

FTSE GROUP TAKES PAKISTAN OFF ITS WATCHLIST:

Global Index compiler FTSE will no longer demote Pakistan from secondary emerging market status to frontier market. This was stated in a communiqué on September 18th, 2008.

FTSE offers benchmark indexes for pension funds, sovereign wealth funds and other fund managers, classifies into four categories: developed, advanced emerging, secondary emerging and frontier markets.

It may be noted that FTSE as part of its annual country classification review, on September 12, 2006 announced that they have placed Pakistan on its Watch List for possible removal from FTSE Global Equity Index Series(GEIS), which is used by institutional investors worldwide.

KSE management has been in dialogue with FTSE since early this year and also visited FTSE in May 2008 to make a comprehensive case in favor of Pakistan which successfully convinced the FTSE group to keep Pakistan on their list.

Mr. Adnan Afridi MD Karachi Stock Exchange commented on the decision, "This reflects our commitment to capital market reform process and we will continue to strive to protect investor interest and help grow towards our ultimate objective of becoming a hub for capital formation in Pakistan."