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Dagha announces one window online solution for complaints, formation of body for infrastructure maintenance

Dagha announces one window online solution for complaints, formation of body for infrastructure maintenance. Caretaker Minister for Revenue, Industries & Commerce, Govt. of Sindh, Muhammad Younus Dagha has announced one-window solution for swift resolution of complaints related to industries. He also announced to form a separate body for SITE like other industrial areas of Karachi for the maintenance of infrastructure in SITE area.



He was addressing members of SITE Association of Industry during his visit to the Association. He was accompanied by Secretary Industries Sindh Abdul Rasheed Solangi and MD, SITE Limited Ghazanfar Ali Qadri. At this occasion, Dagha also announced digitalization of land record of SITE Limited in the backdrop of numerous complaints of irregularities and said that Master Plan will also be placed on the website. On the matter of agreement signed between SITE Limited and SSWMB, the Minister reiterated that the

separate body being formed will take up this matter as well. We are in fact, distributing the work of SITE Limited and the company will be responsible for the maintenance of infrastructure in SITE Karachi alone. He added that a separate account for SSWMB related collection can also be opened to redress complaints of recovery.

Earlier, SITE President Muhammad Kamran Arbi, while welcoming the Chief Guest, presented a brief introduction of SITE area Karachi and highlighted major issues impeding industrial growth which included need for reforms in SITE Limited, mechanism for maintenance of infrastructure, proper functioning of Oversight Committee for PSDP program, implementation of agreement signed between SITE Limited and SSWMB, supply of water to industries, Combined Effluent Treatment Plant, gas pressure issue, and non-implementation of a Single Window Solution covering all provincial government departments.



Patron-in-Chief Zubair Motiwala, speaking on the occasion, congratulated Younus Dagha on assuming the portfolio of Industries Minister and remarked that he is the Right Person for the Right Job. He said that foreign buyers are reluctant to place orders on exporting industries located in SITE Karachi, knowing their inability to deliver on time due to unavailability of gas in SITE and said, it is non-tariff barrier which should be removed on priority.

He seconded formation of a separate body to look after infrastructure of SITE area like other industrial areas. Motiwala also offered to take over recycled water project at TP-I in SITE and stressed to call BOD meeting of SITE Limited as soon possible as per agenda and working paper sent by the Association.



Former President Jawed Bilwani, gave details of income & expenditure of SITE Limited briefed on efforts made in the past to streamline the working of SITE Limited. He in particular mentioned that in Nawab shah and Larkana Industrial Estate, not a single industry has been set up but they still had staff of 60-70 persons. Former Chairman Younus Bashir, thanked Mr. Dagha for sparing time to visit SITE Association and said that unfortunately, no party has done anything for Karachi and people are leaving the country which is a very

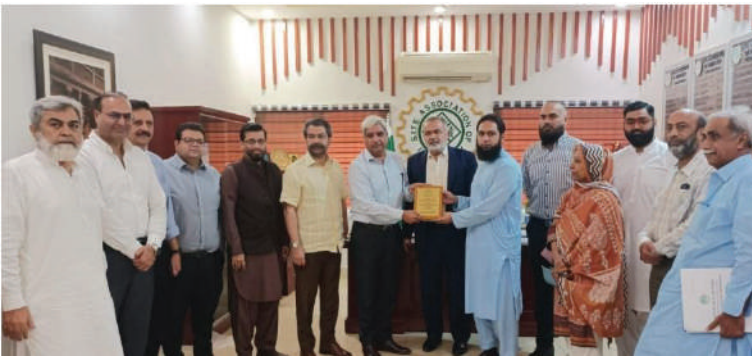
serious matter. Majyd Aziz, Abdul Rasheed, Riaz Uddin, Abdul Kadir Bilwani, Muhammad Hussain Moosani, Saleem Nagaria, Anwer Aziz, Saud Mahmood, Riaz Dhedhi, Khalid Riaz, Rizwan Lakhany, Executive Committee members and general members were also present in the meeting. As a gesture of goodwill, Association's crest was presented to the Chief Guest and vote of thanks was presented by VP Mr. Farhan Ashrafi.



Secretary Excise & Taxation announces Helpdesk at SAI

Secretary, Excise, Taxation and Narcotics Department, Govt. of Sindh Atif Rehman has announced to set up a Helpdesk at SITE Association of Industry to facilitate member industries in the matters of Property Tax, Professional Tax and Motor Vehicles Tax. He further announced to depute officers of repute for assisting members in the matters of Property Tax, Professional Tax and Motor Vehicle Tax, at the Helpdesk.

He was addressing members of the Association on the occasion of his visit. He was accompanied by DG Excise & Taxation Mr. Orangzeb Akbar Panhwar and other high officials of his department. Atif Rehman said that last year, property tax has been transferred to Local Govt. department and our staff will guide and train them till 2024.



The Excise & Taxation Department is only a collecting agency which transfer all revenue to the Sindh Govt. account. Responding to a query about calculation of Property Tax, DG replied that property tax calculator is available online on the website. He also shared statistics of property tax collection from industries. He agreed with members' suggestion that minimizing human interaction in this matter will yield better results.

On the matter of Infrastructure Cess, he mentioned that approx. 130 billion rupees have been collected in the account of Sindh Infrastructure Development Cess to which, SITE President emphasized the need to spend some money on the improvement of infrastructure of SITE area. He informed that approx. 95% revenue of the SRB and 80% revenue of Property Tax is collected from Karachi.



President Muhammad Kamran Arbi drew attention of Secretary Excise & Taxation towards drug-addicts at various points in SITE area Karachi to which, he assured to take necessary action. Earlier, SITE President Muhammad Kamran Arbi presented a brief introduction of SITE area Karachi and highlighted its contribution to the national economy. He briefed the Chief Guest on the issues being faced by members of the Association related to Property Tax payments, Professional Tax payments and Motor Vehicle Tax etc. He appreciated online availability of Property Tax challans and stressed the need to remove technical issues in the online system.



Former President Jawed Bilwani, while speaking on the occasion, mentioned that Property Tax is paid by Tenants of SITE Limited (Industries) whereas as a matter of principal, the owner (SITE Limited) should pay the same which also collect Development Charges and other fee from the industries. He stressed the need to create awareness among members of the Association about the E&T department related matters and suggested to hold an Awareness Session in the Association. He requested the Chief Guest to second

submissions of the Association in the matter of Property Tax and remarked that Professional Tax and Trade License are example of double taxation which must be looked into.

Vice President Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi on this occasion, stressed the need of putting a system of automated reminders for the payment of different taxes in place. Former President Abdul Hadi said that due to unfavorable business conditions, large industrial units are fast converting into small units and warehouses which is adding to the joblessness in the country, ultimately resulting in criminal activities.

Visit of Managing Director, SITE Limited



Mr. Ghazanfar Ali Qadri, MD, SITE Limited, visited SAI on 18th October 2023 and had details discussion with Members on matters related to his department which included proposed agenda of 427th BOD Meeting of SITE Ltd, criminal record checking of security staff, visit to factories by many depts. of SITE LTD, formation of Redressal Committee, road works, digitalization of SITE LTD records and audit of accounts.

Sindh Home Minister announces start of Safe City Project in January'24 SAI President requests to provide sufficient staff for "SITE Association Fire Station"



Sindh Minister for Home & Prisons Department Brig. (R) Haris Nawaz, has announced to make Karachi Safe City Project functional from January next year which will provide a big relief to the citizens of Karachi from street crimes. Safe City Project is must to make Karachi a Safe City. He added that due to expulsion of illegal immigrants, the crime rate in the city has also come down. He was addressing members of SITE Association of Industry on the occasion of his visit. He was accompanied by high police officials. Brig.(R) Haris Nawaz said that COAS is concerned on economic issues of the country. Green Pakistan initiative is one of them. In addition, Mines & Mineral need to explore. We have trillion-dollar reserves in various parts of the country such as Quetta, Baluchistan, Sindh. "To make Karachi a peaceful and business friendly city is my aim. We are making efforts to make Karachi crime-free to maximum extent. Action is also being taken against drug traffickers in SITE area. The police personnel on special duties are also being returned to join the force which will redress the issue of shortage of 'Nafri' in SITE area," the Minister added.



In response to complaints of traffic congestions at Entry/Exit points of SITE, particularly at Nazimabad and Shershah, the Minister issued instructions to clear the road within one week. On the suggestion of Jawed Bilwani, the Minister advised to call a joint meeting of concerned Deputy Commissioners and SSPs in the office of the Association in the next week. The Minister assured full cooperation to the members of the Association.

Earlier, SAI President Muhammad Kamran Arbi, welcoming the Chief Guest, presented a brief introduction of SITE area. Briefing on SITE Association Fire Station, he requested the Minister to provide sufficient number of staff required to run SITE Association Fire Station on 24 hours basis together the trained fire fighters. He also requested the Minister to share details of trainings being imparted by Civil Defense department to the Fire Department staff, for circulation among members of the Association to benefit. Chief Coordinator Saleem Parekh thanked the Minister for sparing time for the meeting and suggested to make a system of check & balance and also stressed the need to widely publicize the same to ensure continuity of policies. Speaking on the occasion, Patron-in-Chief Zubair Motiwala drew attention of the Minister towards unfriendly business atmosphere and in particular, highlighted the power & gas tariff issues. He said that electricity tariff is touching 62/- per unit and gas prices have increased by 130 pc. He remarked that in the present scenario, we are left with no option but to cut number of employed labor, which will lead to unemployment and thus, street crimes.

Former President & Chairman of Law & Order sub-committee of the Association Abdul Hadi on this occasion gave detailed briefing on law & order related issues of the area which included increase in crime rate in SITE area during past one year, non-functioning of 50pc security cameras installed at various locations in SITE, FIR lodging, appointment of SP SITE, the menace of drugs availability in SITE, vigilance at Police Stations through CCTV as per past practice, need to deploy fresh personnel in police stations, removal of encroachments etc. He gave an introduction of SITE Self Security System, guards deployments and security walls & pickets made in SITE area under the system and stressed the need of taking pre-incident steps to curb crimes. Former Chairman SITE Association and Immediate Past President of Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry Tariq Yousuf on this occasion suggested to provide social security, remove encroachments and improve infrastructure to control crimes in the area.

Former President Jawed Bilwani on this occasion, stressed the need of making a system of automatic FIR lodging through digital means and punishment over heavy vehicles parking on main roads. He was confident that the interim government can do this job very well. He said that law & order issues arise when joblessness increases. Govt. should facilitate running of industries round the clock without hurdle. He requested the Minister to arrange for Driving License renewal camp for the



industrial workers in the premises of the Association, to which, the Minister assured to organize soon. As a gesture of goodwill, Association's crest was presented to the Chief Guest. Vice President Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi proposed vote of thanks.

NUST ICON Centre inaugurated in the premises of SITE Association of Industry

National University of Science & Technology (NUST) has set up its Industrial & Commercialization office, titled NUST ICON Centre in the premises of SITE Association of Industry. Patron-in-Chief Zubair Motiwala and NUST Pro-Rector Research, Innovation and Commercialization Air Vice Marshal, Dr. Rizwan Riaz, SI (M), along with other high officials of NUST and Members of the Association, inaugurated the ICON Centre. Earlier, a formal MOA was signed between the two organization for the setting up of NUST Icon Centre. SAI President Muhammad Kamran Arbi and NUST Pro-Rector Research, Innovation and Commercialization Air Vice Marshal, Dr. Rizwan Riaz, SI (M), signed the Memorandum of Agreement.

Welcoming the guests, SAI President applauded the setting up of NUST Icon Centre in the premises of the Association which is the first office of its kind in Karachi. He stressed the need for collaboration for the resolution of problems being faced by industries and finding its solution through NUST Icon Centre and added that NUST may directly or through the Association, collaborate with industries on their practical issues where technical solutions are needed.



Air Vice Marshal, Dr. Rizwan Riaz, SI (M), on this occasion said that NUST is the top Engineering University of Pakistan. We are taking steps for industry-academia interaction. The purpose of setting up of NUST ICON is to connect the technology, capability and Human Resource of NUST with the industry and solve industry problems and do value-addition in their production. NUST has more than 780 Ph.Ds. from top 200 universities of the world. To reduce the gape between industry academia interaction, we have set up NUST Icon in the premises of SITE Association of Industry. Patron-in-Chief Zubair Motiwala said that NUST is at the right place for the setting up of NUST Icon. Pakistan is a resourceful country together with capable people and we can take the exports of the country to USD 100 billion from existing level. Unfortunately, we still depend on home remittances. There is need to look into cost of business and cost of manufacturing. Industry-Academia Participation means creating an economy of scale. It has now been made compulsory to take academia representatives along for participation in trade & industry exhibitions abroad. We have found that their input is totally different from others. Their approach, thinking and way of looking at things is different from general businessmen.

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Chief Coordinator Saleem Parekh, Former President Jawed Bilwani, SVP Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal, VP Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi, Maj General, Dr. Saeed ur Rehman Sarwar (Director General Projects, NUST), Anis Yunus, Rashid Siddique, Sana Maqbool, Saleem Nagaria, Khalid Riaz, Tariq Rehman, Haris Shakoor and others attended the MOA signing ceremony.



Industrial Associations reiterate demand to bring down gas tariff to Rs1350 per MMBtu, announce closure of all industries on December 4

A press conference was held at SITE Association of Industry on the matter of recent gas tariff hike. This was 3rd Press Conference called on this matter, which was hosted by President SAI Muhammad Kamran Arbi along with Chief Coordinator SAI Saleem Parekh, and attended by Vice Chairman Businessmen Group Muhammad Jawed Bilwani, SVP FPCCI Suleman Chawla, SVP KCCI Altaf A. Ghaffar, Zain Bashir from Landhi Association, President NKATI Faisal Moiz Khan, Ehteshamuddin from KATI, Shaheen Sarwana, President, SITE Superhighway Association, Raza Hussain, President, FB Area Association, and presidents / representatives of value-added textile associations.

On the occasion, Vice Chairman BMG Jawed Bilwani informed that all the trade bodies from Sindh and Baluchistan are extremely perturbed over the exorbitant hike in gas tariff which has made it impossible to keep the wheels of industries running. We announce that our protests have become stronger as Lasbela Chamber from Baluchistan along with Nooriabad and Kotri Chambers have also joined our protest and assured to fully endorse all the strategies adopted by KCCI to deal with the situation."



Jawed Bilwani reiterated that the business community appeals the government to bring down gas tariff to Rs.1350 per MMBtu which has been determined as 100 percent cost of gas by OGRA and include approx. 22pc profit of SSGC as well. The industries are ready to pay the @ 1350/- but not the subsidies being provided to other sectors. He said that after holding two press conferences on same subject at KCCI and NKATI, this was the 3rd one and the business community would continue to raise a stronger voice via media until their legitimate demand to bring down gas tariff is fulfilled by the government.

"The industry demands fair gas tariff of Rs1350 per MMBtu but would never accept the unbearable and unabsorbable gas tariffs ranging from Rs2100 to Rs2600 per MMBtu which have been imposed to please the fertilizer, domestic and fertilizer sectors and terribly penalize the industrial sector of the country that forms the backbone of the economy", he added. He also pointed out that in Pakistan, gas to fertilizer sector is being provided at a much lower rate which was not making any sense as this was a sector which enjoys a profitability of around 20-22 pc and sum even goes up to Rs40 billion and it also receives subsidy in gas tariff which was very strange and beyond anyone's understanding.



Jawed Bilwani added that we have already displayed protest banners at the offices of all trade associations and today, we announce closure of all industries on December 4 (Monday), if the legitimate demand providing gas @ 1350/- MMBtu is not met by the government. Mr. Bilwani further said that the new gas tariff has burdened the industries with cross subsidy for undeserving and unfair support to fertilizer, domestic and power sector. "The industry demands fair gas tariff of Rs1350 per MMBtu but would never accept the unbearable and unabsorbable gas tariffs ranging from Rs2100 to Rs2600 per MMBtu which have been imposed to please the fertilizer, domestic and fertilizer sectors and terribly penalize the industrial sector of the country that forms the backbone of the economy", he added. He also pointed out that in Pakistan, gas to fertilizer sector is being provided at a much lower rate which was not making any sense as this was a sector which enjoys a profitability of around 20-22 pc and sum even goes up to Rs40 billion and it also receives subsidy in gas tariff which was very strange and beyond anyone's understanding.



President SITE Association of Industry Muhammad Kamran Arbi said that the new gas tariff is simply unbearable for industries of which, the government should take notice and bring it down to 1350/- MMBtu, set by OGRA. He demanded of the government to hold a meeting with the industry stakeholders to reach a consensus on the gas price since the existing tariff has outgrown the manufacturing costs. He further stated that the business community still awaits the

promised winter package for incremental consumption of electricity wherein it was agreed to provide electricity at reduced tariff of Rs20 per unit on incremental consumption during four months of winter season.



SVP KCCI Altaf A. Ghaffar said that the industries of Karachi were already suffering from high cost of manufacturing. Therefore, the government must immediately withdraw the hike in gas tariff and bring it down to an acceptable level i.e., Rs1350 per MMBtu. Keeping in view the gravity of situation wherein all the industries of Karachi have been brought at the verge of complete collapse, he hoped that without losing further time, the government would take notice of business community's plea and announce to bring down gas tariff to an acceptable level.

Chief Coordinator SAI Saleem Parekh said that exports should continue without hindrance. He added that "the SMEs are closing down whereas the big industries are following suit". He said that the industry players have left no stone unturned to seek a help from the government in this regard, but all their efforts went futile. The country's economy will see a hit from the halting exports, he warned and said that the industry is unable to fetch higher prices for their products on the world markets because of the costlier gas.

SVP Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal, VP Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi, Former Presidents Majyd Aziz, Younus Bashir, Riaz Uddin, Abdul Hadi, Abdul Rasheed and Members Sh. Zafar Ahmed, Abdul Kadir Bilwani, Muhammad Hussain Moosani, Saleem Nagaria, Anwer Aziz, Khalid Riaz, Muhammad Riaz Dhedhi, Tarique Rehman, Rizwan Lakhany, Azim Motiwala, Haris Shakoor, Murtaza Ajaz Saya and others were present in the Press Conference.



On this occasion, workers from nearby factories gathered outside the office of SITE Association of Industry in large number and chanted slogans to save thousands of workers from going jobless and factories from closure due to gas unavailability and price.

Meeting with Prime Minister of Pakistan in Islamabad

On 11th December 2023, a meeting was held with the Caretaker Prime Minister of Pakistan Mr. Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on industry related issues which in particular included gas tariff issue and winter electricity package. Both matters are under active consideration of the

Government. This meeting was attended by M/s. Zubair Motiwala, Saleem Parekh, Jawed Bilwani and Muhammad Kamran Arbi.



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Additional IGP announces to depute more policemen in industrial area police stations

Additional IGP (Karachi Range) Khadim Hussain Rind, PSP, visited SITE Association of Industry and discussed law & order related issues with the industrialists of SITE area. He was accompanied by SSP Keamari and SP SITE.

Addressing the Industrialists, Additional IGP said that the issues being faced by industry are the priority of the police. He directed the SSP Arif Aslam Rao to hold meeting with SAI members on traffic issues and decide the line of action to control traffic in an effective manner during the holy month of Ramadhan in SITE area, particularly in evening rush hours. He also assured full cooperation from the police to remove all sort of encroachments from SITE area.

On this occasion, the Additional IGP announced to depute 20-more police personnel to the SITE Crime Monitoring Cell (SCMC), working in the premises of SITE Association of Industry. The members highly appreciated the addition of 20-police personnel in the existing strength of the base. President Muhammad Kamran Arbi announced that more new Honda bikes are being added for increased and more effective patrolling in the area. The IGP very much appreciated the practical step taken by the Association.



Additional IGP (Karachi Range) Khadim Hussain Rind, along with Patron-in-Chief Zubair Motiwala and President Muhammad Kamran Arbi of SITE Association of Industry is performing ribbon-cutting of newly purchased bikes for police patrolling in SITE area. Former President Jawed Bilwani, SVP Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal, VP Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi, Chairman Law & Order Abdul Hadi, and others are also seen in the picture.

The Additional IGP further said that anti-narcotics operation is also going on and action is being taken against suppliers of Gutka, mawa, manpuri and other items. The police has seized such goods worth billions of rupees. He mentioned that a Summary moved to government for the purchase of vehicles for police has not yet been approved despite lapse of 6 months. Earlier, SITE President Muhammad Kamran Arbi, welcomed the Additional IGP to the Association and presented a brief introduction of SITE area and its contribution in the employment, exports and national economy as a whole. He appreciated the police team of SITE-A PS for showing wonderful performance in apprehending culprits involved in 2.5 million cash dacoity in SITE area and announced appreciation Certificates and Cash Rewards for the team members. Seconding the gesture shown by SITE President, the Additional IGP also announced one month's salary to police personnel who were part of team to recover 2.5 million cash dacoity in SITE area.

Patron-in-Chief Zubair Motiwala, in his brief speech, highlighted the issues being faced by industries and stressed the need for proper training for the police to pre-empt crimes. He added that a system of carrot & stick should be introduced for the police department and stressed the need to increase pay scale of police personnel, enabling them to live respectable & honest lives. He suggested to hold a meeting of Traffic Police officials with the SAI members to discuss & resolve traffic related issues, to which, the Additional IGP agreed.

Former President Jawed Bilwani stressed the need to make necessary arrangements to manage traffic at the entry/exit points of SITE area during the holy month of Ramadhan and also highlighted the matter of non-functional traffic signals to which, the Additional IGP assured to look into. Jawed Bilwani also stressed the need to post police officers for a minimum period of two years, as per verdict of the honourable court.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman of Law & order sub-committee Abdul Hadi appreciated the performance of SSP Arif Aslam Rao and gave background of setting of SITE Self-Security System. He stressed the need to start a grand anti-encroachment drive in SITE area and also complained about old-age employees of SITE PS-A & PS-B to which, the Additional IGP assured to look into. He thanked the Additional IGP for providing additional 'nafri' and requested him not to take them back or depute at other locations as their services are required for patrolling as well as cash guard service of the Association.



President Muhammad Kamran Arbi along with Patron-in-Chief Zubair Motiwala and Former President Jawed Bilwani, is presenting Shield to IGP (Karachi Range) Khadim Hussain Rind on the occasion of his visit. SVP Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal, VP Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi and Chairman Law & Order Abdul Hadi are also prominent in the picture.

As a gesture of goodwill, Association's crest was presented to the Chief Guest, SVP Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal, VP Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi, members of executive committee and representatives from print & electronic media were also present in the meeting.

Sector Commander Rangers announces operation against drug suppliers in SITE area

Sector Commander, Pakistan Rangers Sindh, Brig Muhammad Kabir Ahmad visited SITE Association of Industry and discussed law & order related issues with the industrialists of SITE area. He was accompanied by Wing Commander (63 Wing) Lt Col Jahangir Akhtar.

SITE President Muhammad Kamran Arbi welcomed the Sector Commander to the Association and appreciated holding of coordination meeting with industrialists of the area to listen to their grievances related to law & order. He updated the Sector Commander on the progress of anti-encroachment drive in SITE area made during past one month and said that there exists a strong supply chain of drugs in the area.

Addressing the Industrialists, Sector Commander said that there is need to reduce interaction gap with industrialists of the area. Rangers have been given mandate for counter terrorism, extortion, target killing and kidnapping for ransom. We are however, available to support the industry in matters upon request like removal of encroachments which is to be initiated by civil administration (the DC office) as per procedure. He said that Businessmen are easy target where huge money could involve and added that technical hiccups in tracing voice over IP calls remains challenge now-a-days.

The Sector Commander stressed on need by the industrialists to install lights & CCTV cameras outside factories boundary walls to facilitate Law Enforcement Agencies in post-incident investigation/ tracing of culprits. "Industries remain the major source of employment for population and Pakistan Rangers is always available to safeguard industries from criminal elements" Sector Commander remarked.

Patron-in-Chief Zubair Motiwala, speaking on the occasion said that due to prevailing economic conditions and increase in utilities tariffs and supply the export orders are being shifted to other neighbour countries. He requested the Sector Commander to play role in providing peaceful working atmosphere to existing industries. The Sector Commander assured that people of Karachi alongwith Pakistan Rangers (Sindh) have sacrificed to regain peace in Karachi and our efforts to ensure law & order at any cost, shall continue.

Chief Coordinator Saleem Parekh said that the industries have also suffered due to KW&SC operation against water theft & sub-soil suppliers, but nevertheless they stood with the LEAs in this operation. There is minor improvement in water supply from KW&SC but the shortage of water is still persistent. He requested the Pakistan Rangers (Sindh) to also underscore that KW&SC improves water supplies to SITE by raising the issue at appropriate forum.

Chairman of law & order sub-committee Abdul Hadi appreciated performance of the SITE Wing & its Commander and requested the Sector Commander to help Civil Administration in removal of encroachments of all sorts from SITE area. A formal request by DC Keamari has also been made to Pakistan Rangers (Sindh) to assist Police & Civil Adm for Anti-encroachment drive in SITE. He also highlighted the issues of Rangers Security Guards (RSG). Sector Commander assured amicable addressal of the same immediately.

Former President KCCI Muhammad Tariq Yousuf, SVP Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal, VP Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi, Former Presidents Abdul Rasheed & Riaz Uddin, members of the executive committee and representatives from general members attended the meeting in large number. As a gesture of goodwill, Association's crest was presented to the Sector Commander.

Awareness Session on Labour Laws at SAI

SITE Association of Industry, in collaboration with Employers Federation of Pakistan (EFP) and with the support of the International Labour Organization, organized an awareness session on labour laws on 28th November 2023 at the Association's office.

The purpose of the awareness session was to build the capacity of industries to better understand the important labour laws (particularly SESSI & EOBI) and related issues in their implementation and to effectively respond to those issues. Directors of SESSI East & West Directorates and EOBI Regional Head, Nazimabad, MS Valika Hospital and other were present on this occasion.

President SAI Muhammad Kamran Arbi welcomed the participants to the awareness session and while giving brief introduction of SITE area, mentioned that the Association will organize such awareness sessions on regular basis to benefit members. He also thanked EFP for sponsoring this event.

Chairman of Labour Sub-committee Khalid Riaz, in his brief speech, he said that It has been observed that the two organizations viz. EOBI and SESSI, offer lot of benefits for the registered workers but hardly few employers are well aware of that. Today we have requested our valued Guests to give detailed presentation to members on the services being offered by them. Later, the representatives from SESSI and EOBI gave detailed presentation on their respective laws, followed by question-answer session. Copies of Presentations can be downloaded from Association's website, www.site-association.org



Awareness Session on Labour Laws held at SAI

Meeting with DEN-1 Pakistan Railways

DEN-1, Pakistan Railways Mr. M. Sohail Javed visited SAI on 6th Feb 2024 and had detailed meeting with office bearers and representatives of sub-soil suppliers and concerned factories. The key point for discussion was crossing of sub-soil lines under KCR track from SITE area, estimates of which were also discussed.

Queries related to License period, renewal of license and casing size of pipes etc. were satisfactorily answered by the DEN-1. President made it clear to the participants that SAI will not be responsible for line crossing applications that do not adhere to the decisions taken in this meeting.



Meeting with DEN-1 Pakistan Railways M. Sohail Javed and representatives of sub-soil suppliers and concerned factories representatives.

Meeting with KWSC officials

A delegation from KWSC led by Nisar Ahmed Magsi (Director Revenue) visited SAI on 18th January 2024 and met members of the Association to discuss water supply & billing related matters. The delegation introduced KWSC consumer base in SITE and updated members regarding water supply to KWSC consumers in SITE as well as to SITE Limited, action being taken on illegal connections, survey of industrial consumers etc. It was also decided to create a Whatsapp Coordination Group to bridge communication gap between the two organizations.

From SAI, Saleem Parekh, Muhammad Kamran Arbi, Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi, Muhammad Saleem Nagaria, Muhammad Rizwan Lakhany and Murtaza Ajaz Says were present in the meeting.



A view of participants of meeting with KWSC high officials

Meeting with MD, SSWMB

Managing Director, Sindh Solid Waste Management Board (SSWMB) Mr. Naseemuddin Mirani visited SAI on 1st Feb 2024 and had detailed discussion on matters related to solid waste lifting from SITE area, billing & collection matters, provision of data by SITE Limited for billing purposes, removal of dust from road sides, cleaning of nullah & culverts, sweeping of roads etc. MD SSWMB was requested to identify solid waste Temporary Dumping Points until such time door to door collection is started. Muhammad Kamran Arbi, Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal and Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi attended the meeting.



President Muhammad Kamran Arbi is presenting Shield to MD, SSWMB, Naseemuddin Mirani on the occasion of his visit. SVP Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal, VP Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi, Hussain Moosani, Muhammad Adeel, Ghulam Nabi and others are also present on this occasion.



A view of participants of meeting with KWSC high officials

Meeting with CDO, K-Electric

Chief Distribution Officer of K-Electric Syed Fawad Ali Gilani visited SAI on 6th December 2023 and met office bearers & members of the Executive Committee to discuss matters related to role of KE in prevailing gas crisis situation. He was accompanied by other high officials of his department.

Matters related to KE tariff structure, surplus electricity available in Winter for industries, quality of power etc. also came under detailed discussion in the meeting.

From SAI, Saleem Parekh (Chief Coordinator), Muhammad Kamran Arbi (President), Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi (VP), Former President Riaz Uddin and others were present in the meeting.



Group photo taken on the occasion of visit of CDO K-Electric to SITE Association of Industry

Meeting regarding compliance of SHC orders

A meeting was held on 2nd October 2023 in the office of Secretary Labor & HR, to discuss compliance of the directions of the honorable SHC in SPL.CR.ATA NO.133 of 2020. The court has directed that all the factory owners in Karachi to ensure that they have adequate safety equipment and SOPs in place in case of a fire or other serious emergency at their factory. On behalf of SAI, SVP Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal along with Former SVP Abdul Kadir Bilwani attended the meeting.

Meeting with Wing Commander, 63-Wing

An introductory meeting of new office bearers was held with the Wing Commander, 63-Wing, Lt. Col. Jahangir Akhtar at the 63-Wing on 5th October 2023. President Muhammad Kamran Arbi, SVP Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal, VP Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi and Former VP Naveed Wahid attended the meeting.

Meeting with Engr. Sibtain Mughal of Health & Safety Dept.

On 10th October 2023, a meeting was held with Engr. Sibtain Mughal, Zonal Director Labor, Occupational Safety & Health, at SAI office to discuss modus operandi of visit of Labor dept. officials to factories in compliance of SHC orders. Mr. Khalid Riaz was present in this meeting.

Meeting with MD, SSGC

On 10th October 2023, a meeting was held at SSGC Head office with the representatives of all town associations to discuss Winter Gas Load Management Plan. From SAI, President Muhammad Kamran Arbi along with Former Presidents namely Jawed Bilwani, Riaz Uddin and Abdul Hadi attended the meeting.

Meeting on export-focused industry policy

President Muhammad Kamran Arbi attended meeting of Cross Cutting Committee for formulating and implementing export-focused Industry Policy on 16th October 2023, held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Industries & Commerce at Sindh Secretariat.

NEPRA Hearing in the matter of KE Quarterly Adjustment

Vice President Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi attended online hearing of NEPRA, held on 19th October 2023 in the matter of quarterly adjustment for the quarter ending Juen-2023 under the MYT FY 2017-2023 of the K-Electric.

Consultation on Compliance Plus by EFP

The EFP organized a consultation session at local hotel on 20th October 2023 on "Compliance Plus" with the aim to assist and facilitate member organizations in achieving compliances to Labor standards and fostering responsible business practices. On behalf of SAI, VP Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi and EC Member Rizwan Lakhany attended the meeting.

Meeting of Karachi Industrial Forum (KIF)

A meeting of Karachi Industrial Forum comprising Presidents of all town associations of Karachi was held on 23rd October 2023 with the Sindh Minister for Industries & Commerce Mr. Muhammad Younus Dagha in the office of SITE Limited. Common issues of all industrial areas of Karachi came under detailed discussion at the meeting. From SITE Association of Industry, President Muhammad Kamran Arbi along with Immediate Past President Riaz Uddin attended the meeting.

Meeting with Secretary Industries & Commerce

Secretary Industries & Commerce Abdul Rasheed Solangi, visited SAI on 25/10/2023 along with the representatives of the Managing Directors of SITE Limited and SSWMB to discuss lifting of solid waste and cleaning of SITE area as per MOA signed.

Meeting with Federal Minister for Power & Petroleum

Mr. Muhammad Ali, Federal Minister for Power & Petroleum, visited KCCI on 27th October 2023 to discuss issues being faced by industries related to his office. From SAI, Muhammad Kamran Arbi (President), Riaz Uddin (Immediate Past President) and Murtaza Ajaz Saya (EC Member) attended this meeting.

Reception by Turkish Consulate

Muhammad Kamran Arbi (President) and Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi (VP) attended Reception hosted by Turkish Consulate on 28th October 2023 to the 100th Anniversary of the Proclamation of the Republic of Türkiye.

EFP Consultation on Economic Crisis and Impact on the Industry

EFP organized a consultation session on 30th October 2023 to discuss economic crisis and its impact on the industry to debate the issues and develop a common response in the matters related to minimum wage, EOBI, SESSI and Contract Labor. From SAI, Khalid Riaz (Chairman, Labor Committee) attended the meeting.

Meeting regarding compliance of SHC orders

A follow up meeting was held on 1st November 2023 at Sindh Secretariat, to discuss compliance of the directions of the honorable SHC in SPL.CR.ATA NO.133 of 2020 dated 11-09-2023 and 25-09-2023. Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi (VP) and Khalid Riaz (Chairman Labor Committee) represented SAI in this meeting.

Meeting on Winter Gas Load Management

On 3rd November 2023, another meeting was held at SSGC Head office with the representatives of all town associations to discuss Winter Gas Load Management Plan. From SAI, Saleem Parekh (Chief Coordinator), Jawed Bilwani (Former President) and Muhammad Kamran Arbi (President) attended the meeting, which unfortunately, remained inconclusive.

Follow up meeting with MD, SITE Limited

A follow up meeting was held with the MD, SITE Limited, Ghazanfar Ali Qadri, on 6th November 2023 at SAI office. Matters related to BOD meeting, nominations for reconciliation committee, recovery of dues, repair of leakages, pending NOCs and Water supply related matters were discussed & reviewed in the meeting. Muhammad Kamran Arbi (President) and Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi (VP) attended the meeting.

Meeting with NUST officials

Officials from NUST namely Anis Younus along with Director NUST Sana Maqbool, and coordinator Shahbaz, visited SAI on 7th November 2023 to discuss Ribbon-cutting of NUST Icon Centre and signing of MOA. Muhammad Kamran Arbi (President) and Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi (VP) were present in the meeting.

Meeting with Greenwich University Official

Dr. Tahira Tariq from Greenwich University visited SAI on 7th November 2023 in connection with sponsorship of 16th Convocation Gold Medals. On her request, the related information was shared with all members requesting to extend cooperation to the University. Muhammad Kamran Arbi (President) and Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi (VP) were present in the meeting.

Meeting on Occupational Safety & Health

Labor & HR Dept, Sindh, arranged a meeting on 7th November 2023 at local hotel, to discuss Sindh OSH program / policy prepared in consultation with ILO. On behalf of SAI, Khalid Riaz (Chairman Labor Committee) and Muhammad Riaz Dhedhi (former EC Member) attended the meeting.

Follow up meeting with Sindh Minister for Industries

Sindh Minister for Industries Muhammad Younus Dagha visited SITE Limited office for a follow up meeting, to review progress on the matters discussed earlier on the occasion of his visit to the Association. Jawed Bilwani (Former President), Muhammad Kamran Arbi (President) and Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi (VP) attended the meeting on special request of the MD, SITE Limited.

Meeting with KE officials

Asmer Naeem from KE (accompanied by Humayun Saghir and other officials) visited SAI on 8th November 2023 and had discussion with SAI members on matters related to the utility company. The matters of incremental usage tariff, KE capacity utilization in winter, tariff application of KE, circular debt, industrial supply & recovery etc. came under discussion. Muhammad Kamran Arbi (President) and Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi (VP) attended the meeting.

Follow up meeting with Sindh Minister for Industries

Another follow up meeting was held with Sindh Minister for Industries Muhammad Younus Dagha in the Finance Dept, Sindh Secretariat on 10th November 2023 at which, MD, SITE Limited and MD, KWSC were also invited. Saleem Parekh (Chief Coordinator), Muhammad Kamran Arbi (President) and Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi (VP) attended the meeting.

Meeting of Reconciliation & Review Committee

As a result of meetings with MD, SITE Limited, a Reconciliation & Review Committee has been formed for settlement of dues of Members. In this Committee, former SVP Abdul Kadir Bilwani and former VP Muhammad Hussain Moosani have been nominated by the Association. The first meeting of this Committee was held on 13th November 2023 at SITE Limited which was attended by the two nominees.

Press Conference at KCCI on Gas Tariff

An important press conference was held at KCCI on 21st November 2023 on the matter of hike in Gas Tariff. Representatives from all town associations participated in the press conference. From SAI, Saleem Parekh (Chief Coordinator), Jawed Bilwani (Former President), Muhammad Kamran Arbi (President), Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi (VP), Rizwan Lakhany, Haris Shakoor and Khalid Riaz attended the press conference.

Meeting of Coordination Committee

The 1st meeting of the Coordination Committee, constituted by the Sindh Minister for Industries, was held on 23rd November 2023 in the Finance Dept, Sindh Secretariat. The meeting had a long agenda to discuss, some of which, were deferred for the next meeting. At this meeting, Jawed Bilwani (Former President) and Muhammad Kamran Arbi (President) represented the Association.

Meeting on Gas Tariff at PHMA House

On 25th November 2023, an important meeting was held at PHMA House on the matter of Gas Tariff. Muhammad Kamran Arbi (President) and Saleem Parekh (Chief Coordinator) attended the meeting on behalf of the Association.

Press Conference at North Karachi Association

On 27th November 2023, a joint press conference was held at North Karachi Association of Trade & Industry on the matter of Gas Tariff. Saleem Parekh (Chief Coordinator), and Muhammad Kamran Arbi (President) attended the Press Conference on behalf of the Association.

NEPRA Hearing on KE's Distribution & Supplier License

NEPRA organized online hearing regarding KE's Distribution & Supplier License on 28th November 2023. KE's 20 years License has already expired and the interim extension in License will also expire in January-2024. Concluding the hearing, NEPRA officials stated the most of the suggestions are against the renewal of KE's License. Decision will be issued later.

NEPRA Hearing on Wheeling Charges

NEPRA organized online hearing regarding petitions filed by XWDISCOS (Except SEPCO) for determination of use of system charges / wheeling charges, on 28th November 2023. Muhammad Kamran Arbi (President) attended the hearing took note of the proceedings.

Awareness Session on Labor Laws

SAI, in collaboration with EFP, organized an Awareness Session on Labor Laws on 28th November 2023 which was attended by more than 80 representatives of member industries. Directors and high officials from SESSI and EOBI were present. EFP sponsored the lunch, decoration & associated expenses of the awareness session.

National Skills Passport Distribution

The EFP, in collaboration with ILO, organized National Skills Passport Distribution Ceremony on 29th Nov 2023 at local hotel, at which, Sindh Minister for Industries & Commerce Mr. Muhammad Younus Dagha was the Chief Guest. On behalf of SAI, Mr. Riaz Uddin attended the program.

Meeting on Winter Gas Load Management

SSGC convened a meeting on winter gas load management plan FY 2023-24 at its head office on 30th Nov 2023. Chief Coordinator Mr. Saleem Parekh, Mr. Jawed Bilwani and Mr. Muhammad Kamran Arbi attended the meeting and advocated the stand of the Association on the proposed plan.

Press Briefing on Strike Day

On the day of strike (4th Dec), media people contacted the Association for the coverage of closure of industrial activities in SITE area as result of protest call. Senior Members and Executive Committee members also reached the Association and talked to media representative. Mr. Jawed Bilwani gave detailed briefing to the media representatives on closure of industrial production activities in different industrial zones.

Meeting with Pakistan Railways representative

Officials from Pakistan Railways namely Mr. Sohail Javed visited SAI on 5th December 2023 to discuss matters related to crossing of sub-soil water lines under various railways crossings of SITE area. From SAI, Muhammad Kamran Arbi and Abdul Hadi were present in the meeting.

Introductory Meeting with SP SITE

Newly appointed SP-SITE Shahzeb Chachar visited SAI on 5th December 2023 and met Muhammad Kamran Arbi and Abdul Hadi. It was introductory meeting at which, law & order related issues of SITE area briefly came under discussion.

Meeting of Coordination Committee constituted by Industries Minister

Another meeting of the Coordination Committee, constituted by the Sindh Minister for Industries, was held on 5th December 2023 in Sindh Secretariat. The meeting was held to discuss remaining agenda items which included shortage of electricity, one-window Labor inspection, SBCA related issues, Environmental issues, provision of funds to industrial area DMCs etc. Chief Coordinator Saleem Parekh, Jawed Bilwani and Muhammad Kamran Arbi represented the Association in this meeting.

Visit of CDO of K-Electric

Chief Distribution Officer of K-Electric Syed Fawad Ali Gilani, visited SAI on 6th December 2023 and met office bearers & members of the Executive Committee to discuss matters related to role of KE in prevailing gas crisis situation.

Presentation on Fire & Safety Measures

SITE Limited organized a Presentation on Fire & Safety related matters on 11th December 2023. Key presenter was Mr. Tariq Moeen of F.P.A.P. who defined basic Fire Safety Tips. He also urged the employees of SITE Limited (participants) to purchase the book "Pakistan Building Code" and enforce the code in their respective areas. Chief Security Officer of SAI Tahseen Ahmed Siddiqui attend the presentation as per advice of President.

Meeting at KWSC

An important meeting was held at the office of KWSC on 16th December 2023 to discuss water related issues of SITE area, attended by Mr. Zubair Motiwala, Mr. Saleem Parekh, Mr. Jawed Bilwani and Mr. Muhammad Kamran Arbi.

OGRA Public Hearing for SSGC tariff

OGRA conducted two public hearings on 18th December 2023 to consider SSGC's request for Review of its Estimate Revenue Requirement for FY 2023-24 and for revision of Security Deposit of Domestic consumers (Gas & RLNG). The notices were circulated to all members of the Association encouraging members participation in these important matters.

Meeting to review progress on B-Ready and PRMI

Investment Dept, Govt. of Sindh, convened meeting with private sector, chambers and concerned associations on 19th December 2023 to review progress on reforms proposals under B-Ready and PRMI, which was attended by Mr. Riaz Uddin.

428th Meeting of BOD of SITE Limited

428th Meeting of Board of Directors of SITE Limited was held on 20th December 2023 at Sindh Secretariat. The meeting had a long agenda to discuss which included approval of budget, digitalization of land records, fee & charges, fire safety training, HR issues, allotment of land in SITE-III Noori Abad and SITE Sukkur, 2000-acres land matters, environmental issues, maintenance of roads, provision and supply of water, solid waste lifting, removal of encroachments, problems in issuance of NOCs, matters related to allotment & transfer of plots, appointment & functioning of MD SITE Limited, checking of criminal records of security staff, independent audit of accounts and setting up of SITE-DMC. Tenant Directors attended the BOD meeting.

Meeting with Group Capt. Bilal Chand of PAF Base, Masroor

Group Capt. Bilal Chand from PAF Base, Masroor, visited SAI on 21st December 2023 and met office bearers in connection with sponsorship for the repair, maintenance, uplift and provision of necessities, stationery & IT equipment to five (5) government-run schools, located in the premises of PAF Base, Masroor.

Meeting regarding Infrastructure Development Cess

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary Sindh on 21st December 2023 at Sindh Secretariat on the matter of Infrastructure Development Cess. The agenda was to examine the case for Infrastructure Development Cess and put up the proposals / facts. All the Industrial Town Association have been requested to prepare PC1 of their necessary Developmental work for respective zones, for onward submission to the Secretary Industries & Commerce Dept, Govt. of Sindh for consideration and for release of funds to develop infrastructure, through the funds collected under Sindh Infrastructure Development Cess. Mr. Muhammad Kamran Arbi along with Mr. Zubair Motiwala & Mr. Jawed Bilwani attended the meeting.

Meeting with Bahria Foundation officials

Officials from Bahria Foundation, visited SAI on 27th December 2023 and met office bearers. They gave detailed & comprehensive presentation on the various security services being offered by them.

Meeting with Consul General of Germany at KCCI

The Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany Ruediger Lotz, visited KCCI on 27th December 2023 to discuss matters of mutual interest and bilateral trade promotion. From SAI Mr. Khalid Riaz attended this meeting.

Meeting with PNSC officials

Official from PNSC namely Navy Commodore Irfan Taj and Manager Business Development Umair, visited SAI on 3rd January 2024 and met office bearers to introduce PNSC scope of activities and to discuss current issues being faced by exporters and importers in terms of freight & vessel available. They have plans to expand their services to the industrial importers/exporters. Muhammad Kamran Arbi and Murtaza Ajaz Saya were present in the meeting.

Meeting on draft 'Sindh Industrial Policy'

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Sindh Minister for Industries Muhammad Younus Dagha at Sindh Secretariat on 4th January 2024 to discuss draft of 'Sindh Industrial Policy' as prepared by Dr. Qaiser Bengali. Dr. Qaiser Bengali outlined a comprehensive set of suggestions during the meeting aimed at fostering industrial activities in Sindh included the establishment of new industrial zones and the provision of subsidized loans and other facilities. From SAI, Zubair Motiwala, Jawed Bilwani and Muhammad Kamran Arbi attended the meeting.

Meeting with K-Electric New Connection Team

A team from K-Electric new connection department visited SAI on 8th January 2024 and met office bearers & members of energy sub-committee of the Association. They introduced their services and steps taken to facilitate new industrial connections or load enhancement applications as well as consumer portal made for the purpose. It was also decided to create a coordination whatsapp Group for 'New Connections' only.

Visit of Technical Team from NUST

A 10-member team from NUST Islamabad visited SAI on 9th January 2024 for discussion on technical matters. They introduced their major departments and discussed deputation of staff NUST Icon Centre in SAI premises and also invited SAI Executive Members to visit NUST Islamabad on study tour. Discussion also took place on issues being faced by industries. NUST technical team was invited come up with their solutions to overcome low gas pressure/ shortage of gas issue which is persistent in SITE area. Office bearers and Executive Committee members attended this meeting.

Meeting with Minister Railways

A meeting was held with Minister Railways Capt. (R) Shahid Ashraf Tarar on 9th January 2024 in the official of DS Railways to discuss crossing of water lines under the KCR route and the payment of required charges. Saleem Parekh and Muhammad Kamran Arbi attended the meeting on behalf of SAI.

Meeting with KWSC officials

On 9th January 2024, a meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Minister Industries Sindh Muhammad Younus Dagha to discuss billing of industrial units without supply of water. From SAI, Saleem Parekh, Jawed Bilwani and Muhammad Kamran Arbi attended the meeting and discussed complaints received from members in this regard.

Meeting with PTCL Director

Arif Kamal, Director, PTCL, visited SAI on 11th January 2024 and met VP Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi to discuss members complaints related to PTCL and upgrading of PTCL network and introducing high speed internet service in SITE area. President Muhammad Kamran Arbi was also present on this occasion.

Meeting on Anti-Encroachment Drive

Deputy Commissioner, District Keamari, Junaid Iqbal, convened a meeting on 16th January 2024 in his office to discuss anti-encroachment drive in SITE area. It was decided that DC will issue order for conducting the drive, SITE Ltd will lead the drive and DC will engage LEAs for security. Soft encroachments outside NADRA office and Rasheedabad will be removed on priority. From SAI, Muhammad Kamran Arbi and Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi attended the meeting.

Meeting with Turkish Consul General

KCCI invited Turkish Consul General Mr.Cemal Sangu for meeting on 17th January 2024. Matter related to increasing coordination & communication between the two organization as well as promotion of bilateral trade relations came under discussion. Khalid Riaz represented SAI in this meeting.

Meeting of Reconciliation Committee of SITE LTD

A meeting of Reconciliation Committee of SITE Limited as held on 17th January 2024 at SITE Association of Industry (instead of SITE Ltd office), at which, concerned members of the Associatoin having issues related to dues, were also invited. The meeting remained very fruitful and members issues were discussed in details and finally it was decided to send recommendations to MD for final approval. Committee members namely Muhammad Saleem Nagaria, Abdul Kadir Bilwani and Muhammad Hussain Moosani represented SAI in this meeting.

Meeting of Steering Committee on Business & Human Rights

First introductory of provincial Steering Committee on Business & Human Resource was held at Sindh Assembly building on 18th January 2024. Muhammad Kamran Arbi attended the meeting and raised the point that only FPCCI, EFP and SITE Association of Industry have been taken on board whereas all town & industrial associations of Karachi should be invited in the meeting. The point raised by President was well taken by the host.

Meeting with sub-soil suppliers

On 18th Jan 2024, a meeting of sub-soil suppliers was convened to discuss payment of KCR crossing charges as per revised schedule of Pakistan Railways. It was general consensus that the revised charges are very high and the Association must standing with sub-soil supplier to cut down charges to the maximum possible extent. Saleem Parekh and Muhammad Kamran Arbi attended this meeting from SITE Association of Industry. Arbi attended this meeting from SITE Association of Industry.

Reception by Netherlands Consulate

On the occasion of the celebration of 75 years relationship between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, a Reception was organized by the Hon. Consul General on 18th January 2024, which was attended by Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal.

Meeting with DS Railways

On 19 January 2024, another meeting was held with Divisional Superintendent Railways in his office, on the matter of KCR crossing charges as per revised schedule of charges, attended by Saleem Parekh and Muhammad Kamran Arbi.

Meeting on anti-encroachment drive in SITE area

Following meeting held at DC Meeting earlier, another meeting on the matter of removal of encroachments from SITE area was held on 19th January 2024 at SITE Limited office which was attended by Abdul Hadi on behalf of SITE Association of Industry.

Launching Meeting of Pakistan Business Task Force

EFP organized the launching meeting of Pakistan Business Task Force on the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) on 24th January 2024 at local hotel. the purpose of the task force is to establish linkages with the UN agencies and present the contributions of the private sector towards achieving sustainable development goals and meeting the UN 2030 agenda. Muhammad Riaz Dhedhi represented SAI in this meeting.

Launching Ceremony of E-Services of SITE Limited

Launching Ceremony Of E-Services Sindh, E-Registration, E-Mutation, e-Pay Sindh and Digitalization of the records of SITE and SSIC was held on 24th January 2024 at local hotel, performed by Chief Minister Sindh Justice (retd) Maqbool Baqar. Executive Committee and senior members were invited to attend this program from SITE Association of Industry, many of them were present on the occasion.

Meeting at HQ-PR on law & order

A meeting was held on 26th January 2024 at HQ-Pakistan Rangers Sindh to update representatives of industrial associations on the activities & efforts of Pakistan Rangers to maintain law & order in the metropolis. Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi represented SAI in this important meeting.

13th Tripartite Labour Standing Committee meeting

The 13th meeting of 'Tripartite Labour Standing Committee' was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary Labour & HR, Sindh, on 29th January 2024 at Sindh Secretariat. From SAI, Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi and Khalid Riaz attended the meeting.

Public-Private Dialogue for Sindh Industrial Policy

The Industries & Commerce Department, Govt. of Sindh, organized a public-private dialogue for Sindh Industrial Policy on 29th January 2024 at local hotel. The draft of the policy has been prepared by renowned economist Dr.Qaiser Bengali. On behalf of

Meeting on reforms under PRMI (CLICK)

On 30th January 2024, another meeting was held in the investment department regarding impact assessment on the reforms suggested by private sector and implemented in Sindh province under PRMI. Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi represented SAI in this meeting.

Meeting on Axle Load Regime

A follow up meeting on Axle Load Regime was held on 1st February 2024 under the Chairmanship of Secretary Industries Sindh. Matters related to strict compliance of Axle Load Control Regime, ensure laden weight aligns with vehicle Registration Book, compliance of Section-39 of NHSO-2000 by vehicle manufacturers and coordination with Highway and Motorway Police came under detailed discussion in the meeting. From SAI, Jawed Bilwani, Muhammad Kamran Arbi and Muhammad Hussain Moosani attended the meeting.

Meeting of BOD of SITE Limited

429th Meeting of Board of Directors of SITE Limited was held on 2nd February 2024. This was the first meeting after the election of Tenant Directors of SITE Limited held on 15th January 2024. Newly elected Tenant Directors and President SAI attended the BOD meeting.

Meeting with World Bank officials

Officials from the World Bank team visited the Association on 7th Feb 2024 to discuss matters related to KWSC. The team is working on reforms in KWSC and the purpose of their visit was to get feedback from stakeholders. From SAI, Saleem Parekh and office bearers attended this meeting.

Meeting with Asian Development Bank officials

A team from Asian Development Bank visited SAI on 13th Feb 2024 for discussion on recycled water related matters. The meeting was coordinated by their local representatives M/s.Bridge Factor. Matters related to current water requirements in quantity with seasonal or calendar variation, source of the water, in particular the % from (i) KWSB pipeline, (ii) Other Sources, (iii) tankers and (iv) any boreholes within the factory compound, methods to lower TDS and related matters came under detailed discussion in the meeting, attended by Saleem Parekh and Muhammad Kamran Arbi on behalf of SITE Association of Industry.

Meeting on Anti-Encroachment Drive

On 19th Feb 2024, a meeting was convened by the 63-Wing, Sachal Rangers, to discuss start of another Anti-Encroachment Drive in SITE area. After detailed discussion, it was decided to launch Anti-Encroachment Drive in SITE area from Monday next.

The meeting was attended by Abdul Hadi along with staff member Tahseen Siddiqui.

Meeting of Reconciliation Committee of SITE LTD

Another (3rd) meeting of Reconciliation Committee of SITE Limited was held on 19th Feb 2024 in the office of the Association to follow up the matters discussed in the 2nd meeting of the Committee. The members were informed of the progress made so far on which, the Committee expressed satisfaction. From SAI, Saleem Nagaria, Abdul Kadir Biliwani and Muhammad Hussain Moosani attended the meeting.

Meeting of Redressal Committee of SITE Limited

A meeting of Redressal Committee for verification of record uploaded on Industrial Estate Management System (IEMS) was held on 23rd February 2024 in the office of the Association. The meeting was attended by members of the Redressal Committee from SAI and SITE Limited. Complaints received from member industries related to record uploaded on IEMS, mostly related to 'Record not found' came under detailed discussion. After discussion, it was decided to prepare a comprehensive Checklist of document which should be furnished by industries for the correction / upload of record on the IEMS.

Meeting RSG Head

In order to chalk out strategy to improve performance of RSG in SITE area, Col. Obaid, Head of Rangers Security Guards (RSG), visited SAI on 29th February 2024 and had meeting with President Muhammad Kamran Arbi and Chairman of Law & Order Committee Abdul Hadi. High officials from RSG were also present in the meeting. The agreements signed by RSG in the past were reviewed. The issues and challenges facing the RSG were discussed which included, in particular, pay per guard, non-availability of local military men to join RSG for posting in Karachi, perks offered by other security companies to ex-army men etc. Abdul Hadi complained about performance of RSG. It was decided to provide accommodation to RSG at SAI premises to save their daily commuting time & money, together with Lunch from adjacent 63-Wing Rangers. Col. Obaid suggested to provide 8-10 Walkie Talkies to Guards deployed at SITE area using the dedicated bandwidth of RSG, assigned by PTA.

Workshop on Citizen Budget 2024-25

The Economic Reform Unit, Finance Department, Govt. of Sindh, invited representatives from SITE Association of Industry to a Workshop on the upcoming Citizens Budget 2024-25, held at Commissioner Karachi's office on 5th March 2024. SVP Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal along with Former President Riaz Uddin attended the workshop.

Meeting of Redressal Committee of SITE Limited

Another meeting of Redressal Committee of SITE Limited was held on 6th March 2024 in the office of SITE Limited which was attended by Members of the Redressal Committee from SAI namely Saleem Nagaria, Abdul Kadir Bilwani and Muhammad Hussain Moosani. The meeting reviewed the progress of decisions taken in the earlier meeting held at SAI office.

Meeting with KCCI President

The office bearers of the Association called on President KCCI Mr. Iftikhar Ahmed Shaikh on 7th March 2024 to meet and greet. On this occasion, they briefly discussed matters of mutual interest and industry related issues.

Press Conference at Korangi Association

An emergent Press Conference was held on 11th March 2024 at Korangi Association of Trade & Industry (KATI) to address the alarming rise in forgery and fraud tactics targeting the business community. Leaders from FPCCI, KCCI, Seven Town Associations of Karachi, and other representative bodies were invited to discuss strategies against these nefarious acts that threaten businesses and livelihoods. From SAI, Saleem Parekh (Chief Coordinator), Jawed Bilwani (Former President), Muhammad Kamran Arbi (President) and Abdul Hadi (Chairman, Law & Order Committee) attended the Press Conference.

OGRA Public Hearing in the matter of SSGC

OGRA organized a Public Hearing in the matter of SSGC's petition for determination of its Estimated Revenue Requirement / Prescribed Prices for FY 2024-25 at the SSGC Head office on 18th March 2024. The information was circulated among all members inviting them to attend. At the hearing, intervenors were invited to furnish their comments in front of OGRA members and SSGC management. SAI Patron-in-Chief Zubair Motiwala spoke at length at the hearing before OGRA officials and highlighted the matter of exorbitant gas tariff for general industries and captive power who have been further burdened with blended gas tariff. He rejected the plea of SSGC for any increase in the prescribed gas prices.

Meeting with SSWMB on solid waste lifting

A meeting was held on 18th March 2024 in the office of SSWMB, attended by MD SITE Limited Ghazanfar Ali Qadri, President Muhammad Kamran Arbi and former SVP Saleem Nagaria along with others officials from SITE Limited and SSWMB. Matters related to cleaning operations, payments from industries and implementation of MoA came under discussion. Members were informed that bills of SSWMB will be available on portal very soon. SITE Limited was requested to issue notices to those industries not paying SSWMB bill. President SAI assured full cooperation from the Association in achieving targets as mentioned in the MoA signed.

Meeting of HR Committee of SITE Limited

A meeting of HR Committee of SITE Limited was held on 19th March 2024 at SITE Limited, attended by Members of the HR Committee namely Jawed Bilwani and Muhammad Kamran Arbi.

430th Meeting of BOD of SITE Limited

The 430th meeting of Board of Directors of SITE Limited was held on 20th March 2024 at SITE Limited, attended by Tenant Directors. Various matters came under detailed discussion in the BOD meeting which in particular included:

- Review of digitalization of land records progress
- Review of development works progress
- Progress Review of Karachi Phase-III
- Constitution of Works, Development & Finance Committee
- Establishment of new industrial estates at various Districts
- Payment of provisional challans issued by KWSC
- Removal of encroachments etc.

World Water Day program

To mark World Water Day, Govt. of Sindh in collaboration with KWSSIP organized Karachi Water Summit at local hotel on 22nd March 2024. Chief Minister Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah was the Chief Guest of the program. President Muhammad Kamran Arbi represented SAI at this forum.

Meeting of Works Committee of SITE Limited

A meeting of Works Committee of SITE Limited was held on 25th March 2024 in the office of Chairman Works Committee. Saleem Parekh chaired the meeting as Chairman. Members from SAI namely Abdul Hadi and Saleem Nagaria were also present. The meeting reviewed progress, status and other related issues of ongoing Development Works at SITE area.

Meeting with Legal Advisor of FPCCI

Legal Advisor of FPCCI Adnan Bashir along with his brother Hamid Bashir visited SAI on 28th March 2024 to introduce his firm and services being offered to industries. Muhammad Kamran Arbi (President), Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal (SVP), Riaz Uddin (Former President), Abdul Kadir Bilwani (Former SVP) and Khalid Riaz (Chairman, Labour Committee) were present in the meeting. The firm offer legal services in four core areas viz. Income Tax, SESSI & EOBI, Taxation and criminal cases. The matter of various labour audits, particularly SESSI audit was discussed with them. They offered Retainer Services for SITE Association of Industry.

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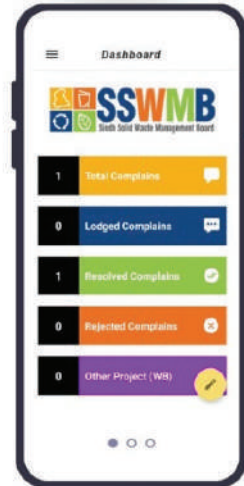
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