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Hon'able Mr. Shahid Masood Manzar

Chairman

Appellate Tribunal Inland Revenue

Islamabad.

Dear Sir,

SUSPENSION of REGULAR HEARINGS amid COVID-19 (Corona Virus)

This letter is being written in the wake of ongoing atmosphere owing to Corona Virus pandemic.

We at the Karachi Tax Bar Association would like to place a suggestion to devise a practical and safe working plan for the hearings at all the benches of the Tribunal so as to prevent the suspected spread of the Virus, which so far has not been taken from this forum.

This might be because of the fact that the working of Appellate Tribunal is distinctively featured with its presence in all the four provinces and hence any of its decision carries pervasive implications, however it also remains a fact that the threat from the unwarranted spread of the Virus has far worsening ramifications.

It would, therefore, be in the best interest and well being of all us that the regular and the main appeals at the Tribunal, specially at Karachi Bench are not fixed and only Special benches are formed for conducting and hearing the Injunction (Stay) applications.

It is hoped that your esteemed office will pay heed to our request which will not only be in line with the measures taken by the High Courts but will also be of great help in dispelling the atmosphere of fear and apprehensions amongst the counsels and the taxpayers.

Yours faithfully,



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