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**MIR HAZAR KHAN BIJARANI URGES PASDEC TO ACCELERATE THE  
COMPLETION OF ITS ONGOING PROJECTS.**

Islamabad: January 25, 2010

Chief Executive of Pakistan Stone Development Company (PASDEC) Ehsanullah Khan gave presentation to Federal Minister for Industries & Production Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani and Minister of State for Industries and Production Dr Ayatullah Durrani here today about PASDEC, a subsidiary of Pakistan Industrial Development Corporation (PIDC). Federal Secretary and Additional Secretary MOIP Abdul Ghaffar Soomro and Muhammad Javed Malik respectively were present during the presentation.

CEO PASDEC told that the PASDEC was incorporated in June, 2006 as private Ltd Company. The government had approved PC-1 in 2006 of Rs.1980 million and tasked PASDEC to establish different projects for the production and development of different Marble, Granite and Mosaic goods through the use of latest technology. The establishment of ten Model Quarries throughout the country had been approved in PC-1, out of which only two are operational at Khuzdar and Chitral while the machinery for third Model Quarry at Bunir has been deployed. The studies of other seven have been completed and awaiting for funds. Twenty Quarry Up-gradations were approved, out of which five, at Mastung-1, Mastung-2, Thatta, Bunir and FATA are operational while the studies of other fifteen have been completed and awaiting for funds. Two Machinery Pools were approved and both are operational at Risalpur and Gaddani. Four Common Facility and Training Centers (CFTC) were approved at Gaddani,

Risalpur, FATA and Karachi out of which the studies of the two of FATA and Karachi have been completed and waiting for funds while other two are in process. Two Warehouses, one in Baluchistan and the other in NWFP were approved out of which the one at Gaddani is operational while the other is in process. Seven Marble Cities were approved and all are in process.

The CEO further told during briefing that PASDEC's exports of different Marble and Granite goods during year 2008-09 were 36 million\$ and are expecting 44million \$ exports at the end of current year 2009.10.

Federal Minister for Industries and Production Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani urged the PASDEC administration to complete ongoing projects as soon as possible so that PASDEC exports could be increased to the maximum. Ministry of Industries and Production would extend every kind of help to PASDEC in release of funds from the government.

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