

PRESS RELEASE

The Board of Directors of Karachi Stock Exchange held a meeting with Mr. Shaukat Tarin, Advisor to Prime Minister for Finance. The market stabilization measures were reviewed and it was noted that many measures (e.g. increasing liquidity in the financial system, additional risk management of leverage products) were in place. However, the mechanics of the PUT option fund and the NIT-State Enterprise Fund still required additional time for implementation. In light of this, the Board of Directors has decided that the floor mechanism should remain in place until the Government funds and PUT option mechanics are finalized.

Mr. Tarin has graciously accepted the KSE Board's invitation to visit the KSE on Friday, October 31, 2008 to review the progress made to date in this regard and to interact with the KSE members.

The KSE Board sincerely appreciates the commitment and ongoing support extended by the Government, in particular Mr. Shaukat Tarin and Mr. Raziur-Rehman Khan, Chairman-SECP to resolve the issues being faced by Pakistan's capital markets.