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Subject: Progress report of Action plan with effect from 01-05-2015 to 31-05-2015 regarding BGAPMEA INSPIRED project.

(i) 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 & BGAPMEA have been jointly undertaking the activity. In the mean time, the Final version of the study report prepared by TTZ, EUB and BGAPMEA had already been received. On receipt of feasibility study, we have been communicating with the various suppliers for collecting quotations for purchase of initial lab equipments. We are working on it with the cooperation of TTZ, Germany & EUB. Efforts are being made to finalize the location of the testing laboratory. The procurement process may take some more time. Moreover, identification of location of the testing laboratory has also not yet complete. Completion of these two sub-components are delaying the implementation of this component. In view of this, we are requesting to extend the duration of this component by another 06 (six) months i.e. up to end of October/2015. This extension, however, will not affect the total completion of the project.

(ii) Preparation of background paper on policy and regulatory issues for advocacy and lobbying (5.2.4) :

As per Service Contract, EUB (Partner-2), Bangladesh Project Management Institute (BPMI) as Consultant & BGAPMEA have been jointly undertaking the study. The implementation of the work for the Draft report is under process.

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

Convince Computer Ltd., Dhaka as Consultant & BGAPMEA have been jointly undertaking the activity. Software development regarding Bond Module System for issuance of UP is under process.

(iv) Preparation of Interim Narrative & Financial reports for the 2nd installment of the Grant:

The application along with all the project reports/statement for getting the 2nd installment of the Grant had already been sent to the Technical Assistance (TA) Team of INSPIRED Programme for their verification. Several meetings were held with them at their office. After getting the feedback from their end, it will be submitted to the Ministry of Industries.

Please be noted that the draft of Financial Statement for the month of May/2015 had already been sent to the TA Team of INSPIRED Programme. After getting feedback from their end, it would be sent to the Ministry of Industries soon.