



Lawmaker AKM Bahauddin and Abul Kalam Hasan Tagar, chairman of Halima Group, attend the launch of Halima Mobile's first two mobile phone models T-1 and H-1 at an event in Cumilla on Wednesday.



Faruq Mainuddin, managing director of Trust Bank, attends an annual conference on "Prevention of Money Laundering and Combating Financing of Terrorism" arranged by the bank's anti-money laundering division at its head office in Dhaka yesterday.

India lines up deepwater port for rice

Exports to surge amid global shortage

REUTERS, Mumbai

India's southern state of Andhra Pradesh will use a deepwater port to export rice for the first time in decades amid a global shortage of the grain, according to a government order seen by Reuters, which could raise shipments this year by a fifth.

The order, issued late on Wednesday, allows Kakinada Deep Water Port to handle rice until more capacity is created at the adjoining Anchorage Port.

Congestion at the Kakinada Anchorage Port, India's biggest rice-handling facility, had led to a waiting period of up to four weeks compared with the normal wait of about a week, raising costs for shippers and limiting exports, said B.V. Krishna Rao, president of the Rice Exporters Association of India.

The government blamed the congestion on a surge in demand, driven by production shortfalls in other rice-producing countries. Thailand and Vietnam are the other big suppliers, but their production has fallen in recent months because of excessive rains or drought, sending their prices to multi-year highs.

More shipments from the world's biggest rice exporter could cool global prices.

The move means monthly exports from Andhra Pradesh alone will double to 650,000 tonnes, Rao said, adding that rice shipping would begin in the deepwater port within days.

India's rice exports this year could rise to a record 16 million to 17 million tonnes from last year's 14.2 million, Rao said.

The government also thinks rice exports, excluding the premium basmati variety, could rise by 2 million to 3 million tonnes this year, said Pawan Agarwal, special secretary, logistics, at the federal Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

"We are also investing to expand capacity at the old Anchorage Port," Agarwal told Reuters.

The South Asian country has a massive surplus for export and prices are competitive, but some international buyers switched to Thailand and Vietnam because of the shipping delays, said a Mumbai-based dealer with a global trading firm, who declined to be identified because of the sensitivity of the matter.



A worker packs a sack filled with rice on the outskirts of Ahmedabad.

Unilever's back-to-the-future goals disappoint

REUTERS

Unilever restored its pre-pandemic sales growth target on Thursday, underwhelming investors seeking more ambitious goals amid strong consumer demand for plant-based food products and home care brands.

The Ben & Jerry's ice cream and Dove soap maker said it would be "laser focused" on driving top line sales growth and would invest 1 billion euros in each of 2021 and 2022 in high growth areas including business to business e-commerce retailing, plant-based food and beauty products.

This would help Unilever to achieve a long-term underlying sales growth target of 3 per cent to 5 per cent, restoring a previous forecast set in 2020 but pulled in April due to uncertainty caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

Unilever shares were down about 4 per cent.

"Even though we have come close to hitting the 3-5 per cent target range in 2020, it is not enough," Unilever chief executive Alan Jope said.

Jope also said the company would be focused on making acquisitions in hygiene, skin care, functional nutrition and plant based foods.

Rival consumer goods group P&G last month raised its fiscal 2021 sales growth forecast to a range of 5 per cent to 6 per cent, from 3 per cent to 4 per cent, mainly on the back of a strong first half.

The coronavirus pandemic has boosted sales of packaged food companies such as Unilever, Nestle and Kraft Heinz, but there have also been sharp declines in foods served in public places such as on beaches and at restaurants.

Unilever Chief Financial Officer Graeme Pitkethly said the company expected the food service business to continue to be hit in Europe, where a spike in cases has led to stringent lockdowns.

Pitkethly also said he expects a mid-to-high-single digit rise in raw material costs in the first half of 2021, which Unilever hopes to offset by raising prices.

"Looking forward the group sees a return to more predictable sales growth as we move beyond the pandemic later this year," Steve Clayton, fund manager at Hargreaves Lansdown said.

"Ongoing restructuring to position the group further toward digital commerce will hold back earnings in the near term, perhaps explaining the market's lack of enthusiasm for the numbers this morning," Clayton said.

Unilever's full-year underlying sales growth came in at 1.9 per cent, in-line with market estimates.

Emerging market sales rose 1.2 per cent in the full-year.

China returned to growth in the second quarter as restrictions were eased, while India returned to growth in the third quarter. Sales accelerated into the high single digits in the fourth quarter in these two markets.

"Slower EM's (emerging markets) in Q4 is the root cause of the top line miss to Jefferies estimates, playing out against a background of extended lockdown activity worldwide," Jefferies analysts wrote in a note. The brokerage expected fourth quarter underlying sales growth of 4.4 per cent.

Developed market sales rose 2.9 per cent in 2020, driven by strong demand for in-home foods, ice-cream and hygiene products in North America. In Europe, sales were driven by home care products.

The company's results end a historic year for the company which in November ditched its Anglo-Dutch dual-headed structure in favor of a single corporate entity based in London.

Turnover for the quarter came in at 12.1 billion euros (\$14.53 billion), versus analysts' estimates of 12.16 billion euros. Full-year 2020 turnover came in at 50.7 billion euros, slightly lower than the 50.81 billion euros, analysts had expected.

Adjusted earnings per share for the year were 2.48 euros, one cent lower than analysts' estimates.



TRESemme products, a Unilever Plc brand, are seen on a shelf at a store in Johannesburg, South Africa.

After years of restructuring, Siemens has a new CEO

AFP, Berlin

German industrial giant Siemens turned a page Wednesday as a new chief executive followed a restructuring drive after a year marked by falling sales due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Joe Kaeser handed the CEO baton to his deputy, Roland Busch at the end of a seven-year tenure marked by slimming down and spinning off assets to refocus as a technology company. "Our company has a decade of opportunities before it," Busch told an online shareholders meeting, paying tribute to Kaeser's run.

After reporting full-year to September earnings down by a quarter as the coronavirus battered the global economy, Siemens said it had turned a corner in the first quarter of its financial year.

The Munich-based group, which makes products ranging from trains to factory equipment, saw a 38-percent surge in net profit to 1.5 billion euros (\$1.8 billion) in the three months to December. "We made Siemens robust these last years," Kaeser told the meeting.

Kaeser, 63, announced in March that he would not be pursuing a contract extension and would pass the reins to Busch, 56, who has been a Siemens director since 2011 and served as Kaeser's number two since October 2019. "Siemens is in a better position today than a few years ago," Busch told the daily Sueddeutsche Zeitung in December, defending Kaeser's stewardship during a tumultuous era.

At the end of September, Siemens divested its Energy division, which includes oil and gas operations, and in October it sold components subsidiary Flender to US-based Carlyle for 2.0 billion euros.

Siemens Energy, in which the group still holds a 35.1-percent stake, this week announced it would slash 7,800 jobs over the next four years to cut costs in a rapidly changing market. Despite the ongoing impact of the virus, the group lifted its growth forecast for the year to "average or higher", with strong prospects for its software and industrial automation activities.

Kaeser's tenure was marked by turmoil rarely seen since the group's founding in 1847. Like many sprawling industrial conglomerates with diverse activities, Siemens has been forced to adapt to an economy in which specialisation is king.

Kaeser's increasing attention to software, automation and "industry 4.0" meant that the group's footprint decreased on his watch. Annual turnover, around 76 billion euros in 2013, came in at 57.1 billion euros last year.

The listing in recent years of the Energy and Healthineers units accompanied major downsizing operations that eliminated tens of thousands of jobs. The moves came in for sharp criticism from trade unions which accused the company of putting the interests of shareholders ahead of staff.

জীবনের জন্য বিজ্ঞান

“বিসিএসআইআর ঢাকা ও চট্টগ্রাম কেন্দ্রে নিরাপদ ও স্বাস্থ্যকর শটকী মাছ প্রক্রিয়াকরণ এবং ইনডোর ফার্মিং গবেষণা সংক্রান্ত সুবিধাদি স্থাপন” শীর্ষক প্রকল্প, বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি মন্ত্রণালয়

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Corrigendum (Time Extension)

Tender ID	Name of work	Tender closing & opening date and time
528707	Construction of Civil, Electrical and related works steel shade 20200 square feet, steel super structure building 4-storied 22500 square feet (approximate).	14 February, 2021 at 15:00

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e-GP Tender Notice No. 18(2020-21)

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following works. Details are given below:

The interested persons/firm may visit the website www.eprocure.gov.bd to get the details of the tender.

S/N	Ministry/Division	Local Government Division.
1	Ministry/Division	Local Government Division.
2	Implementing agency	Department of Public Health Engineering.
3	Project/program name	Government Primary School-1 (GPS-1) Project, DPHE, Dhaka.
4	e-Tender IDs	541756, 541755, 541753, 541751, 541750, 541749, 541748, 541747, 541746, 541745
5	Description of works	Construction of 2-storied RCC WASH Block for MT & boys and FT & girls at different upazila in Bagerhat district including all associated construction sanitary plumbing & electrical works under GPS-1, FY-2020-21.

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal is required.

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সংস্কার কাজের দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সংখ্যা	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	বাণিজ্য মন্ত্রণালয়।
১	এজেন্সী	বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড।
২	সম্প্রদায়িক সংস্থার নাম	প্রকল্প উন্নয়ন ইউনিট (পিউইউ), বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড (সিটিবি)।
৩	সম্প্রদায়িক সংস্থার অবস্থান	শ্রীমঙ্গল, মৌলভীবাজার।
৪	আবেদনকৃত দরপত্রের নাম	পিউইউ, ব্যাবাকের সংস্কার কাজের দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি।
৫	সম্প্রদায়িক পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (ওটিএম)।
৬	দরপত্র নং	পিউইউ/সেআমক-৫৯/২০২০(৫পি-০৩)-১৮৮০(২)। তারিখ: ০৪/০২/২০২১ইং
৭	অর্ডার উদ্দেশ্য	পিউইউ, বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ডের সংশ্লিষ্ট উন্নয়ন কাজ হতে।
৮	দরপত্র সিদ্ধি/বিক্রয়ের তারিখ ও স্থান	০৭/০২/২০২১ হতে ২২/০২/২০২১ তারিখ অবধি চা বোর্ডের কার্যালয় সময়ে পর্যন্ত। স্থান: প্রকল্প উন্নয়ন ইউনিট, বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড, শ্রীমঙ্গল, মৌলভীবাজার।
৯	দরপত্র গ্রহণের তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	২৩/০২/২০২১, দুপুর ১২:০০ ঘটিকা, প্রকল্প উন্নয়ন ইউনিট, বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড, শ্রীমঙ্গল, মৌলভীবাজার।
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