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SECP has extended the last date of filing of Annual Returns (FormA/B) upto Dec 4, 2009, on account of Eid Holidays

ISLAMABAD – **NOVEMBER 23, 2009:** In order to facilitate filing of annual returns on Form A/B by the companies, the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has extended the last date for filing of annual returns (**Form A/B**, as the case may be) up to Dec 4, 2009, in view of the Eid holidays.

The last four days for filing of annual returns on Form A/B, i.e., 27^{th} to 30^{th} Nov. 2009, for all companies (except listed companies), which have held their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Oct 31, 2009, are falling on public holidays, on account of Eid-ul- Azha.

To facilitate the acceptance of annual returns from companies, the date of filing has been extended for a further four days, i.e., upto Friday, Dec 4, 2009 without additional payment of fee.

This decision has been taken after the announcement of 4 holidays on the auspicious occasion of Eid ul Azha falling on November 28, by the Federal Government. Due to Eid holidays, it will become difficult for the management of companies to file their annual returns within the prescribed time with the Company Registration Offices (CROS's).

SECP has always adopted the role of facilitator in order to help the corporate sector, in filing their annual returns. This initiative has been undertaken with the view to facilitate filing and ensure compliance by the companies.

The Companies may file the statutory returns through eServices, by following the link, https://eservices.secp.gov.pk/eServices. The filing fee through eServices has been set lower than manual submission, to encourage online filing.

If the company intends to file the returns manually, downloadable versions are available on SECP website link, http://www.secp.gov.pk/forms.asp.

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