MESSAGE FROM SHRI B.S. PATEL, PRESIDENT, PANOLI INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION DURING 35TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION HELD ON 01.09.2020

Distinguished members, committee members and friends,

I heartily welcome you all to the 35th Annual General Meeting of Panoli Industries Association.

The audited accounts statement and the performance report of the Association has already been circulated to you and I hope, you might have gone through the same.

I am here for the 35th AGM to share the progress and other achievement of Association and also avail the chances of meeting all the valued member industries representatives. I am indebted to you all for giving me chances to serve the association for the uplift of the needs of industries in the estate.

As you all know, the Association's function is the shared responsibilities and duties. Our hard working Executive Committee Members and ever supporting member industries make everything possible to overcome all hurdles in this fluctuating industrial scenario.

Before I go into the performance report, with deep respect I put on record my heartfelt thanks to all the Office Bearers and the Executive Committee Members for their dedicated and tireless works in fulfilling members' needs & demands and the valued member industries for their splendid supports.

Our voyage during the last several years was very eventful with lots of UPS & DOWNS but during all odds, our strength was the supports of our member industries and dedication of the Committee members, which made the sailing comfortable and successful.

As we all know, the Covid-19 pandemic is considered as the most crucial Global health calamity of the century & the greatest challenge that the human kind faced. This has severely derailed the economy and industrial growth in the country. The total lock down has forced many industries to shut down their units resulting into severe unemployment problems thereby losses of livelihood of many.

The challenge now is to rebuild everything pre-covid 19 or even to a better scenario. "EVERY CRISIS IS AN OPPORTUNTY". The "Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhyan" (Self reliant India mission) lay emphasis on domestic product. The definition of MSMEs now stands revised which allows more companies to avail benefit of MSMEs. Further, as announced by Central Government, Collateral Free loans and Bank Guarantee would allow resumption of work for many MSMEs

The newly introduced policy of "First production then permission policy" for MSMEs is the most welcome decision of the Government which will be very helpful for new entrepreneurs.

At this juncture, It is very much encouraging that as per the latest information, Gujarat tops among other states in sanctioning loans to MSME under Atmanirbhar schme and it ranks third in disbursement of loan. Further the relief given by the state government in electricity bills to small industries is another welcome step.

All these will help to fast restoration of normalcy of industrial activities in the state. Let us all move together to revive everything as fast as possible.

Coming back to Panoli GIDC estate, since last 36 years, with targeted vision and committed leadership, Panoli Industries Association has made significant progress towards sustainable growth of the industries at Panoli. We are always in the forefront in redressing the grievances faced by the member industries, providing guidelines to small scale industries to fulfill various legal requirements, green belt development, environmental preservation and pollution control, disaster prevention and management, promoting educational and medical camps, creating awareness on various issues among surrounding population.

Always, our first and foremost priority is to develop infrastructural facilities for smooth running of industries in the estate and we assess the future requirement and maintenance on the presently available facilities.. Out of the various developmental activities, for your information, we mention below some of them:

- i) All existing roads are getting widened for easy movement of vehicles and commuters.
- ii) The treatment capacity of our CETP is being expanded to meet the future requirement of small scale industries.
- iii) To treat high TDS effluent a Spray Dryer is already in position.
- iv) We are very much optimistic that our very ambitious project of development of Secured Land Fill site, will be commissioned at the earliest, even though there was some delay in the same due to some technical reason.
- v) The final finishing of the Auditorium titled "Common Facility and Business Centre", is going on and will be commissioned shortly..
- vi) You will be happy to note that discussions with the concerned authorities are in the advanced stage to have Bus stop at Panoli like Ankleshwar for GSRTC buses.
- vii) Similarly, considering the splendid supports and participation we are receiving from the member industries, we have taken up the authorities for constructing a well equipped cricket ground at Panoli GIDC estate. This also is going to be a reality shortly.

We look forward for more and more industries at Panoli and am sure this estate will be a most attractive industrial estate for investment and running business and we will be with you all in taking this estate to a new heights.

DREAM HIGH WITHOUT SCARE AND MAKE THE JOURNEY HAPPY WITH TOGETHERNESS.

Thank you once again and look forward for your continued supports.

With all Best Wishes and Warm Regards

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