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Dear Sir

**ANNOUNCEMENT – SODA ASH EXPANSION**

The Board of Directors of the Company, pursuant to its resolution dated 3 April 2007, is pleased to announce that it has approved an expansion of its Soda Ash plant by another 65,000 tonnes per annum. This expansion is expected to be completed by Quarter II, 2009 and is likely to cost Rs.1.36 billion. The funding for this project would be from internal cash generation.

The total nameplate capacity of the Company's Soda Ash plant after completion of this expansion will increase from 285,000 tonnes per annum to 350,000 tonnes per annum.

This further investment in Soda Ash is fully in line with ICI Pakistan's continued commitment towards the development of import substitution industries to cater to local demand.

The Board of ICI Pakistan believes that the market for soda ash would continue to grow with the Pakistan economy and this will provide further opportunities to invest in capacity expansion.

Yours faithfully

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cc: Chairman  
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