SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

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ISLAMABAD – March 19, 2010: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP)

has directed the companies listed on Stock Exchanges of Pakistan that proposal for buy back of

shares, once approved by the shareholders of the company in a general meeting, shall not be amended,

postponed, withdrawn or cancelled. In addition to this, listed companies shall be required to issue

tender notice for purchase of shares within thirty (30) days after approval of shareholders and such

purchase shall be required to be completed within thirty (30) days of the tender notice. The said

period shall not be rolled over or extended.

This direction is given, keeping in view, the best interest of the shareholders and market at large and

will ensure that board of directors of listed companies make prudent and premeditated decision for

buy back of shares.

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