

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce & Industry	
Meeting of RCCI Standing Committee	
On	
Pharmaceuticals	
Venue: Khalid Waheed Conference Hall	Time: 02:30 pm
Date: 8th January ,2014	
Chairman: Mr. Usman Shaukat	Vice Chairman: Mr. Muhammad Aslam
Minutes Recorded by: Ms. Amara Saleem R&D Officer	

S. No.	Points Of Discussion
	The meeting was formally started with the recitation of Holy Quran.
1.	Chairman of Standing committee on Pharmaceuticals Mr. Usman Shaukat welcomed and thanked all the participants and presented the agenda of the meeting to all members.
2.	He emphasized that this industry is very technical and we have to set a future course of action in consultation with regulatory authorities (DRAP) as pharmaceutical manufacturing is a highly regulated industry.
3.	Mr. Sohail Altaf Former President Congratulated Mr. Usman Shaukat for being chairman of a prestigious standing committee. He further added that issues like: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pricing of Medicine• Drug Store Pharmacy Issues Need to discuss in detail.
4.	Presentation was delivered by the Chairman of the standing committee & all issues were discussed through an interactive session.
5.	Chairman of the committee Mr. Usman Shaukat highlighted the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restrictions on licensing of new pharma units and registration of new drugs by the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) is hurting the industry growth• Misconception about pricing being too high and it should be agreed at a minimal level• Export is hindered due to cumbersome documentation and requirements by DRAP• Absence of contract manufacturing and vitamin policy by DRAP is creating a vacuum in the market and unregistered substandard medicines are filling the market• Small pharma units are affected adversely due to inaction on policy matters by DRAP

6.	One of the members in meeting discussed the issues related to the pricing policy of this industry.
7.	Ch.Pervaiz Ahmed Warriach Former SVP RCCI added that many problems `still exist in the industry & we need to cater them by building strong recommendations to present in the ministry.He further stated that RCCI can play a vital role to tie up meetings with government in this regard.
8.	Dr. Shimail Daud Arain President RCCI conferred the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He assured full support to the chairman as Brand Leader to discuss the matters of the pharma industry in front of the government. • He further stated that RCCI has liaison with all chambers, we can collectively released a strong press clipping against the issues of the Pharma Industry & draw attention of government towards it immediately.
9.	Chairman Standing Committee on Pharmaceuticals acknowledged President RCCI for realizing the gravity of industry situation. It was decided that strong follow up to the meeting would be pursued collectively at the highest levels of the government and a meeting with the concerned state minister and federal secretary shall be convened immediately to convey the industry concerns. The next standing committee meeting shall be held soon after follow up actions.
10.	Mr. Asad Mashadi, Former President RCCI also focused on the issues in the industry and assured maximum facilitation.
11.	One of the members added that fund for media to be generated to counter the negative news against the industry.
12.	At the end, Vice Chairman Mr. Muhammad Aslam Standing Committee on pharmaceuticals thanked all the participants and meeting was adjourned with the vote of thanks.