

Government of Pakistan
Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan

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NOTIFICATION

S.R.O.653(I)/2023.- The following draft amendments to the Central Depository (Licensing & Operations) Regulations 2016, proposed to be made by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan in exercise of powers conferred by section 169 read with section 48 and 49 of the Securities Act, 2015 (III of 2015), are hereby published for information of all persons likely to be affected thereby and, as required by sub-section (4) of the said section 169, and notice is hereby given that comments, if any, received within fourteen days from the date of placement of notification on the website of the Commission will be taken into consideration, namely; -

Draft Amendments

In the aforesaid Regulations, -

- (1) In in regulation 9, in clause (g) of proviso to the sub-regulation (1), -
 - (i) the word “three” shall be substituted with the word “two”, and after the words “lapse of one term:”, the following new proviso shall be inserted, namely:

“Provided further that no person shall serve on the board as independent director for more than three terms:”; and
 - (ii) in the proviso appearing after the new inserted proviso, the word “further” shall be added after the word “Provided”; and
- (2) In regulation 10, for the sub-regulation (4), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“The appointment of the chief executive officer shall be made for a period of three years, which may be renewed for one more term of three years, with the prior approval of the Commission.

Provided that a person may be appointed for third and final term of three years, based on exceptional performance that is substantiated by the board of directors through a rigorous review, subject to following a competitive hiring process and final review and approval by the Commission.”

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