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SECP registers 480 companies in September 2015

ISLAMABAD, October 7, 2015: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) during September 2015 registered 480 new companies, an increase of 18 percent as compared to same period of last year. Four foreign companies were also registered by the CROs in Islamabad, Karachi and Lahore.

Around 94 percent companies were registered as private limited companies, while around 4 percent companies were registered as single member companies. Two percent of the companies were registered as public unlisted, associations' not-for-profit, and foreign companies.

Fifty seven (57) companies were registered in information technology and services sector each, followed by trading with 51, construction with 38, tourism with 32, communication with 23, corporate agricultural farming with 18, food and beverages with 16, fuel and energy with 15, education with 14, broadcasting and telecasting, pharmaceutical, engineering and health care with 12 each, power generation with 11, textile with 10, real estate development with 8 and 82 companies registered in other sectors.

Twenty five new companies received foreign investments from countries such as Belgium, China, Germany, Hong Kong, Nigeria, Russia, Sweden, Turkey, UAE, UK and Ukraine.

These companies were from auto and allied, chemical, construction, cables and electrical goods, engineering, food and beverages, fuel and energy, power generation, trading, information technology, mining and quarrying, power generation, and transport.

During the month, the highest numbers of companies, i.e. 157, were registered at the Company Registration Office (CRO), Lahore, followed by 141 and 101 companies registered with CRO Islamabad and Karachi respectively. The CROs Peshawar, Multan, Faisalabad and Quetta registered 29, 27, 18 and 7 companies respectively.