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MINUTES

Pursuant to the Agenda notice dt.23/12/2024, the 10th Executive Body Meeting of The Surgical Manufacturers & Traders Association was held online on Wednesday, 25th DEC. 2024 at 5.00 PM.

The Following members were present.

1. Mr Rajesh Sawhney (in the chair)

2. Mr. Puneet Bhasin 7. Mr. Amit Sareen

3. Mr. Harpreet Singh 8. Mr. Rajesh Narula

4. Mr. Anurag Seth 9. Mr. Summit Narula

5. Mr. Kapil Sareen 10. Mr. Ashu Sareen

6. Dr. Bobin Saluja 11. Mr. Rakesh Sawhney

12. Mr. Ramesh Bhasin

Regrets: Mr. Jasmeet Singh had informed his inability to attend the meeting before hand.

Absentees: Mr. Rakesh Arora, Mr. Karan Bir Suri, Mr. Arun Sharma, Mr. Vishal Anand, Mr. Satish Mahajan and Mr. Pradeep Chawla

AGENDA ITEM 1: Welcome Address by the President

The President Mr. Rajesh Sawhney welcomed all the members present and requested all members for greater participation.

Obituary:

The President with heavy heart informed the house about the sad demise of S. Surinder Pal Singh, partner of M/s Union Surgical Co., Bhagirath palace, Delhi and that of Shri Kuldeep Sudan - partner of M/s Balson Rubber & Allied Industries, Delhi. The members present paid homage to and prayed for the rest in peace for the departed souls.

The President then requested the Secretary to start meeting as per the agenda.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Executive Body Meeting

The Minutes of the 09th Executive Body meeting held on 27th Nov, 2024 were circulated vide circular No. SMTA/NOV 2024/EBM/Min-09 dt. 30-11-2024. The same were read by the secretary and there being no objection raised and none on the record, the minutes were confirmed and adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 3: To discuss & finalise the date of holding of AGM

It was informed to the house that date of 11-01-2025 is most suitable as later on due to several international exhibitions and marriage functions a convenient date may not be available. After discussion it was finalised to hold the AGM on 11-01-2025 and issue an Invite to all members immediately.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Any other matter with permission of the chair

SUB AGENDA ITEM 1 : New Membership - It was informed to the house that one new membership application has been received and that the same was found to be in order and can be accepted as new member. The details are as under :

1: M/s GTB Surgical Industries, 3/1/20, Site 4, Sahibabad Industrial Area, Ghaziabad, UP-201010

SUB AGENDA ITEM 2 : Resignation : It was informed to the executive body that one resignation letter and email has been received from :

1: M/s Iscon Surgicals Ltd., 22/4 Heavy Industrial Area , Jodhpur, Rajasthan – 342003. The same was accepted with heavy heart .

SUB AGENDA ITEM 3: BIS notifications: it was informed to the house that recently a BIS notification was issued which covered some devices which are already covered under CDSCO DRUG / MD licensing which meant that for the same device and same product standards the manufacturer would have to obtain license from both CDSCO and BIS. Apart from BIS notification it was also pointed out that recently legal metrology has issued draft specifications for clinical digital thermometer and apart from CDSCO and BIS even LEGAL METROLOGY warrants a model approval of thermometers / BP Meters - which means that three approvals / licenses would be required from three different government regulatory departments before one can import or manufacture a digital thermometer. It is more preposterous than it may seem given the government directions to ensure ease of business with the stance of Maximum Governance Minimum Government.

There has been a spate of regulatory pressure from many different ministries /departments for the same product which is extremely dangerous for the survival of micro and small enterprises as they are disproportionately burdened by its compliance in terms of its costs and manpower requirements.

It was discussed that representations should be sent for single regulatory for medical devices whether it is BIS or CDSCO or Legal metrology as had already been submitted to the Niti aayog.

Further recently CDSCO had added MEDICAL GLOVES (surgical and examination) in the list of items to be tested at designated central medical device testing laboratories MDTL, however no information regarding its testing charges, quantity of samples required for testing, time period of providing test report etc has been provided and it was discussed to contact the MDTL and obtain the said info for further providing it to the members.

There being no other matter, the meeting came to an end with thanks to the chair and special thanks to Sh. Puneet Bhasin ji for arranging the zoom meeting.

For The Surgical Manufacturers & Traders Association,

(Harpreet Singh)

Secretary