Italian textile machinery makers eye greater market share in Bangladesh

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Finding Bangladesh textile sector's continuous growth, the Italian textile machinery neurs. makers eye a greater market share of their products here, as manufacturers include they told a seminar in Dhaka vesterday.

The local entrepreneurs import huge machineries, including finishing and spinning, for textiles from Italy. In around 300 such companies in Textile Machinery 2007, such machineries worth that country. 31 million euros were imported.

Held at a city hotel, the seminar was attended among oth-

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a workshop yesterday.

The increased cultivation of

vegetables on rural farmsteads

would substantially help meet

the country's demand for such

produce, agriculturalist said at

ers to increase production at

homesteads. We would be able

to better meet our food

demand if we grew vegetables

on 1.5 crore homesteads in the

country," IRRI Representative

Abedin said at a workshop at

for Bangladesh Dr Zainul Coordination Project.

"We are working with farm-

nies who gave a presentation of before the textile entrepre-

Avantec Construzioni, sion. Mecchaniche Srl, Corghi Spa, Mario Crosta Srl, Unitech Textile Machinery and Jaeggli-

of Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA), Alessandra Marcarino, deputy ised the seminar.

More homestead farming

BRAC Centre Inn.

The FoSHol Coordination

Project, IRRI in collaboration

with Care, ActionAid and

Practical Action organized the

workshop aimed at strength-

ening farmers' access to

improved vegetable seeds for

vegetables is about 20 lakh

tonnes. But it can be increased

much by bringing homesteads

under cultivation," said SM

Monowar Hossain of FoSHoL-

He blamed poor quality seeds

homestead cultivation.

ers by at least 10 Italian compa- trade commissioner at the Italian Trade Commission in their products and services New Delhi, and Sandeep Chadha, senior trade analyst, and Luigi Noia, commercial These Italian machinery attaché at the Italian Embassy in Dhaka, spoke on the occa-

Italian Trade Commission in Dhaka in collaboration with the Italian embassy here and Meccanotessile Srl. There are the Association of Italian Manufacturers, BTMA and Abdul Hai Sarker, president Bangladesh Specialised Textile Mills and Power-looms Industries Association organ-

and suggested using good qual-

ity seeds to increase production.

Bangladesh's yearly require-

ment for vegetable seeds is

about 2800 metric tonnes. Of

the total requirement, good

quality seeds constitute only 37

percent. The remaining 63

Dr MA Razzaque said home-

steads could be one of the main

places for landless people to

grow vegetables. "But they

should be provided with good

quality seeds," he said.

BARC Executive Chairman

"Our annual production of percent are poor quality seeds.

According to official data,



Economist Professor Wahiduddin Mahmud (C) speaks at a discussion organised by Economic Reporters' Forum in Dhaka yesterday.

Increase in farm subsidy needed for food security

Says Prof Wahiduddin Mahmud

could meet vegetable needs STAR BUSINESS REPORT

The government needs to increase agricultural subsidy in the next budget for ensuring food security against the backdrop of soaring prices of essentials both on international and domestic markets, economist Professor Wahiduddin Mahmud said yesterday.

"The government will have to continue subsidy for oil and increase the support for fertiliser to achieve food security," he said.

But, he said, it is very difficult to ensure food security when the high food prices have resulted in high inflation. He said because of the

increase in subsidy budget deficit may go up by one percentage point to 5 percent of the GDP from existing 4 per-

The government also needs inflation, he said.

to frame a realistic ADP (annual development programme), he said, disfavouring government's more borrowing from internal sources.

Wahiduddin was addressing a discussion on 'Budget for 2008-09: Reality and Expectations' organised by Economic Reporters Forum (ERF) in Dhaka.

He said the prices of rice cannot be reduced like the prices of industrial goods, as once the food prices reach high it never comes down to the previous stage.

However, efforts should be put in reducing the rice or food prices, he said.

The government should increase the income tax ceiling and create employment opportunities so that the poor and low-income group people can cope with the high prices and

For creating more employment opportunities the government needs to focus on agriculture and informal areas where a lot of entrepreneurs can create employment opportunities, he said.

Referring to the size of ADP, Wahiduddin said size is not a problem, its proper implementation is important.

Talking about legalising untaxed or undisclosed money, he said the facility should not continue.

Speaking at the discussion, National Board of Revenue Chairman Abdul Mazid said the next year's budget will focus on agricultural, developing small and medium enterprises, protecting local industries, discouraging import and reducing foreign aid.

President of Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry Annisul Huq also spoke.

and Jeffery Van Ness, resident

country director of

Institute (IRI) were also pres-

ent at the discussion session.

Budget for 2008-2009: Reality and Expectat DSE names 28 firms AGMs, pay dividends

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28 companies have been identified by the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) as they have failed to hold annual general meetings and pay dividends tinue. without acceptable reasons.

Of the 28 firms, Delta life Insurance's annual general meeting is at halt due to a writ petition with the court, while Oriental Bank's (now defunct) share trading is suspended since 2006.

A three-member team of the DSE embarked on a mission in December last year to identify companies that were not holding their annual general meetings and were paying dividends without acceptable reasons.

However, following the identifying mission by the DSE, two companies German-Bangla Foods and Savar Refractories have declared dates for holding their annual general meetings.

June 2 is the deadline to hold annual general meeting.

Earlier, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) was given the authority to dissolve boards of directors of the errant companies following a court ruling. The High Court vacated a previous stay order on effectiveness of an SEC notification through which the regulator can dissolve and constitute a new board.

As per the notification, the stock market regulator will also be able to constitute a new board of directors of a company belonging to Z category for a continuous period of one year or more on the stock exchanges. In 2002, the SEC issued the notification for the companies belonging to Z category.

According to the notification, the companies of Z group will be given six months time to overcome their problems. In default, the SEC will dissolve the boards of directors and constitute new boards by involving the general and institutional shareholders. The new boards will be given 24 months time with all necessary supports to run and companies. If the new boards International Republic | fail to do so, the companies will be given six months time for liquidation.

বাংলাদেশ কম্পিউটার কাউন্সিল

বিসিসি ভবন, প্লট ই-১৪/এক্স, আগারগাঁও, শের-ই-বাংলা নগর, ঢাকা-১২০৭

"We have already submitted the list of the companies to the SEC," said Salahuddin Ahmed Khan, chief executive officer of DSE, adding that the identification process by DSE will con-

"We will issue letters to the identified companies reminding them to hold the annual general meetings before the deadline," he said.

In case of failure in holding annual general meeting, the stock market regulator may dissolve and constitute a new board to change the companies' fate, he said, adding that the last option will be to de-list the company.

At present, out of around 350 securities, 93 securities belong to the Z category on the DSE.

Govt support for knitwear sector to continue: Aziz

BSS, Dhaka

Adviser for Finance and Planning Dr AB Mirza Azizul Islam yesterday assured the leaders of knitwear manufacturers of continuing government support to the sector.

He gave the assurance at a meeting with the leaders of Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA) at NEC conference room at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar here, an official handoutsaid.

The adviser said, textile sector particularly the knitwear industry is playing important role in creating employment opportunity and poverty alleviation in the country.

He asked the BKMEA leaders to explore the foreign markets so that the sector can contribute more in the country's economic progress. He also laid importance on improving the expertise of the personnel related to the knitwear sector.

The BKMEA leaders sought the support of the adviser to remove the existing difficulties of the knitwear industry. They improve the situation of the urged for increasing the amount of the cash incentive given by the government to the sector and regular payment of the incentive.

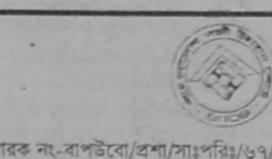
বিআরটিএ'র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ট্যাক্সিক্যাব কোম্পানী/অপারেটরের জ্ঞাতার্থে জরুরি বিজ্ঞপ্তি

যাচ্ছে যে, বিভিন্ন কোম্পানী/অপারেটর/মালিক কর্তৃক ট্যাক্সিক্যাব চালক থেকে দৈনিক ভিত্তিতে নির্ধারিত হারে জমা আদায় कता रुट मर्स्य विভिन्न रेलकियेनिक/थिन मििष्याय অভিযোগ উঠছে। ট্যাক্সিক্যাব নীতিমালা, ১৯৯৮ অনুযায়ী ট্যাক্সিক্যাব কোম্পানী কর্তৃক তার নিযুক্ত চালক থেকে নির্ধারিত হারে দৈনিক ভিত্তিতে জমা আদায় করার সুযোগ নেই।

এমতাবস্থায়, সংশ্লিষ্ট সকল ট্যাক্সিক্যাব কোম্পানী/অপারেটর/মালিককে এ ধরনের জমা আদায় থেকে বিরত থাকতে অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে। অন্যথায় কঠোর আইনানুগ ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে।

> পরিচালক (ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং) বিআরটিএ



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সংস্থার নাম

জিভি-২৪০৬

বাংলাদেশ পল্লী উন্নয়ন বোর্ড "পল্লী ভবন"

৫, কাওরান বাজার, ঢাকা স্মারক নং-বাপউবো/প্রশা/সাঃপরিঃ/৬৭/০৬/২৫৫৩

তারিখঃ ১৭/০৪/২০০৮খ্রিঃ

উন্মক্ত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

পল্লী উন্নয়ন ও সমবায় বিভাগ।

বাপউবো'র উত্তরাস্থ ৮নং সেট্রে ৯নং প্রটস্থ পল্লী কানন আবাসিক কমপ্লেক্সে দরপত্রের নাম অবস্থিত (ক) ডিপার্টমেন্টাল স্টোর (খ) লব্রী ভাড়া। দরপত্র নং

61	কাজের সংক্ষিপ্ত বিবরণ ঃ			
গ্ৰপ নং	কাজের বিবরণ	ভাড়ার মেয়াদ	দরপত্র জামানতের পরিমাণ	দরপত্র নীতিমালার মূল্য
(\$)	বাপউবো'র উত্তরাস্থ ৮নং সেইরে পল্লী কানন আবাসিক কমপ্লেক্সে অবস্থিত ডিপার্টমেন্টাল স্টোর ভাড়া। মোট আয়তন ১১৭৬.০০ বর্গফুট (৪২'-০"x২৮'-০")	০৩ বংসর	20,000/-	800/-
(4)	বাপউবো'র উত্তরাস্থ ৮নং সেউরে পল্লী কানন আবাসিক কমপ্রেক্সে অবস্থিত লল্লী ভাড়া। মোট আয়তন (৭'x৫')	০৩ বৎসর	30,000/-	800/-
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পরপত্রপাতাদের যোগ্যতা

দরপত্র নীতিমালার ক্রয় মূল্য

দরপত্র জামানত

১০। দরপত্র নীতিমালা/শর্তাবলী বিক্রয়ের ঃ অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা দরপত্র খোলার অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা

১৩। দরপত্র নীতিমালা/শর্তাবলী বিক্রয়ের ঃ আগামী ১০/০৬/০৮ইং তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় বিকাল ৫.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত। সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময় ১৪। দরপত্র দাখিলের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময় ১৫। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়

১৬। বিশেষ নির্দেশাবলী

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(ক) বাণত কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা সম্পন্ন যে কোন ঠিকাদার/ডিপার্টমেন্টাল স্টোর वावमाग्री পরিচালনাকারী সংস্থা/ব্যক্তি।

(খ) বর্ণিত কাজের অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠান। ঃ ৪০০/- (চারশত) টাকা মাত্র (অফেরতযোগ্য)। ঃ (ক) যে কোন সিভিউল ব্যাংক হতে ব্যাংক ড্রাফ্ট/পে-অর্ডার মহাপরিচালক, বাপউবো, ঢাকা এর অনুকৃলে জমা করে দরপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।

বাংলাদেশ পল্লী উনুয়ন বোর্ড (বিআরডিবি)

বিআর্ডিবি সদর দপ্তরের হিসাব বিভাগ, "পল্লী ভবন" ৩য় তলা, ৫, কাপ্তরান বাজার, দরপত্র গ্রহণকারী অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা । উপ-পরিচালক (প্রশাসন-২), "পল্লী ভবন" (২য় তলা) ৫, কাওরান বাজার, ঢাকা। যুগ্ম পরিচালক (প্রশাসন), বাপউবো ঢাকা মহোদয়ের অফিস কক্ষ, পল্লী ভবন, ২য় তলা, ৫ নং কাওৱান বাজার, ঢাকা।

> আগামী ১১/০৬/০৮ইং তারিখ বেলা ১১,০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত। ১১/০৬/০৮ তারিখ বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকায় দরপত্রদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র খোলা হবে।

(ঘ) অন্যান্য যাবতীয় শর্ত দরপত্র নীতিমালার সাথে সংযুক্ত থাকবে।

(ক) কর্ত্পক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা সকল দরপত্র বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ (খ) পিপিআর-২০০৮ অনুসারে দরপত্রের সকল কার্যাদি পরিচালিত হবে। (গ) দরপত্রনাতাকে সরেজমিনে ডিপার্টমেন্টাল ন্টোর ও লল্লী দেখার ব্যবস্থা রয়েছে।

> একেএম নজক্লল ইসলাম উপপরিচালক (প্রশা-২), বাপউবো, ঢাকা

Govt looks for alternatives to gas, says Petrobangla chief

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The government is considering exploring alternatives to gas, such as coal, in order to ensure a secure supply of electricity for industrial production, Jalal Ahmed, chairman of Petrobangla, said yesterday.

"A developing country must secure industrial production, and this is mainly supported by an adequate alternative to gas," said Ahmed.

He was addressing a discussion session on 'The Needs for Energy Consumers" arranged by International Business Forum for Bangladesh in Dhaka.

Bangladesh currently uses 70 percent of its gas to produce power.

badly from load shedding, which has made our lives difficult and hampered domestic production, we need an alternative to focus development of the sector. on," he said.

has become very important as national coal policy by June. Petrobangla's forecast shows a grim picture of gas supply

shortfall beginning from 2011. With energy demand rapidly increasing, the country has no option but to tap all its potentials immediately.

Responding to speakers, Petrobangla chairman said they would try to overcome the weak sides of the model production-sharing contract (MPSC) 2008 to explore new gas fields.

In his keynote paper, Nazrul Islam, executive direcelectricity supply, so we are tor and CEO of Infrastructure considering to emphasize Investment Facilitation exploring coal seriously as an Center (IIFC), said, the government needs to ensure sufficient power supply and the price to be reasonable to secure the pace of industrial growth in the country.

"To ensure a healthy GDP and GNP, the government has no choice other than securing power supply," he added.

Islam suggested the government should make plans "As the country suffers to secure power supply by taking steps such as developing coal as the second main power generator and set-up Coal Bangla to undertake the

Third round block bidding ment is to announce the Mahmudul Ahmed Chowdhury, president of IBFB

Ahmed said the govern-



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বাংলাদেশ বিদ্যুৎ উনুয়ন বোর্ড

ব্যবস্থাপক (পরিচালন)-এর দপ্তর

১-৪ ইউনিট ঘোড়াশাল বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্ৰ विউবো, পলाশ, नत्रिंभि সূত্র নং-ঘোবিকে(পরিঃ)হিসাব-১৬/০৮/৬৪৭ তারিখঃ ১৫/৫/২০০৮ইং সময় বর্ধিতকরণ সহ দরপত্র ক্রয় এবং দাখিল/খোলার তারিখ

পুনঃ নির্ধারণ বিজ্ঞপ্তি অত্র ঘোড়াশাল বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্রের সূত্র নং-ঘোবিকে(পরিঃ)/হিসাব-১৬/০৮/৫৭২ তারিখ ২৮/৪/০৮ইং এর মাধ্যমে কষ্টিক সোডা (ফ্লেইক্র) সংগ্রহের জন্য আহ্বানকৃত দরপত্র ক্রয় এবং দাখিল/খোলার তারিখ যথাক্রমে ১৮/৫/২০০৮ইং এবং ১৯/৫/২০০৮ইং তারিখে নির্ধারিত ছিল। অনিবার্য কারণবশতঃ উক্ত আহ্বানকৃত দরপত্র ক্রয় এবং দাখিল/খোলার তারিখ যথাক্রমে ০১/৬/২০০৮ এবং ০২/৬/২০০৮ইং এ পুনঃ নির্ধারণ করা হইল।

বিদ্যুৎ/জন-১৪০৭(৪)/১৮-৫-০৮

দরপত্রের অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী অপরিবর্তীত থাকিবে।

মোঃ নজক্রল ইসলাম পিকে আইডি নং ১-০৩০১ উপ-ব্যবস্থাপক (পরিঃ-১) ঘোড়াশাল বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্ৰ विউবো, পलान, नज़िम्मी

Invitation for Tenders (Single Lot) GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH Ministry/Division: Ministry of Science and Information & Communication Technology Agency: Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC) **Procuring Entity Name:** Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC) **Procuring Entity Code:** Not used at present **Procuring Entity District:** Dhaka Invitation For: Works and Related Services Invitation Ref No.: BCC/Systems-1398/2008 Date: 18-May-2008 KEY INFORMATION Procurement Method: NCT, Open Tendering Method(OTM) UNDING INFORMATION Budget and Source of Funds: Revenue Budget (GOB) Development Partner: PARTICULAR INFORMATION Project/Programme Code: N/A Project/Programme Name: N/A Tender Package No.: 02 of Fy 2007-08 Tender Package Name: Fiber Optic Connectivity for Internet Bandwidth **Tender Publication Date:** 18-May-2008 12-June-2008 Tender Last Selling Date: 15-June-2008 at 3:00 PM Tender Closing Date and Time: Tender Opening Date and Time: 15-June-20008 at 3:30 PM Name & Addresses of the Selling Tender Document: Offices: 1st Floor, BCC Bhaban, E-14/X, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207 Receiving Tender Document: 1st Floor, BCC Bhaban, E-14/X, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207 **Opening Tender Document:** Conference Room, 1st Floor, BCC Bhaban, E-14/X, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207 Place/Date/Time of N/A Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional): INFORMATION FOR TENDERER Eligibility of Tenderer: As mentioned in Tender Schedule Brief Description of Goods or Fiber Optic Connectivity from BTTB (Moghbazar) to BCC & BCC to Ministry of Science Works: & ICT for Internet Bandwidth Brief Description of Related As mentioned in Tender Schedule Price of Tender Document: Tk. 500.00 (Five Hundred) in cash (Non-Refundable) Lot No. Identification Completion Time Location | Tender Security Amount (Tk.) Fiber Optic Connectivity Dhaka 8,000.00 10 days PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS Name of Official Inviting Tender: Md. Zabed Ali Sorker Designation of Official Inviting Tender: Executive Director, BCC Address of Official Inviting Tender

BCC Bhaban, E-14/X, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207 Phone: 8144046 Fax: 9124626

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The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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