

**Minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting for World Bank 100 Days Doing Business Reform Plan  
at SICIC (Sindh Investment Climate Improvement Cell) in SBI**

A second (2<sup>nd</sup>) meeting to follow up on the progress made to reduce the number of days required to obtain Construction Permits and Permissions from SBICA, SEPA, as well as water connections from KWSB was held on 03.01.2018 at 12:00 PM under the chair of Chairperson, Sindh Board of Investment in Committee Room, Sindh Board of Investment, Karachi. (List of participants enclosed at **Annex A**).

2. The meeting started with recitation from Holy Quran. The Director Project, SBI welcomed participants and briefed them on the agenda of the meeting. The Chairperson, SBI asked representatives of all agencies to give an update on the action items agreed in the **previous meeting**.

3. Mr. Imran Sabir, Deputy Director (Technical), SEPA said that an internal note was moved to Director General, SEPA for elimination of approval requirement from six types of projects with low / negligible environmental impact. However the DG, SEPA has offered to reduce the approval timeline instead of waiving the requirement. He further said that a meeting of the Advisory Committee for approval will be required according to the SEPA Regulations, 2014.

4. The Chairperson, SBI expressed some dissatisfaction with the progress at SEPA and reminded participants that a consensus was built to waive SEPA approval requirements from agreed projects. **The Chairperson said that she will meet the Secretary / Director General, SEPA the next day to brief him on the importance of this reform.**

5. Mr. Saleem Ahmed, Chief Engineer (IPD), KWSB said that an internal note for approval of the Managing Director, KWSB has been moved. According to this note the timeframe for commercial connection will reduced to **26 days** (copy of the draft Note attached at **Annex B**). He committed that this change will be notified by second week of January after approval of the MD.

6. The Chairperson, SBI congratulated the KWSB team on this reform and directed that **the timeframe for connection be reduced further to 21 days.**

7. Ms. Asma Ghayoor, Deputy Director IT, SBICA said that a draft notification has been prepared for elimination of procedures related to approval of Construction Permits. SBICA has a total of eleven (11) procedures and SBICA is trying to eliminate as many as possible. She said that there is a good probability this notification will be issued by next week.

8. The Chairperson, SBI expressed satisfaction on the progress at SBICA.

9. Mr. Abdullah Zaidi, Consultant, World Bank asked the participants to discuss eliminating procedure no 10 whereby the water connection applicant is required to furnish a Property Tax Valuation / PT-1 and a certificate confirming no outstanding dues. These documents are issued by the Excise and Taxation department which takes 30 days. The KWSB representative confirmed that the PT-1 Form is used for confirming the land title. It was recommended by most members that the Sale Deed should suffice for confirming the land title.
10. The Chairperson, SBI directed that **a letter be written to KWSB to review the requirement or PT-1 form.**
11. Mr. Daniyal Mansur, Consultant, World Bank said that Sindh Building Control Authority is re-classifying projects to cover all scenarios with regards to environmental implications. SBICA team can present these to SEPA and take their recommendations on it. A lot of homework has been done in this regard therefore SEPA should also waive the reform approval requirement for projects with low environmental impact.
12. Chairperson scheduled the **third (3<sup>rd</sup>) meeting** on the **10<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**
13. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the chair.