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Capital Market News

CDBL launches monthly e-statement service

The Central Depository Bangladesh Limited (CDBL), from now on, will provide monthly e-statement services to the BO (beneficiary owner's) account holders to ensure protection of investors' investments in the capital market. The CDBL inaugurated the services at a programme, held at the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) office on Sunday.

BSEC Chairman Prof. Shibli Rubayat UI Islam attended the programme as the chief guest. The CDBL introduced the services against the backdrop of incidents of embezzling investors' shares and money by some rogue stock

brokers. The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) halted trading activities of Tamha Securities on December 9 over alleged misappropriation of clients' funds worth around Tk 900 million.

"The responsibility of stock brokers lies with the protection of investors' money along with ensuring their returns from investments. Why will an investor come to the stock market, if the protection of his money and investments is not ensured?" said the BSEC chairman.

Following introduction of the e-statement service, the investors, who incorporate accurate e-mail address in the form of BO accounts, will receive information - within the first week of every month - regarding transactions, among others, conducted in the previous month.

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The information, which will be received through e-mail addresses, also include debit balance, credit balance, opening balance and closing balance. Mr. Islam further said many stock brokers do not ensure the protection of investors' investments, and do embezzle their funds - kept in consolidated accounts. The BSEC chairman opined that the stock brokers will have to ensure returns and safety of the investors' investments.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/cdbl-launches-monthly-e-statement-service-1643599217>

Database on bond defaulters on card

The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission has initiated a move to create a database on defaulters of bonds to bring the issuers to book. To this effect, the BSEC will amend the Debt Securities Rules, 2021 and

include a provision in the rules to define bond defaulter, BSEC officials said. When a company issues bonds, related law obliges it to make regular interest payments to bondholders and repay their principal investments once the bonds mature.

If a company fails to maintain the obligations, whether it is in the form of a missed interest payment or a missed principal payment, the company will be considered a bond defaulter. Maintaining the obligations is especially important when someone buys long-term bonds with far-off maturity dates, as a lot can happen to an issuer's finances over time, the BSEC officials said. In the rules, the commission would categorise bond issuers into three stages, substandard, doubtful and defaulter, on the basis of their delay in payment of regular interest and principal after redemption of the bonds, they said. The trustee of the bonds would put information regarding the bond activities in the database, they said.

The BSEC has been approving a significant number of companies to raise capital through issuing bonds in recent years. The BSEC approved 22 companies, including 16 banks and non-bank financial institutions, to float bonds worth Tk 12,576 crore in 2021. As the issuance of bonds is increasing, the necessity of scrutinising and monitoring bonds payment has become essential for the securities regulator, BSEC officials said.

The BSEC would impose on the bond defaulters penalties, including the barring of issuer company from making any kind of capital raise, the BSEC officials said. Besides, it would suggest the

Bangladesh Bank not to allow the bond defaulters getting loans from banks, they said. Earlier in October 2019, the Bangladesh Bank suggested that the commission should create its own database and offer the banks and financial institutions access to it to ensure that defaulters of bonds and debentures cannot secure fresh loans.

The central bank declined to include bond defaulters in its Credit Information Bureau as such inclusion goes against the BB Order, 1972. The BB's recommendation came after a committee formed over long-term financing and capital market development at a meeting on September 19, 2019 came up with a proposal that the central bank should include defaulters of bonds and debentures in its CIB database.

The committee found that the defaulters were getting bank loans without facing any question and suggested that the central bank should address the matter. The central bank reasoned that such database must be created under the supervision of the BSEC as the stock market regulatory body approves bonds and debentures. Currently, banks are the top issuers of bonds.

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/161407/database-on-bond-defaulters-on-card>

Industry News

Green garment efforts not yielding better prices

Entrepreneurs yesterday expressed disappointment as their green operations are not fetching better

prices although the costly move has allowed buyers to source products from eco-friendly factories and benefit from the improving image of the whole supply chain.

Garment exporters in Bangladesh have pumped hundreds of crores of taka into setting up the green factories, which are helping them consume 30 per cent less energy and water and have brightened the image of the industry.

The move is also helping international buyers and retailers as consumers globally are increasingly becoming conscious about the sustainability of the supply chain. "However, we are not getting premium prices from retailers and brands," said Md Fazlul Hoque, managing director of Narayanganj-based Plummy Fashions Ltd, the greenest knitwear factory in the world. He said many developments had taken place in the garment sector in recent years as per the demands of buyers. But the green garment factories get only a 2 per cent rebate on the final settlement of income tax, he said.

The entrepreneur was speaking at the launching programme of an initiative of the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) and the embassy of Sweden in Bangladesh at the Brac Centre Inn in Dhaka. The initiative -- Securing Green Transition of the Textile and Readymade Garments Sector in Bangladesh -- aims to contribute towards the enhancement of environmentally sustainable and climate-neutral growth with productive employment opportunities for women and youth.

[https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/green-garment-](https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/green-garment-operations-are-not-fetching-better-prices)

[efforts-not-yielding-better-prices-2951001](#)

Economy News

Freelancers to get 4pc incentive for software export

There is good news for about six lakh freelancers in the country as they now will get a 4 per cent incentive against export of software or IT-enabled services. Freelancers who work at 55 marketplaces and have been selected by the ICT ministry will get the incentive, according to a Bangladesh Bank circular issued yesterday. A freelance services marketplace is an online site where businesses or individuals find and hire individuals to do work remotely.

Popular marketplaces such as Upwork, Fiverr, Freelancer and Guru were among the selected marketplaces. The freelancers in Bangladesh will get a boost with the incentives, something they have been seeking for a long time. It is really encouraging that the government is now giving special attention to the freelancers and the move will definitely give a boost to them, said Rashad Kabir, managing director of Dream71 Bangladesh.

The government has been providing a 10 per cent cash assistance against the export of ICT products and services since 2018. But only institutional IT and freelancing companies having membership with the BASIS are eligible. With the BB circular, almost all of the freelancers irrespective of their membership with the BASIS will come under

the 4 per cent incentive package. The decision is likely to propel the flow of freelancers' earnings through official channels since some of the money comes through unofficial channels due to a lack of incentives.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/banks/news/freelancers-get-4pc-incentive-software-export-2950991>

Company News

ACI profits soar on robust motors, salt, fertiliser sales

Growth in the agro machinery, construction equipment, motorcycle, salt, fertiliser, seed and some other business segments boosted ACI Limited's quarterly revenue and profits in the October-December period. The conglomerate's consolidated revenue which includes figures of all the subsidiary companies grew 27% year-on-year to Tk2,426 crore in that quarter, which was 13% up from the preceding quarter of July-September.

ACI Motors' revenue for the first six months of the 2021-22 fiscal year crossed the Tk1,000 crore milestone from less than Tk600 crore in the corresponding period a year ago. Demand for ACI's fertiliser, especially in the North Bengal orchards and farms was very high in recent months. Its seeds and animal health products were also selling well, he added. Its plastic unit saw a double-digit sales growth in the July-December period as many big-name consumer product companies are buying ACI's plastic products and

also its plastic furniture is selling more.

As the subsidiary company, ACI Premiaflex could barely raise prices against a 60% raw material cost hike in a year, it still is posting losses, while its Managing Director Ansarey anticipates the company would take roughly 18 months to come to profits. After ACI Motors, ACI Salt secured the biggest jump in business as it registered over 40% revenue and pre-tax profit jump in the first half of the fiscal year. Following its capacity expansion a few years back, the salt business is continuing its industry leadership with roughly one-third market share.

Of the other business segments of ACI in the first half, animal health's revenue was slightly up with a decline in pre-tax profits, consumer brands segment's revenue and loss declined, retail chain Shwapno's revenue went up and losses came down, flour businesses' revenue went up while it fell in losses, and the food segment's revenue and profits both went up. At the end of December, ACI also reduced its long and short-term bank borrowings while its trade payables increased. But, as the interest rate in the economy had bottomed out a few months earlier, the company's consolidated interest expenses increased in the October-December period, compared to a year ago.

Finally, the consolidated quarterly profit after taxes grew to over Tk30.89 crore from Tk11.96 crore a year earlier. Of the consolidated profit, Tk15.2 crore is attributed to the ACI shareholders as its 15 subsidiary companies have other shareholders too. ACI's consolidated earnings per share stood at Tk2.1 for the October-

December quarter and Tk5.51 for the July-December period.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/aci-profits-soar-robust-motors-salt-fertiliser-sales-364396>

Chaldal on expansion spree

Local online grocery store Chaldal is expanding at a faster clip outside of Dhaka to cater to customers who have become habituated with digital shopping throughout the coronavirus pandemic. In the past few months, it expanded its footprint in two cities: It started its operation in Khulna on November 10 and in Sylhet on January 18, taking the number of big cities covered by the company to six. It expanded to Chattogram in March last year, Jashore in April and Narayanganj towards the end of 2020. It has partial operations in Tangail and Cox's Bazar.

Chaldal has 25 delivery warehouses in six cities. Of them, 17 are in Dhaka and eight are outside of the capital. It wants to lift the number of warehouses across the country to 100 by 2022. How the pandemic has turbocharged its growth can be inferred from the increase in the number of orders placed on the site. Before the crisis, it used to make 2,500 deliveries daily on average. It has increased to around 12,000 deliveries now driven by the growing demand for home delivery for groceries, hygiene products and other consumer staples. Its revenue clocked more than 200 per cent growth in 2020 and 65 per cent in 2021.

Before March 2020, when the pandemic hit the country, Chaldal was a team of around 950 people. By the end of 2020, it grew to 1,700 and in 2021, Chaldal hired another 1,000. Currently, it employs around 3,000 employees. About 600 employees work at its office in Sheikh Hasina Software Technology Park in Jashore, making it the largest employer in hi-tech parks in Bangladesh.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/chaldal-expansion-sprees-2950981>

More companies see rise in earnings per share

A good number of listed companies including Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) saw a rise in EPS (earnings per share) for October-December (Q2), 2021 compared to the same period of the previous year. In separate disclosures, some companies attributed the rise of EPS to the advancement in capital gains and turnover along with reduction in administrative and financial expenses.

The ICB reported a consolidated EPS of Tk 1.03 for October-December 2021 against Tk. 0.39 for October-December 2020. The company's EPS rose 164.10 per cent or Tk 0.64 for the Q2, 2021 compared to the same period of the previous year. The consolidated EPS was Tk. 1.74 for July-December 2021 against Tk. 0.77 for July-December 2020. The consolidated NOCFPS, however, declined to Tk (8.31), a negative value, for July-December 2021

against Tk. (6.25), a negative value, for July-December 2020.

Renata reported a consolidated EPS of Tk 12.72 for October-December 2021 against Tk. 10.84 for October-December 2020. The consolidated EPS was Tk. 25.62 for July-December 2021 as against Tk. 22.39 for July-December 2020. The company's consolidated NOCFPS (net operating cash flow per share) was Tk. 15.54 for July-December 2021 as against Tk. 20.63 for July-December 2020. The company has informed that the rise in payment for cost and expenses during July-December, 2021 in the normal course of business resulted in increased cash outflow and reduction in net operating cash flow compared to July-December 2020.

National Tubes returned to profit and reported an EPS of Tk 0.16 for October-December 2021 against the loss of Tk 0.12 per share for October-December 2020. The company's NOCFPS was Tk. 0.59 for July-December 2021 against Tk. 4.09 for July-December 2020. Hamid Fabrics also returned to profit and reported an EPS of Tk. 0.15 for October-December 2021 against the loss of Tk 0.58 per share for October-December 2020.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/more-companies-see-rise-in-earnings-per-share-1643599497>

Price Sensitive News

Trading Code: PRIMETEX

News Title: PRIMETEX: Credit Rating Result

News: National Credit Ratings Limited (NCR) has announced the surveillance entity rating of the Company as "A" in the long term and "ST-3" in the short term along with a developing outlook based on audited financial statements of June 30, 2021.

Post Date: 2022-01-31

Trading Code: SEMLFBSLGF

News Title: SEMLFBSLGF: Q2 Financials

News: (Q2 Un-audited): EPU was Tk. 0.37 for October-December 2021 as against Tk. 0.43 for October-December 2020. EPU was Tk. 0.70 for July-December 2021 as against Tk. 1.01 for July-December 2020. NOCFPU was Tk. 0.59 for July-December 2021 as against Tk. 0.22 for July-December 2020. NAV per unit at market price was Tk. 11.48 as on December 31, 2021 and Tk. 12.40 as on June 30, 2021. NAV per unit at cost price was Tk. 11.29 as on December 31, 2021 and Tk. 12.09 as on June 30, 2021.

Post Date: 2022-01-31

Trading Code: FUWANGFOOD

News Title: FUWANGFOOD: Credit Rating Result

News: Credit Rating Agency of Bangladesh Limited (CRAB) has announced the Entity Rating of the Company as "BBB1" along with a stable outlook based on audited financial statements up to June 30, 2021; bank liability position as on December 30, 2021 and other relevant quantitative and qualitative information up to the date of rating declaration.

Post Date: 2022-01-31

Trading Code: BPPL

News Title: BPPL: Credit Rating Result

News: Credit Rating Information and Services Limited (CRISL) has surveillance rated the Company as "AA2" in the long term and "ST-2" in the short term along with a stable outlook in consideration of its audited financials up to June 30, 2021; bank liability 29 January 2022 and other relevant quantitative as well as qualitative information up to the date of rating declaration.

Post Date: 2022-01-31

Trading Code: SEMLLECMF

News Title: SEMLLECMF: Q2 Financials

News: (Q2 Un-audited): EPU was Tk. (0.38) for October-December 2021 as against Tk. 0.61 for October-December 2020. EPU was Tk. 0.57 for July-December 2021 as against Tk. 1.70 for July-December 2020. NOCFPU was Tk. 0.29 for July-December 2021 as against Tk. 0.20 for July-December 2020. NAV per unit at market price was Tk. 10.90 as on December 31, 2021 and Tk. 11.84 as on June 30, 2021. NAV per unit at cost price was Tk. 11.47 as on December 31, 2021 and Tk. 12.55 as on June 30, 2021.

Post Date: 2022-01-31

Trading Code: ROBI

News Title: ROBI: Board Meeting schedule under LR 19(1)

News: As per Regulation 19(1) of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (Listing) Regulations, 2015, the Company has informed that a meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on February 10, 2022 at 4:00 PM to consider, among others, audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended on December 31, 2021.

Post Date: 2022-01-31

Trading Code: EXCH

News Title: DSENEWS: Daily Turnover

News: Today's (31.01.2022) Total Trades: 272,471; Volume: 305,170,790 and Turnover: Tk. 12,150.12 million.

Post Date: 2022-01-31

Trading Code: HFL

News Title: HFL: Dividend Disbursement

News: The Company has informed that it has disbursed the cash dividend for the year ended June 30, 2021 to the respective shareholders.

Post Date: 2022-01-31

Trading Code: MONNOAGML

News Title: MONNOAGML: Sale Declaration of a Corporate Director

News: Monno Welfare Foundation, one of the Corporate Directors of the Company, has expressed its intention to sell 1,00,000 shares out of its total holding 4,76,460 shares of the Company at prevailing market price (In the Block Market) through Dhaka Stock Exchange within next 30 working days.

Post Date: 2022-01-31

Trading Code: NCCBLMF1

News Title: NCCBLMF1: Trustee Committee Meeting schedule under LR 19(1)

News: As per Regulation 19(1) of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (Listing) Regulations, 2015, the Trustee of Fund has informed that a meeting of the Trustee Committee will be held on February 07, 2022 at 2:35 PM to consider, among others, audited financial statements of the Fund for the year ended December 31, 2021.

Post Date: 2022-01-31

Trading Code: DAFODILCOM

News Title: DAFODILCOM: Dividend Disbursement

News: The Company has informed that it has disbursed the cash dividend for the year ended June 30, 2021 to the respective shareholders.

Post Date: 2022-01-31

Trading Code: FARCHEM

News Title: FARCHEM: Dividend Disbursement

News: The Company has informed that it has disbursed the cash dividend for the year ended June 30, 2021 to the respective shareholders.

Post Date: 2022-01-31

Trading Code: EGEN

News Title: EGEN: Category Change

News: The Company will be placed in 'A' category from existing 'N' category with effect from February 01, 2022 as the Company has reported disbursement of 10% cash dividend for general public shareholders other than Sponsors/Directors for the year ended on June 30, 2021.

Post Date: 2022-01-31

Trading Code: EGEN

News Title: EGEN: Dividend Disbursement

News: The Company has informed that it has disbursed the cash dividend for the year ended June 30, 2021 to the respective shareholders.

Post Date: 2022-01-31

Trading Code: BEXIMCO

News Title: BEXIMCO: Category Change

News: The Company will be placed in 'A' category from existing 'B' category with effect from February 01, 2022 as the Company has reported disbursement of 35% cash dividend for the year ended on June 30, 2021.

Post Date: 2022-01-31

Trading Code: DACCADYE

News Title: DACCADYE: Spot News

News: Trading of the shares of the Company will be allowed only in the Spot Market and Block transactions will also be settled as per Spot settlement cycle with cum benefit from 01.02.2022 to 02.02.2022. Trading of the shares of the Company will remain suspended on record date i.e., 03.02.2022.

Post Date: 2022-01-31

Trading Code: MONNOAGML

News Title: MONNOAGML: Sale Confirmation of a Corporate Director

News: Monno Welfare Foundation, one of the Corporate Directors of the Company, has further reported that it has completed its sale of 1,00,000 shares of the Company at prevailing market price through Dhaka Stock Exchange as per declaration disseminated on 19.01.2022.

Post Date: 2022-01-31

Trading Code: HWAWELLTEX

News Title: HWAWELLTEX: Revaluation of Land, Building and Other Civil Construction

News: (Continuation news of HWAWELLTEX): The amount of Land, Building and Other Civil Construction have been increased from Tk. 541,850,008.00 to Tk. 556,055,010.00. Revaluation surplus was Tk. 14,205,002.00. (end)

Post Date: 2022-01-31

Trading Code: HWAWELLTEX

News Title: HWAWELLTEX: Revaluation of Land, Building and Other Civil Construction

News: The Company has informed that the Board of Directors has approved revaluation of Land, Building and Other Civil Construction of the Company as on December 31, 2021. The revaluation was done by Chartered Accountancy Firm G. Kibria & Co. Chartered Accountants to perform the said revaluation. (cont.)

Post Date: 2022-01-31

Trading Code: SHASHADNIM

News Title: SHASHADNIM: Q2 Financials

News: (Q2 Un-audited): Consolidated EPS was Tk. 0.47 for October-December 2021 as against Tk. 0.33 for October-December 2020; Consolidated EPS was Tk. 0.91 for July-December 2021 as against Tk. 0.43 for July-December 2020. Consolidated NOCFPS was Tk. (2.30) for July-December 2021 as against Tk. (0.52) for July-December 2020. Consolidated NAV per share was Tk. 42.15 as on December 31, 2021 and Tk. 41.97 as on June 30, 2021.

Post Date: 2022-01-31

Trading Code: HRTEX

News Title: HRTEX: Q2 Financials

News: (Q2 Un-audited): EPS was Tk. 0.48 for October-December 2021 as against Tk. 0.53 for October-December 2020; EPS was Tk. 1.09 for July-December 2021 as against Tk. 0.91 for July-December 2020. NOCFPS was Tk. 2.73 for July-December 2021 as against Tk. 3.69 for July-December 2020. NAV per share was Tk. 46.28 as on December 31, 2021 and Tk. 45.18 as on June 30, 2021.

Post Date: 2022-01-31

Trading Code: GENNEXT

News Title: GENNEXT: Q2 Financials

News: (Q2 Un-audited): EPS was Tk. 0.04 for October-December, 2021 as against Tk. 0.02 for October-December, 2020; EPS was Tk. (0.01) for July-December, 2021 as against Tk. (0.06) for July-December, 2020. NOCFPS was Tk. (0.03) for July-December, 2021 as against Tk. 0.41 for July-December, 2020. NAV per share was Tk. 11.89 as on December 31, 2021 and Tk. 11.91 as on June 30, 2021.

Post Date: 2022-01-31

Trading Code: HWAWELLTEX

News Title: HWAWELLTEX: Q2 Financials

News: (Q2 Un-audited): EPS was Tk. 0.76 for October-December 2021 as against Tk. 0.72 for October-December 2020; EPS was Tk. 1.74 for July-December 2021 as against Tk. 1.30 for July-December 2020. NOCFPS was Tk. 1.81 for July-December 2021 as against Tk. 4.45 for July-December 2020. NAV per share was Tk. 31.56 as on December 31, 2021 and Tk. 29.83 as on December 31, 2020.

Post Date: 2022-01-31

Trading Code: MEGHNACEM

News Title: MEGHNACEM: Q2 Financials

News: (Continuation news of MEGHNACEM): collection from turnover has been decreased only by 9.82%. Overall the total cash flow from operating activities has been increased by 299.18%. Thus Impact on net cash from operating activities has increased. (end)

Post Date: 2022-01-31

Trading Code: MEGHNACEM

News Title: MEGHNACEM: Q2 Financials

News: (Continuation news of MEGHNACEM): The Company has also informed that NOCFPS has increased comparison to the same period of the previous year due to increase in net cash flow from operating activities. The payment of purchase of raw materials expenses & creditors has decreased significantly by 24.02% while the (cont.2)

Post Date: 2022-01-31

Trading Code: MEGHNACEM

News Title: MEGHNACEM: Q2 Financials

News: (Q2 Un-audited): EPS was Tk. 0.53 for October-December 2021 as against Tk. 0.42 for October-December 2020. EPS was Tk. 0.96 for July-December 2021 as against Tk. 0.86 for July-December 2020. NOCFPS was Tk. 32.10 for July-December 2021 as against Tk. 8.04 for July-December 2020. NAV per share was Tk. 64.17 as on December 31, 2021 and Tk. 66.80 as on June 30, 2021. (cont.1)

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