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Body to be set up for resolving industrial sector's issues: minister

MINISTER for Labor and Human Resources Sind Ghulam Murtaza Baloch, announced that a committee will be constituted comprising representatives of organizations concerned and SITE Association of Industry (SAI) to resolve industrial sector's issues on priority basis.



Mr. Saleem Parekh, President, SITE Association of Industry presenting crest to Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Baloch, Minister for Labor & Human Resources department, Government of Sindh. Present on the occasion are Mr M. Jawed Bilwani, immediate Past President, Mr. M. Zubair Motiwala, Mr. Younus M. Bashir, Former Chairman, Mr. Tauseef Ahmed, Chairman, EOBI, SESSI & Labor related Sub-Committee, Mr. M. Farhan Ashrafi & Mr. Abdullah Haris, Members Executive Committee.

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Speaking at a meeting of SAI, he said that the committee will have full authority to take up issues of audit, minimum wages and other issues and get them resolved. Taking notice of complaints regarding several audits in a year, he assured that only one industrial audit will be carried out in a year.

He said that the provincial government will resolve all issues in consolation with industrial community.

He said that the provincial government taking appropriate measures to provide all possible assistance to laborers.

He said the department will soon approach government of Sindh for approval of a medical college in site industrial area for children of labors. Upgrading Valika Hospital to ensure better medical facilities for labors, after getting approval of the cabinet, NICVD units will be established at Valika Hospital Landhi, he added.

He assured that he would approach minister for industries and local bodies to initiate development of roads in this industrial estate. On the invitation of President SITE Association of Industry Mr. Saleem Parekh, Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Baloch, Sindh Minister for Labour & Human Resources visited the Association's Secretariat on Thursday, 06th of December, 2018 at 03:30 p.m. to discuss labor related laws and other relevant issues. The meeting was attended by large number of industrialists.

At the end of the meeting, Mr. Naveed Wahid presented vote of thanks and presented bouquets to Mr. Abdul Rasheed Solangi, Secretary, Labor & HR Department; Mr. Kashif Gulzar, Commissioner, SESSI; and Mr. Rahu Poto, Secretary Sindh Workers Welfare Board.

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Mehtar takes serious note of traffic jams

JAVED Ali Mehtar has taken serious note on the issues of traffic jams highlighted by Saleem Parekh, President SITE Association of Industry. DIGP (Traffic) Karachi assured that immediately anti-encroachment campaign would start with the help of DC-West at Shershah, Gulbai and removal of all truck, bus and rickshaw stands

DIGP agreed with the views and suggestions of SITE Association of Industry and immediately instructed to provide lifter at Afza Flyover from 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm for removal of faulty vehicles; issuance of challans to wrong side violators; and clearing all 10 traffic congestion points in SITE area.

He also agreed to take up the matter of widening of Orangi Nala bridge; placement of height barrier, cat-eye/studs at ICI bridge to Jinnah Flyover; replacement of Loose Expansion Joints at Lyari Express Way; and construction of wall from Baldia to Maach Goth with NHA

He also allowed 6-wheeler to ply in SITE area except from 5-8 pm.



A photograph taken on the visit of Mr Javed Ali Mehtar DIGP, Traffic, Karachi to SITE Association of Industry. present in the picture (from L-R) Mr M Saleem Nagaria: Mr Haris Shakoor: Mr. M Farhan Ashraf: Dr Najeeb Khan, SSP, Traffic West, Mr M Jawed Bilwani: Mr. Ahsan Arshad Ayub: Mr Salim Parekh: President, SITE Association of Industry, Mr Naveed Wahid: Mr Abdul Hadi & Mr. Abdul Rasheed.

On the occasion Saleem Parekh appreciated traffic police working in the area, however he highlighted that there is always room for improvement. He added that behavior of traffic police in dealing

with people has improved immensely. Saleem Parekh was of the view that in order to save time & fuel due to traffic jam serious actions need to be taken on top priority basis.

Cleaning campaign in SITE industrial area in process under supervision of SITE Association of Industry.





Security Pickets in S.I.T.E Industrial area

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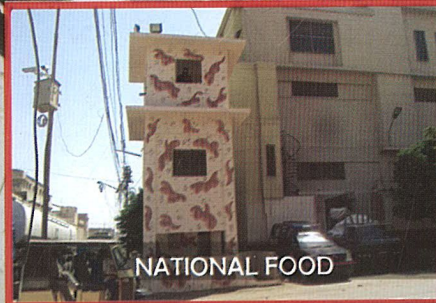
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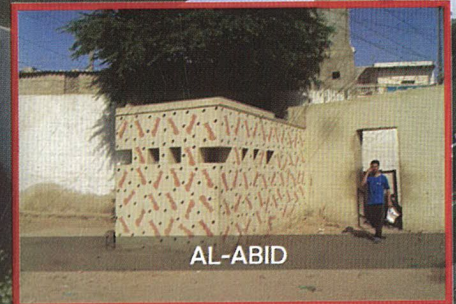
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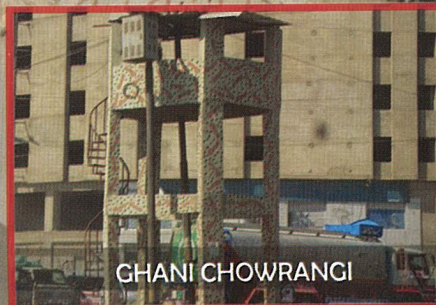
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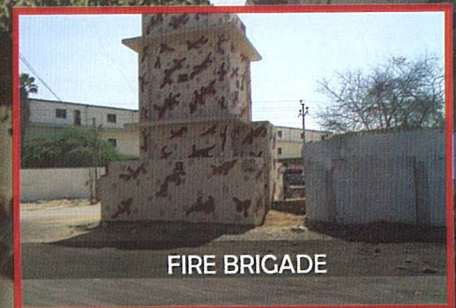
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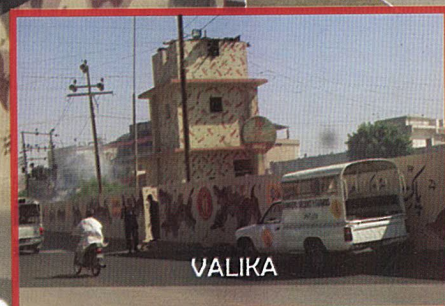
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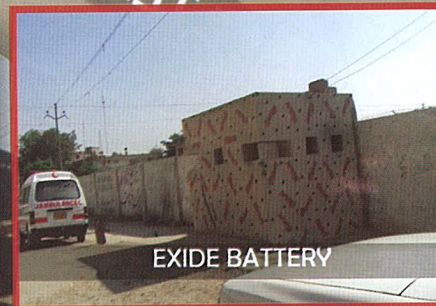
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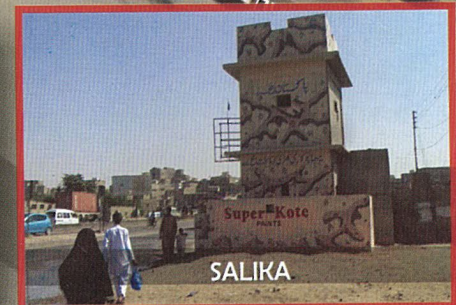
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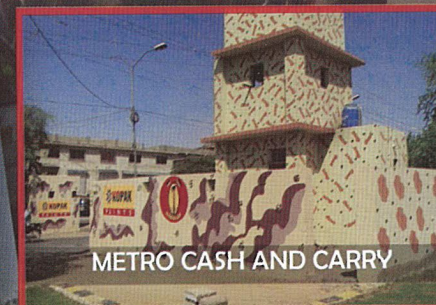
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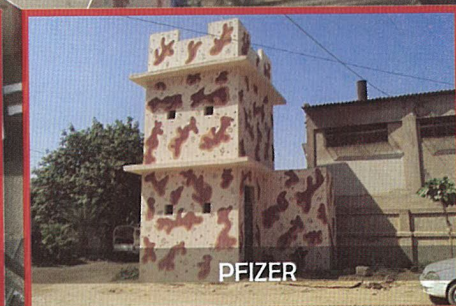
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Flag March in SITE industrial area to check security measures



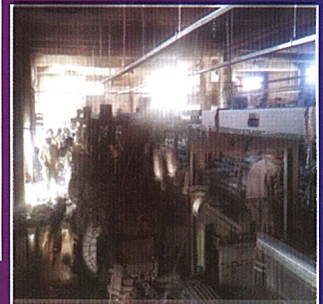
Photograph taken on the occasion of Flag March in SITE industrial area to check security measures. Present in the picture Mr. Saleem Parekh, President; Mr. Abdul Hadi, Chairman; Mr. Haris Shakoor, member Law & Order Sub-Committee; Mr. Saud Mehmood; and Mr. Farhan Ashrafi.

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Advance income tax; a liability, not revenue

By: Saud Mahmood, Chairman

GST, Excise & Direct Taxes, Exports, Imports, Customs & Trade Policy Sub-Committee

SITE Association of Industry strongly believes that the complex web of advance income taxes being withheld at every conceivable stage such as sales to customers, imports, payment of utility bill, cash withdrawal, buying cars etc stems from the wrong practice of recording withheld income tax as REVENUE. Even though, for filers, withheld income tax is adjustable/ refundable, the process is painstakingly slow as income tax officers do not want to lower their revenue collection figure by approving refunds. If advance income tax was recorded as liability, there would be no incentive to impose plethora of advance income taxes because collection of advance income tax will not help meet targets.

It is redundant to impose withholding taxes on Filers in the presence of quarterly payment of advance tax u/s 147 therefore all withholding taxes u/s 148(import), 153(sales), 231(Cash withdrawal from banks), 235(electricity consumption) and 236(Phones and internet) should be removed. The above step will reduce the cost of doing business for filers while encourag-

ing non-filers to become a part of the tax net. However, for non-filers, the withholding scheme should remain the same where withholding tax will continue to be treated as indirect tax on consumption just like the sales tax.

Another disconnect between policy and execution is evident from the fact that rate of Income Tax was brought down from 35% to 30% as part of a fiscal policy to spur growth by leaving a larger share of the profits with the private sector to reinvest. However, a

much larger portion of the private sector liquidity than the 5% reduction in tax rate is blocked as advance income tax, not being refunded by income tax officers because of the fear of missing out on their quarterly targets thereby rendering the fiscal measure of tax relief completely ineffective.

The key opposition to removal of withholding taxes from FBR is based on the fact the WHT on Filers is also recorded as revenue even though it is just an estimated tax liability. Unless WHT and advance tax paid by filers

is not treated as liability, FBR officials will continue to treat Income tax as an indirect tax on consumption to boost their revenue collection the easy way. For a manufacturer, who is a filer with over three years of business there is hardly any probability of default in the presence of quarterly collection of advance income tax u/s 147 therefore this futile and counterproductive exercise of imposing advance tax on manufacturers who are filers should be withdrawn immediately.



'Rapid deindustrialisation hurting exports'

Last 15 years Pakistan's trade has been negative

PAKISTAN'S widening trade deficit is a result of premature deindustrialization as the role of manufacturing in the economy has declined to 12.1 per cent in the last fiscal year from 17.5pc in 2005 lagging behind India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

The declining manufacturing which is riddled with taxes compared to the region has resulted in 'growing trade deficit and recurring cycles of external account crises' increasing economy's dependence on bilateral borrowing and International Monetary Fund (IMF) bailouts, says the PBC's report titled 'Contours of a New Industrial Policy'.

The council calls for a fresh industrial policy in order to 'promote employment, value-added exports and imports substitution' to reverse the worrying trend of deindustrialisation. Pakistan can leverage the 200 million

consumer advantage to make a push for 'Make-in-Pakistan' thrust to achieve these objectives.

Pakistan's trade has been negative since the last 15 years in tandem with the trend of deindustrialization stressing country's reserves. The trend has forced succeeding governments to seek foreign funds to avoid balance of payment crises.

The report suggests setting five-year targets in the industrial policy to increase contribution of manufacturing to GDP to 25pc, manufacturing goods' contribution to the exports to 85pc, investment to represents 30pc of the GDP and increasing the share of exports to 12.5pc of the GDP.

These targets, the report highlights, can be achieved by aligning policies in the trade, fiscal, energy, agriculture, labour and the

vcapital markets. The stimuli to achieve the targets can be instigated by drawing a framework which inculcates tax and trade policies so they can complement each other to create an enabling environment for the industry and investment.

The report presents a list of 'general policy enablers' to help achieve the desired targets. These include cascading import duty on raw materials, low duty on intermediate items and higher duty on finished goods, preferential access to partner countries, strengthening the National Tariff Commission, developing an equitable fiscal policy, provision of energy, promoting foreign direct investment, improving ease of doing business ranking, skill and labour development, promotion of small and medium enterprises, and promoting standards and sustainability through responsible environmental practices.



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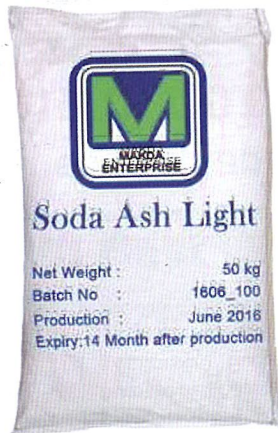


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Initiatives taken by KE for SITE from January to December 2018

KE understands the impact and importance of the prosperity of manufacturing industries for the economy of Karachi and Pakistan and has undertaken the following initiatives to ensure power supply and services to the SITE area, these are as follows:

- Installation of Automatic Meter Readers (Smart Meters) in all segments of industries were initiated for accurate billing without human intervention.
- Three New Connection dedicated feeders were energised to cater to the load demand of industrial consumers including Lorenzo, Nawab Brothers, and Searle Pak.
- For system stability and smooth operations, one System Improvement Plan (SIP) Feeder has also been laid.
- Four new High-Tension (HT) Links have been energised to maintain system flexibility and ensure reliability of power supply..



- 77 Substations have undergone preventive maintenance to minimize interruptions.
- 7.5 km HT underground cable have been replaced to prevent interruptions in power supply.
- Preventative maintenance of three industrial feeders was also conducted during 2018 to reduce likelihood of faults.

Future Initiatives – planned for January to December 2019

Keeping in mind the importance of the SITE industrial area, several initiatives have been planned for the upcoming year, these are as follows:

1. Upgrades:

- Two new Grids at SITE area will be energised to cater to the future industrial load growth, as well as increase the system stability.
- One additional Power Transformer will be

energised, this will further impact the industrial load positively.

- Smart Grid Project, AMR (Smart Meters) would be fully automated by June 2019, creating more accuracy of industrial billing without human intervention. A Smart Grid is power system where the operation, measurement and control of entire power system (from generation to transmission to distribution to utilization) is through use of latest ICT (Information and Communication Technology).

2. Maintenance:

- Six industrial feeders are planned for general maintenance in the first quarter.
- HT annual preventive maintenance of five industrial feeders is planned.
- Three new Feeders are planned exclusively for SITE industrial area, this will increase operational flexibility.

The SITE area falls under KE's Region West, headed by Sheikh Humayun Saghir, who has a collective experience of 27 years of working in various roles within different industries in Pakistan. His key responsibilities in his role at KE include all Distribution Operations extending from District West in Karachi, to Lasbela District, Baluchistan. Sheikh Humayun Saghir's offices are also at the SITE CCC.

Other key personnel for this region, cluster, and SITE CCC include:

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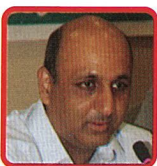


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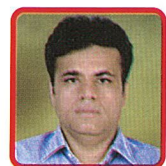
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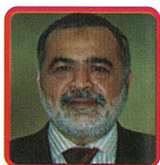
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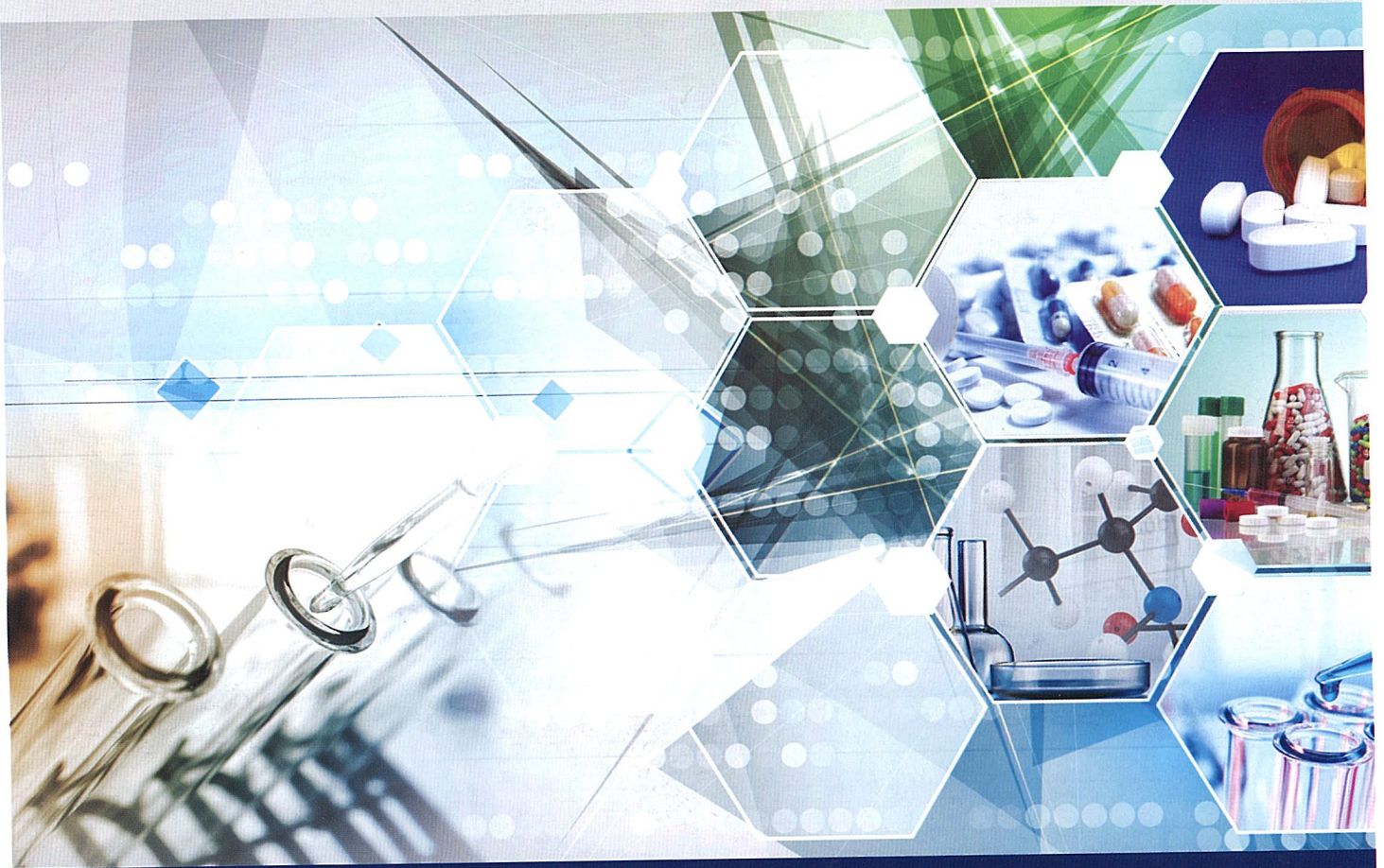
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