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**SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR, US EMBASSY IN ISLAMABAD CALLS ON MINISTER OF STATE FOR INVESTMENT / CHAIRMAN BOARD OF INVESTMENT, MR. SALEEM MANDVIWALLA**



**PRESS RELEASE**

**(Islamabad, 15th January. 2009):** A three member delegation from US Embassy in Islamabad called on Mr. Saleem Mandviwalla, Minister of State/ Chairman Board of Investment today in his office. The delegation was led by Mr. William Center, Commercial Counselor, US Embassy and also included Mr. Tammy A. Davis, Economic Officer and Mr. Tariq Saeed, Commercial Specialist.

2. During the meeting, Mr. William Center emphasized on positive image projection of Pakistan in United States. He was of the view that success business stories in Pakistan can have a larger impact on the minds of US business community and help lure them for making investments in Pakistan. He further added that USA would like to support the economy of Pakistan both at policy level as well as at trade & investment level, however, underline attention would be on stimulating investment opportunities as investment goes directly into the market and supports economy in a much larger way.

3. Mr. William Center also proposed to the Chairman to lead a business delegation to New York and Washington D.C. during the forthcoming IFC World Bank meetings scheduled in April, 2009 and have direct one-on-one business meetings with US business community.

4. The Chairman welcomed the proposal of Mr. Center and informed the delegates that despite global recession and financial crisis in major economies, numbers of queries are lying with the BOI seeking investment opportunities in Pakistan. Particularly, overseas Pakistanis are keen to invest back home in far flung areas of the country.

5. He also acknowledged the fact that, although US is already one of the leading investing country in Pakistan that still remains far below the real investing potential of USA.

6. He assured to extend all support and cooperation to US Embassy in Islamabad for leading a delegation of prominent businessmen in Pakistan in April this year.

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