

**Meeting Held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at Galle Face Hotel  
On Establishment of National Working Group on Chemical Leasing**

Present: **UNIDO Representative  
Ms Petra Schwager**

**National Cleaner Production Centre**  
Mr. V R Sena Pieris  
Ms.Lakmini Edirisinghe

**30 participants from different industries, universities,  
ministries, etc**

**The list of participants and presentations are attached**

- The meeting commenced around 9.00 am
- Mr.Sena Pieris, NCPC welcomed all participants for the meeting introduced Ms Petra Schwager to the participants and then briefly explained the objectives of the meeting
- Mr. Sena Peiris explained the chemical leasing concept and its advantages briefly to the participants as there were newcomers in the group. .
- Mr. Sena Peris said, the main objective of this meeting is to bring all stake holders of Chemical Leasing in Sri Lanka to a common Platform and Encourage networking locally and internationally so that Chemical Leasing can be applied in all potential industries to the benefit of the users/suppliers. Mr. Peiris said we have a good example from Sri Lanka to show how Chemical Leasing could bring a change to the business relationship through shared economic benefits while achieving environmental benefits too.
- Mr. Janaka Rathnakumara, Plant Engineer, Wijeya Newspapers Ltd presented a case study in Newspaper Printing Sector under topic of Sri Lankan Experience in Chemical Leasing.
- In this case study Mr. Rathnakumara explained, achieved benefits through chemical leasing

- Mr.Sena Peiris explained other ongoing projects in Sri Lanka and potential areas for application of chemical leasing in the future. And he mentioned that NCPCC has focused more attention on agriculture sector
- Mr. Peiris explained that they have started two projects in paint sector, under this an office equipment and appliance manufacturing company using conventional spray painting and a paint supplier has agreed to test Chemical Leasing to optimize their paint yield. Water purification and textile sector.
- Ms.Petra Schwager questioned from Mr.Rathnakumara about obstacles faced by them in this new project. Mr. Rathnakumara explained that it took time to convince his team as well as the supplier and said fortunately the supplier was cooperative from the beginning. However things were easy as his top management was in agreement and gave their blessings.
- Ms Schwager delivered a presentation on international Experiences in Chemical Leasing and UNIDO Role.
- Starting her presentation she mentioned, in cooperation with the Austrian ministry of the environment, UNIDO has launched in March 2005 a series of pilot projects to promote ChL in developing and transition countries. The ChL projects in these countries are being implemented in close cooperation with the respective National Cleaner Production Centre, namely Egypt, Mexico and In addition new ChL pilot projects are being implemented: Colombia, Germany, Morocco, Serbia and Sri Lanka.
- Ms Schwager further elaborated on the international success stories regarding chemical leasing giving examples from Egypt, Russia and Mexico.
- During her presentation Ms Schwager explained Global Forum activities to promote and further develop the concept of ChL, including policy advice.
- Ms Schwager mentioned about international chemical leasing award programme in 2010.She said that she expects a few applicants from Sri Lanka too to the Ch L award 2009

- Mr. Peiris explained following objectives of National Working Group and Future plans
  - Promotion of the Chemical Leasing concept
  - Identify potential beneficially Industry / Sectors
  - Identify barriers and constrains and finding solution to eliminate them
  - Lobbying for policy development and economic instruments to promote chemical leasing
  - Developing a consultant network for chemical leasing including expertise on technology, procurement and service suppliers.
  - Promote R& D in associated fields in Chemical Leasing
  - Improve dialogue between suppliers and chemical users as well as other stakeholders
  - Develop a knowledge database for the use of all parties.
  - Create networking with international players also involved in Ch leasing field.
  
- Discussion( all participants) - The status, conditions and promotion of ChL were discussed
  
- During discussion it came to light that successful application of chemical leasing needs changes in policy framework and economic instruments to the users as well as suppliers .This requires the active involvement of relevant Ministries and departments to work together to effect required changes.
  
- During discussion Ms Schwager said that Quality Assurance is essential to build up confidence among the partners cooperating in a Chemical Leasing business model.
  
- The meeting was concluded around 1.15 pm.

Impressions of the meeting:

