# Report on Corporate Social Responsibility For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

### Dear Members.

Being the Country's responsible corporate citizen, Sanghar Sugar Mills Limited gives back to society to help build a sustainable tomorrow. The Company is playing an active role in supporting sustainable community and social development of Pakistan and its people. The Company believes in the creation of shared economic and social value across the country. This following Report updates the stakeholders about the steps taken by the Company to ensure compliance:

### Education

The Company ensures that all girls and boys complete free, equitable and quality primary and secondary education leading to relevant and effective learning outcomes and also ensure that all girls and boys have access to quality early childhood development, care and pre-primary education so that they are ready for primary education.

With the aim of paving the way for a brighter future and to alleviate illiteracy in the rural areas of the Country, the Company has launched education program through Al-Qalam Education Systems, Sanghar established in 2008 and is providing education facilities at the premises adjacent to the Mills' Employees' Colony by upgrading education facilities that are child, disability and gender sensitive and provide safe, non-violent, inclusive and effective learning environments for all by the qualified staff on concessional basis to the children of the factory employees and persons living nearby in rural areas.

The Education started from a single class room of Kindergarten with admission of 10 students. Now, grows up-to class 8th having total strength of 239 students with beautiful infrastructure, neat and clean environment with availability of all basic facilities within covered premises viz large size ventilated class rooms, computer lab, laboratory, playground, tuck shop and uninterrupted power supply. Teacher's strength of school is one head mistress, ten lady teachers & one Arabic teacher (Aa'lma). Main emphasis to run the school is to help poor people of the area, to encourage girl's education, to inspire students to internalize Islamic education in their social growth, attaining self-actualization. Education in remote areas is a big challenges specially those who are not able to afford the expenses of such a qualitative, modern education nearer to their door step. In addition to above, various events are being organized like Annual Sports Day, Parent's Day etc.

### Medical & Health Care

The Company is responsive to make efforts to minimize the accidental risks, have necessary medical facilities and continuously shrine to improve greenery and maintain clean and safe environment around the Mills, better housekeeping, safeguarding the health of employees and application of the principles of safety in its operations, the consumers and public at large by following the rules and regulations in this regard. The Company is running dispensary through a qualified and experienced doctors for its employees and for persons living in adjoining areas.

The Management has conducted "Annual Free Eye Camp" for two days. The Camp was held on February 01, 2020 and February 02, 2020 on the premises of the Factory. In free camp, checkup of over 1,000 outpatients were conducted and operations of 530 patients were satisfactorily done including lenses replacements and fixation as per our past practice by the famous eye surgeons and their technicians. Before the launch of camp, an advertisement campaign was made through radio, cable, social media & pamphlets for the information of needy persons. Free pick and drop arrangement was made for the patients and caring persons from the areas of Sanghar, Perumal and Mirpurkhas division. Free arrangements of accommodation and food was arranged for patients, care takers, doctors and their staff. The whole camp was financed by the Company and as well as by the Executives personally.

Further, the Company is contributing through donations to the "Kidney Dialysis Centre - Sanghar" as and when seems necessary.

In order to improve and extend Health Facilities for its employees, the Company has deliberated Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis & Human Resources Development, Workers Welfare Fund, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad, which has expressed its willingness to construct Fifty Beds Hospital by Workers Welfare Fund on the premises of the

Company in Sanghar, if the Company is ready to donate (free of cost and any charge or mortgage) Five Acres Land and transfer its Title to Workers Welfare Fund, Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis & Human Resource Development, Government of Pakistan.

On November 23, 2016, the shareholders of the Company approved the Board of Directors proposal in the Extra Ordinary General Meeting that the donation (free of cost and any charge or mortgage) and Transfer 05 Acres Land, out of 320 Acres Land of the Company in Sanghar.

In order to implement the Agreements with the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis & Human Resource Development, Workers Welfare Fund, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad, for the purpose of construction of Fifty Beds Hospital on the above said Land in the vicinity of the Company located in Sanghar, the formalities of transfer of Land and other documentation is in process till date.

# **Purified Drinking Water**

The Company has achieved universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all, ensures supply of freshwater to address water scarcity and substantially reduce the number of people suffering from water scarcity and strengthen the participation of local communities in improving water and sanitation management.

Therefore, the Company have made arrangement for the Reverse Osmosis Plant having capacity of 5000 Gallons per day for Mills and surrounding area residents to provide clean and purified drinking water.

### **Community & Social Development**

The Company's efforts have primarily on improving the social conditions of the Communities and employees related to the Company by establishing fair working conditions, ensuring occupational safety, setting social standard, establishing minimum wages, zero tolerance on child labor and forced labor etc.

To support the sugarcane growers of the area and provide better quality seeds and fertilizers to achieve improvement in quality of sugarcane and enhance its quantity and productivity in order to have regular, constant and better supply in future the major basic raw material for sugar mills.

The Company continuously is striving to improve greenery, maintaining clean environment around the mills and better house-keeping. The Company installed and maintained water filtration plant and tanks to purify the water used for drinking purpose.

# **Tree Plantation:**

Tree plantation is part of our main project of CSR activities. The Company has established green house at the premises of Factory where we have facilities to grow the plants and research on them based on the local atmosphere of Sanghar. We have planted several trees in the premises of Factory and nearby areas and distribute amongst the staff to plant them, at their living areas to make environment clean and green.

# **Human Resource Management:**

There are policies and procedures which demonstrate the Human Resource department, a philosophy of fair and transparent appointments on the basis of merit and give objective of performance evaluation, which ultimately results in the increments, promotions, bonuses and cash awards. Being social responsible, the Company gives importance on providing an opportunity with dignity to people with special needs who are trained to serve the Company as a valuable human capital. We have appointed some special persons as part of human resource. The Company treats all employees fairly and compensates them according to the industry practice. The Company provides the benefits such as perquisites, annual leaves, pick and drop, facility of mess, safe and healthy working conditions etc along-with group insurance, making payments to Employees Old Age Benefits Institution, Sindh Employees Social Security Institution. The Company is committed to maintaining the principles of integrity and trust with respect to privacy of the employees of the Company.

### **Special Persons:**

The management of the Company encourages employment of workforce living in the rural areas in order to yield significant gain and uplift their living standard. Further, the management also appointed disabled persons as an employee of the Company which have disability like stammered, deaf & dumb, limp (accident), artificial foot, damage eye and polio cases.

### **Women Empowerment:**

The Company is in the process to strengthen our policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all level and ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision making in political, economic and public life.

# **Contribution towards Economy & Government:**

The Company is contributing to the National growth by sharing its revenue with the nation in the form of taxes, rates, duties and other levies.

Pakistan is facing severe energy crises and efforts to increase power generation. This is resulting in load-shedding and power shutdowns in all sectors, whether industrial or residential. Considering the importance of energy, the Company has been heavily investing in power generation, which includes installation of equipment & machinery, with our manufacturing area for our in-house consumption and surplus energy are sold to Hyderabad Electric Supply Corporation, to overcome the crises of power generation to some extent.

# Corona Virus (COVID 19) & Lockdown:

As part of CSR activities, a comprehensive strategy by adhering to industrial SOPs were implemented and the Company has made special donations through cash and in-kind to the needy persons of adjoining areas of Mills and other nearby cities of Sanghar District during the lockdown imposed by the Government due to the COVID-19 and to help them to meet their day to day expenses. The Management has made plan to compensate the employees and gave them leave with pay during the tenure of lock down and no adjustments has been made from their available outstanding leaves. Only limited and required staff has been called for working with complete precautionary measures as per the requirements of Government. A strategy of work from home with optimal staffing at the factory and head office for safe operation and maintenance was devised and implemented. A regime of disinfecting the offices has been established, rigorously implemented and continuously monitored. Information regarding COVID-19 was shared with staff and contractors regularly at Head Office and Factory.

### **Blood Donation Camp:**

The management of the Company has organized one day blood donation camp at mills premises for the "Thalassaemia Patients Welfare Society Nawabshah" and provided contribution in the shape of 110 pints blood donating in one day blood donation camp.

### Assistance to Families of Rain Affected Areas:

During the year, rain badly affected the rural areas of Sanghar and nearby villages. Company's Management mobilized their personal resources and collected the sizeable amount of funds to help the rain affected families and provided them the initial assistance. The management stood with the community and provided the immediate relief in the form of food and ration bags for families. Distributed more than thousand mosquito nets for people stayed on road edges because of rain water accumulated at their residential areas and premises and also provided machineries to drain out the rain water.

# **Expenditures Incurred:**

Karachi: January 02, 2021

The expenditures incurred on Corporate Social Responsibility activities are disclosed in notes to the financial statements under the heading of "Other Operating Cost".

# Corporate Social Responsibility Plans:

The Company is in the process of developing water and sanitation related activities and programmes, including water harvesting, desalination, water efficiency, waste water treatment, recycling and reuse technologies, therefore, the Company has finalized arrangement for the treatment of waste-water, through Activated Sludge Process (Chemical + Biology) process at Mills to meet the SEQs requirements of Sindh Environmental Protection Agency. The project work are in progress and at final completion level (trial run is in process) which will be completely operated in the ensuing season 2020-21.

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Chairman
Corporate Social Responsibility Committee