

PAKISTAN TANNERS ASSOCIATION

SEVERE HAMPERING EXPORT ACTIVITIES BY K-ELECTRIC

Karachi: 10th July, 2020 : Sheikh Afzal Hussain, Chairman, PTA alongwith the Vice Chairman, Mr. Muhammad Shafi issued statement to the print & electronic media that the export activities for Leather with allied export commodities/sectors located at Korangi Industrial Area, Karachi in particular are severely being affected/hampered in result of heavy load-shedding being made by K-Electric. He also shared that the Tanning Industry is purely continuous processing Industry of the country, which are already in big turmoil owing to COVID-19 and lacking the export orders and passing within the critical days/times of its history and combating with the war of survival.

Sheikh Afzal Hussain, Chairman, PTA also shared the export statistics compiled on PBS for the Month of May'2020 as compared to corresponding period, which is concluded with drastic declining **trend around (-) 26%** for Tanning Sector with other commodities of **Leather Sector** are also in the same phase of declining.

It is also articulated by **Chairman, PTA** that **despite hike prices of Electricity charges/Bills** as has also been increased further recently by K-Electric the Tanning Industry being most prestigious & vital export oriented Industry of the **country is deprived for smooth & without interrupted supply of basic** need for the Industry to meet the export target & execution of in hand export orders for meeting foreign buyers/customers demands. They also added categorically that in result of restricted/limitation of timing for the operation in the Factories and other, it is confident that the maximum capacity of Electricity would be in surplus with the K-Electric to enable them to ensure supply of Electricity to the Industrial consumers and general masses as well. Besides over-billing & extra charges in various heads to the Industrial Units in particular needs to be probed immediately, which is long outstanding pending demand for the Industry.

Sheikh Afzal Hussain, Chairman, PTA strongly appealed to the Honorable Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. M. Imran Khan and Federal Minister for Power & Energy, Mr. Omer Ayub and helm of Governments affairs to prompt intervention in the matter of very significant nature for the amelioration with proper, ensure supply of Electricity to Karachi & Korangi Industrial Area without interruption, so that the export activities would be made without hampering, hassle & mental agony.
