



Statement of Compliance with Code of Corporate Governance

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This statement is being presented to comply with the terms of the Code of Corporate Governance as contained in Prudential Regulation No.G-1, responsibilities of the Board of Directors advised vide SBP BSD Circular No.15 dated June 13, 2002 and Listing Regulations of Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad Stock Exchanges (Guarantee) Limited for the purpose of establishing a framework of good governance, whereby a listed company is managed in compliance with the best practices of Corporate Governance.

The Bank has adopted the Code of Corporate Governance and applied the principles contained in the Code in the following manner:

- The directors have confirmed that none of them is serving as a director in more than ten listed companies including the Bank.
- The Bank encourages representation of independent directors on its Board of Directors. At present, the Board includes three independent non executive directors, seven non executive directors and the President being the only executive director.
- All the directors of the Bank are registered as tax payers and none of them has defaulted in payment of any loan to a banking company, a DFI and NBFC.
- Election of the Directors was held on August 17, 2006 for a fresh term of three years.
- No casual vacancy occurred in the Board during the year under review.
- The Bank has adopted a "Statement of Ethics and Business practices", which has been signed by all the directors and employees of the Bank.
- The mission / vision statement, overall corporate strategy and significant policies have been approved by the Board. The Bank maintains a complete record of the particulars of significant policies along with the dates on which these were approved or amended.
- All the powers of the Board have been duly exercised and decision on material transactions, including appointment and determination of remuneration and terms and conditions of employment of the Chief Executive Officer are taken by the Board.
- The Chairman of the Board is a non executive director. The Board met at least once in every quarter. Written notices of the Board meetings along with agenda and working papers were circulated at least seven days before the meetings except in four instances. In two cases, delay of one day and in another two cases, delay of two days happened in sending agenda papers. The minutes of the meetings were appropriately recorded and circulated.
- The Directors have attended the orientation courses with the companies, where they are working or have worked earlier as directors. On their induction, they have been given detailed briefing on the affairs of the Bank. During the year under review, three seminars on Corporate Governance were offered to the Directors and were attended by some of them.
- The Board has approved appointment of CFO, Company Secretary and Head of Internal Audit including their remuneration and terms and conditions of employment, as determined by the CEO.
- The Directors' Report for the year ended December 31, 2006 has been prepared in compliance with the requirements of the Code and fully describes the salient matters required to be disclosed.
- The financial statements of the Bank were duly endorsed by the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer before approval of the Board.
- The directors, Chief Executive Officer and executives do not hold any interest in the shares of the Bank other than that disclosed in the pattern of shareholding.
- The Bank has complied with all the corporate and financial reporting requirements of the Code.
- The Board has formed an Audit Committee which comprises of four members; all are non executive directors, including the Chairman of the Committee.
- The meetings of the Audit Committee are held at least once in every quarter, prior to the approval of interim and the annual financial statements of the Bank as required by the Code. The terms of reference of the Committee have been formulated and approved by the Board.
- An effective independent Internal Audit Department is in place.
- The statutory joint auditors of the Bank have confirmed that they have been given a satisfactory rating under the Quality Control Review Program of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan, that they or any of the partners of the firm, their spouses and minor children do not hold shares of the Bank and that the firm and all its partners are in compliance with International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) guidelines on Code of Ethics as adopted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan.
- The statutory auditors or the persons associated with them have not been appointed to provide services other than approved services and the auditors have confirmed that they have observed IFAC guidelines in this regard.
- We confirm that all other material principles contained in the Code have been complied with.

On behalf of the Board

Khalid A. Sherwani
President

Date: February 26, 2007
Place: Lahore