

Circular No. 6 Reference No. SC/MF-CRC-(Rules)/177/95
Dissemination of Ratings by Credit Rating Companies

Apr. 01 , 2002

1. The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (the “Commission”) in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 246 of the Companies Ordinance, 1984 (the “Ordinance”) read with rule 7 and sub-rule (2) of rule 8 of the Credit Rating Companies Rules, 1995 (the “Rules”) is pleased to direct as follows in the interest of public and the capital market: -

- i) All credit rating companies registered under the Rules, shall publicly disseminate, through publication in at least one English and one Urdu National Dailies, all ratings assigned by them, whether solicited by their clients or unsolicited, within two (2) working days of the notification of such ratings.
 - ii) An unabridged copy of the rating report following the rating notification shall be submitted to the Commission and all the Stock Exchanges registered under the Securities and Exchange Ordinance, 1969 within ten (10) working days of the said rating notification, unless the Commission has granted prior dispensation, in writing, to maintain confidentiality of any such rating or rating report.
2. In addition to 1 (ii) above, credit rating companies shall submit to the Commission and all the Stock Exchanges, a copy each of all rating reports generated in respect of the ratings assigned by them during the last calendar year (2001), within fifteen days of the issue of this order.

3. Failure to comply with this order may attract penal action as provided in sub-section (2) of section 246 of the Ordinance, section 22 read with section 20 and sub-section 4 of section 32-B of the Securities and Exchange Ordinance, 1969 and rule 6 of the Rules.

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Executive Director

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1. The Governor, State Bank of Pakistan.
2. Chief Executives of All Credit Ratings Companies.
3. Presidents/ Chairman of LAP, MAP, MUFAP and IAP
4. The President, Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan, Karachi.
5. The President, Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Pakistan.
6. Managing Directors of KSE & LSE and Secretary of Islamabad Stock Exchange.