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To,

Secretary,
Industries, Commerce, Investment & Skill Development Department,
Punjab.

Secretary,
Environment Protection Department,
Punjab.

Director General,
Environmental Protection Agency,
Punjab.

All Presidents,
Chamber of Commerce and Industry,
Punjab.

All Deputy Commissioners,
Punjab.

Subject: - COMPLIANCE OF HONOURABLE LAHORE HIGH COURT'S ORDERS

Honourable Mr. Justice Shahid Karim, Lahore High Court, Lahore, in W.P. No. 227807 of 2018, while taking serious cognizance of the dire threat of climate change, water scarcity, and environmental pollution, faced by the People of Pakistan, affecting their Fundamental Rights to Life, was pleased to reconstitute the Judicial Water & Environmental Commission (JWEC), Punjab, appointing Ms. Hina Hafeezullah Ishaq and Mr. Syed Kamal Ali Haider, Advocates, to spearhead it. The Honourable Court has been pleased to issue the following Directions & Terms on several dates as outlined below:

"That the Commission is being appointed by this Court and for all intent is the nominee of this Court and exercises powers conferred by Rules 16 and 17 of Order XXVI CPC. It is also directed in terms of Rule 18 that the parties shall appear before the Commission. In the compilation of its report, all officers and departments of the Government of the Punjab shall act in aid of the Commission as if the directions have been issued by this Court".

"It is made clear that any action being taken by the Water Commission is on the directions issued by this court and shall be deemed to be in pursuance to such directions. Therefore, it is reiterated that all public officers and functionaries in the Province of Punjab ought to extend full cooperation to the Water Commission in the fulfillment and discharge of its duties".

"The proceedings in this Court today have convinced this Court that it is imperative to put in place certain measures for dealing with the issue of pollution which has assumed alarming proportions

in the recent days. It is likely to worsen in the coming days and must be dealt with on emergency basis. For the purpose, the Commission appointed by this Court is also designated as the Environmental Commission. It is directed that all departments of the Govt. of the Punjab shall render proper assistance to the Commission in the discharge of its functions and all proceedings taken by the Commission shall be deemed to have been authorized by this Court. The Commission shall take all measures which are imperative for putting a stop to further contribution to pollution being cause to the atmosphere of Lahore”.

The Honourable Court, vide Orders dated: 26-04-2024, has conferred the following directions, the terms of which are set out as under:

“2. A direction is issued with regard to the installation of effluent treatment plant, emission control devices and catalytic converters on generators by industries throughout Punjab. In this regard, directions shall be conveyed to the Chambers of Commerce and industries across Punjab for seeking compliance of their Members to these directions. These Chambers shall inform the Members of the Commission regarding steps taken for compliance of these directions within four weeks from the order of this Court”.

You are immediately required to submit a Comprehensive Report in the matter and to ensure compliance of the Honourable Lahore High Court's Orders.

Syed Kamal Ali Haider

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