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M **MANUFACTURERS**
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MINUTES

Pursuant to the Agenda Notice dt. 06/03/2024 the 5th Executive Body Meeting of The Surgical Manufacturers & Traders Association was held on Wednesday , 13th March 2024 at 5.00 PM at The association office 60 , Darya Ganj, New Delhi – 110 002.

The Following members were present.

1 : Mr Rajesh Sawhney (in the chair)

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| 2. Mr. Puneet Bhasin | 11. Mr. R.C Gupta |
| 3. Mr.Harpreet Singh | 12 . Mr. Arun Sharma |
| 4. Mr. Kapil Sareen | 13 . Mr. Pradeep Chawla |
| 5. Mr. Anurag Seth | 14 . Mr. Ashu Sareen |
| 6. Mr. Rakesh Sawhney | 15 . Mr. Summit Narula |
| 7. Mr. Ramesh Bhasin | |
| 8. Mr. Rajesh Narula | |
| 9. Mr. Amit Sareen | |
| 10. Mr. Jasmeet Singh | |

Regrets : Mr Karan Bir Suri , Mr. Vishal Anand, Mr. Satish Mahajan

AGENDA ITEM 1 : Welcome Address by the President

The President Mr. Rajesh Sawhney welcomed all the members present. He then requested the Secretary Shri Harpreet Singh ji to start the meeting as per agenda.

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

The Minutes of the 04th Executive Body meeting held on 19th January 2024 were circulated vide circular No SMTA/JAN 2024/EBM/Min-04 dt. 24-01-2024. [The circulated minutes had a typographical mistake in date of the meeting. (The date of meeting was wrongly written as 19th of *December* instead of 19th of *January*) and date of the minutes (The date of minutes was wrongly written as 20.12.2023 instead of 20.01.2024)] The same were corrected in the records of the association as mentioned above. There being no other objection raised and none on record, the minutes were confirmed and adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 3 : To Discuss the forthcoming meeting with DCGI

It was discussed to raise the following issues with the DCGI :

- 1: High Import License fees for NON IVD devices which are currently 100 times as that of IVD devices.
- 2: Risk Classification being done by CDSCO instead of being done by the manufacturer as per the intended use of the device which is the standard global practice.
- 3: Removal of the requirements of MD-42 or Drug licence at the time of exhibiting of medical devices in domestic trade shows .
- 4: Grant of licences in an expeditious manner ensuring continuity and ease of doing business .

Further it was discussed to take up MD 42 registration issues for traders who are not having ownership documents but are in possession of the shops in PUGREE system or as tenants where rent receipts have not been issued since many years with the DELHI DRUG CONTROLLER separately first.

AGENDA ITEM 4: To discuss the directory publication matters

It was informed to the house that there was a need to outsource the work of collection/correction of data from members and booking the advertisements and collecting / updating the artwork for the advertisements. This was being felt imminent to greatly expedite the release of the directory by the forthcoming AGM. The house unanimously agreed and requested the directory subcommittee to finalise the matter at the earliest possible. Further an amount of Rs.1.25 to 1.5 lakhs was required to be allocated in this context – the house passed the said interim budget with a suggestion to try to keep it at the lowest possible.

It was also suggested that we may generate more revenue by getting advertisements from the outsiders i.e; the traders that do not have the SMTA membership. After discussions it was negated with a possibility of publishing adds by outside manufacturers – ONLY, if they are submitted and paid by some member with a condition that the said member represents the said entity as its distributor/dealer or stockist and the fact be boldly mentioned on the page.

AGENDA ITEM 5 : To Discuss the issues of MSME payment crisis

It was discussed that the time frame of maximum 45 days for making the payments to micro and small units is not in the overall interest of the sector and hence it was decided to write a letter to the CBDT conveying our objections for the same.

AGENDA ITEM 6 : To finalise the nomination of Executive Body Member

It was proposed to nominate Dr. Bobin Saluja of M/s INDIDENT Medical Device as an Executive Body Member with immediate effect. The same was unanimously agreed upon. The secretary was requested to please inform Mr. Saluja and endorse the same in the records of the association.

AGENDA ITEM 7 : Any other matter with the permission of the chair

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

1: M/s Lifeline Medical System , B-85 , Sector -67 , Noida , U.P

SUB AGENDA ITEM 2 : Holi Milan : It was discussed to organise a Holi Milan function in bhagirath Palace and it was requested to the Bhagirath palace and Entertainment Sub Committees to coordinate and organise it on a suitable date.

SUB AGENDA ITEM 3 : RENEWAL OF FD'S : It was informed by the treasurer Mr. Kapil Sareen to the house that One fixed deposit of Rs 25 lakhs is to mature on 30-03-2024 and another fixed deposit of Rs 9.5 lakhs is to mature on 31-03-2024, It was resolved to get the same renewed for the best terms to get the highest possible interest rates with the same bank.

After discussions the following Resolution was moved and passed unanimously :

“Resolved that the FDR/s reaching maturity on 30.3.2024 and another on 31.3.2024 may be re-invested for the best available term to get highest possible interest rate with the same Bank. Mr. Kapil Sareen, The Treasurer of the Association is authorised to sign all documents pertaining to this renewal of FDR/s.”

SUB AGENDA ITEM 4 : Request for Representation regarding sub standard / unlicensed medical devices flooding the market : Mr. Pradeep Chawla raised the need of sending representation to the Government bodies to stop the malpractice of selling unlicensed medical devices which were often of sub standard quality.

Mr. Anurag Seth, the general secretary to the association put forth his view that by doing so we may initiate golden chance to the regulatory inspectors to start malpractice of visiting/inspecting the traders unscrupulously and harass the traders or else we may have a support of some specific written complaint to initiate such a dialogue with the department/s

After some due deliberations and discussions, Mr. Pradeep Chawla ji was requested to prepare a rough draft of suggested representation with some specific examples so that same may be sent to the relevant department/s for necessary action.

There being no other matter, the meeting came to an end with thanks to the chair.

For The Surgical Manufacturers & Traders Association,



(Harpreet Singh)

Secretary