

THE KARACHI COTTON ASSOCIATION

(The Cotton Exchange, I.I. Chundrigar Road, Karachi)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 13 OF 2017-18

MINUTES

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the 86th Executive Committee of The Karachi Cotton Association was held in the Board Room of the Association, The Cotton Exchange, I.I. Chundrigar Road, Karachi on **Tuesday, August 28, 2018** at **12:30 hours** to consider the following Agenda:-

P R E S E N T

01. Khawaja Tahir Mahmood - Chairman
02. Mr. Aftab Umer
03. Mr. Ahmed Ebrahim
04. Mr. Asif Inam
05. Mr. Muhammad Adil Osawala
06. Mr. Nasir Anwer Barkhurdaria
07. Mr. Muhammad Atif Dada
- &
08. Mr. Aftab Alam - Secretary General

The meeting started with the recitation from the **HOLY QURAN**.

Before taking-up the Agenda of the meeting, Chairman informed the Executive Committee about the sad demise of wife of Mr. Naser Wahab, Vice-Chairman, the KCA on 25-08-2018.

The Executive Committee expressed profound sorrow and grief on the sad demise of wife of Mr. Naser Wahab, Vice-Chairman, the KCA offered FATEHA and prayed to the Almighty Allah to rest her soul in eternal peace and grant patience, perseverance and courage to all members of the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss. Ameen!.

The Executive Committee directed the Secretariat to send a letter of condolence, on behalf of the Executive Committee and Members of the Association to Mr. Naser Wahab, Vice-Chairman, the KCA.

MINUTES (51)

01. a) **To confirm minutes of the Regular meeting No. 12 of the Executive Committee held on 04-07-2018. (Minutes of the meeting No. 12 held on 04-07-2018 already circulated via email on 20-08-2018)**

As no objection to the minutes of the meeting No. 12 of the Executive Committee held on 04-07-2018 was received, the same were confirmed by the Executive Committee and signed by Chairman in token of confirmation.

- b) **To confirm Resolutions No. 133 dated 24-07-2018 passed by Circulation by the Executive Committee. (Resolution No. 133 dated 27-07-2018 already circulated via email on 20-08-2018)**

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As no objection to the Resolutions No. 133 dated 27-07-2018 of the Executive Committee, was received, the same were confirmed by the Executive Committee and signed by Chairman in token of confirmation

**INVITATION OF NOMINATIONS FOR 77TH PLENARY MEETING OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COTTON ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO BE HELD
FROM DECEMBER 02-06, 2018 IN ABIDJAN, CAPITAL OF COTE D'IVOIRE**

02. **To consider PCCC letter dated 30-07-2018 addressed inter-alia to Chairman, the KCA on the above subject.**

The Executive Committee considered PCCC's letter dated 30-07-2018 addressed inter-alia to Chairman, the KCA on the above subject.

RESOLUTION No. 134: After consideration, the Executive Committee nominated Mr. Muhammad Atif Dada, Ex-officio Member of the Executive Committee and Former Chairman, the KCA to attend the 77th Plenary Meeting of the ICAC to be held from December 02-06, 2018 in Abidjan, Capital of Cote D'L Voire as Official Members of Pakistan's delegation to be formed by the Government of Pakistan and directed the Secretariat to forward his nomination to the PCCC for necessary action.

**RENEWAL OF COTTON BROKERS LICENSES
FOR THE YEAR 2018-2019**

03. **To extend the date of renewal of Cotton Brokers Licences beyond 31-08-2018.**

The Executive Committee considered the brief dated 20-08-2018 placed by the Secretariat on the above subject.

The Committee was informed that 20 Licensed Cotton Brokers have not yet got their Cotton Brokers Licenses renewed for the year 2018-2019.

RESOLUTION No. 135: After consideration, the Executive Committee finally extended the last date for renewal of Cotton Broker's Licenses for the year 2018-19 upto 15-09-2018 with a late payment surcharge of Rs. 1,100/- alongwith Rs. 100/- renewal fee.

The Executive Committee decided that if any Cotton Broker's License is not renewed within the finally extended period i.e. upto 15-09-2018, the same would be treated automatically as cancelled w.e.f 16-09-2018.

**OPINION ON QUERY / QUESTION, AS FRAMED BY M/S. THE KARACHI
COTTON ASSOCIATION VIA LETTER DATED 28-06-2018**

04. **To consider Legal Opinion dated 09-07-2018 received from M/s. Mansoor Ahmad Khan & Co. Legal Advisors of the KCA in response to our letter dated 28-06-2018.**

Chairman informed recalled that the Executive Committee in its meeting held on 26-06-2018 took a very serious note regarding the few members of the Executive Committee those were not continuously attending E.C. meetings and directed the Secretariat to take legal opinion from the Legal Advisors of the KCA in this regard for consideration in the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

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In pursuance of E.C. decision, the KCA sought legal opinion on the above subject from the Legal Advisors of the KCA vide its letter dated 28-06-2018. In response to our letter, legal Opinion on the above subject was received from Legal Advisors of the KCA vide their letter dated 09-07-2018 which was enclosed in the Agenda of the Today's meeting for consideration of the Committee enclosed in the Agenda of the Today's meeting for consideration of the Committee.

RESOLUTION No. 136: After taking a note of legal opinion dated 09-07-2018 received from M/s. Mansoor Ahmad Khan & Co Legal Advisors of the KCA on the above subject, the Executive Committee decided to defer the matter for consideration at a later stage.

**DESIGNING / CONSTRUCTION OF AIR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ITS
SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND , COMMISSIONING OF RELATED
EQUIPMENTS AND CERTIFICATION OF LAB FROM INTERNATIONAL
COTTON ASSOCIATION, BREMEN, GERMANY**

05. **Briefing by the Chairman on the above subject and seek approval of Executive Committee (if needed) in this regard.**

Chairman informed that as decided by the Executive Committee in its meeting held on 04-07-2018, the KCA had started the job of revamping of KCA's Fiber Testing Laboratory itself. He also informed that the windows of existing KCA's Lab had been properly sealed, PVC wall panels, flooring tiles, a new air conditioner and one desert cooler had been installed / arranged in the Lab. however, "Humidity Digital Monitor / Controller" with Temperature Monitoring including PC software and new Uster HVI 1000 M1000 would be installed as early as possible.

He further informed that efforts were being made to make the KCA's Fiber testing Laboratory functional for providing cotton testing facility to the members of the Association and cotton trade as early as possible.

RESOLUTION No. 137: Noted.

**REPAIRING / REPLACEMENT OF R.C.C. BEAMS, SLAB OF
THE ROOF OF COTTON EXCHANGE**

06. **Briefing by the BA/MO, the KCA on the above subject**

Briefing the Executive Committee on the above subject, Ar. Shaikh Abdul Qadir Ahmed, BA/MO informed that Mr. Nasrullah Khan, Contractor had been issued the Work Order dated 21.06.2018 and advised to start subject job within 10 days after receipt of Work Order as mentioned in the agreement.

The Contractor started the job on 03.07.2018 and had to complete the same, within three months i.e. on/before 03.10.2018, and hand-over the offices to the concerned tenants. He started the subject job from the 4th floor's washroom in the eastern-side of the Cotton Exchange, demolished its roof, laid a new R.C.C roof and also removed the cracked plaster of the ceilings and beams in the Corridors and re-plastered the same, except colouring, he added

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The BA/MO also informed the Executive Committee that the Contractor had submitted a bill dated 28.07.2018 amounting to Rs.808,317.54 for payment against the jobs so far carried out by him. The bill was sent to M/s Hameedy Consultants, who verified the same by reducing it to Rs. 768,596.76 and returned to KCA on 08.08.2018 for payment.

The BA/MO further informed that he had re-checked the bill verified by M/s. Hameedy Consultant and observed that few items such as plaster, colouring of newly laid roof of washroom and colouring of ceilings and beams in the corridors were also included in the bill which were not carried out and were over looked by the Consultants perhaps in the wake of not to include in the 2nd running bill.

In view of the position stated above, the BA/MO informed the Executive Committee that he had brought the bill to the amount of Rs.659,783/- and sent it to accounts section for further deduction, against the advance payment of Rs.500,000/- paid to the Contractor. The A/O, the KCA, deducted 10% according to the quantum of the job carried out and brought the amount of bill to Rs.591,958/-..

The bill amounting to Rs.591,956/- has been approved by the Chairman and the Contractor was advised by BA/MO to do needful as earlier agreed, so that the Cheque regarding his payment be prepared and handed-over to him accordingly. The Contractor has not completed the requirements so far despite our repeated requests.

The Executive Committee noted the position as explained by BA/MO.

RESOLUTION No. 138: Noted.

RATES COMMITTEE

07. **To appoint the Rates Committee for the month of September, 2018.**

RESOLUTION NO. 139: It was decided by the Executive Committee that the existing Rates Committee may continue for the month of September, 2018.

GRADE AND STAPLE MARGINS

08. **Recommendations of the Grade and Staple Margins Committee of the KCA as contained in the minutes of its meetings held on 30-07-2018 and 13-08-2018.**

RESOLUTION NO. 140: The Executive Committee noted the recommendations of the Grade and Staple Margins Committee as contained in the minutes of its meetings held on 30-07-2018 and 13-08-2018 respectively.

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COTTON SITUATION

09 **To discuss the cotton situation.**

The Executive Committee was informed that according to the Official Reports, Cotton Crop for 2018-19 season had been cultivated over 2.7 million hectares showing an increase of about 2 percent as compared to cultivation of 2.6 million hectares recorded in the corresponding period of last season. The targets were fixed at 2.95 million hectares for 2018-19 season. The cotton area cultivated in Punjab had been registered at 2.290 million hectares which comprises 99.3% of the target and about 11.5% more as compared to 2.0593 million hectares registered in previous season. However, crop cultivation in Sindh during current season witnessed decreased of 31.0% as compared to corresponding period of last season. Due to severe shortage of water only 68.0% sowing had been recorded against the target. In the standing crop, pest incidences of white fly, Jassid, Thrips, Mealy Bug and CLCV in some districts of Punjab were noticed.

RESOLUTION NO. 141: Noted.

GRANT OF LEAVE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

10. **To grant leave of absence to the Members of the Executive Committee from attending the meeting of the Executive Committee.**

RESOLUTION NO. 142: The Executive Committee granted leave of absence to Mr. Asif Bashir, Mr. Naser Wahab, Mr. Amin Hashwani, Dr. Jessu Mal, Mr. Imran Maqbool, Mr. Parvez Hassan, Mr. Shahid Shafiq, Mr. Sajid Haroon, Mr. Zahid Mazhar, Mr. Sohail Wali, Dr. Khalid Abdullah and Mr. Muhammad Shamim Khan from attending to-day's meeting of the Executive Committee on the intimation received on telephone regarding their pre-occupations on other assignments.

Thereafter, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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AFTAB ALAM)
Secretary General
KARACHI: 28-08-2018

-Sd/-
CHAIRMAN
