

# SITE Association of Industry

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## **MINUTES OF 56<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 56<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Members of S.I.T.E. Association of Industry was held on **Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 12:30 p.m.** at SITE Association of Industry, to transact the following business. List of participants is attached.

### **AGENDA:**

*Recitation from the Holy Quran.*

- 1. To elect Chair for the Annual General Meeting.*
- 2. Confirmation of Minutes of 55<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> Sep 2019.*
- 3. To review and adopt Audited Accounts of S.I.T.E. Association of Industry for the financial year ended on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.*
- 4. To record declaration of Election results of the Executive Committee Members and Office Bearers by the Election Commission.*
- 5. Performance Review Report by the Outgoing President*  
**HANDING OVER AND TAKING OVER SESSION**  
*Speech by the Incoming President*  
*Speeches by Senior Members*  
*Address by the Patron-in-Chief*
- 6. To consider appointment of Auditors of the Association for the financial year 2020-21 and to fix their remuneration.*
- 7. Any other matter with permission of the Chair.*

**The meeting commenced with recitation from The Holy Quran.**

The outgoing President Muhammad Suleman Chawla welcomed and thanked the members for their participation in the Annual General Meeting.

### **1. TO ELECT CHAIR FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The outgoing President Muhammad Suleman Chawla requested the Patron-in-Chief Siraj Kassam Teli to chair the meeting which, he accepted. The meeting was therefore, chaired by Siraj Kassam Teli.

### **2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 55<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 30/9/2019.**

The house reviewed minutes of 55<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and after discussion, the minutes were confirmed as proposed by Junaid M. Siddiq and seconded by Anwer Aziz.

### **3. TO REVIEW AND ADOPT AUDITED ACCOUNTS OF S.I.T.E. ASSOCIATION OF INDUSTRY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020.**

While discussing the audited accounts, Majyd Aziz complained about late issuance of annual accounts and raised some queries regarding cash in hand of social welfare fund and RSG payments.

Muhammad Suleman Chawla explained that cash in hand was funds received from members for arranging 'ration for workers' during peak Covid-19 period which was kept in 'safe' due to limited bank operations at that time, afterwards the same was deposited in the Bank. He also explained expenses incurred on Rangers Security Guards and mobiles. Thereafter, the annual accounts were approved and the following resolution was adopted.

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“RESOLVED THAT THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS OF SITE ASSOCIATION OF INDUSTRY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED ON 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020, AS AUDITED BY M/S. REANDA HAROON ZAKARIA & COMPANY, CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS, BE AND ARE HEREBY APPROVED AS PROPOSED BY IQBAL ARBI AND SECONDED UNANIMOUSLY, WITH THE FOLLOWING KEY HIGHLIGHTS.

TOTAL ASSETS	39,560,254
TOTAL FUNDS	25,357,308
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	25,000
CURRENT LIABILITIES	14,177,946

#### 4. TO RECORD DECLARATION OF RESULTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S ELECTION AND OFFICE BEARERS' ELECTION BY THE ELECTION COMMISSION.

The Chair asked the Head of Election Commission Tariq Yousuf to announce election results for the approval of the general body. Tariq Yousuf announced that the following 7 Nominations were received to contest election on the 6 seats of the Executive Committee. All the nomination forms were found in order.

NOMINATION PAPER S.NO.	CANDIDATE NAME	COMPANY NAME
1	MUHAMMAD ARIF LAKHANI	M. HANIF INDUSTRIES
2	ABDUL RASHEED	RASHEED ENTERPRISES
3	ANWER AZIZ	IQBAL SILK MILLS PVT LTD.
4	NAVEED WAHID	SHAH INDUSTRIES
5	ABDUL HADI	SEIKO ENTERPRISES
6	MUHAMMAD KAMRAN ARBI	ARTEX INDUSTRIES
7	RIAZUDDIN	DOLLAR INDUSTRIES PVT LTD.

Election Commission received one withdrawal request from **Naveed Wahid (Nomination Paper S.No.4)**. Therefore the Election Commission has declared the following six Candidates as 'ELECTED UN-OPPOSED' as Members of the Executive Committee for two years term.

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To contest election of office bearers for the term 2020-21, following nominations were received.

S.NO.	CANDIDATE NAME	NOMINATION RECEIVED
1.	ABDUL HADI	FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT
2.	RIAZUDDIN	FOR THE OFFICE OF SR. VICE PRESIDENT
3.	ABDUL KADIR BILWANI	FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT

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Since, there was no any other nomination, the above candidates have been declared “**ELECTED UNOPPOSED**” as President, Senior Vice President and Vice President respectively of SITE Association of Industry for the term 2020-21.

The house approved the election results and adopted Resolution as follows:

**“UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT APPROVAL IS ACCORDED TO THE ELECTION RESULTS ANNOUNCED AND THE HOUSE EXTENDS HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICE BEARERS OF SITE ASSOCIATION OF INDUSTRY.”**

5. **PERFORMANCE REVIEW REPORT BY THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT**  
**HANDING OVER AND TAKING OVER SESSION**  
**SPEECH BY THE INCOMING PRESIDENT**  
**SPEECHES BY SENIOR MEMBERS**  
**ADDRESS BY THE PATRON-IN-CHIEF**

The Chair then asked outgoing President Muhammad Suleman Chawla to present a brief review of activities during his Presidentship.

Muhammad Suleman Chawla in his speech, thanked the Patron-in-Chief Siraj Kassam Teli, Patron Zubair Motiwala and senior members Majyd Aziz, Tariq Yousuf, Younus Bashir, Jawed Bilwani and Saleem Parekh for their patronage & guidance during his term of office. He also thanked his colleagues Muhammad Saleem Nagaria (Senior Vice President), Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi (Vice President) and members of the Executive Committee for their support and general members for their participation in the events of the association.

Muhammad Suleman Chawla congratulated newly elected office bearers on their well-deserved, unanimous and unopposed election.

He said that we started very well and several high officials visited SITE Association of Industry. Their visits provided us opportunity to discuss business matters and issues of SITE area. These high officials include: Governor Sindh; MPAs; Director General Pakistan Rangers Sindh, Sector Commander and Wing Commanders; DG SEPA; Secretary Local Government, Industries; 3-Managing Directors of SITE Limited; Deputy Commissioner West; Consul General of Indonesia; Commissioner SESSI and EOBI officials; Consultant from Sindh Investment department; Officials of State Bank, K-Electric, PTCL, NUST, Mehran University, SGS and WWF.

In addition we had several meetings at Governor House, Chief Minister House, SITE Limited and with different Ministers and Secretary's. We had very fruitful discussions and several matters very resolved in the interest of members of SITE Association of Industry.

**But then came Corono which almost stopped our working and slowed down industrial operations.** Lockdown was enforced from 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 and industrial activities remained suspended for about two months which gradually resumed in end May-2020. With all the support of our leaders government allowed all industries to operate effective 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Right from the very first day of lockdown i.e. 23/3/2020, the leadership and office bearers of SITE Association worked **on the single agenda to re-open industries taking precautionary measures.** Leader of the Business Community & Patron-in-Chief of SITE Association Siraj Kassam Teli, Patron Zubair Motiwala, Ex-Presidents Jawed Bilwani and Saleem Parekh and me

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as President had many meetings with high officials of Sindh Government including the Chief Minister Sindh and Chief Secretary Sindh, where we made every effort to convince the Sindh Government to open industries, subject to following of Standard Operating Procedure.

At the time of taking charge of Presidentship, **some matters were in progress** for which, I assured Members to follow up. I would therefore, like to update Members on these matters:

## **ISPA CHARGES BY K-ELECTRIC**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020, Chairman Businessmen Group Siraj Kassam Teli met CEO K-Electric Syed Moonis Abdullah Alvi who called on Siraj Teli's residence to discuss ISPA charges in detail and important decisions were also taken in the meeting.

On 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020, letter was sent to CEO of K-Electric to defer collection of ISPA charges from industrial consumers for at least two months. As the ISPA matter remains unresolved, SITE Association decided to ask Members to go for litigation against this and circulated contact information of some lawyers of repute to Members.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE ISSUES:**

This matter is being effectively followed up by SITE team, and in this regard, we had a meeting with DG SEPA and his team on 19<sup>th</sup> Aug 2020 wherein we invited Presidents of all (7) town associations of Karachi. At this meeting, important matters related to environmental compliance came under discussion. We had convinced DG SEPA to abolish fee for IEE/EIA and support industries in the setting up of CETP which is the ultimate solution and creates a win-win situation for both, industry and SEPA.

## **END OF ZERO-RATING FOR EXPORT-ORIENTED SECTORS:**

It was another big issue surfaced last year with the abolition of SRO-1125. Despite our best efforts, the government is reluctant to revise the facility, but I am confident that our new team will take care of this important matter.

## **GAS SUPPLY AND LOW PRESSURE ISSUES:**

This problem continued during the whole year and in the current month (Sep-2020), members are again facing this problem from 14<sup>th</sup> of the month. We have raised voice in this matter at all platforms including issuance of press releases, interviews & tickers on TV channels and staging a joint protest at the SSGC head office in January 2020. We are making best efforts to convince the government to increase gas quota for Sindh province which is the ultimate solution.

## **COMPLETION OF MANGHOPIR ROAD AND EXPANSION OF ORANGI NALA**

These two projects were launched during Saleem Parekh tenure. Both projects have now completed with the active consultation and follow up by the Association. There are some more works required at the Manghopir Road like construction of service roads, footpaths & factory walkways as well as pedestrian bridges for which, we are in contact with SIDCL.

## **WATER SUPPLY AND RECYCLED WATER PROJECT OF HUBCO:**

Despite record-breaking torrential rains this year, there is no improvement in water supply to industries from KWSB / SITE Limited. This situation on the other hand, proves how important recycled water project is for the SITE industries. I am pleased to report that this matter is also under vigorous follow up and regular meetings are being held with HUBCO officials, most recently on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Sep, wherein important issues were discussed.

## **KARACHI CIRCULAR RAILWAYS:**

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SITE Association is supporting the work of clearance of KCR track in the larger interest of SITE area industries and requests the concerned Members to voluntarily clear the track from all sorts of construction / hurdles etc.

## **PROVISION OF FIRE TENDER TO SITE ASSOCIATION:**

Meeting of Industrial Liaison Committee was held at the Sindh Governor House under the Chairmanship of Governor Sindh and it has been decided and recorded in minutes that Governor Sindh directed the Metropolitan Commissioner to finalize the design and pre-requisites of a **model fire station** along with its estimated cost, and the same shall be shared with associations / chambers thereafter.

## **MEETING WITH CHIEF MINISTER SINDH - APPROVAL OF FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS NETWORK IN SITE AREA:**

I am pleased to report that in our recent meeting with the Chief Minister Sindh held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020, the CM Sindh has approved PC-I for PKR 1.037 billion for the construction of 19 Roads in SITE, Karachi. Our protest at SITE Limited staged on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020 proved instrumental in this achievement, following which, the delegation of SITE Association of Industry was given appointment to meet CM Sindh and brief him on the issues of SITE area, Karachi.

## **SITE SELF SECURITY SYSTEM (SSSS):**

Due to corona regime and closure of industries, the SSSS faced severe financial crunch as Members contributions during the first half of the year (Jan-June 2020) dropped drastically. Currently the SSSS has a payable of approx. PKR 2 crore on account of Rangers Security Guards, monthly Fuel bills and Maintenance of Motorbikes & vans. This system has brought positive change in law & order situation of the area. I would therefore, urge Members to contribute to this system for their own benefit.

## **MEMBERSHIP OF SITE ASSOCIATION:**

Our agenda was to make efforts to increase membership but unfortunately, due to corona pandemic, our Membership has decreased by almost 20%.

## **HANDING OVER AND TAKING OVER SESSION**

**Newly elected Office Bearers namely: Abdul Hadi (President), Riazuddin (Senior Vice President) and Abdul Kadir Bilwani (Vice President) were handed over the charge as office bearers of the Association and garlands were conferred on them.**

## **SPEECH BY THE INCOMING PRESIDENT**

Newly elected President Abdul Hadi, in his brief speech, thanked leaders and members of SITE Association for electing him as President and requested them to pray for his success in the new assignment.

He said, It is indeed a great honour for me to be elected as new President of SITE Association of Industry. I bow my head before the Almighty Allah for all His blessings & bestowing on me this honour. I would like to thank Siraj Kassam Teli, Zubair Motiwala, Majyd Aziz, Sikandar Imran, Younus Bashir, Tariq Yusuf, Jawed Bilwani, Saleem Parekh and other senior members for showing confidence in my abilities and giving me a chance to follow their footsteps.

I am also thankful to valued Members of SITE Association and assure that I would represent industrial community at all relevant forums to get the issues resolved. Before I proceed further I

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would like to congratulate Muhammad Suleman Chawla and his team for effectively taking up problems of SITE at the relevant forums and resolving them in the larger interest of industries.

To improve infrastructure of SITE area and restoration of members confidence in SITE Association will be our priorities during the term for the clear reason that we spend 8-12 hours daily in SITE area and it is just like our 2<sup>nd</sup> home of which, we must take care.

As informed by Zubair Motiwala and outgoing President Muhammad Suleman Chawla that after vigorous efforts, budget allocation of Rs.1.037 billion has been approved for the rehabilitation of roads in SITE area, I assure all members that we all would try for early release of this fund and to complete the job as soon as possible so that we can ask for more funds in the next budget. For this purpose I seek guidance and cooperation from Siraj Kassam Teli and other Board members as single most talked about topic with regard to SITE is dilapidated condition of roads.

We are setting the membership target of 1000 members and request members to join hands with us and cooperate. We also assure to resolve members complaints on priority. The complaints shall be forwarded to the Chairman of concerned Sub-committee who will contact member within 24 hours.

Another challenge is construction of Industry House which is long pending project of SITE Association. I assure members to make best efforts and re-start work on this project and request in particular Jawed Bilwani for his support. At this Jawed Bilwani said that architect demands approx. 15 lacs rupees for project designing to which, Muhammad Suleman Chawla offered to arrange the sum required. Jawed Bilwani added that we can proceed like we did in the past when we made PC-I of road construction in just one day and presented to Governor Sindh for approval of funds.

Concluding his speech, newly elected President said, "I firmly believe that actions speak louder than words and we will make things happen."

## **SPEECHES BY SENIOR MEMBERS**

**Jawed Bilwani** congratulated the outgoing President Muhammad Suleman Chawla on his performance report. He agreed with the views of incoming President that the Association should not remain fully dependent on SITE Limited to improve condition of SITE which is also being done by town associations of other industrial areas. By now we are very much successful in reducing crimes through our SITE Self Security System. Since Fire Tenders are also need of the industry, he requested large industries to purchase their own fire tenders and added that till date, 3 large industries have arranged their own fire tenders which they offer free of cost in case of fire in any industry.

He further said that in the past we asked members to donate small excavators, tractors, rickshaw & other equipment to SITE Limited to strengthen them which worked very well. Similar practice can be followed by SITE Association against the services rendered to its members. He added that association's membership fee is very nominal (*less than one month's minimum wage of a worker*) which is not enough to strengthen it financially.

**Anwer Aziz** suggested that in addition to 15,000/- membership fee, some donation should be collected from large industries who are regular members of the Association while small industries skip membership.

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**Junaid M. Siddiq** appreciated efforts of Suleman Chawla on construction of Orangi nullah bridge at Habib Bank.

**Patron Zubair Motiwala** congratulated outgoing office bearers and appreciated their performance during the tenure despite Covid restrictions and closure of industries.

He appreciated speech of incoming President and wished him success in his endeavours. He also appreciated newly elected SVP Riazuddin on doing wonderful job in his family business and expressed the confidence that he will play his role in improving working of the Association as well and lauded newly elected VP Abdul Kadir Bilwani on his past performance.

Zubair Motiwala while speaking about ration distribution during Covid period, highly appreciated the efforts of Executive Members who took part in this social work. He in particular appreciated the outgoing President for attending a number of meetings at different govt. departments for the re-opening of industries which were closed during lockdown and thanked Patron-in-Chief Siraj Kassam Teli for his support and availability every time where there was a big problem.

About SITE issues, he said that two nullah have been identified where flowing space has been narrowed down by illegal construction.

Regarding roads construction, he remarked that if we delivered and got the roads work done efficiently with quality, we will be able to secure more funds from the government. Our roads are unfortunately, neither Motorable nor Jeepable.

He said that Property Tax being collected from SITE industries will be transferred to SITE Limited and the same has been decided at a high level meeting held at CM House in this regard. It will benefit all industries of SITE. We pay rent and property tax both. Upon transfer of Property Tax to SITE Limited, we will try to reduce or abolish rent being paid to SITE Limited. He however, feared that transfer of Property Tax to SITE Limited may open up avenues for corruption.

Regarding KE issues, Zubair Motiwala said that there is need to do more work against load shedding which is badly effecting SMEs including stoppage of payment to KE and submission at SITE till loadshedding issue is resolved. He stressed the need to uphold image of SITE Association of Industry.

## **ADDRESS BY THE PATRON-IN-CHIEF**

Patron-in-Chief Siraj Kassam Teli in his speech congratulated outgoing President Muhammad Suleman Chawla and his team on serving the association amid difficult times of Covid-19 and expressed the confidence that new team will work more.

He said that for approval of funds of PKR 1.037 billion, the actual credit goes to Syed Mehdi Ali Shah, Ex-Managing Director of SITE Limited, who did this working about one year back. He suggested to constitute the Works Committee immediately and open a joint account with signatories of both SITE Limited and SITE Association.

He further said that Model of Industry House was made in the year 1994 which is much old now and there is need to do fresh work.

Expressing views on Jawed Bilwani's statement, Siraj Teli said that it was decided during President Syed Pervez Musharraf time that each industrial area will have its own development

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company but our company could not be formed due to presence of SITE Limited here. Resultantly, 4 companies were formed in Korangi, Landhi, Federal B Area and North Karachi industrial areas with initial funds of 250-million rupees each and again 250-million rupees each during PPP tenure. There is need to get rid of SITE Limited control. He also highlighted improvements made in SITE Limited Board of Directors in respect of Private Sector voting and added that Board meetings are also not being held regularly.

Regarding Property Tax, collection should be done by existing department and funds should be transferred in SITE Limited account. In case Property Tax is also collected by SITE Limited, one of the two taxes (Rent & Property Tax) should be abolished.

Expressing views on K-Electric related issues, he said in big cities many companies supply electricity and consumers have multiple choices to select the company who delivers quality electricity. The only solution is to end the monopoly of K-Electric and allow more companies to start operations.

He further said that SITE Association's work is increasing since last few years and there is need to speed up work. Karachi is being ignored from all quarters which is a matter of concern for all of us.

## **6. TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020-21 AND TO FIX THEIR REMUNERATION.**

Advisor, Finance Committee Junaid M. Siddique informed the house that consent has been received from existing auditors M/s. Reanda Haroon Zakaria & Company., Chartered Accountants, to act as Auditors of the Association for the next year and recommended them for appointment. The house agreed to his recommendation and adopted the following resolution.

**“UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT M/S. REANDA HAROON ZAKARIA & COMPANY, CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS, ARE HEREBY APPOINTED AS AUDITORS OF SITE ASSOCIATION OF INDUSTRY FOR THE YEAR 2020-21, ON A REMUNERATION OF RS.65,000/- (RUPEES SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND ONLY).”**

## **7. ANY OTHER MATTER WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR**

### **ILLEGAL CONSTRUCTIONS ON NULLAH**

Ex-President Majyd Aziz said that it should be the responsibility of one office bearer & one EC Member to do monitoring of roads in SITE area because in recent rains, situation became worst on roads. SITE Association's top priority should be SITE area infrastructure.

He added that nullahs should be restored to their original status and illegal allocations should be looked into. He proposed that a complete file of all plots should be made & kept in a sealed box, followed by forensic audit. He also mentioned that nullah have been narrowed down due to illegal constructions which must be restored to their original shape to save industries of SITE. Siraj Kassam Teli, replying to Majyd Aziz appreciated the idea of forensic audit and offered to start audit from him.

Majyd Aziz questioned why SITE Association has not taken action against factories constructed on nullah to which, Sikandar Imran replied that the matter will be referred to SITE Limited and a meeting of all such factories owners will be called at SITE Association for discussion.



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Majyd Aziz said that several members of SITE, were deeply perturbed and faced immense problems in their units due to the rain water inflow in their factories, being situated in the neighborhood of nullahs, illegally encroached and affecting the flow of rain water.

Zubair Motiwala said that the matter should be resolved on priority from the platform of SITE Association of Industry and added that many factories were demolished during previous drive. A member suggested that depth of nullah should be increased if width has reduced.

It was decided to send a circular to all members asking them to identify problematic factory name & address (*blocking nullah*) to the Association for further action and the Association should not facilitate & support any such industry.

*As there was no other business to transact, the Annual General Meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the participants.*

**Dr.Syed Azhar Ibne Hasan**  
Secretary General