

PRESS RELEASE

Strike at Port Qasim effecting export shipments

(Karachi-22nd February 2011): Mr. Muhammad Jawed Chinoy, Zonal Chairman, Pakistan Readymade Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association (PRGMEA) expressed concern over the labor strike by dock workers at Port Qasim. He stated that the strike which is continuing since more than 16 hours is seriously hurting the exporters and the economy. Main entrance to the port remains closed and about 250 containers consisting of textile, garments, food items etc are awaiting entrance to the port since last evening, he said.

If these consignments are shutout this may cause huge loss to the textile and garment exporters in the form of late shipments and may ruin perishable and other related items. We are trying our level best to increase Pakistan's exports to record highs in these difficult times and instances like these only thwart our efforts, he added.

Mr. Chinoy strongly emphasized that the competent authorities to resolve this serious matter immediately and appeal to the workers to finish the strike in favor of national interest.