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ISO 9001:2000 Certification of IS&T Department of SECP

Islamabad – April 7, 2006: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan has been awarded the ISO 9001:2000 Certification for its Information Systems and Technology department. The Federal Minister for Information Technology, Mr. Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari, awarded the certificates to the SECP officials in a ceremony organized by the Pakistan Software Export Board.

The SECP is conscious of the fact that Information Technology is playing a very vital role in all the developmental and innovative activities within the organisation. The outcome of these activities would be fruitful and concrete only if the I.T. activities are held creatively yet in par with the international quality standards.

The SECP initiated the certification project six months ago in collaboration with the financial assistance of Pakistan Software Export Board (PSEB), Ministry of I.T. & Telecom. The main goal of the project was to ensure that the processes being followed by the SECP were based on internationally recognised quality standards. Consultancy services for the project were obtained from NUST Consulting and the final audit was conducted by Moody International before recommending the SECP for the certification.

The SECP is determined to become an efficient and modern organisation fully conversant with the international best practices and to be recognized as being so. Most forthcoming projects of the SECP like the e-Services and Market Monitoring and Surveillance are driven by Information Technology. Obtaining ISO 9001:2000 certification before the start of these projects is an affirmation that SECP will be able to provide quality service to its stakeholders.