



EXPORT PROCESSING ZONES AUTHORITY

Company Profile:

Export Processing Zones Authority was established in 1980 by the Government of Pakistan under Ordinance IV of 1980 with the mandate to plan, develop, manage and operate Export Processing Zones in Pakistan.

Management

EPZA is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Industries and Production, Government of Pakistan. The Management and affairs of the Authority is being run by 9 members Board of Directors headed by the Chairman.

Objectives

- To attract foreign capital, technology, modern management skill for export oriented industrial growth;
- To provide new employment opportunities for Pakistanis and to upgrade their managerial and technical skill;
- To provide a growing market at home for country's raw material, semi manufacture goods, sub-contracting and service industries;
- To increase the foreign exchange earnings of the country by export of value added items;
- To provide a show window for displaying the ability and enterprise of country's work force to attract foreign investment in the country; and
- To create a source of supply for such components and parts as are imported for domestic needs whether industrial or otherwise.

Thus, the immediate task beforehand is to make EPZA more efficient/responsive to customer needs and ensure timely implementation of the Action plan efficiently.

One Window Service

All the operational requirement of the investors of a Zone are met by the Authority under one window operation

EPZA Projects

Projects operating in EPZs of Pakistan are contributing reasonably in Pakistani economy, exports of EPZs during 2015-16 worth US \$ 516.389 million and also deposited US \$ 5.164 million on account of Presumptive tax @ 1% on FOB value of exports in the said year and provided job opportunities of more than 35,000 local persons Cumulative export is recorded from EPZs is US \$ 6,415.550 million. The summarized status of each notified zones is as under:

KARACHI EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE

It is a first project of EPZA, established in Karachi. It is located at a distance of 18 Kilometers from Jinnah International Airport and 10 Kilometers from Port Bin Qasim. Karachi Export Processing Zone (KEPZ) was established on 305 acres (Phase-I & II). 58% of total area is occupied by Roads and Greenbelts due to which the zone has become environmental friendly. Land in two phases, Phase-I is on 211 acres land, whereas, Phase-II on 94 acres land. Now both the Phase (I & II) have been fully allotted. Over a period of time EPZA has been receiving new investment proposals from overseas as well as local investors for establishing new industrial units in Karachi EPZA, because of nearest to Sea ports. Now for further expansion of KEPZ Phase-III development work area of 80 acres of land is in progress.

In Karachi EPZ Land (plot) is initial allotment for a period of 30 years (renewable by mutual agreement). Payment for land is to be made at the following rate rates, before execution of License Agreement

KEPZ has received significant recognition and numerous accolades from around the world and today, is acknowledged as one of the fastest growing and most cost-effective free zones in the region. Presently 264 local and foreign based companies are operating and providing 30,000 employments opportunities to the peoples. Their exports valued US \$ 419.831 million in 2015-16, and cumulative export is US \$ 4469.286 million, garments is the dominating sector followed by electronics, chemicals, plastic & paper products, food, etc.

Sialkot Export Processing Zone

Sialkot Export Processing Zone was established through a MoU between EPZA and Punjab Small Industries Corporation (PSIC). The Zone is established on area of 238 acres which is fully developed. Operational activities started in the year 2005. All plots have been allocated / given on ownership basis to the allottees by PSIC. All operational facilities are provided by EPZA under its charter and rules / procedures. The investments are being made in sports / surgical goods, leather products & garments, furniture, imitation jewelry etc by the investors. Location of Sialkot EPZ at Sambrial on Sialkot Wazirabad Road. Utilities i.e Electricity, Gas & Telecommunication are providing by direct supply by the respective departments.

Risalpur Export Processing Zone

Risalpur Export Processing Zone is a joint venture between Export Processing Zones Authority (EPZA) and Sarhad Development Authority (SDA) located on Nowshera-Mardan Road, Risalpur. Operational activities started in the year 2002. All operational facilities are provided by EPZA under its charter and rules / procedures.

Gujranwala Export Processing Zone

Gujranwala EPZ has been established on an area of 113 acres of land. Infrastructure is being developed by Punjab Small Industries Corporation (PSIC). Operational activities started in the year 2013. All plots have been allocated / given on ownership basis to the allottees by PSIC. All operational facilities are provided by EPZA under its charter and rules / procedures. The investments are being made in sports / surgical goods, leather products & garments, furniture, imitation jewelry etc by the investors. Location of Gujranwala EPZ at about 3 Km on main Gujranwala-Lahore, G.T. Road. Utilities i.e Electricity, Gas & Telecommunication are providing by direct supply by the respective departments.

Saindak Export Processing Zone

Saindak EPZ is Gold and Copper Project located at Saindak in Chagai District of Balochistan, and is operational since August, 2003 by a Chinese Company namely Messrs Metallurgical Construction Corporation (M.C.C), and has become fully operational during 2006-07 with the capacity to produce around 20,000 tons of blister copper per year. Export from Saindak EPZ valued US \$ 91.980 million in 2015-16 and cumulative export is US \$ 1867.504 million. In addition to numerous foreign employees the project also provided 1500 employments opportunities to Pakistani peoples.

Duddar Export Processing Zone

Duddar EPZ is a lead and zinc mining project. The project is developed by Messrs MRDL which is a subsidiary of China Metallurgical Construction Corporation (MCC). Operational activities started in the year November 2009. Export from Duddar EPZ in last final year is nil, due to change management and cumulative export is US \$ 24.289 million in 2011-12. Now Ministry of Industries & Production has extension in lease period of Duddar Lead-Zone Project in Lasbella District, Balochistan in favor of new operator company M/s. MCC Huaye Duddar Mining Company (Pvt.) Ltd., (MHD) for the period from 12-05-2016 to 14-01-2035. And new company started export activity and first export is seen in August, 2016 and it is expected significant export will be seen for enhance in near future.

Tuwairqi Steel Mill (TSML) Export Processing Zone

The Tuwairqi Steel Mill EPZ in Bin Qasim area has been notified to operate over an area of 220 acres, being developed by a renowned Saudi Group namely Messrs Al-Tuwairqi Group. The Zone was inaugurated in April 2006 and would produce steel billets/direct reduced iron based renowned DRI process with estimated investment of US\$ 100 million. Due to not availability of Sui Gas Tuwairqi Still Mill not shown reasonable export from Tuwairqi Zone. If Gas issue is solving it is expected export will be enhance.

FUTURE EPZS

The EPZA management has taken following steps taken for industrial promotion activities in the country, through establish more EPZs:

ESTABLISHMENT OF EPZ at FAISALABAD:

EPZA and Faisalabad Industrial Estate Development and Management Company (FIEDMC) have signed a MOU for establishing an Export Processing Zone in Faisalabad on an area of 250 acres in first phase, later on the zone will be extended further on 250 acres. On 28.08.2015 Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) has been signed between EPZA and FIEDMC. Presently, Feasibility study of FIEDMC EPZ is under process.

ESTABLISHMENT OF EPZ at GAWADAR

Gwadar Export Processing Zone is to be developed on 1000 acres (50% BOT + 50% PSDP funding). In this regard expression of interest has been solicited from the potential investors by publishing advertisement in the local as well as international newspapers and the EOIs have been opened and evaluation by EPZA is in process.

PC-I regarding development of Gwadar Export Processing Zone on 500 acres for government funding has been sent to the Ministry of Industries & Production for taking up the matter with the relevant ministries / divisions

SUKKUR EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE

An Export Processing Zone in Sukkur is proposed where there is 100 acre land is already has been earmarked / allotted by SITE for establishment of Sukkur Export Process Zone. The estimated cost for development will be Rs.800.0. Million this zone will be beneficial for the products such as dates, Guva and rice.

KARACHI EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE PHASE-III

It is proposed that KEPZ Phase-III project may be included in the CPEC route. The total area of KEPZ phase-III is 80 acres and it is adjacent to KEPZ phase-I. The estimated cost will be Rs.1629.7 million.

Area of Interest/Sector:

Services (Export Promotion Zone)

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