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SECP PROPOSES AMENDMENTS IN THE GROUP COMPANIES REGISTRATION REGULATIONS, 2008

ISLAMABAD – APRIL 30, 2009: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has proposed amendments in the Group Companies Registration Regulations, 2008 and placed these amendments on its website for eliciting public opinion.

SECP promulgated the Group Companies Registration Regulations on December 31, 2008 to provide a regulatory framework for the formation of group companies, comprising a holding company and its subsidiaries. The Regulations were also aimed to empower the Commission to designate the group companies contemplating to avail group relief and group taxation benefits from the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) in terms of the provisions of Income Tax Ordinance, 2001.

However, after the notification of the Group Companies Registration Regulations, 2008 and on the basis of consultation with stakeholders, a few provisions of the Regulations were found to have jurisdictional overlaps with those under the regulatory purview of FBR. Such provisions are proposed to be amended so that both the corporate and tax regulators are able to effectively exercise their powers under their respective jurisdictions.

The general public and other stakeholders may access the draft notification of the proposed amendments in the Regulations on the Commission's website, www.secp.gov.pk and give their opinion within 15 days.

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