

Press Release

SEC Registers 202 Companies during October

Islamabad, November 2, 2004: The growing trends in company incorporation continued in the month of October 2004 as a total of 202 companies were registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SEC) under the Companies Ordinance, 1984 as compared to 162 companies registered during the corresponding month of the previous year, reflecting an increase of 25 %.

Highest numbers of companies registered during the month were reported from CRO Karachi, followed by Lahore and Islamabad. Karachi office accounted for 79 companies, or 39 % of the 202 incorporated companies. Lahore and Islamabad had a total of 68 and 42 companies each. Company registration offices of Faisalabad, Multan, and Peshawar registered 4, 5, and 4 companies respectively.

Total authorized capital of the 198 limited by shares companies registered during Oct 2004 amounted to Rs. 4,157.15 million. Out of these, 182 were private companies having authorized capital of Rs. 1,823.25 million, 8 Single Member Companies with an authorized capital of Rs. 13.3 million, and 8 were public companies with an authorized capital of Rs 2,320.6 million.

The analysis of new registration by Sectoral Classification during the month Oct 2004 reveals that the most flourishing sector in terms of number of new registration is Services sector whereby 26 companies were registered, followed by 22 companies registered in Trading and 19 in Communication sector.

The total number of companies at work as on Oct 31st, 2004 were 44,618 including 2,801 public companies, 40,562 private companies, 176 single member companies, 497 associations not for profit, companies limited by guarantee and trade organizations, 577 foreign companies and 5 companies with unlimited liabilities. This is an increase of 6 % as compared to 42,162 companies registered up to Oct 31st, 2003.

The growth in company incorporation characterized the whole of the past year whereby it is observed that the overall expansion is contributed by 46 % increase during the preceding twelve months in comparison with the previous period. During the period from Nov 01, 2003 to Oct 31, 2004, the numbers of new companies registered are 2, 456 as against only 1,684 companies registered during the previous twelve months. Looking ahead, the corporate sector is anticipated to grow at a higher pace in future as well.

The number of new registration this year has been on the rise considerably as compared to growth in last year's corresponding months. From the month of March 2004, the corporate sector has maintained new incorporations exceeding the mark of 200 companies each month, which has far surpassed the comparative registration figures of the previous year.