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# **PAKISTAN ETHANOL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 2023**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM-2023) of M/S: Pakistan Ethanol Manufacturers Association (PEMA) was held on 21-09-2023 at Movenpick Hotel Karachi. The following representative from the members distilleries have participated in the meeting:-

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| 1. Mr. Asim Ghani Usman      | - Chairman, PEMA (Al-Abbas Sugar Mills Ltd) |
| 2. Mr. Ahmed Zakaria         | - Vice Chairman (Shahmurad Sugar Mills Ltd) |
| 3. Mr. Ahmed Bawany          | - UNICOL Ltd                                |
| 4. Mr. Omer Zakaria          | - Shahmurad Sugar Mills Ltd                 |
| 5. Mr. Khalid Hayat Khan     | - UNICOL Ltd                                |
| 6. Mr. Hyder Rustmani        | - United Ethanol Industries Ltd             |
| 7. Mr. Kamal Danish Akhund   | - Pak Ethanol (Pvt) Ltd                     |
| 8. Mr. Hanif Chamdia         | - Shahmurad Sugar Mills & Distillery        |
| 9. Mr. Adnan Pirzada         | - Dewan Sugar Mills Ltd                     |
| 10. Mr. M. Salahuddin        | - UNICOL Ltd                                |
| 11. Mr. M. Sharif Khan       | - UNICOL Ltd                                |
| 12. Syed Haider Ali          | - Pak Ethanol (Pvt) Ltd                     |
| 13. Mr. Arshad Javaid Kayani | - Secretary General, PEMA                   |

Whereas, the following representatives from Punjab Distilleries have join the Meeting through Zoom Link:-

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| 1. Ch. Muhammad Waheed    | - Hunza Sugar Mills & Distillery               |
| 2. Sh. Muhammad Saeed     | - Premier Group of Company                     |
| 3. Mr. M. Ahsen Ali       | - Sr. Vice Chairman (Premier Group of Company) |
| 4. Mr. M. Faizan Chaudhry | - Hunza Sugar Mills & Distillery               |
| 5. Mr. Muhammad Shafique  | - Noon Sugar Mills & Distillery                |

The meeting was commenced with the recitation of Holy Quran by the Chairman PEMA, (Mr. Asim Ghani Usman).

The Chairman, PEMA welcome to all the members/participants and thanks for their participation in the meeting. The Chairman PEMA also thanks to all the members for their cooperation during his tenure as Chairman PEMA and briefed about the performance of Association/Chairman with regards to his efforts to resolve the various issues/problems being faced by the Pakistan Ethanol Industry.

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With the due Permission of Chairman the Secretary General, PEMA briefed about the Agenda points one by one which were already circulated to all member's distilleries well in time.

## **AGENDA No. 01 = APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM-2022**

The Secretary General, PEMA read out the points of the last AGM-2022 and intimated the action taken against the various agenda points.

### **RESOLUTION**

All the members/participants have unanimously approved the minutes of the last AGM-2022 and advised to implement the decision taken in the last meeting by all the members.

## **AGENDA NO. 02 = APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS OF PEMA FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2022-2023**

The Secretary General, PEMA presented the Audit Report for the financial year 2022-2023 and summary of income and expenditures as well as bank balance/statement of the FY-2022-2023 which was already circulated to all members. The Secretary General informed that the said Audit report has been prepared by the Auditor of PEMA (Qadeer & Co. Chartered Accountant Firm) and checked/Verified by the CFO/GM Finance of M/S: Premier Industrial Chemical Mfg Co. (Pvt) Ltd.

### **RESOLUTION**

After detail discussion the members were satisfied about the audit report and summary of account presented by the Secretary General, PEMA hence unanimously approved the Accounts of the Association (PEMA) for the financial year 2022-2023.

## **AGENDA NO.03 = APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR/CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT FOR THE FY 2023-2024**

The Secretary General, PEMA informed to the participants of meeting/members that M/S: Qadeer & Co. Chartered Accountant Firm in Lahore was appointed as Auditor of PEMA in the last AGM who is preparing accounts of PEMA since 2018. The consent of M/S: Qadeer & Co. as well as M/S: A. Munawar & Co. (Chartered Accountant) have been received for appointment as Auditor of PEMA for the FY 2023-2024. The participants/Members were requested for approval with regard to continue the present auditor (Qadeer & Co.) or for appointment of new Auditor M/S: A. Munawar & Co. for the Financial Year 2023-2024.

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## **RESOLUTION**

After detail discussion the point of view of the participants/members that since there is no any ambiguity occurred during the last six years from the present auditor (Qadeer & Co.) therefore, it was unanimously decided to continue the present auditor (M/S: Qadeer & Co.) as Auditor of PEMA for a further period of one year i.e FY 2023-2024.

## **AGENDA NO. 04 = DETENTION OF ETHANOL EXPORT CONTAINERS AT KPT**

As reported by the some member distillery of Punjab that ISO Tank and FCL container of Ethanol undergoes through Lab examination at KPT. Unfortunately this procedure is posing significant challenges for all ethanol exporters which causing unnecessary delay in shipping of goods well in time. The matter may be discussed with the concerned authority by PEMA collectively to resolve this issue/problems for in time shipment of ethanol for export.

## **RESOLUTION**

After discussion by the participants the point of view of members/participants that this is a routine matter, to take about 10 days for shipment of goods, hence this is not a critical issue/problem as the customs department has not stopped the shipment of any distillery so far, hence we should not interfere in their routine assignments.

## **AGENDA NO. 05 = PAYMENT OF DEMURRAGE CHARGES AT PORT**

Some member has intimated that demurrage charges at port are being paid by the seller. Whereas, it should be mutually decided by the entire distillery that the demurrage should be start when ship is all fast at berth. Accordingly a clause in their contract with the buyer may be added that "Demurrage (if any) should start when vessel is all fast at berth".

The above point was also discussed in AGM-2018 some members have implemented whereas some members have refused as their buyers were not agreed with their point of view.

## **RESOLUTION**

It has been unanimously resolved that all the members may convenience their buyers and mentioned a clause in the sale agreement that "Demurrage (if any) should start when vessel is all fast at berth".

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## **AGENDA NO. 06 = SHARING OF PRODUCTION & EXPORT DATA**

It was unanimously resolved in the last AGM that all the distilleries will provide the above information to the Association (Secretary General). It became an embarrassing situation when PEMA have a meeting with the Government Higher Authorities or some department requested for provision of the above information. Accordingly a request was submitted with a Performa to all the distilleries for provision of the above said information, but no positive response has been received from various distilleries.

## **RESOLUTION**

It was unanimously decided that Secretary General once again submit a request along with a Performa to all distilleries for provision of required data for PEMA's office record every year.

## **AGENDA NO. 07 = ENVIRONMENT ISSUES – WASTE WATER TREATMENT OF DISTILLERY**

As already intimated to all Honourable Members that a meeting with Environment Commission and Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency Govt. of Pakistan was held on 13-06-2022 in Faletti's Hotel Lahore regarding Treatment of waste water of distillery according to the NEQS. The Chairman and Technical officials of PEMA briefed to the PEPA and Environment Commission that since there is no such technology in Pakistan to treat the spent wash of sugar cane molasses base distillery, therefore a coordination committee was constituted comprising the 4 technical officials from PEMA and members NEQS of PEPA vide Pak-EPA, (Ministry of -Climate Change Islamabad) notification dated 24-10-2022. But unfortunately despite repeated request of PEMA no any single meeting of the said committee is held so far. Instead Pak-EPA asked about the outcome of research and Pilot Project of PEMA (Sindh Zone) - UET Jamshoro Sindh.

The Chemical Engineers of Sindh Distilleries (Mr. Muhammad Sharif Khan & Mr. M. Salahuddin of UNICOL Ltd and Mr. Adnan Pirzada, Dewan Sugar Mills Ltd) briefed in details about the research project which was signed with the US-Pakistan Center for Advanced Studies in Water, Mehran University of Engineering (UET) Jamshoro as well as the present progress of pilot project installed in Matol (Pvt) Ltd.

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## **RESOLUTION**

After details discussion the members/participants of the view that the research of UET Jamshoro (Sindh) regarding treatment of spent wash of distillery is still not become fruitful even after 4 years and have shown their dissatisfaction on the performance of above mentioned research project/prototype plant. Accordingly, it was decided that PEMA may pursue the case with the PAK-EPA (Ministry of Climate Change Islamabad) for further necessary action on the notification issued by them regarding constitution of coordination committee and progress thereon and proposed the solution for disposal of spent wash of distillery on any cost affected technology in home country as well as some members of committee may visit abroad where the such kind of technology/plants are available.

## **AGENDA NO. 08 = CONSTITUTION OF HR/ADMIN COMMITTEE**

As per DGTO Act/Rules-2013 as well as MOA of Association a HR/Admin Committee comprising of three members is required to be constituted. The said committee will look after the affairs of association office and also authorized under the rules for appointment/termination of staff working under the Secretary General, PEMA and submit their recommendations to Chairman PEMA for approval. Accordingly the following committee is proposed:

1. Mr. M. Ahsen Ali, Senior Vice Chairman, PEMA
2. Lt Col Abdul Khaliq Khan (Retd), CEO, Noon Sugar Mills Ltd
3. Mr. Arshad Javaid Kayani, Secretary General, PEMA

## **RESOLUTION**

All the members/participants were agreed with the above proposal of HR/Admin Committee which should be changed every year.

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## **AGENDA NO. 09 = PAYMENT OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION OF PEMA**

As per DGTO Act-2013, Rule 11(5)(b), all member of an association will have to pay their Annual subscription from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March of every year to meet the day to day expenditures of Association office as well as payment of annual fees of various Government Department (SECP, DGTO, FPCCI & Auditor fee etc), to keep the association active and functional. Whereas, it is regretted to state that despite repeated requests some member distillery are paying their annual subscription even after 30<sup>th</sup> June of each year. All the members may be requested for payment of their annual subscription of PEMA well in time i.e from 15<sup>th</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March every year.

It is also pointed out that two distilleries are not being paid their membership fee from last couple of years but all the advantage being obtained by the PEMA are availing equally along with other member's distilleries:-

1. Shakarganj Mills Ltd.
2. Premier Sugar Mills & Distillery KPK.

## **RESOLUTION**

The views/suggestions of some members were to cancel the membership of above distillery but later on it was unanimously decided that Secretary General may request once again for payment of their annual subscription only for the last year and continue their membership.

Since there was no other point for discussion the meeting was concluding with the vote of thanks to the chair.

The Chairman, PEMA invited to all the participants to join the lunch which was arranged by the association.

(Arshad Javaid Kayani)  
Secretary General, PEMA



(Asim Ghani Usman)  
Chairman, PEMA

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