

Press Release

Diligence was Appointed to Investigate March 2005 Stock Market Events

Islamabad – 14 December 2006: In accordance with the recommendations of the Task Force, the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) during the tenure of former Chairman Dr. Tariq Hasan, engaged the services of a US Firm ‘Diligence’ to conduct forensic investigations in the March 2005 stock market events.

Diligence was hired by SECP after thorough research for selecting possible forensic investigators locally. Since forensic investigation is a very specialized type of activity and the firm providing these services are required to have technical, investigative and intelligence capability. In Pakistan, there are no specialized entities to provide forensic investigation services. Nevertheless, the few big accounting & auditing firms who had the ability to conduct such forensic investigation also could not be engaged because of conflict of interest with majority of the top badla providing brokers. Accordingly, the Commission in January 2006 in exercise of its powers conferred under the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan Act, 1997 decided to appoint Diligence for undertaking forensic investigations.

Diligence Inc., U.S.A. is a leading provider of investigative, business intelligence, and due diligence services to leading multinational companies, leading financial institutions, international organizations and law firms around the globe. It has an experienced and international staff with backgrounds from domestic and international law enforcement, The World Bank Group fraud and corruption investigations team, the U.N. Oil for Food Investigation (Volcker Commission), national and international intelligence agencies, the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The company’s human resource comprises of full time investigators, legal professionals, analysts and forensic experts throughout the world including South Asia, as well as an international network of affiliates, technical and subject matter experts and researchers. Only during the last 12 months, Diligence investigators have worked on all five continents in more than 70 countries around the world. Additionally, senior officials from the World Bank’s Investigations Unit have recently joined Diligence.

Diligence Inc. has a collaborative relationship with the Institute for Fraud Prevention at the University of Texas (the only institute dedicated to fraud research and technical consulting). The institute specializes in providing intellectual and research assistance to the most complex fraud problems confronting government and industry. The Institute provides Diligence with the latest industry leading technical assistance on systemic fraud problems.

Mr. David Wolfe, the senior forensic Accountant is a pioneer in forensic and investigative accounting. Mr. Wolfe has conducted investigations involving fraud and corruption in over 15 countries around the world on behalf of the World Bank, multinational clients. Most recently, Mr. Wolfe served as the senior forensic accountant to Paul Volcker and the Independent Inquiry Committee for the UN’s investigation of the Oil-for-Food Program, and was responsible for conducting the financial forensic analysis on individuals and companies suspected on participating in corruption. In addition to high-profile international investigations such as the Oil-for-Food and the Robert Maxwell

companies, Mr. Wolfe has also held leading roles in high-profile domestic fraud cases such as WorldCom and the Charles Keating Lincoln Savings scandal, and numerous other massive and contentious fraud, tort and complex high-profile civil litigation proceedings with millions of dollars at issue. Mr. Wolfe has extensive experience conducting audits and due diligence investigations as it relates to substantiating the validity of an entity's financial reports, operating statements and underlying documentation

Other team members of Diligence include Mr. Worth D. MacMurray who is a senior ethics and compliance consultant with a record of successful, proactive and creative delivery of legal compliance and ethics services to corporations and international entities. Mr. Jean-Michel Ferat specializes in conducting forensic audits of matters involving complex transnational fraud and corruption. Mr. Ferat has a wide-range of experience in conducting financial and corruption investigations around the globe. Ms. DenDanto has over fifteen years of experience in audit, internal controls, accounting, governance, investigations, financial analysis and business process engineering. Whereas, the Director Operations Mr. Patrick Kelkar specializes in investigating complex transnational fraud and corruption cases. Mr. Kelkar has a wide-range of experience in conducting financial investigations around the globe, as well as internal misconduct and corruption investigations.