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**Subject : Progress report of Action plan with effect from 01-07-2015 to 31-07-2015
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 had been prepared by TTZ, EUB and BGAPMEA and accepted by the Project Staring Committee. As per the feasibility study, we have been communicating with the various suppliers for collecting quotations for purchase of initial lab equipments. We are working in cooperation with TTZ, Germany & EUB. As the majority of our relevant factories are located in the surrounding areas of Tongi, we are trying to finalize the location of the proposed testing laboratory at that area.

(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 & BGAPMEA have been jointly undertaking the activity. Software development regarding Bond Module System for issuance of UP is under process.

(iv) Preparation of the revised Narrative & Financial accounts for the 2nd installment of the Grant:

The application along with all the project reports/statements for getting the 2nd installment of the Grant was submitted to the Ministry of Industries and EU delegation office on 23-06-2015. In this connection, discussion meetings with SME Cell, MoI and then the Technical Assistance Team (TAT) of Bangladesh INSPIRED were held on 27-07-2015 at their offices respectively. As per the guideline of MoI and TAT, a revised narrative financial accounts was prepared for onward submission to the relevant authority.