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INDIAN LEATHER PRODUCTS & FOOTWEAR SHOW -2015 INAUGURATED BY HE SHRI RAHUL SRIVASTAVA CONSUL (VISA & COMMERCE)

Dubai 15 December 2015. An exclusive event to showcase Indian Leather and Leather Products organized by the Council for Leather Exports (under Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt of India) in association with Indian Embassy in UAE & Consul General of India & India Trade & Exhibition Centre was inaugurated today by HE Shri Rahul Srivastava Consul (Visa & Commerce) in the presence of Padma Shri M Rafeeqe Ahmed, Chairman, Council for Leather Exports, Mr Sudesh K Aggarwal, Chairman ITEC m.e. & IBPC Sharjah, Ms Sripriyaa Kumaria, Director General, ITEC m.e. & IBPC Sharjah along with top business houses namely Al Safeer Group represented by their COO, Mr Tony Makhija & Mr Mohamediqbal Yacoobali, CEO – Shoemart- Landmark Group.

Padma Shri M Rafeeqe Ahmed, Chairman, Council for Leather Exports in his inaugural address emphasized that the leather sector has been included as a Focus Sector under “Make in India” programme announced by Hon’able Prime Minister of India. The Indian Leather sector’s export had increased from US\$ 0.50 billion in 1984-85 to an all time high value of US\$ 6.5 billion in 2014-15. UAE has emerged as the second largest market for Indian Leather Industry growing at a cumulative growth rate of 55.68%. This encouraging figures have motivated CLE to organise the 2nd Edition of Indian Leather Products & Footwear Show – 2015 in Dubai and hopes that this event shall pave way for more such events in the near future in UAE.

Consul (Visa & Commerce) HE Shri Rahul Srivatava in his address to the press mentioned that the Indian Consulate in Dubai through the India Trade and Exhibition Centre m.e. supports many such sector specific business and trade promotion activities that promote ‘**Brand India**’ and the data leading to leather has been very encouraging and crucial for such an event to take place in Dubai. He commended the initiative of CLE to conduct an exclusive Buyer seller meet in Dubai which shall pave way for the Indian businessmen to enter to the lucrative GCC and MENA region.

While addressing the press, **Ms. Sripriyaa Kumaria, Director General – ITEC m.e** mentioned that India’s export percentage of **share to UAE is about 3% for leather and leather products and India being** the second largest producer of footwear and leather garments in the world, while on the other hand UAE has emerged as the 2nd largest market for the Indian leather Industry, there could be no better times to host an Exclusive Buyer Seller meet for leather and leather products which shall pave way for this figure to go higher in the future from the current value of USD 6.5 billion in 2014- 15.

To achieve this she stated that ITEC m.e. has pre- registered approximately 300 buyers to attend the Buyer Seller Meet which shall be held for 2 days and the first day of the show saw an impressive turnout of 125 buyers including wholesaler, retailers, buying houses, distributor, chain stores, department stores dealers etc. The positive response especially from top buyers and industry leaders in UAE reiterates our endeavor to make the two day event among the best for the Indian leather industry.

India Trade and Exhibition Centre m.e. being an exclusive Centre in UAE, set up to promote trade and business between India and UAE and operating under the auspices of the Indian Embassy in UAE is organizing the 2 day Event which shall be open from 10 am to 6 pm for trade visitors either by invitation or registration through the website www.clebsmdubai.com. Alternatively interested trade visitors can call on 050 729 3522 for invitations.