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1 Vice Chairman Ammar Saeed said value added textile sector offers great potential for earning foreign exchange. He urged the government for immediate release of blocked refunds to enable the textile exporters to retain their hard earned export markets at this time of tough competition.

2 Pakistan Textile Exporters Association has stressed for the continuation of Duty Drawback of Taxes for further three years to boost the value added textile exports and uplift the economy. DDT incentive has positively impacted the textile exports, which recorded a 7.7% growth year-on-year to US\$ 9.99 billion in the first nine months of 2017-18.

3 The Research and Development Department of Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) has identified various problems being faced by textile sector including high cost of doing business, approximately 11% multiple taxes and surcharges.

4 The All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) has rejected the textile package extended by the previous government, saying that would reverse the 15% exports growth. The previous government had also assured that rebate would be offered on indigenous materials, the extended package offers benefit on Indian products.

5 Pakistan's export growth is being hindered by high cost of business and issues of market access and exchange rate, but the government has been working on a five-year strategic trade policy framework to resolve these problems, said Commerce Secretary Younus Dagha.

6 Epson and its subsidiaries, For.Tex. and Fratelli Robustelli, have appointed The Textile Engineers of Pakistan (TEP) to drive Monna Lisa digital textile printer expansion in the Pakistan market. The partnership main objectives to assistance throughout the production cycle that includes print heads, inks, products for pre and post-treatment up to mechanical assistance.

7 Textile stakeholders have been left disappointed with the recent budget unveiling, calling it insufficient and inadequate to address the sector's woes. The major demands of the All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) have remained a wish-list as the expected relief in rising cost of production and pending sales tax issues still remains elusive.

8 The previous government of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) has not proved beneficial for cotton farmers as the commodity's production has recorded a drastic fall because of what many say the ruling party's primary focus on pro-industry policies, says a report. ♦

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1 In Ethiopia Eighteen (18) leading apparel and textile companies from the U.S., China, India, Sri Lanka and six local manufacturers have set up factories at an industrial park in Hawassa a lakeside resort city 170 kilometres south of the capital Addis Ababa.

2 Indian textile and garment exports are likely to miss the US\$ 45 billion target for 2017-18, as the industry reels under the impact of GST roll out and tariff advantages enjoyed by competitors like Bangladesh and Vietnam, according to textile industry body CITI.

3 The Russian government plans to allocate up to US\$ 250 million in the design and production of nonwovens and technical textiles for the needs of the Russian military forces during the next several years, according to senior officials of the Russian Ministry of Industry and Trade.

4 Indonesia has 369 woven textile SMEs centres which supervise close to 16,971 business units. This type of textile contributes to foreign exchange of US\$2.6 million in 2016. The Netherlands is the main importer of Indonesian woven textiles.

5 The U.S. textile industry urges the Trump administration to include textile and apparel end products in any Section 301 retaliatory tariff action against China.

6 Vietnam's textile sector is growing rapidly, but in an unbalanced manner due to limited domestic supply of raw material like cotton, according to Truong Van Cam, Vice President of the Vietnam Textile and Apparel Association (VITAS), who expects India to support his country's manufacturers procure quality yarn and fabric at reasonable prices.

7 The order index for Italian textile machinery reported by ACIMIT, the Association of Italian Textile Machinery Manufacturers, for the period from January to March 2018 dropped 12% compared to the same period for 2017.

8 In China, cotton consumption is forecast to expand 4% and reach 41.5 million bales in 2018-19, the largest since 2010-11, as investment in the textile industry continues and mills have access to local supplies from the national reserve. ♦