

**NOTICE FOR ALL LISTED COMPANIES**

Subject: CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF TOP 25 COMPANIES FOR THE YEAR 2006

All the listed companies are hereby informed that the Governing Board of Directors of the Exchange has decided to follow the existing criteria for selection of Top Companies for the year 2006.

The criteria is given hereunder for information:

1) PREREQUISITES FOR SELECTION OF TOP COMPANIES:

- a) A minimum distribution of 40% (including at least 15% cash dividend) for the year;
- b) A minimum of 500 shareholders;
- c) The company has joined the CDS after it's securities have been declared as eligible securities by the Central Depository Company of Pakistan Limited; and
- d) The company should not be under violation of the Listing Regulations.

2) THE COMPANIES THAT QUALIFY ABOVE PREREQUISITES WILL BE SELECTED ON THE BASIS OF HIGHEST MARKS OBTAINED AS PER THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

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| a) Distribution: | 25% |
| Out of current years profit only. In case dividend/ bonus is paid out of prior years earnings/ reserves, then the dividend/ bonus shall be adjusted proportionately | |
| b) Return on Equity: | 25% |
| On the basis of before tax-profit | |
| c) Turnover of shares: | 10% |
| Transactions that are executed on Karachi Automated Trading System (KATS) | |
| d) Total Number of Shareholders: | 5% |