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FIVE LEADING EXPORTERS RECOGNISED AT THE '6TH HSBC EXPORT EXCELLENCE AWARDS'

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited in Bangladesh has recognised five exporters of Bangladesh at the award giving ceremony of '6th HSBC Export Excellence Awards'. The exporters were awarded with 'Exporter of the Year' trophies for their leadership in promoting the country and contributing to the sustainable national growth.

The categories and winners of '6th HSBC Export Excellence Awards' are:

**Exporter of the year - RMG and Textile: Group A
(annual export turnover of US\$50 million or more)**

DBL Group

Award received by Abdul Jabbar, Managing Director and Abdur Rahim, Vice Chairman

Established in 1991, DBL Group is one of the largest 100% export oriented composite knit garments and textile manufacturer in Bangladesh. Its products are exported to more than 47 countries in Europe, USA, Canada and Australia.

This is the fourth "HSBC Export Excellence Award" for DBL Group.

**Exporter of the year - RMG and Textile: Group B
(annual export turnover less than US\$50 million)**

Ha-Meem Denim Limited

Award received by A. K. Azad, Managing Director

Became operational in May 2007, HDL is a one-stop solution provider for leading apparel brands around the world. Having USA and Europe as its major export destination, the group is the highest denim producer in Bangladesh.

Exporter of the year - Enterprises in the Export Processing Zones (EPZ) of Bangladesh

Epic Garments Manufacturing Co. Ltd.

**Award received by Waqar Kazi, Strategic Advisor to the Board & Managing Director
(Bangladesh Operations)**

Established in Hong Kong in 1972, the company has been in Bangladesh for more than 30 years. One of the largest no-iron and non-wash bottoms manufacturer – its products are sold in USA and Europe and shipped worldwide including China, India, Turkey and Pakistan.

**Exporter of the year - Exporters in the Traditional and Emerging sectors
(annual export turnover of US\$5 million or more)**

SQUARE Pharmaceuticals Limited

Award received by Tapan Chowdhury, Managing Director

Started its journey in 1985, SQUARE Pharmaceuticals Limited is the largest pharmaceutical company in Bangladesh. The company is meeting almost 90% of the local needs and its presence spans to 39 countries worldwide including Central Asia and Africa.

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**Exporter of the year - Small and Medium Enterprises
(annual export turnover less than US\$5 million)**

Tradexcel Graphics Limited

Award received by Rezwan Rahman, Chairman

A graphic designing company which started in 2006, works for renowned global brands. The company has grown 88% in the last three years and expects to grow 150% in the next five years.

While selecting the winners of '6th HSBC Export Excellence Awards' the jury panel has not only considered the export volume but also export diversity, financial stability, compliance and sustainable business practices along with other qualitative criteria.

Honourable Finance Minister, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Abul Maal Abdul Muhith, was the Chief Guest of the event. Honourable Minister of Commerce Mr. Tofail Ahmed, M.P. attended the event as the Special Guest.

The '6th HSBC Export Excellence Awards' was facilitated by three strategic partners. Prothom Alo and The Daily Star extended their support in strategic planning and insights. While, Bangladesh Brand Forum has coordinated the nomination process of '6th HSBC Export Excellence Awards'.

Chief Executive Officer of HSBC Bangladesh, **Francois de Maricourt**, congratulated the winners and said, "A strong export sector remains a key economic driver for the country. At HSBC, we are pleased to play our part in recognising and encouraging excellence in this sector and linking local businesses to global opportunities".

HSBC's Global Head of Global Trade and Receivables Finance, **Natalie Blyth** said, "Our awards recognise the businesspeople with the vision to take their companies global. We are uniquely positioned globally in helping customers profit and capitalise on emerging growth opportunities".

Deputy CEO and Country Head of Commercial Banking, HSBC Bangladesh, **Mahbub ur Rahman** said "Export had been playing a vital role in leading the economic prosperity of Bangladesh. Thanks to our entrepreneurs for building a world class supply chain and making the 'Made in Bangladesh' brand international. Bangladeshi exporters are in the right direction".

The awards ceremony was held on Saturday, 3 December 2016 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

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