Government of Pakistan Ministry of Religious Affairs

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Subject: <u>CRITERIA FOR ENROLLMENT OF HAJJ GROUP ORGANIZERS</u> (HGOs).

The Federal Government, as per clause 19 and 20 of Hajj Policy-2011, has approved the following criteria for the enrollment of Hajj Group Organizers for Hajj-2011: -

a) CRITERIA FOR NEW ENROLLMENT OF HAJJ GROUP ORGANIZERS (HGOs).

- (I) In determining the criteria for enrollment of new Hajj Group Organizers, the Ministry of Religious Affairs shall consider all relevant factors, including but not limited to the following:
 - i) Be a private limited tourism company duly incorporated with Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP),
 - ii) Have a paid up capital of rupees twenty (20) million.
 - iii) Have five years verifiable / documented experience in Tourism / Umrah / Ziarat.
 - iv) Hold an IATA membership.
 - v) Has not been convicted / involved in any criminal/ civil/ administrative offence, particularly an offence relating to dishonesty, fraud / forgery, financial /investment/ / business crime/ misconduct or other criminal acts or been involved in any acts of misfeasance or serious misconduct.
 - vi) Has not been associated with any illegal activity especially illegal deposit taking.
 - vii) Has not been black listed by the KSA or any other foreign government in connection with Tourism Affairs including Umrah/ Ziarat.
 - viii) Has not been declared defaulter by any bank or financial institution in connection with payment of loan or taxes in the capacity of individual as director / chief executive or company as a whole.
 - ix) Audit reports of the last three years duly audited by a reputable chartered company.
 - x) All directors should hold National Income Tax Number.
 - xi) All the new HGOs shall deposit non-refundable Rs. 5 lac in Pilgrim Welfare Fund, as processing fee
 - xii) The quota allocation for Hujjaj shall not be claimed as a right.
- (II) There shall be no new enrolment of HGOs for Hajj 2011.

b) <u>EXISTING HAJJ GROUP ORGANIZERS.</u>

- (I) All 630 HGOs already enrolled with Ministry of Religious Affairs in the year 2010, and were allocated quota of Hujjaj, shall continue to function for Hajj 2011.
- (II) Enrollment as Hajj Group Organizers in the year 2011 will be for a period of five years and would be required to fulfill conditions as laid down in para (a) above within next five years, subject to the instructions / guidelines issued by the Ministry.
- (III) Any HGO black listed / suspended / banned by MORA or Saudi Authorities shall not continue for Hajj 2011.
- (IV) The HGOs already enrolled under the orders of Supreme Court of Pakistan dated 28th July, 2009 shall be treated as existing HGOs.
- (V) A list of existing HGOs enrolled with MORA for Hajj 2011 shall be forwarded to Ministry of Hajj, Saudi Arabia with necessary details as per Saudi Taleemat.

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