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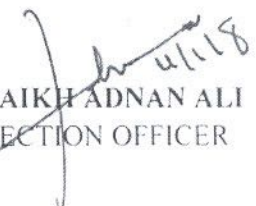
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Subject: Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting for World Bank 100 Days Doing Business Reform Plan at SICIC (Sindh Investment Climate Improvement Cell) in SBI

Enclosed please find minutes of the meeting regarding World Bank 100 Days Doing Business Reform Plan which was held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 1:00 PM under the chair of Chairperson, Sindh Board of Investment (SBI) in the Committee Room of SBI, FTC Building First Floor Block B, Shakra-e-Faisal, Karachi.

  
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4. The Director General, Sindh Building Control Authority, Govt. of Sindh, Karachi.
5. The Managing Director, Karachi Water & Sewerage Board, Govt. of Sindh, Karachi.
6. Dr. Amjad Bashir, Senior Economist, The World Bank Group.
7. The PS to Chief Secretary, Govt. of Sindh, Karachi
8. The PS to Chairman, Planning & Development Board, Govt. of Sindh, Karachi.
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## Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting for World Bank 100 Days Doing Business Reform Plan at SICIC (Sindh Investment Climate Improvement Cell) in SBI

A third (3<sup>rd</sup>) meeting to follow up on the progress made to reduce the number of days required to obtain Construction Permits and Permissions from SBCA, SEPA, as well as water connections from KWSB was held on 10.01.2018 at 01:00 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. While reviewing the action items of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the Chairperson, SBI asked representatives to give an update on the agreed items.

3. Mr. Imran Sabir, Deputy Director (Technical), SEPA said that a meeting of the **Environmental Assessment Advisory Committee** was held on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 to deliberate over the proposal to waive the approval requirement on certain projects and to reduce the timeline of Environmental Checklist review. He said that the Advisory Committee has recommended that nine (9) projects should be exempted from applying for approval and the time for Environmental Checklist review should be reduced to **15 working days** from 30. He further said that a draft notification has been forwarded to Director General, SEPA and it is expected to be issued today (January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018). According to the draft notification the following projects are exempt from any form of approval:

- a. Warehouses for storage of non-hazardous / non-combustible materials (except cold storages).
- b. Multistoried buildings excluding educational institutions, restaurants and hotels with height up to 70 feet and covered area up to 2,000 sq. yards.
- c. Buildings for educational and academic institutions, restaurants and hotels with a height up to 70 feet and covered area up to 2,000 sq. yards.
- d. Parking Plaza / Buildings for parking vehicles covering area up to 2,000 square yards.
- e. Marriage halls and banquet facilities up to 500 square yards of plot size.
- f. Baking & confectionary units up to 500 square yards of plot size and without installation of boiler or pressure vessel.
- g. Bus and Wagon stands up to 4,000 square yards.
- h. Small scale brick and block manufacturing units (non-kiln) up to 2,000 square yards.
- i. Motor vehicles workshops and maintenance garages up to 500 square yards.
- j. Basic health unit with less than 10 bed capacity (However, need to comply with Hospital Waste Management Rules, 2014).

4. The Chairperson, SBI expressed satisfaction over the progress at SEPA. She commended the efforts of SEPA team especially the Secretary Environment. She further directed that this should be communicated effectively to all stakeholders in the private sector as well as the media.
5. Mr. Saleem Ahmed, Chief Engineer (IPD), KWSB, said that an internal note to reduce the timeline for new connection to 21 days has been moved to the DMD, HRD&A at KWSB for eventual notification from the Managing Director's office.
6. On the requirement of PT-1 Form / Tax Certificate from Excise & Taxation for new water connections, Mr. Nisar Ahmed Magsi, Deputy Director (Revenue), KWSB, said that their procedure has no such requirement. He further committed that the KWSB website shall be updated to reflect the latest requirements. He further said that according to the recent revisions only four main documents are required:
  - a. Application Form
  - b. NIC Copy
  - c. Title Document
  - d. Approved Building Plan / Submitted plan
7. The Chairperson, SBI directed that the procedure should be verified with KWSB and accordingly reflected in the World Bank assessment.
8. Ms. Asma Ghayoor, Deputy Director IT, SBCA said that a draft notification has been prepared for elimination of procedures related to approval of Construction Permits. She said that this notification will be issued immediately after SEPA and KWSB notifications are issued.
9. The Chairperson, SBI thanked everyone for their efforts and said that there is a need to disseminate the reforms taking place in Sindh. It was decided that a combined briefing sessions will planned for end of January with the following stakeholders:
  - a. Karachi Chambers of Commerce & Industries
  - b. Korangi Association of Trade & Industries
  - c. Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industries
  - d. Overseas Investors Chambers of Commerce & Industries
  - e. Sindh Industrial Trading Estate
  - f. Ease of Doing Business Index Committee
10. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

**3rd Doing Business Action Plan Meeting  
(Construction Permits)  
10th January, 2018**

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