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CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONY BETWEEN SYSTEMS LTD. AND SPECIAL TECHNOLOGY ZONES AUTHORITY (STZA)

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Special Technology Zones Authority (STZA), an autonomous body under the Cabinet Division holds an innovate and futuristic mandate to set up Special Technology Zones (STZs) across the country. These zones have a statutory purpose of housing organizations like Zone Enterprises and Zone Developers. Zone Enterprises are categorized as organizations that will carry forward the culture of innovation within STZs, whereas, Zone Developers are responsible for developing, operating and managing infrastructure within STZs.

In a steadfast attempt towards its core ethos, STZA came together with the top-technology firm of the country, Systems Ltd. to engage in a Contract Signing Ceremony for their One Window Portal Enterprise System. STZA's One Window Portal Enterprise System will be "An automated single-entry centralized hub for paperless end-to-end onboarding process.". The STZA One Window Portal is intended to increase the ease of doing business for licensed domestic and global technology companies in Special Technology Zones in Pakistan. The activity is a key component of the STZA's overall vision of developing a scientific and technological ecosystem through development of zones to accelerate technology development in the country.

Systems Ltd. rose to the meticulous task of building this unique system after a competitive bidding process under Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA). It was an evening engagement at Shamadan Hall, Islamabad Serena Hotel. Leading professionals from the Tech industry, Business community, Academia, Government and Think Tanks were invited as esteemed guests to witness the occasion.

Setting the event into motion, Mr. Adeel Tarid, Public Sector Lead at Systems Ltd. addressed the attendees as Moderator of the event and highlighted the strategic importance of this Contract Signing. Such a one-stop-shop for investors and key entrepreneurship enthusiasts was a long way coming in Pakistan and the government has taken a step in the right direction.

Mr. Asif Peer, Chief Executive Officer at Systems Ltd. also addressed the guests shortly after, giving an overview of the scope of work surrounding his enterprise and how detailed the Project Plan looks like for the One Window Portal Enterprise System. Followed by Mr. Peer's Welcome Note, Chairman Special Technology Zones Authority was invited to the stage to address. Mr.



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Amer Hashmi, Chairman STZA, spoke of how the authority is determined to put set the right foot forward while creating a knowledge-ecosystem in Pakistan by upskilling and facilitating our local Tech Talent. Pakistan has a vast reserve of youth skilled in IT and with aspirations of business. STZA provides the best of both worlds, a convergence between Technology and Business.

Halfway through the event, both leadership teams from STZA and Systems Ltd. went forward with the Contract Signing. Mr. Abdul Rahim Ahmad, Chief Information Officer at STZA signed the contract on behalf of the authority. Followed by some group photos to mark the auspicious occasion which is worth celebrating for a Tech-driven future of Pakistan. The guests were then also invited to a Networking Space with Hi-Tea to unwind the learnings and observations of the stellar event. This is the start of something truly remarkable in making Pakistan globally competitive.