

SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

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SECP, PSX and NCCPL for robust enforcement regime

ISLAMABAD, January 4: A meeting of senior management of the SECP with the consultative group comprising of senior market participants and representatives of Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) and National Clearing Company of Pakistan Limited (NCCPL) was held at the SECP's Karachi office. It was agreed that a robust and effective enforcement regime is critical to ensuring discipline and continued development of market.

During the meeting it was noted that various reform measures aimed at the development of market have been implemented particularly the successful divestment of the PSX shares, paving the way for further improvement in its governance and management, technological innovation and product development. Progress has also been made in respect of other measures such as the concept of E-IPO, improving the quality of listing etc.

The SECP expressed its firm resolve that while untiring efforts have been made for the development of market, a zero tolerance policy will be adopted towards enforcement of laws and regulations and to ensure that market participants comply with the regulatory framework, including timely collection of margins by brokers from their clients in the leverage markets and strict action will be taken in case of any violation of law and to protect interests of the public.

The participants of meeting also reviewed the recent upwards trend in the market and discussed the existing risk management framework and its adequacy to ensure uninterrupted market operations and it was agreed that the criteria and composition of acceptable collateral against margin requirements should be reviewed to ensure quality of collateral while close monitoring of positions in the market by the PSX and NCCPL to curtail risks.

It was also agreed that the process of reviewing the fundamental concepts of risk management framework in line with the best international practices and local dynamics should continue and reform measures should be implemented in a well-calibrated manner.