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Subject : Progress report of Action plan with effect from 01-02-2015 to 28-02-2015 regarding BGAPMEA INSPIRED project.

- (i) **Undertaking Feasibility study to set up Training Institute (5.2.1):**
As per TOR & Service Contracts, European University of Bangladesh (EUB), Partner-2 was entrusted to undertake the Feasibility Study to set up Training Institute for the Garments Accessories & Packaging Sector. Final Report of the study was received from EUB. The report is under process of tuning.
- (ii) **Study for Setting up of a Testing Laboratory (5.2.2) and to undertake R&D to prepare position paper (5.2.5) :**
As per TOR & Consortium Agreement, TTZ-Bremerhaven, Germany (Partner-1), European University of Bangladesh (EUB), Partner-2 have been jointly undertaking these studies. In the mean time, the Final version of the two reports prepared by TTZ & EUB had received on February/2015. Reports are under process of tuning. In relating to these studies BGAPMEA is planning to send a study team abroad for acquiring practical knowledge & experience of different Research and Testing Institutions. The outcome of the study visits will be utilized in implementing the relevant project activities.
- The activities relating to setting up of a Testing Laboratory will take some more time due to the delay in starting the work of Partner-1 TTZ Bremerhaven, Germany. Although remarkable progress has already been made in this component, some of the activities such as the procurement of equipment, arrangement of physical facilities etc. will be undertaking in near future. In view of these, the implementation time of this activity has been extended another 06 (six) months (up to end of April/2015) by TAT for successfully setting up the Testing Laboratory.
- (iii) **To Prepare background paper on policy and regulatory issues for advocacy and lobbying (5.2.4) :**
A Service Contract was signed on 15-01-2015 among the BGAPMEA (beneficiary), European University of Bangladesh (Partner-2) and Bangladesh Project Management Institute (BPMI) as Consultant for conducting the study. As per agreement, the Inception Report was received on February/2015. The report is under study.
- (iv) **Installation of Bond Module Systems for issuance of Utilization Permission (UP) for raw material import (6.2) :**
This study was re-scheduled back from semester-4 to semester-3. There are two technical parts for Installation of Bond Module System for issuance of UP; one is Website development and another one is Software development. BGAPMEA had already developed the website. Now the development of software is under process and it will take some more time to complete the work. Preparation activity of software development is under process. In this circumstances, a request letter was sent to TAT & MoI for rescheduling the implementing time to the original schedule (Semester-4) vide the letter no. BGAPMEA/BD.INSPIRED/Report/2014/140/135 dt.25-02-2015.
- (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) :**
Prof. Dr. Firoz I. Faruque, Consultant was assigned to undertake these two studies. Mr. Faruque has done this job in collaboration with BGAPMEA & EUB (Partner-2). Now final reports were received.