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Subject : Progress report of Action plan with effect from 01-12-2014 to 31-12-2014 regarding BGAPMEA INSPIRED project.

(i) Study Visit to Philippines to undertake the study to set up Training Institute :

After getting the consent from the TA Team of Bangladesh INSPIRED, Mr. Safiullah Chowdhury, Adviser, BGAPMEA undertaken the study visit to Philippines during from 01-06 December, 2014. During his visit, he met with the President as well as the Director (In Charge) of Packaging Institute of Philippines (PIP). With the cooperation of PIP, he visited two institutes namely : (i) Philippines Textile Research Institute (PTRI) & (ii) Industrial Technology Development Institute (ITDI). A copy of the Study tour report is enclosing herewith for your kind perusal.

(ii) Visit of two factories of Flexible packaging along with the representative 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) :

Visited two factories of Flexible packaging namely : M/s. Classic Packaging, Shimrail, Narayanganj and M/s. The Marchants Ltd., Pagar, Tongi on 04-12-2014 & 14-12-2014 respectively 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. On the other hand, TTZ, Germany send a draft report for the study of setting up of a Testing Laboratory. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith for your kind perusal.

(iii) 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) :

These two studies were re-scheduled from semester-4 to semester-3. Prof. Dr. Firoz I. Faruque, Consultant has been undertaking the two studies. In this connection, Mr. Faruque had submitted two Draft reports on the said studies on 20-12-2014 (copy enclosed). The final report will be submitted within the schedule time.

(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. In the mean time, after getting the consent from the TA Team of Bangladesh INSPIRED, a 02 members delegation team from BGAPMEA & EUB left Dhaka for India on 29-12-2014 to undertake study visit for different Packaging Institutes in India. The outcome of the visit will be reflected in the final report.

(v) To Prepare background paper on policy and regulatory issues for advocacy and lobbying (5.2.4) :

This study was re-scheduled from semester-4 to semester-3. To undertake the studies quotations are invited from the different Consultants/Firm. After completing the formalities, the study will be undertaken soon.

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

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