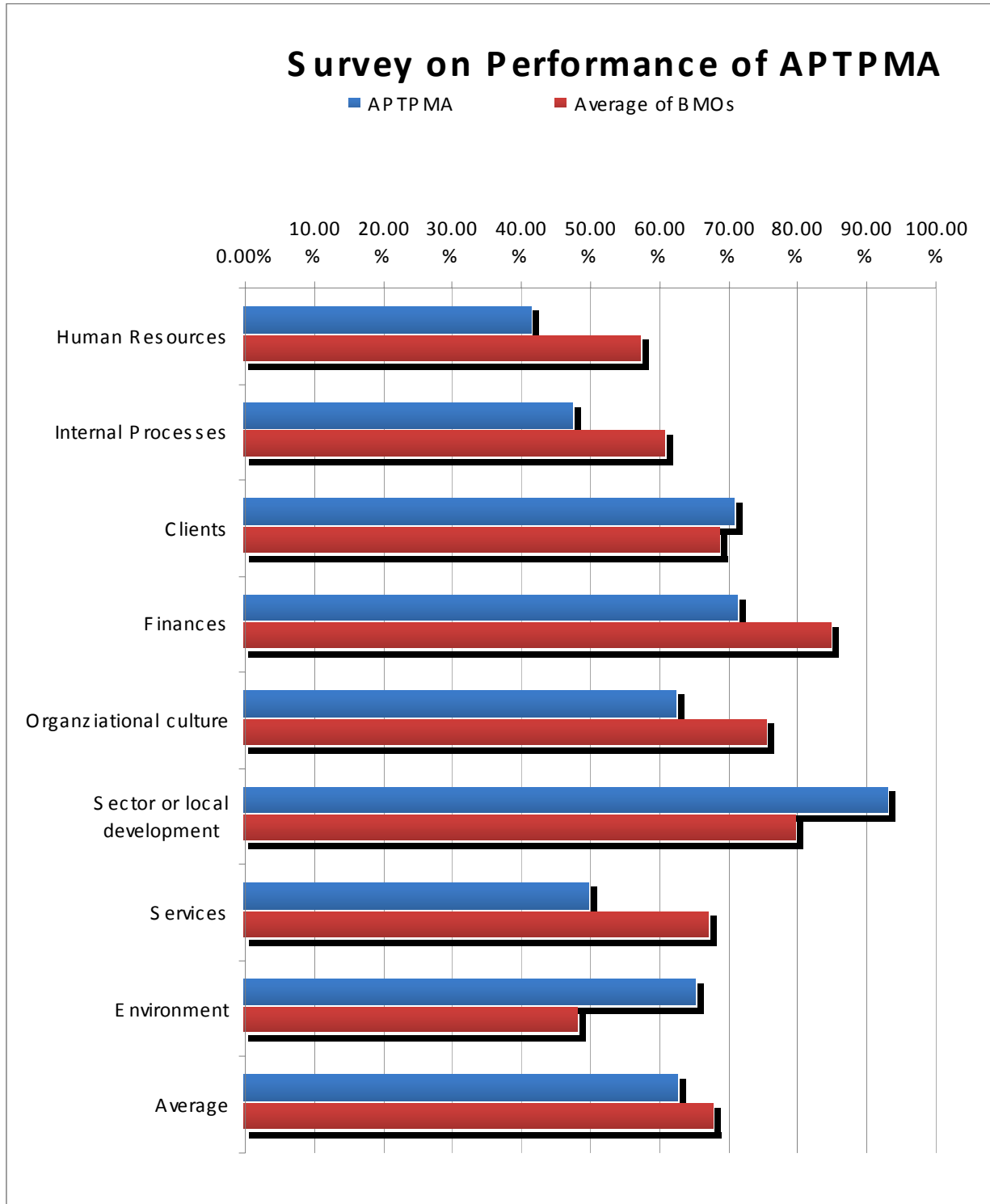
Pakistan Textile City is an Industrial Zone dedicated to the Textile Processing and other related Textile Industry. Comprising of a total area of 1250 acres, the estate is located in the Eastern Industrial Zone of Port Qasim Karachi, 6 km from the National Highway.

Pakistan Textile City will offer the Textile Processing Industry the desired state-of-the-art environment to achieve cost effective high productivity. The facility will provide uninterrupted power, clean and continuous water supply, natural gas, effluent treatment and efficient transportation systems. Services will be streamlined as a one window operation and managed in a highly efficient and professional manner.

The management of Pakistan Textile City will arrange a workshop/seminar about Textile city, Port Qasim in near future for members to give a presentation on the scheme including allotment of plots to prospective investors and the conditionalities of allotment.

He also mentioned that the notion that all plots have been sold/allotted is incorrect and the management has clarified that not a single plot has been sold.

Interested members are therefore requested to kindly confirm their participation in advance at the Association's Secretariat.



19. OFFER OF ADMISSIONS ON SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN UNDERGRADUATE AND POST GRADUATE PROGRAMS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, THEIR EMPLOYEES AND CHILDREN

The Association has received a letter from M/s. Indus Institute of Higher Education (Chartered by Government of Sindh and recognized by the Higher Education Commission) on the subject under reference. M/s. IIHE is situated near civic center and adjacent to National Stadium.

The Institute offers air-conditioned lecture rooms, well-equipped computers, a library and research center in addition to the facilities of a cafeteria, indoor games and all other necessary laboratories having equipments and gadgets that cater for undergraduate and post graduate programs in the area of Business, Textile, Fashion, Engineering and Technology. They offer MBA, BBA, M.Phil, PH.D, BS-Textile, Bachelor of Textile Design, bachelor of Fashion Design, BBA Textile, B. Tech, M. Tech, BS and MS, B. Ed. M. Ed., MA, Ph.D (Religious Studies).

They offer on admission on special scholarship of recommendation of the Association to our members', employees and their children in above mentioned educational programs.

20. LOW GAS PRESSURE IN INDUSTRIAL AREA: The General Manager Distribution of SSGCL has informed that due to excessive cool weather in city the Gas pressure has gone low upto 6-7 pounds.

He, however assured that the within next few days normal Gas pressure of (8 pounds) will be restored.

We will and are pursuing the matter for earlier elimination of the problem with SSGCL and we will inform you if there is any change resulting in earlier restoration of the pressure.

21. SAVE DOLLARS – GET YOUR BOILERS TUNED UP: The Association has issued a circular to its members and informed them about Boilers Tune up. During our evaluation of Gas boilers of certain processors, we have found them working inefficiently. 84% is optimum efficiency achievable in a boiler. Total heat of fuel (Gas etc) is achieved only if we are able to burn fuel in the boiler completely. Any less then this efficiency would lead to EXCESS GAS BILLS without any benefit to you.

You are in your own interest, advised to get all GAS BURNERS, in your mills tuned up/analyzed regularly, and get substantial savings in your gas bills.

Our moto should be maximum steam at minimum cost. And Cleaner Production for healthier environment.

If you are interested, List of vendors is available with us in the Association.

22. NO FURTHER EXTENSION OF TAX INVESTMENT SCHEME AFTER 31ST, SAYS FBR: Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has announced there will be no extension of period already given up to December 31, 2008 for the filing of returns for investment tax scheme announced in July this year.

In a statement issued on Friday, FBR's member Direct Taxes said the board had decided not to extend the last date of December 31, 2008 for those wanting to apply for the tax investment scheme whereby individuals can declare their undeclared assets by paying only two per cent of the fair market value of their assets.

Similarly, there would be no extension of date for the e-filing of income tax returns for the corporate sector. He said the taxpayers seeking to file their income tax returns in the corporate sector must use e-filing mode and the last date for them to do so will not be extended beyond December 31, 2008.

The member called for an early e-filing of returns by taxpayers to avoid any punitive measures the board might consider taking against those failing to benefit from the scheme. He said the FBR was in possession of sufficient information and relevant data to trace up those who would not avail of the tax amnesty facility offered by the FBR.

23. ONE DAY WORKSHOP ON ENERGY CONSERVATION OPPORTUNITIES AND LIMITATION IN TEXTILE INDUSTRY 11-11-2008:

APTPMA organized a one-day training workshop for textile professionals on the theme of "Energy Conservation Opportunities and Limitations in Textile Industry" on November 11, 2008, at the Association office in SITE Karachi. The workshop was organized in collaboration with Cleaner Production Institute (CPI), under the "Programme for Industrial Sustainable Development (PISD)". Professionals from PISD technical and communication teams acted as the resource persons in the workshop and shared their findings and experiences with the textile industry representatives.

A total of 46 participants from leading textile processing units attended the workshop, spanning from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The formal introductory session was conducted by Mr. Ibad ur Rehman of CPI. The norms and objectives of the workshop were described and participants were requested to formally introduce themselves. After that he gave brief introduction of PISD-Textile. His presentation was followed by a Tea break.

After the tea break, Mr. Masroor Ahmed Khan from PISD, Textile Project Karachi, gave presentation on Energy Conservation Issues and Solutions for textile sector, with special emphasis on conditions prevailing in Karachi. The presentation was followed by group exercise and discussion. This group activity and discussion culminated at the lunch and prayer break.

After the lunch break, Mr. Masroor Ahmed Khan proceeded with his second presentation on Training, Monitoring and Evaluation in Textile Industry. In this presentation, he emphasized the importance of this process through several practical examples in the Textile Sector and highlighted several gadgets and equipments to use for this purpose. After this comprehensive presentation, a couple of technology vendors were invited to describe various products and services available at their end. They also demonstrated few of their products to the audience. The last presentation of the workshop was on the topic of Systemizing the Initiatives and Corporate Social Responsibility. Mr. Ibad ur Rehman briefly talked about the concept and importance of CSR and the assistance available for the industrial units through PISD for this purpose. He also described the importance of getting all good measures incorporated in an EMS like system, so that the cycle of continual development could be sustained.

Besides these presentations, 7 technology vendors set up their stalls also, exhibiting and giving live demonstration of their various products and services.

Towards the end of the workshop, representatives of working groups presented their group findings on the exercise. They briefed the audience about the middle, low and high priorities of energy efficiency measures – as formulated by their respective groups.

The workshop was chaired by Mr. M. Iqbal Arbi, while Mr. M. Nisar Shekhani remained the Chief Guest. Other present and past APTPMA office bearers also graced the occasions, most notably Mr. Anees Motiwala and Mr. Arif Lakhany. These textile leaders also addressed the participants and lauded their effort for attending the event and making it successful. They also highlighted the importance of the topic in today's energy sensitive times.

At the end, certificates were distributed amongst the participants. The workshop provided a platform to initiate mutually beneficial dialogue and opinion sharing amongst many leading players of textile and technology vendors via energy conservation opportunities.

24. PROGRESS OF PISD TEXTILE KARACHI FOR YEAR 2008

(1) Training and Human Resource Development

a. **Owners Training**: Total 34 owners were trained during this period. It includes 17 owners from those 8 units where Integrated Audit was conducted and same numbers of owners from same number of units where Energy units were conducted. The topics of the training were the relevant issues of cleaner technology and energy efficiency specific to their own unit that surfaced during the audit.

b. **Professional Staff and Workers Training**: Total 230 professional staff and workers were trained during this period from 10 selected units including one unit which was partner unit of previous CTP project. The topics of the training include energy conservations, resource conservation, personal protective equipments, fire fighting, chemical storage and handling. Some of the units were trained more than once on demands and scope of the training.

(2) Cleaner Production and Energy Efficiency

a. Integrated Environmental and Energy Audits

Total 8 integrated audits were conducted in the period.

b. Energy Audits

Total 8 energy audits were conducted during this reporting period

c. Approved Action Plans

Total 17 approved action plans were delivered in this reporting period. This includes one action plan of which the audit report was claimed in the previous period.

d. Implementation of Cleaner Technologies

Total 2.5 cleaner technologies (CTs) out puts were implemented in this reporting period in the 4 units.

e. Implementation of Energy Efficient Technologies (ETs)

Total 14 energy efficient technologies (ETs) out puts were implemented in this reporting period in the 8 units

(3) Wastewater Treatment Plants (WWTP)

a. Design of Wastewater Treatment Plants

Total 5 WWTP were designed in this reporting period under textile Karachi. All these design report were based on flow monitoring and sampling conducted on the site by PISD team. Two of these reports were submitted in the first half of period while 3 were delivered in the second half.

b. Implementation of Wastewater Treatment Plants

1 unit is claimed for the implementation of waste water treatment plant where about 80 % civil work is completed.

c. Commissioning and O&M Manuals

This activity will be carried out after the implementation of WWTP. Neither this activity was planned nor delivered in this reporting period.

(4) Environmental Certification

a. Development of EMS

Total 9 EMS manuals were developed and submitted under textile project Karachi. All these manuals were given to units that previously did not possess any such manuals. Also in all units where integrated audit was conducted, manuals were delivered plus one unit where energy audit was conducted.

b. Implementation of EMS

Implementation of EMS is done in 2 units where it was at the stage of internal audits.

c. EMS Certification

1 unit where we had delivered EMS manual and done EMS implementation in the previous CTP project, was certified with ISO 14001 in the current period.

(5) Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

3 CSR Reports were delivered to the Industry.

(6) Performance Reports

CT, ET, WWTP Performance Reports

The Performance Reports were not developed as no Report template has been finalized. However, the performance data for selected units where implementation was done has been gathered from where it was possible.

25. **MUMBAI ATTACK**: Bilateral relation changed from sweet to sour when a group of terrorist attacked Mumbai on 26/11/2008. Since then war of words between Pakistan and India is at its peak. Stopped its exports through WAGHA. Mumbai attack not only damaged Indo-Pak relation but trade relation was damaged most. Now clouds of war have vanished, and once again, India and Pakistan will, hopefully, resume the normal dialogue and peace process.

26. **MR. M. ZUBAIR MOTIWALA'S APPOINTMENT AS ADVISOR TO THE CHIEF MINISTER SINDH FOR PROVINCIAL INVESTMENT**: The Association

has issued circular to his members and informed them that Mr. M. Zubair Motiwala, Former Chairman APTPMA and senior members of the Association, has been appointed as Advisor to Chief Minister Sindh for Provincial Investment, vide Notification dated 06.01.09 of Government of Sindh.

Chairman APTPMA has deemed it a unique honor for our Association, and felicitated Mr. Zubair Motiwala on his appointment as Advisor to the Chief Minister Sindh

27. MEETING WITH MINISTER FOR TEXTILE INDUSTRY, ADVISOR TO THE PM ON FINANCE, GOVERNOR STATE BANK OF PAKISTAN, CHAIRMAN FBR & MEMBERS (INLAND REVENUE):

In a meeting in PHMA, where besides, Mr. Rana M. Farooq Saeed Khan, Federal Minister for Textile, Mr. Shaukat Tareen, Advisor to PM on Finance, Mr. Saleem Raza, Governor State Bank of Pakistan, Mr. Ahmed Waqar, Chairman FBR, Secretary Textiles, Mr. Irfan Nadeem, Member Inland Revenue, Mr. M. Idrees, Textile Commissioner were present on 11th April 09. The 16 Chairmen from all textile sectors were present in the meeting. A presentation was also given by Mr. M. Zubair Motiwala on the issues and problems of the Textile Sector. Mr. M. Nisar Shekhani was also present in the said meeting.

Mr. Shaukat Tareen, resolved that the following issues as under:

- (1) Zero rating on Textile shall continue in its present form.
- (2) Balance payment of R&D shall be made after due verifications by a committee, including Members from Textile Associations.
- (3) On the matter of Income Tax Audit, the advisor gave assurance (confirmed by Chairman FBR) that 100% audit will be carried out on those persons/firms/companies who have valid NTN but have not filed their returns. In cases where returns have been filed, 2.5 to 3 % of the cases shall be picked through computer violating by ICAP. Audit notices issued to those members who have filed a return are without legal basis. If any members who have filed a return and received audit notices, they should inform the Association who will take up this issue with FBR.
- (4) Modalities are under review for regulating Afghan Transt Trade (ATT).
- (5) Draft of Textile policy is ready and will be finalized after due consideration with stakeholders.

The advisor assured the participations that this government has resolved to promote, facilitate and support the textile sector.

28. 35% LC MARGIN ON IMPORT: The Association criticized the imposition of 35 % margin on Letter of Credit on imports. Industrial growth was already on the decline while the GDP growth is also likely to remain below the target and in these circumstance such steps will further increase the cost of production which would make our products uncompetitive both in national and international markets.

29. MEETING WITH MR. R. K. SHARMA HEAD OF COMMERCIAL WING HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA ON 9th MARCH. 09 AT CHAIRMAN' OFFICE, KARACHI:

On the invitation of Mr. Abdul Sattar, Vice Chairman & Regional Chairman, Mr. R. K. Sharma, Head of Commercial Wing, High Commission of India, Islamabad, visited Chairman's factory at lunch. Mr. Sharma came to Karachi for the first time after he assumed the office of Head of Commercial Section of High commission of India. Welcoming Mr. Sharma, Mr. M. Nisar Shekhani, Chairman APTPMA, introduced the members of the Association to him and explained the Association's activities in Pakistan. He called for improved bilateral trade relations for mutual benefit. He said that India is the most potential market for Pakistan with the advantage of being the next door neighbor and showed full interest in expanding trade with India. He said people in general and the businessmen in particular of both the countries are suffering due to hostile attitude of the politicians and cannot draw potential mutual benefits present at both ends. Now its high time that bilateral relations between India and Pakistan should be improved by enhancing trade and commercial activities rather exhibiting hostility form both sides.

Speaking at meeting despite the strained ties between the two counties following the Mumbai attack trade between the two countries had further deteriorated. He said that due to restrictions on imports of goods both India and Pakistan are paying high prices of several items imported from others countries. He said that Pakistan imports spare parts dyes & chemical from India, at very low price.

Participants of the meeting quoted him as saying that India was importing cement from Pakistan whereas Pakistan is importing onion from India. He hoped that trade between India and Pakistan will soon pickup and relation between the tow countries will soon normalize.

Mr. Sharma mentioned that there is no new visa policy for businessmen. The High Commission now takes only 40 days for processing visa application. He said that in 2007-2008 High Commission of India issued 137,000 visas out of 11,000 only for business and High Commission of Pakistan in India issued 27,000 visas. He said now a visa division has been established in Commercial Wing of High commission of India for processing business visa applications.

In conclusion, he assured the members that High Commission of India in Pakistan would extend all possible co-operations for issuing business visas if it was recommended by the Association.

M. Zubair Motiwala, M. Iqbal Arbi, Aness Motiwala, M. Arif Lakhany, Sikander Imran, Sulman Chawla, Asad Nisar and M. Ashraf also attended the meeting.

30. WORKSHOPS ON WASTE WATER TREATMENT IN TEXTILE INDUSTRY

APTPMA organized two back to back training workshops for textile professionals on the theme of "Waste Water Treatment in Textile Industry" on May 5 & 6, 2009, at Pearl Continental Hotel, Karachi. The workshops were organized in cooperation with Cleaner Production Institute (CPI). Professionals from PISD technical and communication teams, Engineers from NEC Consultants (Pvt.) Ltd and professionals from different industries acted as the resource persons in the workshops and shared their findings and experiences with the textile industry representatives. The workshops provided a platform to initiate mutually beneficial dialogue and opinion sharing amongst many leading players of textile industry on textile specific wastewater treatment.

Participants from leading textile processing industries were invited to attend the workshops. The registration of participants started at 10.00 a.m. The formal introductory session was conducted by Mr Ibad ur Rehman. The norms and objectives of the workshop were described and participants were requested to formally introduce themselves. After that he gave brief introduction of PISD-Textile. After the introduction, Engr. AhsanulHaq (Representative from Nakshbandi Industries) presented the case study of Wastewater treatment Plant of Nakshbandi Industries and shared experiences regarding wastewater treatment plant during implementation in his industry. His presentation was followed by a Tea break.

After the tea break, Mr. Wahaj A. Farooqui proceeded with the presentation on Popular WW Treatment Practices and their Limitations. His Presentation was followed by a briefing on Combined Effluent Treatment Plant for Korangi Tanneries given by Mr. Kashif Masud. Later on Video of CETP-KT was also shown.

After the lunch break, Mr. Masroor Ahmed Khan proceeded with his presentation on Cleaner Technologies to Reduce Hydraulic and Pollution Loads. His presentation was followed by a working tea. After that the Optimal WW Treatment scheme for Textile industries was comprehensively presented by Mr. Wahaj A. Farooqui. In the end Mr. Zakir Ahmed from Al-Karam Textile Mills presented a case study of Al-Karam Wastewater Treatment Plant. The workshops were chaired by APTPMA representatives and regional Steering Committee members Mr. Arif Lakhani and Mr. Iqbal Arbi on first day, and Mr. Anis Motiwala and Mr. Arif Lakhani on second day. Addressing the participants, the APTPMA office bearers appreciated the efforts of the organizers and said that this workshop is a timely intervention, as there is increasing pressure on textile exporters regarding wastewater treatment. At the end, these representatives gave away certificates to the workshop participants.

Around 40 persons attended the workshop on May 05, while 45 attended it on May 06, 2009.

31. APTPMA PARTICIPATE IN 6TH TEXTILE ASIA 2009 INT'L EXHIBITION 6th Textile Asia 2009 - Int'l Textile & Garment Machinery Show held for the 6th consecutive year from 5th to 8th April 2009 at Karachi Expo Centre.

Chief Guest, Dr. Mirza Ikhtiar Baig, Federal Advisor on Textiles, Ministry of Textile Industry, Govt. of Pakistan, Mohammad Idrees, Textile Commissioner & Foreign Delegates of Participating Countries inaugurated the 6th Textile Asia 2009-Int'l Textile & Garments Machinery Show on Sunday - April 5, 2009 by Multiple Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Our Association had also participated in Textile Asia, Karachi 2009.

Impressive Posters relating to our Industry were displayed & attractive introducing brochures of the Association were also given to visitors at our Stall/Stand. During the exhibition our representatives had met various visiting dignitaries, Government higher ups and also had a meeting with various participating manufacturers of textile machinery. During this meeting with the leading manufacturers of Textile machinery our representatives had obtained various data/information, which will, benefit our members for obtaining/acquiring new technologies.

30,000 local trade/corporate visitors and more than 152 foreign delegates visited Textile Asia 2009. Mr. Hameed Ullah Jan Afridi, Federal Minister for Environment, visited on 7th April 2009 at exhibition. The Consul General of Indonesia H. E. Mustakim, Consul General of the Federal Republic Germany H. E. Dr. Christian Brecht, Consul General the Switzerland H. E.

Martin Bienz and H. E. Saquib Ali, Deputy High Commissioner for the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Mr. Nail Ersoy, Turkish Commercial Attache, Ahmar Arif, Deputy Director, UK Trade & Investment in Karachi also visited the APTPMA stall. Mr. M. Nisar Shekhani was also guest of honor of Textile Asia on 6th April 2009. The most of our members also visited the Textile Asia 2009. Mr. Abdul Sattar, Regional Chairman, Mr. M. Iqbal Arbi, Former Chairman APTPMA, Mr. M. Arif Lakhany, former regional chairman Mr. M. Suleman Chawala & Mr. M. Shakil etc. etc also visited the Stall of APTPMA.

32. MEETING WITH FEDERAL MINISTER OF TEXTILES MR. RANA M. FAROOQ SAEED ON 1st AUGUST 09 AT ASSOCIATION' OFFICE,

KARACHI: The Federal Minister of Textiles, Mr. Rana Mohammad Farooq Saeed, had an interactive luncheon meeting with the members of All Pakistan Textile Processing Mills Association at Association' office on 1st August 2009. Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Dr. Waqar Masood, Textile Commissioner, Mr. Idrees Ahmed and his team accompanied the Minister in the meeting.

The Minister, in his opening remarks, said that Textile Sector was the most important industrial sector of Pakistan whose contributions to the economic growth of Pakistan are exemplary. He termed the inadequate support and abandonment of this sector by the previous government as unfortunate and opined that the honeymoon with development of electronic industry by the then government was over. He also bemoaned the fact that industrialists had invested heavily to the tune of US\$ 5 billion in this sector when it fell out with the government of the day. Textile industry has been suffering since then. He assured the members of APTPMA that the present government was fully aware of the importance of textile industry in our economy and committed to support and foster this all-important sector that fetches 65% of the foreign exchange and employs 42% of the total workforce. The Minister further assured the members that the government was also aware of the market access difficulties our exporters were facing and he categorically stated that Commercial Sections in our foreign embassies will be revamped and only those personnel will be posted who can deliver the goods.

Speaking on the occasion, the Secretary, Dr. Waqar Masood gave salient features of the expected Textile Policy and informed the members that the policy will address the difficulties presently faced by the textile manufacturers including cost of manufacture, availability of utilities, human resource development, market access, etc. He shared concern of members that despite Pakistan being the fourth largest producer of cotton in the world and third largest consumer of cotton, it occupied twelfth position as far as exports were concerned whereas those countries that did not produce a single gram of cotton were amongst the top exporters. He also regretted that Pakistan's share in international textile trade was an insignificant percentage.

Zubair Motiwala, Advisor to the Chief Minister, Sindh, also spoke on the occasion and outlined the difficulties faced by the textile processing sector and questioned federal government's action of earning income from public services like utilities, more specifically gas from where the government stands to gain Rs.23 billion through notification of higher gas tariff. He also flayed the continued cross-subsidy the industry has to bear due to lower tariff on Feedstock (Fertilizer) and domestic consumers.

Lively question-answer session ensued where excellent proposals were given to the Ministry for consideration of incorporation of textile policy and giving practical shape.

Mr. Muhammad Nisar Shekhani, Chairman All Pakistan Textile Processing Association, in his welcome address briefed the Minister of the problems confronting the textile-processing sector and specifically of the units located in the north, Punjab. He appealed to the Minister to use his good offices in resolving the issues.

33. GENERAL SALES TAX AND REFUND

a: Refund Claim for Manufacturers-cum-Exporters and Commercial Exporters:

The refund of input tax for the five zero-rated sectors in respect of purchases made on payment of sales tax prior to 06.06.2005 is allowed to pay if such goods have been exported by 31.12.2005 and no refund admissible against local supply in the current SRO. Many representations were sent to FBR on this issue. As a result, the FBR has allowed the refund claims for the manufacturers-cum exporters and commercial exporters.

b: Meeting in the Collectorates of Sales Tax & Federal Excise, Karachi:

Mr. M. Nisar Shekhani Chairman of the Association along with concerned members attended meeting of Collectors of Sales Tax & Federal Excise (Enforcement and Audit) and submitted various proposals and suggestions received from the members, and forcefully took up their pending issues in these meetings.

c: Inter-Tax Refund/Adjustment Procedure:

Number of representations were sent to FBR for adjusting liabilities of one tax against refund of another. As a result FBR issued the Inter-Tax Refund/Adjustment Procedure that any liability of customs duty, Federal Excise duty, Sales tax or Income tax payable by a tax payer, on the written request of the concerned taxpayer.

d: Inordinate delay in refund of Sales Tax Claims:

The Association received many representations from its members about the problem faced by them due to inordinate delay in refund of their sales tax claims. It is heartening to learn that on Association recommendation almost all the refund claims were processed.

e: Blocking of Sales Tax Registration Numbers:

On receiving complaints from its members about blocking of their sales tax registration number, arbitrarily i-e without serving them any prior notice, assigning any reason or seeking explanation, the Association took- up the issue with the Collector Sales Tax & Federal Excise. The Association is pleased to inform that on its recommendation, their registration numbers were de-blocked.

f: Representation for Zero rating in Utility bills and Verifications of undertaking of Sales Tax Refund:

From time to time in our meeting with Collector Sales Tax & Federal Excise, the issue of Zero Rating status for utilities bill of our member was strongly taken up, there was many cases in which either the power bills only zero rated and other case in which the gas bills only zero rated. Our representation is while one of the utility was zero-rated why the other utility not be so. The following table will show the performance during the year 2007-2008.

Attestation of Sales tax document	536 cases
Recommendation for Zero rating on utilities bills of textile units	98 cases

g: Miscellaneous:

A large number of representation were made on letters received from the members on their problems relating to Sales Tax such as inordinate delay in refund of Sales tax claim, misuse of discretionary powers and wrong interpretation by the tax Officials and issuance of blacklists to the respective authorities for their early resolution, which resulted in relief in many cases.

Many press releases on current issues and problems of the members were issued. Various matters were got published in Annul Report for the information and comments/suggestion from Association members, were invited.

34. PENDING ISSUES OF SALES TAX REFUNDS: The Association has issued a circular to his members and asked about their arrears of sales tax refund on the following Performa, so that the matter may be taken up with Collectorate of Sales Tax (Enforcement) Karachi.

Name of Member:

STR No. :

Month (1)	Claim No. (2)	Claim Amount (3)
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35. WITH HOLDING TAX (INCOME TAX)

a: **Withdrawal of Withholding Tax on Powers bills for Exporters vide Circular No. 12 of 2008:** On Association's recommendation, the FBR has accepted its major demand by withdrawing 10% withholding tax on electricity bills from all export oriented industries operating under Zero Rated sales tax regime viz., Textile, Carpets, Leather, Surgical goods, and Sports goods vide circular no. 12 of 2008.

b: **Representation for Zero rating in Utility bills:** From time to time in meeting with Additional Commissioner of Income tax, the issue of Zero Rating status for utilities bill with regard of With Holding Tax (WHT) of our member was strongly taken up. The following table will show the performance during the year 2008-2009.

Recommendation for Zero rating on utilities bills of textile units 112 cases

c: **Exemption certificate vide SRO 947(I)/2008:** The FBR has accepted a major demand of business community and restored powers of the Commissioner of income tax to issue system-based exemption certificate to importers of plant, machinery and related equipment for setting up industrial units for availing exemption of 2% withholding tax at import stage through a SRO 947(I)/2008.

36. COMMUNICATION: Communication is an important tool in the fast growing business & social contacts. There are different modes of communication which have contemporarily gained a due importance in the present era such as Telephones, Cell phone, WLL (Wireless Loop) besides many others, means of Communication.

The business community of Karachi has faced many problems in the past regarding communication system of the country therefore All Pakistan Textile Processing Mills Association formed a Sub-Committee of Communication few years back, to look into such problems and facilitate the members in getting resolved those Telephone problems.

RECOMMENDATIONS MADE FOR ITS MEMBERS BY APTPMA REGARDING NEW PHONE CONNECTION AND RESTORATION OF TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS, FAULTY OR DEAD.

APTPMA as per its policy has always been cooperating with members at the highest and recommendations were made to the concerned communication authorities for the resolution of related problems. Communication Sub Committee of APTPMA also sent hundreds of recommendation letters and approaches to the concerned authorities telephonically.

The Communication Sub-Committee kept a close liaison with the Telecommunication Authorities and many of the complaints about the problems faced by the members of the Association related to Telecommunication were taken up at the highest level by the Association and majority them were got resolved.

FOLLOWING TABLE WOULD INDICATE THE RATE OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY APTPMA TO ITS MEMBERS REGARDING TELECOMMUNICATION.

Technical Faults (Office)	1927
Technical Faults (Residence)	117
Restoration of Lines (office)	1221
New Connections (Phones)	03
Transfer of Phones	01
Change of Name (Phones)	02
Excessive Billing cases	04

37: ASSOCIATION' REPRESENTATION ON VARIOUS BODIES

<u>Name of the Body</u>	<u>Nominees</u>
• Member of Regional Commissioner of Income Tax (RCIT) Advisory Committee	Mr.M. Nisar Shekhani
• Member Skill Development Council (SDC)	Mr.M. Nisar Shekhani
• Member Alternate dispute resolution committees under Customs Act	Mr.M. Nisar Shekhani
• Member of Employment Advisory Committee	Mr.M. Nisar Shekhani Mr.M. Iqbal Arbi
• Commissioner of Income Tax Special Zone	Mr.M. Nisar Shekhani
• Self Assessment Scheme Advisory Committee	Mr.M. Iqbal Arbi Mr.Sikander Imran
• Alternate dispute resolution committees under section 47 of the Sales Tax Act, 1990	Mr.M. Zubair Motiwala Mr.Sikander Imran Mr.M. Nisar Shekhani Mr.Anwer Aziz
• Member Advisory Committee Collectorate of Sales Tax & FE	Mr.Abdul Sattar
• Member Advisory Committee Collectorate of Customs	Mr.Abdul Sattar
• Member of Income Tax Advisory Committee(CIT)	Mr.Abdul Sattar
• Member of Pak-Oman Investment Board of Directors	Mr.M.Zubair Motiwala
• Member of Advisory Committee of FTO	Mr.M.ZubairMotiwala
• Member of Advisory Committee of Ministry of Science	Mr.M. Zubair Motiwala
• Member of Advisory Committee of Commerce	Mr.M. Zubair Motiwala
• Member of Advisory Committee of Textile	Mr.M. Zubair Motiwala
• Member of Workers Welfare Board	Mr.M. Zubair Motiwala

- EOBI Coordination Committee
 - Advisory Committee of Pakistan Railway
 - Better Business advisory Council
 - Constitution Rules for Pakistan Railways
 - Sectoral Committee (TDAP)
- Dispute Resolution Committee EOBI
 - Member of Governing Body, Govt. College of Technology
 - Member Board of Director, SITE Ltd,
- Member, Sindh Technical Educational Board
 - Tax (Property) Advisory Committee
 - Sindh Labour Advisory Board
 - Member Pakistan Environment Protection Council, Govt. of Pakistan
 - Member Board of Directors PNSC
 - Member of Quoto Adversity Committee, EPB
 - Member of Customs Valuation
 - Committee of Man-made/Art Silk Fabrics
- Member Custom Intelligence Surveillance Committee
 - PCC Committee of Custom House

Mr.M. Zubair Motiwala
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 Mr.Naseem A. Sattar
 Mr.M. Tariq Yousuf
 Dr. Arshad A. Vohra
 Dr. Arshad A. Vohra
 Mr.Arshad Tanveer
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 Dr. Arshad A. Vohra
 Mr.Naseem A. Sattar
 Mr.Sikander Imran
 Mr.Abdul Sattar
 Mr.Shoaib Maji
 Mr.Jawed Bilwani
 Mr.Saqib Bilwani

38. **OBITUARY:** During the current year the Near and Dear ones of our following members passed away

Son-in-Law of Mr. G. R. Arshad, Chairman Acton Committee APTPMA
 Daughter-in-law of Haji Bashir Ahmed, Life Patron-in-Chief APTPMA

INNA-LILLAH-E-WA INNA ILAIH-E-RAAJE'OON!

May Allah grant eternal peace in heaven to the departed soul and bestow courage and fortitude to the members of the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss. Ameen! Fateha was offered and appropriate condolence resolutions were passed in the Executive Committee meetings.

“WE ARE FROM ALLAH, TO WHOM WE HAVE TO RETURN”

39. **CHAIRMEN/ADVISORS/MEMBERS OF SUB-COMMITTEES:** Beginning of the year the following sub committees which is formed to representation the Association on various issue pertain to our members as well as policy matters.

Caustic Soda	Mr. Sikander Imran	Chairman
Taxation	Mr. M. Zubair Motiwala	Advisor
(Sales Tax/Direct tax)	Mr. M. Asif Teil	Chairman
Labour/Provincial/Local tax	Dr. Arshad A. Vohra	Chairman
EOBI/Environment/Social Audit		
Water Supply & SITE Ltd.	Dr. Arshad A. Vohra	Advisor
	Mr. M. Altaf Shekhani	Chairman
Accounts and Finance	Mr. M. Iqbal Arbi	Chairman
Law & Order/	Mr. Rauf A. Sattar	Chairman

Communications	Mr. Majyd Aziz	Advisor
Diplomatic Affairs/ Fairs & Exhibitions/ Liaison with Foreign Delegations	Mr. M. Iqbal Lakhany	Chairman
Ports/Shipping/Customs	Mr. Abdullah Rafi	Chairman

40. **THANKS:** During the year Vice Chairman Mr. Abdul Sattar diligently looked after the affairs of the Association in the absence of the Chairman. We are thankful to him.

We are also thankful to all members of the Executive Committee and Chairmen, Advisors and the Members of the Sub Committees for their cooperation and guidance to achieve our goals to serve the Processing Industry of our Region.

During the year we received positive support from the Collectors of Sales Tax and Federal Excise, Deputy Collectors, Assistant Collectors of refund sections for their cooperation in solving many issues of our Members. We also thank the Additional Commissioner of Income tax for their cooperation in solving many cases of our members with regard of zero rating (WHT) on utilities bills.

During the year we received tremendous support from the Press and Print media to highlight our genuine problems. Our Press Statements were adequately covered. We thank all the TV channels and all the Newspapers for this.

We are managing the Office of the Association with minimum Staff, and this is possible because of hard work and efficiency and loyalty of the existing staff, specially the Office Secretary Mr. Inam Akhtar and Assistant Secretary Mr. Waqar and Mr. Yasir Ahmed. We thank them heartily.

**Abdul Sattar
Vice Chairman
& Regional Incharge**

**ACTIVITIES REPORT
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آل پاکستان ٹیکسٹائل پراسیسنگ ملز ایسوسی ایشن

لاہور / گوجرانوالہ ریجن

کارکردگی رپورٹ 2008-2009

سالانہ تقریب (AGM) کا اہتمام: آل پاکستان ٹیکسٹائل پراسیسنگ ملز ایسوسی ایشن کے ممبرینڈم اینڈ

آرگنائزنگ کی رو سے انتخابی سال کے اختتام پر ہر سال ایسوسی ایشن کا سالانہ اجلاس عام لاہور میں منعقد ہوتا ہے جس میں اعلیٰ شخصیتوں کو مہمان خصوصی کے طور پر مدعو کیا جاتا ہے اور جس میں اراکین ایسوسی ایشن کی بڑی تعداد شرکت کرتی ہے۔ لاہور / گوجرانوالہ ریجن کو یہ شرف حاصل ہے کہ وہ ہر سال سالانہ اجلاس اور سالانہ عشاءانہ کے نظم و نسق کے فرائض ہیڈ آفس کی مشاورت سے بطریق احسن ادا کرتا ہے۔ یہ کام جناب شیخ محمد ایوب صاحب اور ریجنل چیئرمین کے مشورہ اور معاونت سے سرانجام دیا جاتا ہے۔ گزشتہ سال ہوٹل "ہالڈے ان" لاہور میں اجلاس منعقد کیا گیا۔ اس کے اعلیٰ انتظام اور اچھی کارکردگی کی بناء پر لاہور / گوجرانوالہ ریجن کی خدمات کو بے حد سراہا گیا۔

صدر دفتر سے رابطہ: جہاں اٹھما کے مسائل پر توجہ دینا اور انہیں خوش اسلوبی کے ساتھ حل کرنا ہماری ریجنل

انتظامیہ کا فرض بنتا ہے وہاں اجتماعی مسائل کا حل ہماری مرکزی تنظیم کی ذمہ داری ہے جو انتہائی سنگین اور پیچیدہ مسائل کی صحیح اور بروقت نشان دہی کے ذریعے وفاقی حکومت اور سربراہان متعلقہ محکمہ جات کی توجہ اُن کی جانب مبذول کراتی ہے اور اس کے حل کے لیے حکومت سے مسلسل رابطہ رکھتی ہے۔ ہمیشہ کی طرح اس مرتبہ بھی ہمارے ریجن کو مرکزی تنظیم کا بھرپور تعاون اور رہنمائی حاصل رہی دو طرفہ رابطوں کا سلسلہ جاری رہا۔ ہیڈ آفس سے موصولہ ہدایات اور معلومات کو بروقت ممبران کو پہنچانے میں لاہور / گوجرانوالہ ریجن نے پوری تندی اور ذمہ داری سے کام کیا۔

جہاں تک مقامی سطح کے روزمرہ کے مسائل پر توجہ دینے اور ان کو مقامی اور علاقائی سطح پر حل کرانے کا تعلق ہے۔ ریجنل آفس کی

خوش قسمتی ہے کہ ان کو ایک نہایت کہنہ مشق اور سنیر رکن جناب شیخ محمد ایوب صاحب کی رفاقت اور رہنمائی حاصل ہے جو ہر مسئلہ کو نہایت خوش اسلوبی اور دوراندیشی سے سلجھانے میں بے حد مددگار ہوتے ہیں۔

سوئی گیس اور بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ: گزشتہ سال سوئی گیس اور بجلی کی بغیر اطلاع لوڈ

شیڈنگ کے حوالے سے نیکسٹل انڈسٹری خصوصاً نیکسٹل پروسیسنگ سیکٹر کے لیے نہایت تکلیف دہ ثابت ہوا۔ ایک طرف تو بجلی اور سوئی گیس کی قیمتوں میں لامتناہی اضافہ اور دوسری طرف بجلی کی مسلسل لوڈ شیڈنگ اور سوئی گیس کی ناکافی سپلائی نے صنعتوں کی پیداوار اور منافع کو بری طرح متاثر کئے رکھا۔ جیسے کہ آپ کے علم میں ہے اور حکومت بھی اس حقیقت سے بخوبی واقف ہے کہ ملک کی مجموعی برآمدی تجارت میں نیکسٹل کا تناسب تقریباً 63 فیصد ہے اور صنعتی شعبہ میں روزگار کی فراہمی میں اس کا تناسب 40 فیصد سے کم نہیں۔ نیکسٹل پروسیسنگ کا شعبہ ایک نہایت اہم شعبہ ہے اور ملکی برآمدات میں اس کا اہم کردار ہے۔ سوئی گیس اور بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ نے اس شعبے کو سب سے زیادہ متاثر کیا۔ سوئی گیس اور بجلی اس انڈسٹری کے بنیادی جزو ہیں جس کے بغیر یہ انڈسٹری کام نہیں کر سکتی۔ لہذا گزشتہ سال کے دوران یہ انڈسٹری بے بسی کی حالت میں رہی اور اس کے اثرات ابھی تک ظاہر ہیں۔ اس بحرانی صورت حال کی وجہ سے بہت سے یونٹ جبری طور پر بندش کا شکار ہو چکے ہیں جس کی وجہ سے ہزاروں کی تعداد میں لیبر بیکار ہوئی۔ برآمدات کے بہت سے آرڈر ختم ہو گئے یا لیٹ کرنے پڑے۔ اور ہم بیرونی منڈیوں سے تقریباً باہر ہو چکے ہیں یہ سلسلہ گزشتہ کئی سالوں سے چل رہا ہے مگر حکومت اس انڈسٹری کی طرف خاطر خواہ توجہ نہیں دے رہی۔ موجودہ فیکٹریوں کے لیے اپنا وجود برقرار رکھنا کسی طور ممکن نہیں رہا نئے یونٹس کا قیام تو بڑے دور کی بات ہو چکی ہے۔

نیکسٹل پروسیسنگ انڈسٹری کو زندہ رکھنے کے لیے جہاں ہمارے ہیڈ آفس نے اپنا رول بخوبی نبھایا وہاں لاہور ا کو جرنوالہ ریجن نے مقامی طور پر متعلقہ محکموں سوئی گیس اور بجلی سے مسلسل رابطہ رکھا۔ جس کی تفصیل حسب ذیل ہے۔

LESCO کوٹ لکھپت انڈسٹریل ایریا میں روزانہ سات گھنٹے بجلی بند کی جاتی تھی۔ جس کی وجہ سے ہمارے یونٹس کی پروڈکشن تقریباً نصف رہ جاتی تھی لیکن اور چارجز میں کمی ممکن نہ تھی۔ لہذا پروڈکشن مناسب لیول پر لانے کیلئے ہمارے نمائندگان نے **LESCO** افسران سے متعدد میٹنگز کیں اور لوڈ شیڈنگ کے ٹائم میں 2 گھنٹے کی تخفیف کرانے میں کامیابی حاصل کی۔

لاہور کے دیگر علاقوں میں جہاں ہمارے یونٹس مختلف جگہوں پر کام کر رہے تھے ان کے لیے علیحدہ فیڈر مہیا کرنے کے لیے واپڈا سے رابطے جاری ہیں لاہور ریجن ہر روز بجلی کی سپلائی کے بارے میں **LESCO** آفس سے (اپ ٹو ڈیٹ) تازہ ترین صورت حال لیتا رہا اور اپنے ممبران کو باخبر رکھتا رہا تا کہ وہ اپنے کام کا شیڈول بنالیں۔

بجلی کے نرخوں میں اضافہ: حکومت نے ماہ ستمبر 2008 سے بجلی کے نرخوں میں 31 فیصد اضافہ کر

دیا اس سلسلے میں ایسوسی ایشن نے فیصلہ کیا کہ چونکہ انڈسٹری پہلے ہی بحران کا شکار ہے اور اضافہ بلا جواز کیا گیا ہے۔ اس لیے اس کو ہائی کورٹ میں ریٹ پیٹیشن کے ذریعے چیلنج کیا جائے اس میں ایسوسی ایشن Stay Order حاصل کرنے میں کامیاب ہوئی۔

نیلم جھلم سر چارج: وہ ازیں حکومت نے بھی بیوں میں نیلم جھلم سر چارج 10 پیسے فی یونٹ عائد کر دیا۔

لاہور ریجن نے اس کا بھی نوٹس لیا اور اس کے خلاف بھی ریٹ پیٹیشن دائر کی اور فیصلہ ہمارے حق میں ہوا اور یہ سر چارج ختم کر دیا گیا اور جو رقم پھر اس سلسلے میں وصول کر چکا تھا اس کو ریفرنڈ کرنے کا حکم جاری ہوا۔ اور وصول شدہ رقم کو آئندہ بیوں میں ایڈجسٹ کرنے کا فیصلہ ہوا۔

سوئی گیس: دسمبر 2008 میں ہمارے تمام پروسیڈنگ یونٹس کی گیس سپلائی مکمل طور پر بند کر دی جس کی وجہ سے تمام

فیکٹریاں بند ہو گئیں کیونکہ سوئی گیس پروسیڈنگ انڈسٹری کا بنیادی "رامٹریل" ہے جس کے بغیر پروڈکشن ہو ہی نہیں سکتی۔ جس کی وجہ سے ایک لاکھ وکرز بے روزگار ہو گئے۔ اور تمام ایکسپورٹ آرڈرز تیزی سے کینسل ہونے لگے۔ لاہور ریجن تقریباً ایک ماہ تک تمام متعلقہ ڈیپارٹمنٹس سے رابطہ میں رہا لیکن کوئی شنوائی نہ ہوئی۔ لہذا طے پایا کہ تمام ممبران پر امن مظاہرے شروع کریں اور پہلا مظاہرہ 5 جنوری 2009 کو مال روڈ لاہور پر کرنا قرار پایا۔ اس سلسلے میں پریس کانفرنس کی گئی اور پریس ریلیز اخبارات میں جاری کروائی گئیں۔ لیکن کورز پنجاب نے 5 جنوری 2009 کو ہمارے عہدہ داروں اور دیگر ممبران کے ساتھ 3 بجے شام ایک ہنگامی اجلاس بلا لیا اور یقین دلایا کہ ہمارے مطالبات جلد حل کرنے کا عندیہ دیا گیا ہے تاہم لاہور کو جزا نوالہ ریجن نے سوئی گیس ہیڈ آفس اور ریجنل آفس سے مسلسل رابطہ رکھا اور ان کو اس بات پر رضامند کیا کہ سوئی گیس لوڈ شیڈنگ کے شیڈول سے ہماری ایسوسی ایشن کو روزانہ آگاہ کریں گے۔ اس سلسلے میں سوئی گیس آفس نے ہماری ڈیمانڈ پر ہماری فیکٹریوں کو مختلف CLUSTERS میں تقسیم کی اور ہر کلسٹر کے شیڈول سے ہمیں روزانہ مطلع کرتے رہے۔ اس ضمن میں ایسوسی ایشن آفس روزانہ ٹیلیفون پر نازہ ترین انفارمیشن حاصل کرتا رہا اور اپنے ممبران کو باقاعدگی سے مطلع کرتا رہا۔ اور ہمارے ممبران شیڈول کے مطابق اپنی فیکٹریوں میں اپنی سہولت کے مطابق کاروبار سرانجام دیتے رہے۔

وڈ ہولڈنگ ٹیکس: حکومت نے بجلی کے بیوں پر وڈ ہولڈنگ ٹیکس 10 فیصد کی شرح سے نافذ کر دیا۔ لاہور

کو جزا نوالہ ریجن نے اس کے خلاف سخت احتجاج کیا اور یہ ٹیکس واپس کروانے کیلئے ڈائریکٹر جنرل لاہور ریجن سے ہمارے نمائندگان سے

ملاقات کی اس فیکس کو واپس لینے کے لیے اپنا کیس پیش کیا لہذا FBR تک معاملہ زیر غور آیا اور آخر کار یہ فیکس حکومت کو واپس لینا پڑا۔ اور جو فیکس وصول ہو چکا تھا اس کی رقم آئندہ سال کے انکم فیکس کو شوارے میں ایڈجسٹ کرنے کے احکامات جاری ہوئے۔

متفرق : دوران سال 2008-2009 لاہور / کوجرانوالہ ریجن کی ایگزیکٹو کمیٹی اور جنرل باڈی کے متعدد اجلاس منعقد

کئے گئے جس کے دوران ممبران کو ایسوسی ایشن کی مرکزی سطح پر اجتماعی کارکردگی کے بارے میں مطلع کیا جاتا رہا اور ان مسائل کی سنٹرل ایگزیکٹو کمیٹی کے اجلاس میں بھی نشان دہی کی جاتی رہی۔

لاہور / کوجرانوالہ ریجن لاہور جمیئر آف کامرس اینڈ انڈسٹری کے ساتھ بھی باہمی رابطہ رکھتا ہے۔ لاہور جمیئر کے خصوصی اجلاسوں میں ہمارے سابق مرکزی چیئرمین اور موجودہ ریجنل انچارج جناب شیخ محمد ایوب اور دیگر سینئر ارکان کو مدعو کیا جاتا ہے جس میں ہمارے نمائندے ٹیکسٹائل پروسیسنگ انڈسٹری کے معاملات کے بارے میں بھی اپنا نقطہ نظر بیان کرتے ہیں اور جو مشکلات ہمیں درپیش ہیں ان کا بھی ذکر ہوتا ہے۔ اور لاہور جمیئر اپنے ایجنڈے میں ہماری انڈسٹری کے معاملات کو بھی مناسب حد تک "ہائی لائٹ" کرتا ہے۔ یہ ہمارے لیے خصوصی اعزاز اور اقدیت کا باعث بنتی ہے۔

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APTPMA FAISALABAD REGION

Dear Readers,

Assalam-O-Alaikum!

The Activities Report of APTPMA Faisalabad Region is being Presented hereunder for your kind perusal and good information. The detail of the activities is very lengthy and not possible to write down every thing due to limited space in APTPMA – Annual Report 2008-2009.

Therefore only salient features of the activities are given hereunder.

◀ PROBLEMS RELATED WITH WASA ▶

The Textile processing units located at Maqbool Road, Summandri Road, Raja Ghulam Rasool Nager, and behind General bus stand etc., where the issues of overflow of industrial waste water have been existing, the WASA disposal stations concerned with textile processing units, were upgraded by WASA with financial assistance of APTPMA member units and later on the following committee was formed to supervise the matters of WASA disposal stations.

☆ **DETAIL OF APTPMA COMMITTEE**

☆ Satiana Road WASA Disposal Station

1- Mr. Muhammad Ahmed	(Owner)	M/s Ahmad Texile Ind.	(0300-8664774)
2- Mr. Babar Hanif	(Owner)	M/s Mujahid Textile	(0300-8650651)
3- Mr. Muhammad Aslam	(Owner)	M/s Al-Jannat Textile	(0321-6223232)
4- Mr. Parvaiz Ahmed	(Employee)	M/s Hilal Textile Corporation	(0307-7916146)

☆ Samundri Road WASA Disposal Station

1- Mr. Nisar Ahmed Sh.	(Owner)	M/s Hussain Dyeing & Printing Ind.	(0321-9668738)
2- Mr. Muhammad Khalid	(Employee)	M/s Al-Karam Processing.	(0300-8659014)
3- Mr. Asghar Ali	(Employee)	M/s Hussain Dyeing & Printing Ind.	(0300-7659289)
4- Mr. Arif Maseh	(Employee)	M/s Ittehad Textile	(0300-9533164)

☆ Raja Ghulam Rasool Nagar WASA Disposal Station

1- Mr. Muhammad Akram	(Owner)	M/s Al-Habib Dyeing	(0300-6621560)
2- Mr. Riasat Ali Shah	(Owner)	M/s Sayyad Dyeing	(0321-8668485)
3- Mr. Muhammad Nawaz Sharif	(Employee)	M/s Sayyad Dyeing	(0321-7686101)
4- Mr. Muhammad Arfat	(Employee)	M/s Sayyad Dyeing	(0300-7636540)

☆ Shadman WASA Disposal Station

1- Mr. Muhammad Akram	(Owner)	M/s Shoaib Usman Textile	(0300-8653426)
2- Mr. Abdul Hameed	(Owner)	M/s Al-Fazal Dyeing	0322-7639734)
3- Mr. Binyamin Main	(Owner)	M/s Al-Karim Ind.	(0300-8667629)
4- Mr. Muhammad Dawood	(Owner)	M/s Al-Mumtaz Textile	(0300-8652039)

☆ To avoid the overflow of industrial waste water during rainy season, an emergent meeting was convened by the DCO Faisalabad on 30-06-2009 at 10:00 am. In this meeting 6 crises Management centers (CMCs) were established for smooth flow of rainy water which detail is as under.

1.	CMC Center Gulistan Colony		Telephone No.
	Location Kalma Wali Tanki		0419210067
	Staff	Telephone No.	De-watering Sets Placements
a.	Director Surveillance: Mr. Muhammad Aslem Director P&D	041-9210067 0345-8677053	Tahir Road,Awan Park 2 Rasool Nager Main Bazar 1 Luqman Abad 1
b.	Mr.Khalid Khan Assistant Director WASA	041-9210067 0301-6082716	Sarghdha Road Hakeem Wali Gali 1 Sheikhupura Road Niz Sumera Mill 1
c.	Mr.Zahid Hussain,DDO (Registration), Faisalabad.	0300-9446506 9200306	Mohallah Garden 1 Ghiza Abad 1
d.	Mr.Zafarullah Chuadhry TMO Lyallpur Town	0419200076 0313-6214647	New Green Town 1 Bilal Road 1
e.	Mr.Pervaiz Nasir, Sanitary Inspector SWM	0300-7962927	Sumbal Chowk 1
			<u>Heavy Machinery at Shiekhpora Road</u> Excavator 1 Crane 1 Dumper 3 Sucker machine 1
2.	CMC Center Ghulam Muhammad Abad		Telephone NO.
	Location: Latif Chowk		041-2690650
	Staff	Telephone No.	De-watering Sets Placements
a.	Director Surveillance: Dr.Ijaz Ahmed Randhawa Director Construction-11	041-2690650 0301-7065989	Jata Wala Chowk 1 Bismillah Chowk 1 Adam Chowk 1
b.	Mr. Naeem Mohy-ud-Din Assistant Director WASA	041-2690650 03007649535	D-Block 1 General Hospital 1
C.	Mr. Khawar Rafique Staff Officer of EDO (Rev)	0300-4586947 9200510	Qadir Abad Chowk 1

d.	Mr. Matloob Ahmed, ATO (I&S) Jinnah Town.	0300-6631134 9201365	Peeran Wala Chowk Sulemania Colony	1 1
e.	Mr. Waris Masih Chief Sanitary Inspector	0301-6024515	Gulshan Colony/Raza Abad	1
	CMC Center Gulberg		Telephone No.	
	Location: Bagdadi Park Tanki A –Block Gulbrg		0419200785	
3.	Staff	Telephone No.	De-watering Sets Placements	
a.	Director Surveillance: Mr. Abdul Majeed Director Water Resources	041-9200785 0333-8383505	Saif Abad No. 1 Saif Abad No.2 Truck Stand, jhang Road	1 1 1
b.	Mr. Muhammad Yasin Assistant Director WASA	041-9200785 0301-7667089	Kokian Wala Jumil Park	1 1
c.	Mr. Khalid Manzor DDO (Registration), Faisalabad.	0321-9669696 9200306	Bakar mandi	1
d.	Mr. Saeed Anwer TMO	03007967935 9200335	Heavy Machinery:	
e.	Mr. Sanaullah Sanitary Inspector	0321-7815431	Sucker Machine	1
<p>Note: Mr. Arshad Ali Rashid Awan, Deputy Director O&M (West) WASA would be the Coordinating Officer for operational concerns of above mentioned 3 CMCs, under the supervisory control of Mr. Shaukat Ali, Director O&M (West) WASA.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact: 9210062 0333-6515344</p>				
4.	CMC Center People Colony		Telephone NO.	
	Location	Tanki No, 1,D- Ground	041-9220057-58	
	Staff	Telephone NO.	De-watering Sets Placements	
a.	Director Surveillance: Mr. Waseem Ahmed Hashmi Deputy Director Cons-11	041-9220057-58 0333-6519313	Muhammad Ali street Jhanda Peer Road Samoosa Chowk	2 1 1
b.	Mr. Muhammad Akbar Assistant Director WASA	041-9220057 0333-6515210	Radio Pakistan Muslim Park	1 1
c.	Mr. Naeem Janisar, Naib Tehsildar (Sadar)	0300-8661452 9200306		
d.	Mr. Muhammad Javed Land officer, TMA Lyallpur Town	0322-6225096 9200076		
e.	Mr. Tahir Mehmood Sanitary Inspector	0322-6264480		
5.	CMC Center Madina Town		Telephone NO.	
	Location:	Bismillah Chowk	041-9220431	
	Staff	Telephone NO.	De-watering Sets Placements	

a.	Director Surveillance: Mr. Zafer Iqbal Director Construction -1	041-9200431 0314-6133328	Hasan Pura 2 Ramzan Abad 1 Bagh Chowk Rasool park 1
b.	Malik Bashir Ahmed Assistant Director WASA	041-9220431 0301-8662661	Z Block Foot Ball wali Ground 1 Akram Shah Road 1
c.	Mr. Khurram Mukhtar Tehsildar (City)	0300-8430152 9200306	Munir park 1
d.	Mr. Khalid Javed TMO (I&S) Madina Town	0300-6655090 9201297	
e.	Mr. Akbar Ali Sanitary Inspector	0321-6683420	
6.	CMC Center Sir Syed Town		Telephone No.
	Location:	Jhal Khanuana	041-9220055
	Staff	Telephone NO.	De-watering Sets Placements
a.	Director Surveillance: Dr. Mashkoor Baber Durani Director R&R	041-9220055 0333-6541090	Welcome Road 2 Samanabad 1 T-Chowk 1
b.	Mr. Abdul Haq Assistant Director WASA	041-9220054 0301-7148049	Tata Road 1 Chamra Madni 1
c.	Rana Sajid Tehsildar (Sadar) Faisalabad.	0344-7776002 9200586	Mehmood Abad 1 Noveelty Pull 1
d.	Mr. Muzammal Hussain TMO (I&S) Iqbal Town	0344-7776002 9200586	
e.	Javed Murad Chief Sanitary Inspector	0300-7648734	
Note:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr.Asgar Ali, Deputy Director O&M (East) WASA would be the coordinating office for Operational concerns of above mentioned 3 CMCs, under the supervisory control of Mr. Muhammad Ashref, Director O&M (East) WASA. • Mr. Arshed Ali Rashid, Deputy Director O&M WASA. 			
Contact: 9200365 0301-8657816			



The D.C.O Faisalabad, also constituted a committee under Mr. Mohsin Rashid Mian "Deputy District officer Revenue, Faisalabad. who held a meeting with APTPMA Management and the following remedial measures were adopted to resolve the issue of overflow the sewerage water.



Detail of Committee

Name	Designation	Mobile No.
1. Mr.Mian Mohsin Rasheed	Deputy District officer revenue (Chairman Committee) Faisalabad	0300-6688207
2. Mr. Sayed Hasnat Javed	District Officer Labour (Member Committee) Faisalabad	0300-9492552

 **REMEDIAL MEASURES**

1. The factory owners will keep their units closed for four hours during rain and they will strictly close the washing department completely. In case of over flow the sewerage water in front of their factory premises, they will immediately inform the Director Operation WASA.
2. If any problem in disposal of waste water is created, the factory owners will complain to the crises Management center concerned.
3. WASA will keep all disposal stations in working position for 24 hours and any fault/hindrance will be removed immediately.
4. APTMA team will be authorized to monitor the status of WASA disposal stations concerned with Textile Processing Units
5. WASA will arrange a telephone system to give information about the current status and emergency if created at WASA disposal Stations.
6. WASA will arrange the diesel/fuel with their own recourses for WASA generators, pumps and vehicles.

The issue of overflow the industrial waste water exists in the areas where the textile processing units are located within city area; therefore APTMA management submitted the following proposal to the District Government and the Managing Director WASA to remove the issue permanently.

1. All the Textile Processing units located in Faisalabad should construct retention tanks in their factories premises for removal of Environment pollution.
2. The Government should install end pipe treatment plants at Madhoana and Paharang Drains passing through the city of Faisalabad. It is necessary to mention here that all textile processing units located in the District of Faisalabad, are disposing their waste water in these two drains through WASA sewer OR direct.
3. WASA should keep clean the sewerage system.
4. All WASA disposal stations should remain in working position round the clock and their efficiency may be improved.
5. WASA sewerage buried/dislocated during construction of the roads, must be cleared and it should remain clean.
6. WASA should lay new industrial and domestic sewerage lines separately to carry out the waste water from city area to Madhoana and Paharang Drains, as mentioned hereunder:
 - A. Sewerage line from Hilal Textile Corporation to Rehman Heights Satiana Road as remaining job of WASA Line size 36" from Odean Street to Satiana Road through Sharif Pura WASA disposal Station.
 - B. Sewerage Line from Maqbool Road corner to old passport office road through Satiana Road because old sewer line has been choked to great extent.

- C. Domestic sewerage Line from Muhallah Sharif Pura to Fawara Chowk.
 - D. Independent industrial sewerage line at samundri Road, from Odean Street to Dee Type Bridge, because old sewer line dia from staring position is 15" which is very small and caused of over flow the sewerage water at Samundri Road and its surroundings.
 - E. Sewerage line at Raja Ghulam Rasool Nagar, from Muhammad Ali Street to Ansari Chowk through Moti Dyeing.
 - F. Sewerage Line from the House of Ex MD WASA Mr. Abdul Rashid Chaudhary, serfraz colony to straight Boranwala Chowk.
 - G. A main Industrial force line from Maqbool Road to Maduhaana Drain through Satiana Road.
 - H. A main Industrial force line from Nishatabad Bridge to Paharang Drain.
 - I. To lay in separate Industry sewerage line from Mehmoodabad to WASA disposal station near Sahil Hospital, Gulistan Colony Faisalabad.
7. Damaged roads should be re constructed to make the environment neat and clean. Detail of Industrial Roads is mentioned hereunder:
- A. Construction of Maqbool Road, from Rehman Heights to Al-Masoom Town.
 - B. Construction of Odean Street.
 - C. Construction of Dost Street.
 - D. Construction of Major Taufail Shaheed Road from Rehman Heights to WASA Water storage near Babar Chowk.
 - E. Construction of the shadman road, in front of M/S Shaib Usman Textile Mills.
 - F. Construction of the Road located behind general bus stand in front of M/s Al-Karim industry
8. Greenery on both sides of all the roads and outside the house walls should be made compulsory.

< **PROBLEMS RELATED WITH** **GAS ISSUE** >

Textile Processing Industry was victimized of short of production very badly due to closure of Textile processing units which was acute shortage of Gas supply by SNGPL during November 2008 to February 2009.

Mr. Shibbir Ahmed "Regional Incharge" APTPMA Faisalabad Region remained intouch day and night with SNGPL department to resolve this serious issue. To start with, the whole

industry of Faisalabad was divided into 5 Zone and then it was divided into 6 Zones which details whereof are being given hereunder:

Zone: 1 Shahkot Area.

Zone: 2 Jaranawala Road, Sationa Road Abdullahpur, Jhang Road, Narwala Road, Faizabad, Mai Ki juggi, Chiniot.

Zone: 3 Sargodha Road, Sargodha, Gojra, Jhang & T.T. Singh.

Zone: 4 Abdullah Pur G.R. Nagar. SIE, Maqbool Road, Samundri Road Rafhan Maize.

Zone: 5 Jhumra Road, Paharang Drain, SKP Road etc.

Zone: 6 Khurrianwala.

The General Manager SNGPL, Faisalabad with consultation of the Regional incharge APTPMA, scheduled these 6 Zones mentioned hereunder and the schedule was revised in seven rounds. Detail is mentioned as under.

ROUND ONE

<u>ZONE NO.</u>	<u>CLOSURE</u>	<u>OPENING</u>
Old Zone 1	from 22 - 11 - 2008 at morning	to 27 - 11 - 2008 at evening
Old Zone 2	from 27 - 11 - 2008 at morning	to 02 - 12 - 2008 at evening
Old Zone 3	from 3 - 12 - 2008 at morning	to 8 - 12 - 2008 at evening
Old Zone 4	from 11 - 12 - 2008 at morning	to 16 - 12 - 2008 at evening
Old Zone 5	from 16 - 12 - 2008 at morning	to 21/22 - 12 - 2008 at evening

ROUND TWO

<u>ZONE NO.</u>	<u>CLOSURE</u>	<u>OPENING</u>
Old Zone 1	from 17 - 12 - 2008 at morning	to 24 - 12 - 2008 at evening
Old Zone 2	from 21 - 12 - 2008 at morning	to 29 - 12 - 2008 at evening
Old Zone 3	from 22/23 - 12 - 2008 at morning	to 29/30 - 12 - 2008 at evening
Old Zone 4	from 26 - 12 - 2008 at morning	to 02 - 01 - 2009 at evening
Old Zone 5	from 29 - 12 - 2008 at morning	to 05 - 01 - 2009 at evening

ROUND THREE

<u>ZONE NO.</u>	<u>CLOSURE</u>	<u>OPENING</u>
New Zone 1	from 30 - 12 - 2008 at morning	to 06 - 01 - 2009 at evening
New Zone 2	from 05 - 01 - 2009 at morning	to 12 - 01 - 2009 at evening
New Zone 3	from 07 - 01 - 2009 at morning	to 14 - 01 - 2009 at evening
New Zone 4	from 09 - 01 - 2009 at morning	to 16 - 01 - 2009 at evening
New Zone 5	from 12 - 01 - 2009 at morning	to 19 - 01 - 2009 at evening
New Zone 6	from 16 - 01 - 2009 at morning	to 23 - 01 - 2009 at evening

ROUND FOUR

	<u>ZONE NO.</u>		<u>CLOSURE</u>		<u>OPENING</u>
New	Zone 1	from	14 - 01 - 2009 at morning	to	21 - 01 - 2009 at evening
New	Zone 2	from	19 - 01 - 2009 at morning	to	26 - 01 - 2009 at evening
New	Zone 3	from	21 - 01 - 2009 at morning	to	28 - 01 - 2009 at evening
New	Zone 4	from	23 - 01 - 2009 at morning	to	30 - 01 - 2009 at evening
New	Zone 5	from	26 - 01 - 2009 at morning	to	02 - 02 - 2009 at evening
New	Zone 6	from	30 - 01 - 2009 at morning	to	05/06 - 02 - 2009 at evening

ROUND FIVE

	<u>ZONE NO.</u>		<u>CLOSURE</u>		<u>OPENING</u>
New	Zone 1	from	28 - 01 - 2009 at morning	to	04 - 02 - 2009 at evening
New	Zone 2	from	02 - 02 - 2009 at morning	to	07- 02 - 2009 at evening
New	Zone 3	from	04 - 02 - 2009 at morning	to	09 - 02 - 2009 at evening
New	Zone 4	from	08 - 02 - 2009 at morning	to	13/14 - 02 - 2009 at evening
New	Zone 5	from	09 - 02 - 2009 at morning	to	14 - 02 - 2009 at evening
New	Zone 6	from	13 - 02 - 2009 at morning	to	18 - 02 - 2009 at evening

ROUND SIX

	<u>ZONE NO.</u>		<u>CLOSURE</u>		<u>OPENING</u>
New	Zone 1	from	10 - 02 - 2009 at morning	to	15 - 02 - 2009 at evening
New	Zone 2	from	14 - 02 - 2009 at morning	to	18 - 02 - 2009 at evening
New	Zone 3	from	16 - 02 - 2009 at morning	to	19 - 02 - 2009 at evening
New	Zone 4	from	20- 02 - 2009 at morning	to	23 - 02 - 2009 at evening
New	Zone 5	from	20 - 02 - 2009 at morning	to	23 - 02 - 2009 at evening
New	Zone 6	from	-----	to	-----

ROUND SEVEN

	<u>ZONE NO.</u>		<u>CLOSURE</u>		<u>OPENING</u>
New	Zone 1	from	22 - 02 - 2009 at morning	to	23 - 02 - 2009 at evening

NOTE: SNGPL had lifted up Gas Load Management Schedule from 23 - 02 - 2009 at evening.

< PROBLEMS RELATED WITH ENVIROMENT POLLUTION >

We would like to inform you this report that the District Government had taken serious action against pollution through discharging of waste water and the Provincial Government

was emphasizing upon the local Government authorities' i-e. Commissioner Faisalabad and DO Environment to direct the factory owners to install water treatment plants individually in their factory premises.

This Association "APTPMA" gave its stance in the meetings with the Government that installation of treatment plants individually was not possible because the cost of treatment plants and its running expense monthly is too high and not bearable for the Industry owners. APTPMA suggested to install the treatment plants collectively by the Government at the sites of two drains named Madhwaners Drain and Paharang Drain passing through Faisalabad city area.

Meanwhile, the Government strictly advised this office to direct the factory owners to ensure primary treatment / Retention tanks to minimize the pollution level in the best interest of the public and human/sea lives.

In the light of the Government's instruction, APTPMA management was directed to advise the members to construct the retention tank in factory as primary treatment without any further delay and if the members have constructed the retention tank already, it must be in operational status regularly.



APTPMA Regional Office wrote a letter to the Director Genral EPA about the following units received following notices from EPA department.

1. M/s Kausar Processing Ind., Khurrianwala, Faisalabad
2. M/s Faisal Fabrics, Khurrianwala, Faisalabad
3. M/s Nimra Textile., Khurrianwala, Faisalabad
4. M/s MSC Textile, Khurrianwala, Faisalabad
5. M/s M.K Sons, Khurrianwala, Faisalabad
6. M/s Arshad Corporation, Khurrianwala, Faisalabad
7. M/s Al-Rehmat Traders, Khurrianwala, Faisalabad
8. M/s Arzoo Textile, Khurrianwala, Faisalabad

APTPMA stated that above industry units were registered under ISO-14000 and had adopted in house environment protection measure through Cleaner Technology Program for Textile (CTPT) working under APTPMA umbrella. Furthermore, these industries had constructed pits for primary treatment as well. The industries are taking all possible measures to safeguard the environment and health of the people. Green belts and plantation have been carried out by the industries. The brief summary of the work done under the project by CTP, has already been provided to the Federal Minister of Textile industry "MR. MUHAMMAD FAROOQ SAEED KHAN" vide our letter NO.APTPMA/ENV-CPI/2008-2009/380 dated 10-04-2009. We have also forwarded a letter to the Secretary Environment, Government of Punjab, to make a request for an emergent meeting.

In the light of the above facts and in view of the economic condition of the country, APTPMA requested that notices issued to the industries, may please be withdrawn, so that industry sector may survive in conducive conditions.



APTPMA wrote another letter to the Director General EPA about following units for a hearing before the Director General EPA

1. M/s Kausar Processing Ind., Khurrianwala, Faisalabad
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3. M/s Nimra Textile., Khurrianwala, Faisalabad
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In this hearing, Environment Protection Department (EPD) view point was that the units had been directed to install treatment plants but there is no compliance by the units, so the notices for hearing was served.

The undersigned submitted the reply vide this office letter No.APTPMA-F/ENV/2009-745 dated:27-04-2009 and stated that the investment cost of treatment plant having 4000 tons waste water capacity is Rs.40 Million while its running cost per day is about Rs.75000/- so It is impossible for any textile processing unit to afford / arrange this heavy finance specially in crises when the economic recession has overcome not only in Pakistan but all over the world.

In the light of this discussion held in the hearing, the Director General acknowledged the facts and directed the undersigned that textile processing units might be advised to start construction of retention tanks as primary treatment, in their factories within one month.

In compliance with to the direction of D.G. EPA the units had been advised the same by this office and they have committed to construct retention tanks as primary treatment in their factories as early as possible. Some units have submitted in writing to APTPMA office about construction of the retention tanks.



APTMA wrote a letter to the members after holding APTPMA delegation's meeting with provincial/Secretary for environment

We would like to inform you that APTPMA delegation held a meeting with the Secretary Environment Protection Department (EPA), Lahore on 11th May 2009. The Additional Secretary and the Director General EPD were also present in this meeting wherein APTPMA pleaded this case elaborately and intimated the Environment Protection Department that investment cost of treatment plant having 4000 ton water capacity, is approximately Rs.40 Million while running expense is Rs.75000/- per day. So this heavy expense is not affordable by any textile processing unit.

After a lengthy discussion, the Secretary Environment Protection department "EPA" advised APTPMA delegation to direct APTPMA member units about construction of Retention tanks in their factories immediately.

APTMA members were intimated that a joint committee consisting of the officials of Environment Protection Department and APTPMA members, would schedule a joint visit to all the factories located in Faisalabad Region, to check Retention Tanks and pollution status. If the units had been found guilty of non compliance to construct retention tanks and the directions of Environment Protection Department as well as unanimously decision taken by EPA and APTPMA, the EPA staff taking stern action, would draw the challans against those units and APTPMA will not be responsible in this regard.

APTMA members units were requested to construct retention tanks in their factories immediately and the units have constructed the retention tanks, were requested to please make

their tanks in working position and to submit the design of their retention tanks in APTPMA office without any delay.

To bring the awareness about waste water pollution the Environment Department with collaboration of APTPMA held a seminar on monitoring of surface water Bodies in Punjab on 09-06-2009 at 9:00 AM at Naqash Hall, Serena Hotel Faisalabad.

< CLEANER TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM FOR TEXTILE (CTPT) >

Cleaner Technology Program for textile Industry (CTP Textile) has been working since 2004 under the umbrella of APTPMA. It is a Royal Netherland funded project designed to enable textile processing industry of Pakistan to be legally compliant and resource efficient. CTP Textile phase I (2004-2007) has been one of the successful projects of APTPMA. The success can be bulleted as:

- Project completed 100% of its target outputs
- Mobilized 63 units for the investment in cleaner and energy efficient technologies (CTs & ETs)
- Investment Rs. 71.6 million till August 2007 in CTs
- Planned investment Rs. 118.7 million in CTs
- Overall total investment including wastewater treatment plants already made is Rs. 123 million
- Planned total investment including wastewater treatment plants is Rs. 632 million
- Total savings is Rs. 209 million per year against investment of Rs. 71.6 million

CTP textile has now turned into PISD – “Program for industrial sustainable Development” in its second phase. PISD is a programme to enable the major industrial sectors of Pakistan to comply with the national and international environmental requirements and to adopt better energy efficiency practices. Started on July 01, 2007, the programme initially aims to serve the Sugar, Pulp & Paper, Textile Processing, and Leather sectors of Pakistan.

PROGRAMME COMPONENTS:

The programme essentially integrates the various individual efforts by the relevant industry associations in the fields of energy and environment. The following component projects are being executed under PISD:

1. ***Introduction of Cleaner Technologies in Punjab Tanneries (ICTP)*** - a continuation of “Energy Development Programme for Punjab Tanneries (EDP)” of Pakistan Tanners Association-Northern Zone (PTA-NZ). ICTP offers services to tanneries in energy efficiency, environmental improvement, and/or strengthening their existing initiatives.
2. ***Cleaner Technology Project for Korangi Tanneries (CTP-KT)*** - an on-going project of the Pakistan Tanners Association-Southern Zone (PTA-SZ), having implemented Cleaner Technologies in over 100 tanneries. In view of the constant increase in demand for the project services, PTA (SZ) have decided to deliver its contractual output and at

the same time extend the services to all Karachi-based units under PISD. It also includes development of institutional framework for the sustainable management and operations of Combined Effluent Treatment Plant, to serve as the guiding system for the future CETPs in Pakistan.

3. ***Cleaner Technology Project for Textile Industry (CTPT)*** – Phase II of a recent APTPMA-CPI project with the same name. After the Phase I of project achieved most of its targets in over 100 textile units during 2004-07, an extensive nationwide survey identified 'continued support on environment' and 'wider focus on energy' as the major areas where textile processing industry requires technical assistance the most. Hence CTPT-Phase II is included in PISD
4. ***Cleaner Technology Project for Sugar Industry (CTPS)*** – to support the Sugar sector during its restructuring phase due to the increased demand for ethyl alcohol in international markets. CPI would work in close liaison with the Pakistan Sugar Mills Association (PSMA) to help the sugar sector improve its overall performance, especially in the areas of Cleaner Technology and Energy Efficiency.
5. ***Cleaner Technology Project for Pulp and Paper Sector (CTPP)*** – to facilitate paper mills in energy efficiency practices, maintaining control on pollution loads, and improving environmental performance. Pakistan Pulp, Paper and Board Mills Association (PPPBMA), a representative association of the sector, is working in close partnership with CPI for the implementation of CTPP.

It has been initiated by Cleaner Production Institute (CPI) in collaboration with sector-specific Industry Associations i.e

Textile – APTPMA (All Pakistan Textile Processing Mills Association)

Leather – PTA (Pakistan Tanner Association)

Paper – PPPBMA (Pakistan Pulp Paper and Board Mills Association)

Sugar – PSMA (Pakistan Sugar Mills Association)

PISD is going to be executed with technical assistance from the Royal Netherlands Embassy (RNE)

PISD PROGRAMME SERVICES

Major activities and services under PISD, offered free of cost, include:

1. Dissemination and Communication:

- Seminars, Workshops, Brochures, Posters, Leaflets and Website for raising awareness about cleaner and energy efficient technologies

2. Institutional Development:

- Awareness and capacity building of the industry about environment, energy, cleaner production, concerned legal issues and their solutions
- Effective role of industrial associations to serve as facilitator on these issues

3. Training and Human Resource Development:

- Training of industry personnel on Cleaner Production Technologies, Energy Efficiency, Wastewater Treatment Technologies, Environmental Management System (EMS) and ISO 14001 Certification

4. Cleaner Technologies and Energy Efficiency:

- Integrated environmental & energy audits and action plans
- Implementation of Cleaner Production Technologies

- Implementation of Energy Efficient Technologies
- Environment and energy reports

5. Wastewater Treatment Plants:

- Designing and implementation of Wastewater Treatment Plants.

6. Environmental Management System and Certification:

- Development of EMS manual.
- Implementation of EMS
- ISO 14001 Certificate

7. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR):

- CSR Reports of selected Industrial Units

8. Cleaner Production and Energy Efficient Technologies and WWTP Performance Reports:

- Performance reports for various technology interventions.

WHO CAN JOIN PISD?

The industrial units meeting the following criteria are eligible to benefit from the services available under the programme:

1. Are members of collaborating associations of the sector (APTPMA for Textile etc.) or are willing to become so.
2. Show verifiable interest in mobilizing human and capital investments for successful implementation of PISD suggested solutions.
3. Are nominees of the Steering Committee of the collaborating association working in liaison with PISD

PISD in Faisalabad - Project Progress

Only textile project (Cleaner Technology Project for Textile Industry – CTPT) is being executed in Faisalabad because of Textile industry’s intensity in Faisalabad sector.

Under PISD CTPT has the following targets and respective progress so far:

No	Items	Total Out puts for CTPT	Out puts for CTPT-Faisalabad	Targets achieved till June 2009 (Fsd)
2.0	Dissemination & Communication			
2.1	Programme Brochure	1	One joint Brochure	
2.2	Project Brochure	1	1	1
2.3	Seminars/Workshops and other events	18	6	3
2.4	Leaflets	6	6	5
2.5	Posters	6	6	5
2.7	Website (www.pisd-pak.org)	1	One joint Website	1
4.0	Training and Human Resource			

	Development			
4.1	Owners Training	150	70	78
4.2	Professional Staff & Workers and Stack Holders Training	1000	450	369
5.0	Cleaner Production & Energy Efficiency			
5.1	Integrated Audits	25	18	14
5.2	Energy Audits	100	34	29
5.3	Approved Action Plans	125	52	43
5.4	Implementation of Cleaner Technologies(CTs)	50	20	7
5.5	Implementation of Energy efficient Technologies(ETs)	60	30	20
6.0	Wastewater Treatment Plants (WWTPs)			
6.1	Design of WWTPs	15	8	5
6.2	Implementation of WWTPs	7	2	0
6.3	Commissioning and O & M Manual	7	2	0
7.0	Environmental Certifications			
7.1	Development of EMS System	50	22	17
7.2	Implementation of EMS System	40	13	8
7.3	EMS Certification	10	4	1
8.0	Corporate Social Responsibility			
8.1	CSR Reports	15	6	4
9.0	Performance Reports			
9.0	CT, ET, and WWTP Performance Reports	60	20	9

◀ **STANDING – COMMITTEES**

APTPMA - FAISALABAD REGION ▶



As everybody knows, the Textile Processing Industry is under crises and is facing the problems concerned with different departments. Therefore, to resolve the issues, the following Standing Committees of APTPMA – Faisalabad Region, have been formed by the Regional Incharge "Mr. Sabbir Ahmed".

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Implementation of Minimum Wages, the District Coordination officer Faisalabad Convened a meeting of APTMA management on 19-03-2009 at 11: AM in the Committee Room of D.C.O office. In this meeting the following decisions were taken after detailed deliberation.

- 1. There was a need to create integrated approach and to resolve the issue co-related the business for smooth function if industrial units. Recommendation will be sent to the Provincial Government it resole grievance of the employers to eliminate of minimize the exploitation to workers.**
- 2. In the first instance, the industrial units which are not implementing the minimum wages will be identified by a committee comprising one representative of all stakeholders in each sector. The District Officer labour will constitute such committees amongst the employers and workers organizations.**
- 3. In view of The facts coming to light during the course this exercise, efforts will be made to implement the minimum wages by effective persuasion with the help of employers bodies concerned and then by strict enforcement of law as per industrial policy 2003.**

4. The Faisalabad Chamber of commerce & industry will extend full help and assistance in the case/complaints regarding non implementation of minimum wages not settled by the labour department and referred to the chamber for amicable resolution & compliance of the relevant law.

The department of Employers Old Age benefits institution (EOB) issued notices to APTPMA members units about sudden visit to the units for checking the records which on APTPMA management arranged a meeting with Mr. Muhammad Javed Iqbal "Deputy Director General", Mr. Abdul khaliq Chaudhry "Regional Head (North) and Mr. Sayed Sajid Ali shah "Regional Head (South) held on 2nd June 2009 at 08:00 pm. In this meeting the view points from both sides were submitted and it was decided amicably to make the cards of the workers with regards to facilitate the workers.

A meeting of the Advisory Committee of the social security institution consisted of APTPMA office bearers was held on 25-05-2009 at 11:00 am in the office of the Director social security (East)Faisalabad.

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