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Subject: Progress report of Action plan with effect from 01-11-2014 to 30-11-2014 regarding BGAPMEA INSPIRED project.

(i) Visit to the Testing Laboratory of BGMEA:

The EUB representatives along with the Project Manager of BGAPMEA phisically visited the Testing Laboratory of BGMEA at the BGMEA Bhaban, Panthapath Link Road on 01-11-2014 to acquire knowledge to set up of a Testing Laboratory.

(ii) Site for the proposed Training Institute & Testing Laboratory of BGAPMEA:

An advertisement was published on 12-11-2014 at the 6th page of the Daily Ittefaq for the space of proposed Testing Laboratory under BGAPMEA INSPIRED Project. A copy of the same is enclosed herewith for your kind perusal. Moreover, BGAPMEA has tried to get a suitable plot for setting up of Training Institute and Testing Laboratory from Rajuk preferably at Uttara and accordingly BGAPMEA applied to Rajuk for the same earlier. In this connection, a delegation of BGAPMEA headed by the President had a meeting on 23-11-2014 with the Chairman of Rajuk along with Mr. Colm Bonner, Financial Expert, Bangladesh INSPIRED regarding the allotment of Industrial Plot of Rajuk at Uttara 3rd Phase for the setting up of a Training Institute & Testing Laboratory.

(iii) Visit to different factories of BGAPMEA along with the representative of TTZ, Germany, EUB and BGAPMEA officials in connection with the feasibility study for setting up testing laboratory (5.2.2) and R&D for preparing the position paper (5.2.5):

Since Mr. Faraz Rasheed Mir, Project Manager, TTZ Bremehaven, Germany (Partner-1) had arrived Bangladesh on 14-11-2014 to implement the activities earmarked for ttz, Germany. He visited different factories of BGAPMEA from 15-11-2014 to 19-11-2014 along with the representatives of EUB (Partner-2) and high officials of BGAPMEA to carry out field survey under the study 5.2.2 & 5.2.5. List of visited factories is enclosed herewith for your kind perusal. Mr. Faraz left Bangladesh on 20-11-2014 after completion of his task. As per the Service Contract European University of Bangladesh (EUB) had submitted the Draft Report on study to set up testing laboratory (5.2.2) on 06-11-2014.

(iv) Undertaking Feasibility study to set up Training Institute (5.2.1):

As per TOR & Service Contracts, European University of Bangladesh (EUB), Partner-2 has been working on Feasibility study to set up Training Institute. As per the Service Contract (agreement), the European University of Bangladesh (EUB) had submitted the Draft Report on 06-11-2014.

(v) Study on Guiding members with necessary policy support to meet economic shock due to unpredictable nature of market price escalation of raw materials (6.3) & Encouraging formation of cluster of packaging and accessories units for better integration (6.4):

This two studies were re-scheduled from semester-4 to semester-3. Prof. Dr. Firoz I. Faruquee, Consultant has been undertaking the two studies. In this connection, a service contract was signed between Prof. Dr. Firoz I. Faruquee, EUB and BGAPMEA which was conveyed to you earlier. Mr. Faruque had submitted two inception report on the said studies on 02-11-2014. As per agreement, the payment of 1st installment was paid to Mr. Faruque for his job. Now Mr. Faruque is working with the Draft report and it will be submitted within schedule time.

(vi) <u>Installation of Bond Module Systems for issuance of Utilization Permission (UP) for raw material import (6.2):</u>

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This study was re-scheduled from semester-4 to semester-3. But till now it could not be started due to an unavoidable circumstances.