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Donate money to save life of Leather Technologist Mr. Alamgir Hossain



LRC program Manager Mohammad Ahsanur Rashid (left) handing over cash contribution of amount BDT 20,000 to Md Alamgir Hossain on 09 December 2013 at LRC office

As a part of social responsibilities for leather sector in Bangladesh, "The Leather sector Research & development Centre" (LRC) is pleased to contribute to Mr. Alamgir Hossain, Leather Technologist, 22nd Batch, ILET for his serious illness. A program is being held at LRC office on 9 December 2013. Mr. Alamgir Hossain has been suffering serious illness since a year. He has decided to go to Singapore for better treatment, for that he needs 25 lac BDT to cure this disease. In this occasion Program coordinator Md. Akteruzzaman urged leather technologists, tannery owners, Chemical Businessmen and stakeholders to come forward to save the life of Mr. Alamgir through donating with small amount.

LRC News leather is a publication of Leather sector Research & development Centre (LRC) where we inform recent activities of LRC, latest news, design, research and business related local & international information of Leather, Footwear & Leather goods sector. This letter is edited by Md. Akteruzzaman, Program Coordinator & Md. Ahsanur Rashid, Program Manager from LRC Office-67/2 Zigatola, 1st Building (2nd Floor), Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1209, Bangladesh, Tel. :+880-2-9631398

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Overview of LRC :

The First Bangladesh private Leather sector Research & development Centre (LRC), was founded on October, 2013. LRC made an initiative with foresight to link technology system with both academy and industry. LRC, today, is seems to be a central hub in Bangladesh leather sector with positive and perspective roles in research, training, designing, forecasting, social development and leading in science and technology relating to leather. LRC acts as an information provider to industry and runs correspondence courses to assist in providing training in leather, footwear & Leather goods manufacturing technology. State-of-art facilities in LRC support innovation in leather processing, creative designing of leather products viz. leather garment, leather goods, footwear and development of novel environmental technologies for leather sectors. LRC's blend of facilities, expertise and experience has made it the local and international leather experts, by delivering focused industry-specific research and analysis to provide solutions to industry challenges

Core Area

1. Leather Processing
2. Leather products and Shoe Designing
3. Human and organizational resource development
4. Social and technical research
5. Business development

Recent leather Fair(Jan-March 2014)

- India International Leather Fair, Chennai, Jan 31-Feb 3, 2014
- International Footwear & Leather Show, Colombia, 04- 07 Feb 2014
- CUIR A PARIS, Fashion Show, France, 18 - 20 Feb, 2014
- All African Leather Fair(AALF), Ethiopia, 20 - 22 Feb, 2014
- International Leather Goods Fair, Kolkata, 28 Feb-2 Mar 2014
- MICAM, Italy, 02 March-05 March 2014
- MIPEL, Italy, 02 March-05 March 2014
- ILM International Leather Goods, Offenbeach, 8-10 Mar 2014
- Bangkok International Leather Fair, Thailand, 12-16 Mar 2014
- FIMEC, Brazil, 18 March-21 March 2014
- OBUV.MIR KOZHI 2014, Russia, 18 March-21 March 2014
- APLF - Materials, Manufacturing & Technology (MM&T) Hong Kong: 31 Mar-4 April 2014

Export Performance (July-November 2013)

	Leather	Footwear	Leather Products
Export Performance	175.23	238.18	80.09
% Change of previous (July-Nov 2012)	49.57	36.96	24.34

(Source: Export promotion Bureau, Jhille 10/12)

National Export trophy for FY10-11

Gold- Apex Tanneries Ltd, FB Footwear Ltd
Silver- Picard Bangladesh Ltd, Akij Footwear Ltd
Bronze- RMM Leather Industries Ltd
Leatherex Footwear Industries Ltd
(Source: Export promotion Bureau)



Our consulting service includes:

1. Tannery machineries
2. Footwear machineries
3. Leather Products machineries
4. Solid Waste machineries
5. Solar panel
6. Green Technologies

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Business News

Bangladesh records growth of almost 50% in exports of finished leather

Despite negative publicity, demand for competitively priced leather from Bangladesh appears high. The country's export promotion bureau recently announced growth of 37% in export earnings from the sector during first four months of the current financial year (July - October 2013) compared to the same period in the previous financial year.

During those four months, leather and leather goods exports brought almost \$415 million into the Asian country. Finished leather brought in \$160 million registering growth compared to the same months in 2012 of 49.5%. (Full history : www.leatherbiz.com, December 13, 2013)

Bangladesh Bank brings members of LFMEAB under Export Development Fund (EDF)

The central bank has extended support to bring the members of LFMEAB under its Export Development Fund (EDF) scheme to help exporters recover their losses caused by the ongoing political turmoil. Bangladesh Bank(BB) issued a circular in this connection Wednesday, 18 December 2013 (FE circular no-16) and asked the commercial banks to provide the low- cost foreign currency loan to the members of LFMEAB. The manufacturer-exporters of the trade body are now allowed to draw EDF finance for bulk imports against estimated requirements, based on their export performance over the preceding year. Ahsan ulah, executive director of BB, told the FE. He also said the revised interest rate on the EDF scheme would be applicable to the members of the body. Talking to the FE, another BB official said the EDF loans from the central bank were payable by the banks upon receipt of export proceeds within 180 days from the date of disbursement. The time frame is extendable by BB up to 270 days in case of a longer period for repatriation of export proceeds, he explained. (Full history : The financial Express, 19 December 2013)

Technical News

Chrome VI - Challenges Facing the Leather Industry

Chromium remains a vitally important chemical in the global production of leather with at least 80% of global leather production being tanned with chromium III salts. The imminent EU wide restriction on chrome VI, which will amend Annex XVII the REACH Regulation, will expand the existing restriction on chromium VI compounds.

This proposed restriction began in September 2011 when Denmark notified the European Chemicals Agency of its intention to submit a formal proposal to restrict chromium VI in leather articles.

Following notification of acceptance from the European Commission the forthcoming restriction will state that leather articles and articles containing leather parts that come into contact with the skin cannot contain 3 mg/kg or more of chromium VI by weight of the total dry weight of that leather part. This means all such articles that come into contact with the skin are within the scope, regardless of the length of time of the contact. Examples of products that are within the restriction scope include: footwear, gloves, articles of clothing etc

The restriction, which is expected to come into force in the first quarter of 2015, recommends that EN ISO 17075, which is currently the only internationally recognized analytical method available to detect chromium VI in leather, is used. The limit of the proposed restriction is based on the detection limit of this method, which is 3 mg/kg.

Where can Chrome VI be found and why is it present?

Chromium III tanned leather can form traces of chromium VI under certain environmental conditions. The conversion from chromium III to chromium VI is an oxidation process and can be facilitated by the factors like heat, UV radiation, changes in pH, presence of unsaturated organic compounds (e.g. natural fats), oxidizing agents and many other factors. Often several of these factors need to be present at the same time.

What can you do?

Chrome VI formation can be avoided by using correct procedures and having a good understanding of the chemistry involved. Key steps should be followed in order to gain the highest level of assurance that leathers will not contain chrome VI. These factors include chemical purchasing, controlling pH levels, addition of proprietary chemicals etc

(Full articles-<http://www.bic.leathertech.com/blog/chrome-vi-challenges-facing-the-leather-industry/2014/01/07/>)

Objectives and Functions of LRC

LRC is seems to be a central hub in Bangladesh leather sector with positive and perspective roles in research, training, designing, forecasting, social development and leading in science and technology relating to leather. Some of the important functions of LRC are:

01. to give technical & market oriented inputs for formulation in respect of Leather sector;
02. to prepare materials for various conferences relating to World Leather, SLTC, ALCA, IULTCS, International Leather, WTO, CLRI, BLC, SATRA, LASRA etc;
03. to represent trade & fair, conference at different nation and international organization;
04. to disseminate technical & business related information to the Leather sector;
05. to publish latest design, news, trade and investment related information, analysis, guide books on a monthly or yearly basis;
06. to organize training courses, seminars/workshops/symposia, delegations, trade fairs and participation thereof at home and abroad for increase capacity of the owners, stakeholders, Technologists and workers
07. to undertake activities like survey, forecast technology, research etc. for suggesting favorable technical & business related policies;
08. to prepare, implement and evaluate projects for leather sector development and to deliver time bound, need-based and diversified services to the business community;
09. To contribute in different social activities relating to leather sector;
10. To provide consulting services and practical support (eg. Industry setup, Machineries, Green Technologies).
11. To develop technologies and deliver to the industry through effective extension network

Latest women shoes trends 2013



Career With LRC

LRC is inviting proposals from interested individuals for the "Research Officer" and "Consultant" of their different programs. LRC aims that the outcomes of the Research Officer and Consultant will be disseminated to the national and international level, GOB and leather sector who are working with the same areas.

The "Research Officer" and "Consultant" having following requirements:

- Graduating Leather, Footwear & Leather Goods manufacturing technology.
- 5 years experience in leather sector for the post of consultant.
- Having experiences in leather sector research should be added advantages.

Types of job: Part time (initially) and outcome basis

Salaries: Negotiable

Application Instruction:

Please forward your expression of interest or CV via email or mail and marked post in top of the envelop and addressed to: Program Manager, LRC, House No-67/2, Zigatola, Dhanmodi, Dhaka-1209, Bangladesh, Email : info@lrc-bd.org.

More details shown LRC career, website : www.lrc-bd.org

Last date for submission of Resume is February 15, 2014

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