

THE KARACHI STOCK EXCHANGE (GUARANTEE) LIMITED

KSE/N-556

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Reproduced hereunder the letter received from SAMBA BANK LIMITED for information of members of the Exchange.

February 03rd, 2009

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DGM Companies Affairs
The Karachi Stock Exchange (Guarantee) Limited
Stock Exchange Building
Stock Exchange Road
Karachi

Dear Sir,

**Show Cause Notice Under Listing Regulations 32(1) of the Karachi Stock Exchange
(Guarantee) Limited**

We write with reference to the Show Cause Notice dated December 17, 2008 ("Notice") Ref. No. KSE/Gen-11507 issued by the Karachi Stock Exchange (Guarantee) Limited ("Exchange") which letter we later received. We also refer to your subsequent letter dated January 22, 2009 Ref. No. KSE/Gen-747.

In terms of the Notice, the Exchange has required Samba Bank Limited ("Bank") (formerly known as Crescent Commercial Bank Limited) to tender its explanation in respect its alleged failure to declare dividend and/ or bonus shares for a period of five (5) years as required under Regulation 32(1) of the Listing Regulations of the Exchange.

In order to respond properly, we deem it important to highlight the history of the Bank. In this regard, we respectfully submit as follows:

The Bank, as it is in its current form, has evolved through a series of mergers and amalgamations, which have taken place with the full knowledge and approval of the relevant regulators. Briefly these are:

1. In 2002, Trust Investment Bank Limited merged with Pakistan Industrial Leasing Corporation to form Trust Investment Bank Limited;
2. In 2003, Crescent Investment Bank Limited merged with and into Mashreq Bank Pakistan Limited;
3. In 2004, the name of Mashreq Bank Pakistan Limited was changed to Crescent Commercial Bank Limited;
4. Around the same time, Trust Investment Bank Limited, Fidelity Investment Bank Limited and Doha Bank Limited merged to form Trust Commercial Bank Limited;
5. In October 2004, Trust Commercial Bank Limited merged into Crescent Commercial Bank Limited; and
6. On March 30, 2007, Samba Financial Group of Saudi Arabia ("Samba Financial Group") pursuant to a share subscription in the amount of Pak Rs. 6 billion, acquired a