

ILPA NEWSLETTER : 2 -- INITIATIVES & ACTIVITIES

1. 25TH OCT 2017 E.C MEETING : The 3rd EC meeting of the Association was held on 25th Oct 2017 at Freya-IIDF Conference Hall. The Infrastructure Committee Chairman was chosen as Mr Swapan Poddar and Co-Chairman Mr Akash Nayyar. The NOC for the ILPA STP was due and ILPA was asked to pursue the same with MSME. It was also discussed that a meeting with M.L. Dalmiya may be organized to discuss ILGP maintenance matters and the possible handover of maintenance responsibilities to ILPA.

2. Meeting with MSME Jt. Sec Shri Meghnad De on 1ST NOV 2017 : ILPA ED had a meeting with MSME regarding the following :

i) not getting NOC from WBPCB : WBPCB are now raising issues regarding the plan for treated water discharge. MSME re-iterated that the treated water can be discharged in the storm water canal. ILPA requested that MSME should call a joint meeting with ILPA and WBPCB to sort out the matter by next week.

ii) ILPA also discussed the possibilities for infrastructural upgradation funds for IIDF – for which MSME said that ILPA should give a proposal to MSME.

iii) ILPA also raised the matter for members who want to rent out their unused factory floors in ILGP Bantala. MSME informed that individual companies should write to MSME for such a “Leave & License” proposal.

3. 6TH Nov meeting with MSME, KMDA, CLCTA, ILFS, ILPA : – ILPA, represented by Mr Tapan Nandi, Mr Akash nayyar & Ms Arpita Paul attended the meeting. The discussion was mainly on the amount of untreated water discharged by tanneries and the proposed 8 modules of updated CETP.

4. 8th Nov MSME Meeting with WBPCB, ILPA , KMDA, CLCTA, Grant Thornton, , BUIDL : MSME clearly pointed out to WBPCB in this meeting that ILPA should receive the NOC to establish at the earliest and that the treated water from the STP can be discharged in the Storm Water Canal.

With reference to the Supreme Court judgement dated 22.2.2017, it is a mandate that the State Government, the State Pollution Control Board and the State municipality are jointly responsible for ensuring that effective and running Common Effluent Treatment Plants and Sewage Treatment Plants are a part of every industrial sector in the state. So we are very hopeful that both the Govt of West Bengal and WBPCB will extend their full cooperation towards ILPA and that we will get the NOC to Establish for the ILPA STP at the earliest.

5. MIPEL 11th – 14th Feb 2018 - ILPA initiative : In order to place “Brand Kolkata” in the international leather goods market scenario, ILPA has taken up a few noteworthy initiatives, one of them being participation in the MIPEL 2018- under the umbrella of ILPA.

Several of our members have been trying to participate in the MIPEL fair for the last few years and have been unable to do so due to lack of space and right opportunity. So this year, Mr Alope Sengupta - Vice President of the Association, took the special initiative to arrange for stall space in "SPAZIO" in MIPEL Feb 2018. A total of 7 ILPA members are participating till now and those who are interested to participate may still get in touch with ILPA office on an urgent basis as time left is very less.

6. ILPA initiative for Technical Upgradation Program : Another "Brand Kolkata" initiative of ILPA was to organize an informative workshop **on 17th Nov 2017 at Freya-IIDF** regarding a technical upgradation program. This programme was initiated by our Vice Presidents Mr Alope Sengupta and Mr Arjun Kulkarni, who took tremendous enthusiasm and missionary zeal in organising this possibility.

Members who registered for this program could have their factories assessed by a reputed Italian technician and then advised on process, product and infrastructure upgradation over a period of 2-3 years . The aim of this project would be to upgrade Kolkata based manufacturers/exporters (ILPA members only) so that they become a global sourcing destination for the most premium/luxury international leather goods brands.

A total of 20 ILPA members registered for the assessment program. ILPA invited the Italian Technician for a week (25th Nov – 2nd Dec 2017) to visit these 20 factories and assess them based on their products, production process, factory management and infrastructure.

The cost incurred for the entire event was about Rs 3.5 lacs, but ILPA only charged Rs 5000/ as a token of participation from its members. The concluding meeting was held at IIDF on 2nd Dec 2017, where each participant was informed about what improvements his company may need.

There was also a joint meeting cum presentation where the future action plan was discussed.

The participants found the program very beneficial and the feedback was very positive.

According to Balaji Leather Creations : ""We are thankful to ILPA for conducting this programme. It was really a thought-provoking and great learning experience with you two. We really picked up many new points in that three hours interaction. We are very much interested to be a part of this programme in future. My special thanks to Mr Lombardo ,who's experience is vast and from grassroots.""

Shivmani said : ""It was a short but very much useful interactive session. The interesting part of the session was , most of the time the discussion was on the floor with practical demo on certain process from Mr, Raphael, which was practically helpful for the supervisors and workers.""

ILPA would be holding workshops on topics beneficial to the participants like pattern engineering, production processes, time management etc, Italian

Technicians & Trend forecasters would be invited to conduct these workshops. The cost and schedule for these workshops would be informed later.

7. Meetings held : ILPA held 3 internal committee meetings to discuss the Technical upgradation program, ILPA STP status, ILPA proposed new CFC status, change in the membership rules, solid waste management, garbage disposal etc. ILPA invited quotation from a technical firm for building the STP, as the RCC work would start as soon as NOC has been received. The 4th E.C. Meeting of the Association was held on 8th Nov 2017.

8. IILF Kolkata & ILPA SHOW 2018 : Leather On the Ramp

The IILF Kolkata 2018 will be held during 26th – 28th Feb 2018 at “Uttirno”. As is customary, the signature event of the Association, **the ILPA Fashion Show** is scheduled to be held on **26th Feb 2018** in a reputed 5 star hotel, on the first day of IILF Kolkata. Those who wish to participate in both/either events may please contact the Association.

9. ILPA CALENDER 2018 : Like the last two years, ILPA invited member advertisements for the ILPA calendar 2018 and received 12 applications for the same. The calendars will be distributed to all members within this month.

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