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9th Annual Environment Excellence Awards 2012

4 effluent treatment plants for industrial areas

Four effluent treatment plants have been approved in the current budget to treat industrial effluent industrial areas of Karachi and Hyderabad.

This was stated by Sindh Minister for Industries Abdur Rauf Siddiqui while speaking at the distribution of 9th annual environment excellence awards (AEEA), organized by National Forum for Environment & Health (NFEH) at a local hotel.

He said the construction of first treatment plant in Kotri industrial area will be completed within one month to treat the industrial effluent which is currently being discharge in the nearby areas and River Indus.

He said that the proposal for these plants were being submitted with

the provincial government for the last four years but no funds were allocated.

The minister urged the Environment Minister to hold seminars in various industrial areas of Sindh to create awareness among the industrialists about environment degradation and also inform them about the environment friendly processes for use in their factories.

We will bear all the expenses of these seminars, he added Sindh Environment Minister Sheikh Mohammad Afzal said that Pakistan was among top ten countries of the world which are being affected the most from climate change.



National Forum for Environment & Health organized 9th annual environment excellence award 2012, on this occasion Award recipients along with Minister Environment Sind Shaikh Afzal, Chairman NFEH Dr. Kaiser Waheed, Naeem Qureshi President NFEH, Shamsul Haq Memon, Ruqiya Naeem & others are in the picture.

He said that the allocation for the construction of effluent treatment plant in the current budget was insufficient. This amount should be increased for the timely completion of these plants, he noted.

The minister said that there is no solid waste management plant and no recognized land fill site in the metropolis to properly dispose of waste being generated here.

He also criticized merciless cutting of mangroves along Karachi coast by land mafia and said this should be stopped to maintain eco balance.

He said the provincial government has assured that environment will be included in the curriculum as subject from primary to graduation level.

The minister advised the organizers to consult with the department before announcing the environment awards to ensure that only genuine environment friendly companies are rewarded.

He suggested corporate sector to go for renewable and environment friendly energy sources like wind, solar and bio fuels.

Global vice president IUCN, Javed Jabbar said that environment was being neglected in the country and added that environment ministry has been dissolved at the centre and now only Ministry of Climate Change has been created which is the only one aspect of environment. He called for holistic approach for saving environment in the country.

He noted that Pakistan has the capacity to store only 9 percent of the fresh rain water and 91 percent is wasted due to shortage of dams and water reservoirs. President WWF Pakistan, Khalid Mahmood pointed out that only 10 percent of the raw sewage is being treated in Karachi which generates 600 million tons of raw sewage.

Quoting a report, he said that River Ravi is among top ten most toxic rivers in the world as all the metropolitan sewage and industrial effluent is discharged in it. Mahmood said Pakistan was endowed with rich bio diverse resources as it has 5 vital ecological sites among 200 global ecological regions. They are in northern region, Indus Rive, Indus delta and mangroves, he added. Earlier, president NFEH Naeem Qureshi said that out of 148 applicants, 73 environment friendly companies have been selected on best performance during 2011-12 by a 3-member jury.

Chairman NFEH Dr Kaiser Waheed talked about the activities of the

Top Ten Exemplary Leaders

- United Energy Pakistan Ltd.
- Lotte Pakistan Pta Ltd
- Aga Khan University Hospital
- Pak Arab Refinery Ltd.
- English Biscuit Manufacturers Ltd.
- Lucky Cement Ltd
- YKK Pakistan (Pvt.) Ltd.
- Glaxo Smith Kline (Gsk)
- Procter & Gamble Pakistan
- Oil & Gas Development Company Ltd.

Forum and said that award has been instituted to recognize and promote the organizations which make an outstanding contribution to sustainable development.

According to decision 3 members jury have finalized the name of following TOP 10 Exemplary Leaders United Energy Pakistan, English Biscuit Manufacturer, Lucky Cement Ltd., Pak Arab Refinery Co., Agha Khan University, Oil & Gas Development Company Ltd., Glaxo Smith Kline Pakistan, YKK Pakistan, Procter & Gamble Pakistan, Lotte Pakistan PTA and the following companies awarded on best environmental performance.

Bestway Cement Ltd, Chase International, Al-Karam Textile Mills, AVM Chemical Industries, Clariant Pakistan Ltd, Mima Leather (Pvt.) Ltd, CRESOX (Pvt.) Ltd, DADA Enterprises (Pvt.) Ltd, Rafhan Maize Products Co. Ltd, PharmEvo, Dalda Foods, Wyeth Pakistan Ltd, Siddiq Leather Works (Pvt.) Ltd, Siemens (Pakistan) Engineering Co. Ltd, Pfizer Pakistan Ltd, Dawlance Group of Companies, Descon Engineering Ltd, Dr. Essa Laboratory, Pakistan International Container Terminal Ltd, Engro Corporation, Engro Polymer & Chemical Ltd, Engro Powergen Qadirpur Ltd, Envirograp, Fauji Cement Company Ltd, Fauji Fertilizer Company Ltd, Getz Pharma (Pvt.) Ltd, Human Development Foundation, Instrumentation & Management Systems, Interdesign FMC, Islamabad Serena Hotel, Karachi Electric Supply Company, KoT Addu Power Company Ltd, KSB Pumps Company Ltd, M. Muhammad Shafi & Co, Martin Dow Pharmaceutical Ltd, Mesec Group of Companies, Medicamgroup of companies, Murree Brewery Co. Ltd, National Refinery Ltd, Novartis Pharma Pakistan Ltd, OMV (Pakistan) Exploration GmbH, Packages Ltd, Pakistan Refinery Ltd, Pepsi Cola International, Philips Electrical Industries of Pakistan, Premier Cables (Pvt.) Ltd, Presson Descon International (Pvt.) Ltd, Prime Liquid Emulsion Industries, Qarshi Industries (Pvt.) Ltd, Roots School System, Sapphire Textile Mills Ltd, Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Ltd, Sui Southern Gas Company Ltd, Syngenta Pakistan Ltd, Thal Engineering, Total Oil Pakistan (Pvt.) Ltd, Total Parco Pakistan Ltd, United Marine Agencies (Pvt.) Ltd, Water Regime (Pvt.) Ltd, Yunus Textile Mills Ltd, Environment photographer Jamshed Masood, Environmentalist Saman Khalil and Ecobags, ■



Minister Environment Sind Shaikh Afzal, M.A. Rauf Siddiqui Minister for Industries Govt. of Sindh, Chairman NFEH Dr. Kaiser Waheed, Naeem Qureshi President NFEH, Shamsul Haq Memon, Javed Jabbar Global Vice President IUCN, Shamsul Haq Memon Head of Jury and Khalid Mahmood President WWF addressing at 9th Annual Environment Excellence Awards 2012