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Subject : Progress report of Action plan with effect from 01-03-2015 to 31-03-2015 regarding BGAPMEA INSPIRED project.

(i) Financial Verification of TA Team of Bangladesh INSPIRED :

Financial verification of BGAPMEA INSPIRED Project was carried out on 05-03-2015 at BGAPMEA Project office by TA Team of Bangladesh INSPIRED headed by Mr. Colm Bonner, Financial Expert, Components 1 & 2b.

(ii) Presentation of BGAPMEA Project Implementation at Ministry of Industries :

As per the schedule of the Ministry of Industries (MoI), Power Point presentation of BGAPMEA Project implementation for the period from 22-11-2013 to 28-02-2015 was given by the President of BGAPMEA at MoI on 23-03-2015. Secretary of BGAPMEA, Project Manager & Project Officer were also present in the meeting along with the officials of EU and MoI.

(iii) Study for Setting up of a Testing Laboratory (5.2.2):

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 earlier which are under process of fine tuning. In relating to the feasibility study, TTZ had sent the revised report on March/2015 indicating the recommendation lab equipments according to the product & HS Code.

In the mean time, we are searching the space for setting up the project Testing Laboratory and found the lab space of around 1500 sft at Tongi area. On the other hand, we are communicating with the various suppliers for getting the quotations for purchasing the recommended lab equipments.

(iv) 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. In this context, a discussion meeting was held with the Consultants of BPMI & EUB on 24-03-2015 at the BGAPMEA Secretariat. The implementation of the work for preparing the Draft report is under process.

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

Preparation activity of software development regarding Bond Module System is under process. In the mean time, work order was given to Convince Computer Limited, Dhaka on March/2015 to undertake the task upon received the lowest quotation out of three.