

**MINUTES OF EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF APPPMA HELD ON 13.03.2020 AT 2.0 P.M. AT ITS REGISTERED OFFICE – SUITE 23, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, BILAL CENTRE 9 NICHOLSON ROAD, LAHORE**

Mr. Faisal Sattar Mughal extended warm welcome to Hon'able Members who have come in overwhelmingly to attend this emergency Executive Committee Meeting of the Association. More than 30 Hon'able Members participate in this meeting. He specially expressed thanks to those Hon'able Members who have come from out of Lahore for this purpose. Khawaja Ijaz Ahmed, Secretary General, Plastic Footwear Manufacturer Association specially attend the meeting.

The emergency Executive Committee Meeting started with recitation from Holy Quran. Haji Gul Muhammad Khalid, very kindly recited the Holy Verses.

Mr. Faisal Sattar Mughal, Chairman requested the Hon'able House for offering Dua for the departed souls. The Hon'able House unanimously offered Dua particularly for those who remained associated with APPPMA for their eternal peace.

Mr. Faisal Sattar Mughal apprized the Hon'able House that a severe shortage of PVC Resin is reported throughout Pakistan; that M/s Engro Polymer & Chemicals Limited has been unable to supply the material to our Members, who make advance payments to them; that the amounts deposited by our Hon'able Members in the month of February for which supply has not been made to them; that to some the supply is made in parts; that the material in the black market is available at Rs. 7500 to Rs. 8000 per bag; that due to imposition of 11% Customs & 2% Extra duties and Anti-dumping duties of various rates for import of the material from China, Korea, Taiwan etc. and for the small PVC Pipe Manufacturers, it is unfeasible to opt to this source; that M/s Engro Polymer & Chemicals Limited has been asked for a meeting, but as yet no date has been fixed; that the plant of the Company shut down by Environmental Protection Agency, Sindh due to gas leakage; that the office of the Company is also closed for 3 days due to detection of Corona Virus in one of the its employees; that it is why today's emergency meeting of APPPMA has been called to elaborate on the subject and to seek input from the Hon'able Members as how to come out this crisis situation. He invited the Hon'able Members for their proposals for this important matter.

Mr. Hamad Aslam, Vice Chairman, APPPMA expressed that M/s Engro Polymer & Chemicals Limited enjoy complete monopoly and we do not find any solution thereto. He further stated that efforts to be made for the removal of 11% Customs & 2% Extra Duty and Anti-Dumping duties for its import so that the material is available to the PVC Pipe Manufacturers. Mr. Aleem A. Butt opined that alternate source of supply of the material must be there to counter monopolistic and dominant position of M/s Engro Polymer & Chemicals Limited. Moreover, efforts be made for removal of Anti-dumping duties imposed on the import of PVC Resin. Mr. Abu Bakar, Mr. Ishtiaq Ahmed and Mr. Zeeshan Humayun termed the present scenario of shortage of PVC Resin due to monopolistic policies of the

Company. They suggested that FPCCI platform to be utilized to get their support in resolving the crisis. Mr. Nasim Kashif strongly suggested for going into writ petition against M/s Engro Polymer & Chemicals Limited. He was of the view that that M/s Engro should have informed its customers about the mishap taken place at its plant, but nothing such sort of news have appeared. Mr. Laeeq Ahmed agreed with the opinion of the Mr. Kashif Naseef and advocated for lifting of Anti-dumping duty. He also suggested taking support of LCCI and FPCCI in resolving the crisis. Mr. Humayun Ajmal suggested utilizing the services of Electronic and Print Media for their support in highlighting the issue. He stated that advance payment is made to M/s Engro in the month of Feb. 2020, but total stock has not been received. Mr. Iftikhar Ahmed Malik suggested utilizing the good offices of LCCI and FPCCI to resolve the crisis. Mr. Khawaja Ijaz Ahmed, M/s Plastic Footwear Association supported all the proposals put forward by the APPPMA Members. He further assured his cooperation in dealing with this important matter of shortage of PVC material from M/s Engro Polymer & Chemicals Limited.

### CONCLUSION

After heated and detailed elaboration, the following proposals were approved by the Hon'able House unanimously.

1. The Hon'able House unanimously proposed that support and services of Electronic and Print Media be utilized in getting the crisis of shortage of PVC Resin from M/s Engro Polymer & Chemicals Limited resolved; for reduction of 11% Customs & 2 % extra duties to bring these maximum 3% as is levied on the import of other plastics; for removal of Anti-dumping duties of various rates imposed for 5 years from June, 2017 for import of the material from China, Korea, Taiwan & countries from where is easier, quicker and economical to import.
2. In the light of the above, it was unanimously decided that after the conclusion of today's emergency Executive Committee Meeting, APPPMA to organize a Press Conference at Lahore Press Club, Lahore wherein the present crisis of shortage of PVC Resin be brought to the Electronic & Printing Media to seek their support in this respect. Accordingly, Mr. Mahmood Ahmed, E.C. Member was assigned, who managed the Press Conference which was held at 6.00 p.m. at the Press Club. Mr. Faisal Sattar Mughal, Chairman, along with Senior Executive Committee and General Body Members participated and explained the worse scenario arising out from the severe shortage of supply of PVC Resin by M/s Engro Chemicals Limited beside curbs on its import in the shape of 11% Custom, 2% Extra duties, imposition of Anti-dumping duties of various rates from the countries like China, Taiwan, Korea etc. from where it is quicker, easier and economical to import. The Press Conference being a largely attended by the electronic and print Media is surely going to help resolve this crisis. APPPMA.
3. For Print Media, it was unanimously decided to approach difference News Papers for publication of Interviews of APPPMA Management including the Chairman highlighting the present crisis and seeking their support for resolving these. It was further decided to see the feasibility of printing 'APPEALS' in the leading Newspapers

addressed to the Prime Minister & other dignitaries for their sympathetic attention to save the PVC Pipe Manufacturing industry from its total collapse due to shortage of the PVC Resin.

4. It was further proposed to approach the good offices of Lahore Chamber Commerce & Industry (LCCI), Lahore and The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI) for their support in getting the issues resolved. APPMA is the constituent member of FPCCI.
5. It was also decided to approach the good offices of Prime Minister, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Commerce, Secretary Commerce, Secretary Industries, Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP), National Tariff Commission of Pakistan (NTC), for their support in resolving the present crisis.

Since there is no other item on Agenda of the meeting, it ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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