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**CHAMRA MANDI (SECTOR 7A) KORANGI INDUSTRIAL AREA FACING
PROBLEM FOR SMOOTH SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY & GAS**

Karachi: 23rd October, 2019: Sheikh Afzal Hussain, Chairman, Pakistan Tanners Association informed to the Print & Electronic media in a press statement that the **Chamra Mandi (Sector 7A) of Korangi Industrial Area** facing severe problems in getting smooth supply of Electricity & Gass for the last 3 months without interruption, resultantly the process from **Raw skins/hides to Finished Leather** with necessary value addition is affected badly, which needs to be addressed by K Electric & Sui Southern Gas Co., for smooth supply to this vital sector of the Industry based at **Sector 7A (Chamra Mandi)**. Most of the areas of Sector 7A are completely deprived for the supply of Gass & low pressure of Gass.

The **Chairman, PTA Sheikh Afzal Hussain** also shared with the print & electronic media that the Raw hides & skins of cow, buffalo, sheep & goat are completely “**perishable**” item which is essentially required to be processed immediately for necessary value addition and Electricity & Gass in processing is the vital element/effective tool for processing to finished leather for export purpose to yield the sizeable foreign exchange and the Industry located at **Chamra Mandi (Sector 7A) Korangi Industrial Area, Karachi** is in heavy load shedding & trouble shooting for the last 3 months consecutively and he also shown apprehension strongly that this basic precious raw materials of raw hides & skins is jeopardized severely to become waste, in result of which the Industry will not lose the export orders but the country would also be deprived for the precious foreign exchange, which is desperately required by the country as per aspiration of the Government.

In these peculiar nature of circumstances, we strongly appealed to K Electric, Sui Southern Gas Co., and helm of Government affairs for the smooth & regular supply electricity & Gas without interruption with proper pressure of Gas to **Section 7A, Korangi Industrial Area, Karachi (Chamra mandi)** so that the process from raw skins to finished leather with necessary value addition would be made smoothly with convenience to avoid further loss of the country in general and to enable this pivotal Industry of the country to play its due role in processing of finished leather from raw skins for fetching precious foreign exchange of the country.

The vital Industry of the country is already in declining trend, which is **around (- 11%)** for the various reasons domestically & internationally and interruption of Electricity & Gass is also another factor for the discouragement & mental agony of our member exporters and certainly affecting to the production and also increasing cost of production by using alternate Energy.
