

PRESS RELEASE

Penalties Imposed on Chief Executives of Three Listed Companies

ISLAMABAD- 1 April 2004: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SEC) has imposed penalties amounting to Rs. 95,000 on the chief executives of three listed companies which failed to prepare and circulate quarterly accounts within the prescribed time.

The SEC is exercising strict vigilance to ensure that listed companies are submitting their quarterly accounts to their shareholders within one month of the close of the first and third quarter, and within two months of the close of the second quarter.

It is mandatory for the companies to prepare and transmit their quarterly accounts to their shareholders, stock exchanges, Registrar and the SEC within the prescribed time. The following companies were unable to offer any justifiable excuse for the contravention of these mandatory provisions of the Companies Ordinance, 1984, and, therefore, penalties were imposed on their chief executives.

- M/s. Pakistan Telephone Cables Limited failed to prepare their 1st quarter accounts for the period ended 30 September 2003 within the prescribed time. A fine of Rs. 25,000 has been imposed on the Chief Executive of the company for the aforesaid default.
- M/s. Karim Cotton Mills Limited failed to prepare and circulate their 1st quarter accounts for the period ended 31 December 2001; 2nd quarter accounts for the period ended 31 March 2002; 1st quarter accounts for the period ended 31 December 2002; and 3rd quarter accounts for the period ended 30 June 2002 within the prescribed time. A fine of Rs. 40,000 has been imposed on the Chief Executive of the company for the aforesaid default.
- M/s. Johnson & Philips (Pakistan) Limited failed to prepare their 2nd quarter accounts for the period ended 31 December 2001; 3rd quarter accounts for the period ended 31 March 2002; and 1st quarter accounts for the period ended 30 September 2002 within the prescribed time. A fine of Rs. 30,000 has been imposed on the Chief Executive of the company for the aforesaid default.