

# Web Meeting of Power Transformer Division & TRAFOTECH Organizing & Technical Committee

**24<sup>th</sup> March 2020:** IEEMA Power Transformer Division meeting and joint Organising & Technical Committee TRAFOTECH Workshop Meeting was held over web. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Shouvik Bhattacharya, Chairman, IEEMA Power Transformer Division. Mr. Neeraj Goyal, Vice Chairman, IEEMA Power Transformer Division also participated in the meeting. The meeting was attended by 20 members from 14 organisations.

The important points discussed during the meeting were about the impact of Covid-19 on the Transformer Industry because of lockdown in the country. Chairman mentioned that because of lockdown there are problems of liquidity, uncertainty in business operations, migration of work force. He also mentioned that the present issue will not only affect the OEMs however the situation will have cascading effect on smaller companies/component manufacturers. Members also discussed that it is bit early to predict the impact, therefore by April 2020, Industry will have a much clearer picture.

## Web Meeting of MV HV Switchgear Division Meeting

**26<sup>th</sup> March, 2020:** IEEMA MV HV Switchgear division meeting was held over web. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Chintamani Vaze, Chairman, MV HV Switchgear Division. The meeting was attended by 12 members from 8 organisations.

The important points discussed were about the impact of lockdown on the Switchgear Industry. The Chairman mentioned to the members present about the discussions held at NEC meeting. He informed that IEEMA will represent to the government to provide more time for statutory payments like EPF, TDS, GST etc.; request to for allowing banks to provide adhoc loans as per the line of credit for sustainability of the Industry, release of the pending payments both from central/state utilities. He mentioned that a letter is being sent from President, IEEMA side to all members for connecting through Regional/Division level for suggesting necessary steps to the government for overcoming the present extraordinary situation.

## Web Meeting of Southern Regional Committee

**26<sup>th</sup> March 2020:** IEEMA Southern Regional Committee Meeting was held through Web. The agenda was to deliberate on the prevailing situation and its implications on the industry arising on account of the prevailing Lockdown due to COVID.

Some of the points discussed were issues arising due to LCs, informing Banks waive of interest component under the Force Majeure Clause, financial aids from Banks, industrial incentives,



releasing of pending funds from Utilities, etc and working capital liquidity.

### Web Meeting of SWICON 2020 Organizing & Technical Committee

**26<sup>th</sup> March, 2020:** SWICON Organising & Technical Committee was organised over web. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Chintamani Vaze, Chairman, SWICON Organising Committee. Mr. Raminder Singh, Co-Chairman, SWICON Organising Committee was also present in the meeting. The meeting was attended by 20 members both from MV HV and LV Switchgear Divisions. The Committee decided to postpone SWICON 2020 scheduled on 25th & 26th November in Mumbai to next financial year because of COVID-19 pandemic. It was also informed that inviting foreign experts for SWICON in next 6 to 9 months will be a challenge. The committee decided to meet on 20th May 2020 to review the situation and may decide on the new date for SWICON Conference.

#### Web Meeting of Eastern Region Committee

**26<sup>th</sup> March 2020:** IEEMA Eastern Region Committee Meeting was held through Web. The Chairman also suggested that NEC should write to the concerned ministry in the central government with a copy to concerned ministry in state government highlighting the concerns of the industry for maximum impact. In case of no response from them a copy of the representation should be sent to the Prime Minister's Office/Chief Minister's Office.

Payments due for more than 30 days should be released irrespective of the payment terms with mutual agreement between Vendor/Customer.VC shared concern over WBSEDCL's mechanism of payment presently as its functionality is absolutely based on emergency service presently. All utilities should be requested to shorten the payment process and release part payments where it is impossible to release full payments without following due process. Members also suggested to propose to the utilities release of ad hoc payment or additional advances against corporate/bank guarantees.

#### Web Meeting of IEEMA LV Switchgear Division

**27<sup>th</sup> March 2020 :** The meeting was Chaired by Mr. Raminder Singh, Chairman LV Switchgear division. Mr. Nitin Rastogi, Vice Chairman, LV Switchgear division also joined the meeting. The meeting was attended by 14 members from 10 member organisations. The important points discussed during the meeting were State of the Industry & impact of Covid-19 on the LV SWGR Industry because of lockdown in the Country, discussion on the Quality Control Order of Plugs and Sockets, discussion on capturing 8 digit HS code in production/sales data reporting, recommendation of industry expert for the post of Vice Chairman for BIS ETD-07 Committees, Discussion on GeM etc. The next meeting was decided to be convened on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2020



#### Web Meeting of Western Region Committee

**27<sup>th</sup> March, 2020:** Western Region Committee meeting was held through web to take inputs and suggestion from the committee members on the impact and response of COVID-19.

Members present shared feedback on the representation and suggestions IEEMA can make to the Government on ease of doing business in and post Lockdown. Liquidity being a major challenge, members present felt that banking services should work as essential services and should instruct their offices to give liquidity for business without waiting for RBI circulars. Other important matter discussed was Outstanding payments from with various Central/State Govt./Utilities/EPC and the private companies. Chairman and office bearers have urged all members present to share their outstanding data with IEEMA for a uniform representation.

#### Web Meeting of Northern Region Committee

**27<sup>th</sup> March, 2020:** Mr. Hartek Singh, Chairman, IEEMA Northern Region conducted a meeting with the members of North for discussing the problems being faced by the members during COVID 19 Lockdown. He discussed the Impact of COVID -19 on the States and Industry.

Also, he discussed the action points on the letter which was shared by President, IEEMA as well as the expectations and actions of National Executive Council during Lockdown period. There was total participation of 49 members in the meeting. It was an interactive session with the Mr. Vipul Ray, Vice President-IEEMA and Mr. Sunil Misra, DG-IEEMA.

#### **Conductor Division Meeting**

**30<sup>th</sup> March 2020:** The meeting of Conductor division was held through web.

Major points discussed during the meeting are Outstanding payments from Central/ State Utilities/ EPC and Private players and impact of COVID-19 on Conductor industry and way forward.

The meeting was attended by 20 representatives from 18 organizations and chaired by Mr. Kalpesh Shah from JSK Industries.



## **Chandigarh Chapter Meeting**

**30<sup>th</sup> March 2020:** Mr. Hartek Singh, Chairman, IEEMA Northern Region welcomed members of Chandigarh Chapter for the 4th Meeting. He discussed the impact of COVID -19 on the States and Industry. The other topics of discussion were the Bank Guarantee issues with the utilities across the country.

Members also high-lighted the BEE & BIS issue which the Industry is struggling. Chairman also requested members to increase the member base in Chandigarh chapter by referring the non-members. The meeting was attended by 20 participants.

## **T&D Projects Division Meeting**

**31**<sup>st</sup> **March 2020**: T&D Projects Division meeting was held under chairmanship of Mr. R.K Shah, the meeting was held over web and was participated by more than 60 Members of the Division. The major point of discussion were situation arising due to Lockdown across the country due to COVID-19, its Impact on Industry and possible solutions, payment of labourers at various sites, post Lockdown revival of Industry. Mr. Sunil Misra, DG-IEEMA apprised members about various representations made by IEEMA to the Central and State governments. The Division meeting was followed by an interactive session with CMD Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. Shri K. Sreekant and senior Power Grid Officials.

