

Seventh Session of D-8 Working Group (Cement) on Industrial Cooperation on 08-10-2012

REPORT OF THE SECOND D-8 TASK FORCE MEETING ON CEMENT 8 October 2012, Dhaka, Bangladesh

The second Task Force Meeting on Cement was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 8 October 2012. The meeting was attended by ____ participants. List of participants is attached as Annex (1).

Agenda Item No 1: Election of the Chair.

Dr. A.M.M. Taufiqul Anwar, Professor, Civil Engineering Department, Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology (BUET), Dhaka was elected as a chairman by the consensus.

Agenda Item No 2: Adoption of the Agenda

Under this Agenda Item, the proposed agenda was adopted.

Agenda Item No 3: Election of Rapporteurs

Dr. Md. Easir Arafat Khan, Lecturer, Department of Chemical Engineering, BUET and Mr. Engr. Ali Akkash, Managing Director, Bangladesh Chatok factory Ltd. have been nominated as Rapporteurs by the house.

Agenda Item No 4: Presentation of Country Report on Status of Cement Industry

Under this Agenda Item, Mr. Abdul Quayum Miah, Senior Executive Director, Madina Group, Dhaka delivered the Key-Note speech from the host country Bangladesh, where status of cement industries in Bangladesh was highlighted. In his conclusion, he generously welcomed all D-8 countries to support each other technically, financially in expansion of market for import & export of both raw materials and Cement, so that every country is benefited and can bring prosperity for others. After his presentation, representatives from Iran and Turkey presented their country papers.

Mr. Kerem Ersen, The head of Turkey Cement Manufacturing Association (TCMA), delivered a pleasant presentation and provided a clear picture about their Cement industries. They have environmental friendly Cement Manufacturing Technology and they are interested to share their experience with other D-8 countries.

In a presentation from Iranian representatives, they informed that they have plenty of raw materials (clinker, Slag). Their export capacity is 10 million tons per year. They are highly interested to export their raw materials and willing to share their technological know-how with others D-8 countries.

Delegates from Malaysia, Nigeria and Indonesia, present in the meeting; exchanged their views and shared their experience with other country representatives about their field of interest.

Agenda Item No 5: Review of the work Programme and Progress Report based on the previous meeting

ToR which was prepared in the meeting organized in Turkey, has been reviewed and confirmed by the participants.

Agenda Item No 6: Outline of future cooperation in Cement Industry

The Task Force of the D-8 countries agreed on:

- Each of the member country may propose Islamic Development Bank (IDB) for the development of Cement Manufacturing industries of their respective countries.
- Each of the country may offer some incentives to boost up Clinker export
- There will be a data bank in D-8. Mr. Abdul Quayum Mia of Bangladesh has been selected as the Focal Point and coordinator of the D-8 Cement data bank
- There will be exclusive working groups from the Cement Manufacturing Association including governmental bodies to ensure better contact with each other of the brotherly D-8 Muslim Countries.
- Cooperation on research, formation of R & D, exchange of information on production, local and international demand, export and import possibilities for cement/clinker gypsum, fly ash, limestone, slag or other components of cement by the member states.
- To exchange visits by the task force members in each members cement industries to better work out the areas of cooperation.
- To open opportunities of providing consultancy services for design and construction of cement factories within member state countries
- To explore the opportunities of developing backward linkage industries including industries for production of spare parts for cement production machineries.
- To work together for environmental protection to minimize pollution by the cement industries.

Agenda Item No 7: Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

Date and venue of the next meeting is to be fixed in consistency with the decision to be taken by the inter-ministerial meeting.

Agenda Item No 8: Any Other Business

Regular contact, exchange of information and views, exchange of visits among the member countries are emphasized. Organization of cement fair by the member states with participation by all the member states would be useful.

Agenda Item No 9: Adoption of the Report

The Report was adopted by the Task Force members unanimously.

Agenda Item No 10

Task Force Chairman Dr. A.M.M. Taufiqul Anwar thanked the Government of the Peoples' Republic of Bangladesh for hosting the meeting.

