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PLGMEA Delegation, (Lead by Chairman Ahsan ul Haq) Visit of Newly Established Sialkot Business Facilitation Center On 21.03.2024.



About Business Facilitation Center

The Business Facilitation Centre (BFC) is a flagship initiative of the Government of the Punjab to help facilitate the business community and domestic & foreign investors by providing a host of services under one roof. These services include obtaining NOCs, licenses and permits etc. necessary for starting up and up scaling business. The initiative aims at reducing business barriers by connecting multiple Government Agencies through a software applica-

tion. It is anticipated that the initiative would substantially contribute to creation of an enabling environment for the businesses, thereby fostering enterprise creation and operations. Dedicated staff, comprising of Business Facilitation Officers (BFOs) and representatives of seventeen (17) Government Agencies, including two Federal Government Agencies i.e. LESCO and SNGPL have been deputed for processing and coordinating applications of

the walk-in clients. This knowledge repository is a compendium of NOCs licenses, permits etc. and their corresponding details (i.e. required documents, fees and processing time etc.) for information of the applicants. Our dedicated staff at the BFC will guide further and take up the matter hereon.

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TOP 4 LEATHER MANUFACTURING TRENDS THAT ARE CHANGING THE FUTURE OF FASHION:

Around 36,000 enterprises are involved in the leathers and related goods sector with a turnover of EUR 48 billion. The companies have around 435,000 employees working in the leather industry in Europe only.

In terms of leather and raw material, the EU is the source of the highest quality of calfskins. Tanneries are usually families, small and medium-sized companies in Europe. Since the past, regional concentration is intense, and the industry is often the dominant creator of wealth and jobs in the local economy.

1: PRODUCT DESIGN TRENDS ARE CHANGING DUE TO TECHNOLOGY:

manufacturing process. Leather fashion companies of all sizes and speciality areas are using technology to understand customers' buying journey better than ever before. Artificial Intelligence helps the leather retail industry to forecast, plot and promote leather fashion items while refining product availability and predict deliveries. The ideal situation of leather product designers is to know what the next trend will be and avoid overproduction. Today Artificial Intelligence (AI) is allowing to forecast trends and sales, allowing brands to comprehend consumer patterns and predict their production levels. This has helped leather manufactures to massively extract their ideas to what is likely to sell.

2: OPTIMISATION OF THE LEATHER INDUSTRY SUPPLY CHAIN:

One of today's major leather manufacturing trends is merging your vendor list. In today's fast-turning world, consumers expect prompt supply and instant delivery. The long lead time of traditional leather manufacturing is no longer a feasible option for brands looking to preserve a competitive edge. Numerous companies are using leather manufacturing technology to put design, material sourcing, manufacturing, and delivery all in one place in an on-demand arrangement using cloud-based technology. This full-service manufacturing trend offers wide-ranging automation, which reduces leather production time and waste and speeds up the entire supply chain.

3: DATA ANALYSIS TO MINIMISE LEATHER GOODS' INVENTORY:

Reducing inventory is one of the leather manufacturing trends many companies have been following in recent times. With the help of data analysis for manufacturing technology, limiting the production list is far more easier now. With real-time feedback, cloud-based inventory management solutions, and live manufacture monitoring throughout the leather production process, companies can keep a closer eye on what leather items are being produced.

The trend toward data analysis in the fashion sector is also being extended for communication and predicting. Quick updates from design to manufacturing update communication between factory and retailer instantly, while data collection during fashion shows and in stores are serving companies to govern real-time inventory requirements and predict future leather fashion needs.

4: ECO-LEATHER FOR THE FUTURE:

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Leather Sector Exports

During the Month of February 2023 & February 2024

Value = (Rupees in Million)
(US Dollars in Thousands)

	Feb. 2023	Feb. 2024	% Change
Leather Tanned	012,616	011,094	- 12.06 %
Leather Garments	018,003	018,606	- 03.35 %
Leather Gloves	020,076	022,135	10.26 %
Leather Footwear	012,344	011,598	- 06.04 %
Leather Manufactures	000,860	000,818	- 04.88%
Total Leather Products	051,283	053,157	03.65 %

Brief of Sialkot Tannery Zone

Leather Sector is very important industrial sector for Pakistan which is fetching more than 01 Billion US Dollars foreign exchange for Pakistan economy, however the leather industry creates high pollution as well and its environmental compliance is not possible without treatment of Effluents as well as solid waste for the purpose Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry in cooperation with Environment Protection Department Government of Punjab has initiated a very important project that is establishment of Sialkot Tannery Zone. All the tanneries which are currently operating in the Sialkot city will be relocated in Sialkot Tannery Zone and environmental compliance/leather working group (LWG) compliance will be insured for the sustainable leather production in Sialkot.

In Sialkot Tannery Zone Common Effluent Treatment Plant, Solid Waste management System and chrome recovery plant will be established. The Project has secured financial and technical assistance from UNIDO, EPA Govt of Punjab, Ministry of Climate change and Ministry of Commerce (EDF). The current progress of different components of STZ are depicted below:

Establishment of Common Effluent Treatment Plant:

- Effluent Treatment Plant is under construction and 75% civil construction of CETP has already been completed.
- The electromechanical works of CETP are progressing satisfactorily and 95% equipments from UNIDO have already been imported and delivered at site.
- According to plan the treatment plant will be completed by 30th May, 2024.



Establishment of 21MW Grid Station:

- For electricity supply currently GEPCO has energized 2.5MW connection from the existing Grid Station and there is no hindrance in construction of tanneries in the STZ whereas there is a need of 21MW Grid Station is required for operation of the tanneries/factories in STZ. For the purpose Sialkot Tannery Association has already deposited Rs. 370 Million to GEPCO and GEPCO has also initiated the establishment Grid Station.

Till today 100% civil works of grid station completed and installation of HT Pole are in progress, whereas the implementation of electromechanical works yet to be executed.

Shifting of Tanneries:

The STAGL Management have already allowed tanneries/factories to start construction of their buildings in Sialkot Tannery Zone. Currently more than 200 plot owners have started construction of tanneries/factories.

Trade Shows related to Leather & Fur

Exhibition Name	Country	Date	Related industries
AYSAF 2024	Istanbul (Turkey)	May 01 - 04, 2024	Leather & Fur, Fashion - Clothing
IGATEX PAKISTAN 2024	Lahore (Pakistan)	May 01 - 04, 2024	Leather & Fur, Fashion - Clothing, Fabrics - Clothing Textiles, Jewelry, Clothing Machines
FASHION, TEXTILE & FABRIC EXPO 2024	Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)	May 08 - 10, 2024	Leather & Fur, Fashion - Clothing, Fabrics - Clothing Textiles, Jewelry, Clothing Machines
BFSHOW - BRAZILIAN FOOTWEAR SHOW 2024	São Paulo (Brazil)	May 21 - 23, 2024	Leather & Fur, Fashion - Clothing
INTERSHOES PORTUGAL 2024	Porto (Portugal)	May 21 - 23, 2024	Leather & Fur, Fashion - Clothing
INTERTEX PORTUGAL 2024	Porto (Portugal)	May 21 - 23, 2024	Leather & Fur, Fashion - Clothing, Textiles - Fabrics For Decoration, Fabrics - Clothing Textiles, Jewelry, Clothing Machines
EAST AFRICA TEXTILE & LEATHER WEEK 2024	Nairobi (Kenya)	May 23 - 25, 2024	Leather & Fur, Fashion - Clothing, Textiles - Fabrics For Decoration, Fabrics - Clothing Textiles, Jewelry, Clothing Machines
SHOES & LEATHER GUANGZHOU 2024	Guangzhou (China)	May 29 - 31, 2024	Leather & Fur, Fashion - Clothing, Clothing Machines
FFANY MARKET WEEK 2024	New York, NY (USA)	June 03 - 07, 2024	Leather & Fur, Fashion - Clothing
LESHOW MOSCOW 2024	Moscow (Russia)	June 04 - 06, 2024	Leather & Fur, Fashion - Clothing



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