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5<sup>th</sup> March'2019

SUB : **MINUTES OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> MEETING OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PTA HELD ON SATURDAY, THE 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH'2019 THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCE SIMULTANEOUSLY IN PTA (CENTRAL OFFICE), KARACHI AND PTA (NORTHERN ZONE) OFFICE, LAHORE :**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Central Executive Committee of Pakistan Tanners Association was held on Saturday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> March'2019 at 3:30 pm under the Chairmanship of **Mr.Agha Saiddain**, simultaneously in PTA Central Office, Karachi and PTA (Northern Zone Office) Lahore thru video conference

Following Central Executive Committee members as well as special invitees attended the Meeting:-

| <u>Sl. #</u> | <u>Name of Member</u>      | - | <u>Designation</u> |
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| 01.          | Mr. Agha Saiddain          | - | Chairman           |
| 02.          | Mr. Azam Malik             | - | Member             |
| 03.          | Mr. Danish Naseem          | - | - do -             |
| 04.          | Mr. Naeem Akhtar           | - | - do -             |
| 05.          | Mr. Shafique Ahmed         | - | - do -             |
| 06.          | Sh. Saqib Saeed Masood     | - | - do -             |
| 07.          | Mr. Anjum Zafar            | - | Special Invitee    |
| 08.          | Mr. Amjad Hafeez           | - | - do -             |
| 09.          | Mr. Fazalur Rehman Sheikh  | - | - do -             |
| 10.          | Mr. Gulzar Firoz           | - | - do -             |
| 11.          | Mr. Mansoor Iqbal          | - | - do -             |
| 12.          | Mr. Muhammad Zaheer Shaikh | - | - do -             |
| 13.          | Mr. Muhammad Tayyab        | - | - do -             |
| 14.          | Mr. Nasir Anwar Sheikh     | - | - do -             |
| 15.          | Mr. Naveed Ahmed           | - | - do -             |
| 16.          | Mr. Rehan Shaikh Hannan    | - | - do -             |
| 17.          | Mr. Tanveer Aslam Chawla   | - | - do -             |
| 18.          | Sh. M. Afzal Hussain       | - | - do -             |
| 19.          | Sh. Muhammad Naim          | - | - do -             |

The meeting commenced with recitation from the Holy Quran by Mr. Muhammad Tayyab.

Before taking-up the Agenda, the House was apprised of the sad demises of (i) Late Father of Mr. Tahir Mushtaq of M/s. Tauheed International, Karachi (ii) Late Mother of Syed Tahir Iqbal of M/s. Harmain International, Karachi (iii) Late Wife of Haji Muhammad Asghar of M/s. Dawood Manufex (Quetta Tannery), Karachi (iv) Late Mother of Shaikh Muhammad Usman (Late) of M/s. Multan Hide Co., Multan (v) Late Wife of Haji Imdad Hussain of Haji Imdad Hussain Tannery, Karachi. The members present in the meeting offered Fateha praying to rest the departed souls in eternal peace and grant strength to the respective bereaved family members to bear the great loss.

The Committee accordingly adopted the following Condolence Resolution in this regard :-

**RESOLUTION**

“BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PTA CONDOLED THE SAD DEMISES OF (I) LATE FATHER OF MR. TAHIR MUSHTAQ OF M/S. TAUHEED INTERNATIONAL, KARACHI (II) LATE MOTHER OF SYED TAHIR IQBAL OF M/S. HARMAIN INTERNATIONAL, KARACHI (III) LATE WIFE OF HAJI MUHAMMAD ASGHAR OF M/S. DAWOOD MANUFEX (QUETTA TANNERY), KARACHI (IV) LATE MOTHER OF SHAIKH MUHAMMAD USMAN (LATE) OF M/S. MULTAN HIDE CO., MULTAN (V) LATE WIFE OF HAJI IMDAD HUSSAIN OF HAJI IMDAD HUSSAIN TANNERY, KARACHI. THE MEMBERS OFFERED FATEHA PRAYING TO REST THE DEPARTED SOUL IN THE ETERNAL PEACE AND GRANT STRENGTH TO THE RESPECTIVE BEREAVED FAMILY MEMBERS TO BEAR THE GREAT LOSS.”

Thereafter, the proceeding on the Agenda of the Meeting started seriatim as under :-

**01. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 2ND MEETING OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON 15TH DECEMBER’2018 AT KARACHI & LAHORE VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE :**

The House reviewed the Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Central Executive Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> December’2018 thoroughly and were approved/confirmed unanimously, as proposed by Mr.Mansoor Iqbal and seconded by Mr. Danish Naseem.

**02. TO REVIEW STATUS OF DECISIONS TAKEN DURING 2ND MEETING OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PTA HELD ON 15TH DECEMBER’2018 :**

The Implementation to the decisions taken during 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of CEC were reviewed by the house and approved unanimously with satisfaction.

**03. TO NOTE ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER’2018 AND JANUARY’2019 :**

The House reviewed the monthly accounts for the month of December’2018 and January’2019 deeply and approved the same with satisfaction, while the house was also informed that investment for Rs.15 Million has already been made in NBP, Karachi with certain term at appropriate account after due deliberation & approval by the Finance Committee of PTA and earning regular monthly profit, which is being accredited in the equity to increase capital invested amount of PTA. Besides it was also informed to the House necessary amount of Rs.1.2 Million has also been paid to PTA Northern Zone office as reimbursement in advance against the subsidy for 4<sup>th</sup> PMLS’2018, Lahore to meet their financial requirement as requested by them to PTA Central, while the subsidy is still receivable from TDAP for which PTA is actively pursuing with TDAP for early release so that the remaining amount could be paid to Northern Zone and Southern Zone too, as shown payable in PTA Central Accounts

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**04. TO DISCUSS OUTCOME OF 5TH PMLS-2019 ORGANIZED SUCCESSFULLY IN LAHORE INT'L EXPO CENTRE FROM 27-29 JANUARY'2019 AND DISCUSS STRATEGY FOR ORGANIZING NEXT EVENT OF PMLS-2020 :**

**Mr. Agha Saiddain, Chairman, PTA** placed the Post Show Report of 5<sup>th</sup> Pakistan Mega Leather Show held from 27-29<sup>th</sup> January'2019 at Lahore, which was also enclosed with the Agenda papers and shared some features of the show particularly the visit of 8 Members Japanese Delegation during the leather show at Lahore, which was much productive & conducive for PTA members. It was also shared with the house the itinerary of the Japanese Delegation was chalked out by the JICA/TDAP. PTA had also arranged a Luncheon meeting during the leather show with the Japanese delegation which was also attended by a large number of leading members to provide viable platform for interaction with the Japanese delegation for their interest of product, while PTA had also arranged separate lounge at Hall # 3 with proper sitting arrangements for B2B meetings during the Show, which was also availed by the members.

The Chairman, PTA also strongly emphasized the need to cooperate by all leading members for participation in upcoming event of Leather Show, which is the vital event for leather Sector of Pakistan to show the strength of this industry particularly to the Government of Pakistan and related Ministries concerned and viable platform for B2b, trade activities to promote the image of the country worldwide, PTA is vigorously trying to promote the event at international platform more widely so that the real objectives would also be achieved to the maximum extent for which the cooperation from the leading members is essentially required for participation in upcoming events of Leather show in Lahore specially in 6<sup>th</sup> PMLS'2020, as already announced to be held from 27-29<sup>th</sup> January'2020.

On a query raised by Mr. Danish Naseem regarding visit of Japanese delegation to leather show at Lahore, Mr. Agha Saiddain, Chairman, PTA informed that the visit programme was chalked out by JICA/TDAP independently without PTA intervention, while the interest for the visit of such kind of delegation to Karachi would certainly be considered positively.

The House highly appreciated the efforts of **Chairman, PTA, Mr. Agha Saiddain** for organizing 5<sup>th</sup> Pakistan Mega Leather Show'2019 and highlighted the core issues of Leather Sector in his Inaugural Speech delivered during Inaugural function on 28.01.2019 to the Advisor to PM on Commerce & Textile, Mr. Abdul Razzak Dawood. The untiring efforts of **Mr. Muhammad Musaddiq, Convenor, PMLS'2019** was also highly appreciated by the Chairman, PTA, Mr. Agha Saiddain and House during the meeting and made round of applause on achievement of desired taks/goals for organizing the Show with all features. Mr. Gulzar Firoz also praised the efforts of Mr. Agha Saiddain, Chairman, PTA and Mr. Muhammad Musaddiq, Convener, PMLS'2019, Lahore for holding the leather Show regularly at Lahore. It was also realized the necessity that atleast CEC Members of Central and both Zonal Executive Committee members including Senior Members would reserve the booth in up-coming event of 6<sup>th</sup> Pakistan Mega Leather Show-2020 at Lahore to play their due role for the promotion of leather show & leather sector as well.

05. **TO INFORM THE OUTCOME OF THE MEETINGS OF PTA DELEGATION AS WELL AS MEETINGS HELD INDIVIDUALLY BY MR. AGHA SAIDDAIN AND MR. AZAM MALIK WITH THE ADVISOR ON COMMERCE ON 20.12.2018, 12.01.2019 THROUGH VIDEO LINK AND 15.01.2019 AT ISLAMABAD RESPECTIVELY TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF LEATHER INDUSTRY :**

Mr. Agha Saiddain, Chairman, PTA informed the outcome of the meetings already held at Ministry of Commerce, FBR, Ministry of Finance frequently for the last 3 months wherein all the matters as core issues for leather sector were discussed in details with the competent authority specially **Mr. Abdul Razzak Dawood, Advisor** to PM on Textile & Commerce and Mr. M. Younas Dagha, Secretary, Ministry of Commerce who had agreed to all core issues of PTA and assured to resolve the same, but the implementation to the decisions is found slow. In this context, Chairman, PTA invited the comments from the house for further course of action and it was opinion of the house with consensus to keep continue the efforts of PTA by arranging regular meetings with the higher authorities in Islamabad to keep all the pending issues alive and remind them for the implementation and also to highlight the core issues thru print media as proposed by Mr. Sahfique Ahmed, CEC Members, which do hope to achieve the desired goals for acceptance of our demands to the desired extent, as some of the demands have already been accepted & implemented such as removal of 4% custom duty on import of tanning machines & removal of ACD on wet blue etc.

Mr. Mansoor Iqbal also shared a **Task Force** has already been formed for Textile Sector in the Ministry, which is progressing more positively & rapidly in resolving the textile issues and PTA needs to emphasize to form such **Task Force** also for Leather Sector in the Ministry concerned, which would also be effective tool for the redressal of leather sector issues, which was appreciated by the House and approved for the implementation.

06. **TO DISCUSS MATTER REGARDING MEMBERSHIP OF "LEATHER NATURALLY" :**

**Mr. Agha Saiddain, Chairman, PTA** informed about the "**Leather Naturally**" which is the unique & effective campaign as has been launched at **international platform** to safe guard the interest of **Mother Tanning Industry** to avoid negative repercussions/wrong impression & lobbying of **synthetic leather**, which is circulating widely, while the **Leather Naturally** is a real effective counter productive **platform/syndicate** formed internationally and some of members specially M/s. Siddiq Leather works (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore have also been enrolled in **Leather Naturally** to play its due role in the effective & pragmatic campaign with publicity features to avert the wrong impression of Synthetic leather in place of **Natural Leather** in the form of **Leather Naturally** to restore the image of Tanning Industry worldwide and PTA should consider to enroll in it to be the member at the shared cost of US\$ 2,000/-, which is actually the share of expenses for the campaign of **Leather Naturally** for which the house unanimously approved the contribution amount of US\$ 2,000/- to become a member of PTA in **Leather Naturally**. The House was also informed that a brainstorming session with breakfast has already been scheduled to be held during the APLF-2019 on 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of the show at HongKong on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 from 9:00 AM TO 10:30 AM and all members participants of APLF-2019 were invited to attend this brainstorming session on the above proposed date and time at HongKong and accordingly it was also decided to circulate the information for the session amongst all CEC members and senior members to invite them officially for getting confirmation of participation so that the management of **Leather Naturally** would be informed well in advance for participation of PTA's interested members.

**07. TO DISCUSS BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR THE YEAR 2019-20 :**

The proposed compiled Budget proposal for the year 2019-2020 were approved by the house after having consultation **except Item # 10 & 11**, which are to be incorporated in **Trade Policy for the year 2019-2020 and STPF 2018-23**. Consolidated proposals were attached with the agenda items.

**08. TO DISCUSS TRADE POLICY PROPOSALS FOR THE YEAR 2019-20 AND STPF – 2018-23 :**

All the proposals compiled for the Trade Policy for the year 2019-20 and STPF 2018-23 including the Item # 10 & 11 as approved above by the Committee. Consolidated proposals were attached with the agenda items.

**09. TO DISCUSS FORMATION OF LEPC WITH A PROPOSAL TO SET UP FOOTWEAR AND LEATHER GOODS PARKS IN PAKISTAN :**

Mr. Agha Saiddain, Chairman, PTA informed the House about the history for the formation of LEPC which was already announced in STPF 2009-2012 by the Government of Pakistan and the house deliberated & discussed all pros & cons for the formation of LEPC, which would be real effective platform for Leather Sector of Pakistan, but the house was of the opinion with consensus to make first harmony amongst all the stakeholders of the Industry to avoid any sort of business conflict, which is vital element for the LEPC to proceed with harmony by the stakeholders of the Industry, while some of the members were of the opinion to proceed with the proposed Task Force for Tanning Industry only in the Ministry concerned which would be more effective platform to represent the tanning Industry in the Ministries concerned to convince the helm of the affairs for the approval to Tanning Industry demands. The house was of the view to discuss this issue as one point agenda for the next meeting with all previous paper works to go through in deep with all pros & cons for discussion & finalization. Besides it was also informed by Chairman, PTA, Mr. Agha Saiddain that necessary documents with comprehensive working papers is already available with MOC for finalization.

**10. TO DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS INITIATED BY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR THE LEATHER SECTOR :**

Mr. Agha Saiddain, Chairman, PTA informed that the house that a meeting was held recently in Avari hotel at Lahore which was attended by the Chairman, PTA along with Mr. Anjum Zafar and other senior members wherein it was revealed that COD in Pakistan is 150% as compared to rest of neighbor competitors, which is surprising and needs to be discussed in detail for ameliorations to meet international NEQ's, which is the vital for the Tanning Industry specially in enrolling with LWG. It was also apprised by the House after 18<sup>th</sup> amendments the matter is now related to provincial domain and Mr. Gulzar Firoz informed the house that Sindh Government has already introduced/formed necessary NEQ's for Sindh for different categories for which Mr. Gulzar Firoz has been requested to share the NEQ's for Sindh for study & further proceeding for Northern Zone. Besides, the matter of significant nature would also be discussed in next CEC Meeting with necessary supportive papers & Sindh NEQ's to chalk out further course of action for Tanning Industry.

**11. TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER LETTER RECEIVED FROM PTA-NORTHERN ZONE LAHORE FOR RECOMMENDATION OF 10% INCREASE IN RATE OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FY 2019-2020 TO BE EFFECTIVE FROM 1ST APRIL'2019 :**

The house was informed in lacking of consent from Southern Zone on this specific issue for the increase in Annual Subscription @10% the matter has not been finalized and it was also decided to request to Southern Zone to submit its consent in this regard within a week so that the finalization could be made via e.mail as the subscription for the year 2019-20 is due effective from 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2019 and need to take final decision in this regard for the collection of annual subscription fee from both the zonal offices with harmony.

It was also decided to request to both the zonal offices to pay their due share of 1/3<sup>rd</sup> annual subscription for the year 2018-19 which is payable by both zonal offices to PTA Central to meet the constitutional obligation and the due figure has already been recorded in the Monthly accounts for January'2019. The house also decided to segregate the members in compliance with the prescribed procedure and export figures to determine their eligibility either to be in **Corporate Class or Association Class** to register them appropriately at actual domain of membership, for which it was decided to request both zonal offices to proceed with proper segregation of members of Corporate Class or Association Class as per their eligibility of the members.

**12. TO GRANT EX-POST FACTO APPROVAL FOR THE PAYMENT OF RS.50,000/- IN FAVOUR OF FPCCI FOR ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION OF PTA MEMBERSHIP WITH FPCCI FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR JANUARY 1, 2019 TO DECEMBER 31, 2019 :**

The house approved the payment of Rs.50,000/- already made to FPCCI for Annual Subscription of PTA Membership with FPCCI for the financial year January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.

Since there being no other matter to discuss, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

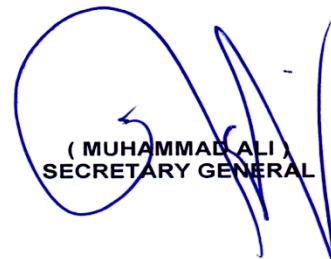
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