

PAKISTAN STOCK BROKERS ASSOCIATION

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PSBA/Notice-086

November 15, 2022

NOTICE FOR MEMBERS

<u>REQUIRED INFORMATION IN RELATION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION/</u> LAUNCHING OF THE NEW TRADING SYSTEM (NTS)

Respected Members,

The Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) has shared an update with the Pakistan Stock Brokers Association (PSBA) where it has been observed that a few of our members are in non-compliance with the following as per their notices:

- 1. Brokers not interested to perform OMS testing;
- 2. Brokers who have not provided system specs feedback;
- 3. Brokers who have not attended the New Trading Terminal (NTT/Backup System) training(s); and
- 4. Brokers awaiting OMS readiness;

Attention of our respected members is invited to the directive issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) dated October 28, 2022, notified by the PSX on November 8, 2022, all securities brokers must test the system as per the set criteria. Failure of securities brokers to adhere, to the system specifications prescribed by the PSX in connection with NTS and any lack of participation in the testing activities, can cause significant problems at the time of go-live/launching.

In this regard, the members of PSBA are kindly requested to comply with the above specifications/testings/training and ensure active participation in the overall process till the launching, to ensure the smooth deployment of NTS.

The required confirmations may kindly be submitted to the PSX team at your earliest but not later than November 17, 2022.

We look forward to the usual cooperation by our members.

Please feel free to reach out in case of any clarification/discussion.

_____sd____ BILAL FAROOQ ZARDI Secretary General

Encl:

1. Above discussed SECP directive and PSX notice

Copy to:

1. PSBA Website

PSX/N-1106

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November 08, 2022

FOR ALL TRE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS

COMPLIANCE WITH THE SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS AND PARTICIPATION IN TRAINING, TESTING AND MOCK SESSIONS FOR THE LAUNCH OF NEW TRADING SYSTEM

Pakistan Stock Exchange Limited [**PSX**] as a front-line regulator has been mandated under the law to provide an efficient trading system having features at par with international standards. The deployment of New Trading System [**NTS**] is aimed to enhance the overall user experience and move towards modern technologies.

PSX has been working in close coordination with all the key stakeholders under the guidance of Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan [SECP] to ensure the smooth deployment of NTS in an effective and timely manner. The SECP in its Directive dated October 28, 2022 (copy attached herewith as Annexure A) issued u/s 12 of the Securities Act, 2015 has emphasized that the securities brokers must comply with the system specifications prescribed by PSX and ensure active participation in the upcoming testing and mock sessions.

PSX has prescribed minimum system requirements for all TRE Certificate Holders vide Notice No. PSX/N-895 dated September 13, 2022 to ensure their readiness for smooth transition from existing trading system to NTS. Moreover, PSX had organized various awareness and training sessions which were notified vide Notice No. PSX/N-970 dated October 03, 2022, PSX/N-1019 dated October 17, 2022 and PSX/N-1049 dated October 21, 2022. These notices are attached herewith as **Annexure BI** to **BIV** respectively, for ready reference.

In view thereof, PSX hereby requires all TRE Certificate Holders to strictly comply with the system requirements prescribed by PSX on or before November 11, 2022, which may be extended up to November 18, 2022. Moreover, the TRE Certificate Holders shall submit an undertaking duly signed by CEO/Authorized Personnel.

It must be noted that any TRE Certificate Holder which does not comply with the system specifications, engage in OMS and Back Office readiness, training, testing & mock sessions and/or comply with any additional terms and conditions as specified by the PSX in connection with the NTS shall be deprived of its right to access the NTS from the date of go-live.



Ajeet Kumar Chief Regulatory Officer Syed Adeel Javaid

Chief Information Officer

- 1. The Director/HoD, PRDD, (SMD), SECP
- 2. The Chief Executive Officer, PSX
- 3. The Chief Executive Officer, CDC
- 4. The Chief Executive Officer, NCCPL
- 5. The Chief Executive Officer, PMEX
- 6. The Chief Executive Officer, IFMP
- 7. The Chief Executive Officer, E-Clear
- 8. All Heads of Departments, PSX
- 9. PSX Website

"ANNEXURE A"



Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan

Securities Market Division

No. SMD/SE/2(230)/2012

October 28, 2022

Mr. Farrukh H. Khan Chief Executive Officer Pakistan Stock Exchange Limited Karachi.

Subject: Directive under Section 12 of the Securities Act, 2015

WHEREAS, the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (the Commission) considers it an utmost priority to ensure that the New Trading System (NTS) of Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) is implemented in an effective and timely manner and that the issues encountered during the prior launch are not repeated.

AND WHEREAS, it is deemed vital that all stakeholders collaborate and play their respective roles to ensure a smooth transition to NTS.

AND WHEREAS, failure of securities brokers to adhere to the system specifications prescribed by PSX in connection with NTS and any lack of participation from securities brokers in the testing activities can cause significant problems at the time of go-live and potentially cause further delays in the implementation of NTS.

NOW THEREFORE, the Commission, in the interest of the capital market and in exercise of its powers under Section 12 of the Securities Act, 2015, hereby directs Pakistan Stock Exchange Limited to obtain signoffs from sub-committees of the Representative Committee of PSBA in a timely manner; to communicate to the securities brokers to comply with the system specifications prescribed by PSX by the deadline specified by PSX as per the project timelines, and ensure active broker participation in the upcoming mock sessions, and further intimate to the securities brokers that the brokers which do not comply with the system specifications or do not engage in prior testing of NTS shall not be provided access to the same post go-live.

Aamir Khan Commissioner (SM)



"ANNEXURE B I"

PSX/N-895

13 Sep, 2022

NOTICE FOR ALL TREC HOLDERS/BROKERS OF PSX System Requirements for Trading Services (NTS)

With the reference to our earlier notices respectively dated March 11, 2021, & Oct 27, 2021, in order to ensure smooth operations of PSX trading services and accordance with the upcoming requirements for **NTS** (New Trading System), PSX ITD highly recommends and encourages you to adopt following guidelines at your earliest.

All trading terminals and branches infrastructure where these are installed should be equipped with following minimum requirements that recommended by PSX for smooth transition from existing to New Trading System.

Minimum requirement for JTT (NTS):

Processor	Intel Core i5 (6 th Generation) or above	
RAM	8 GB or above	
Hard Disk	120 GB or above	
UPS	30 Minutes backup	
LAN Card	1 Gbps (recommended)	
	Manageable NIC with provision to set Receive & Transmit buffers to	
	2048. Provision of setting jumbo packets to Yes	
Operating System	Windows 10 (Build 19044 or higher)	

Minimum requirement for OMS Gateway Machine (TGW / MDGW): (NTS)

Processor	Intel Core i5 (6 th Generation) or above	
RAM	16 GB or above	
Hard Disk	120 GB	
UPS	30 Minutes backup	
LAN Card x 2	1 Gbps (recommended)	
1 for PSX	Manageable NIC with provision to set Receive & Transmit buffers to	
1 for OMS	2048. Provision of setting jumbo packets set to Yes	
	Windows 10 (Build 19044 or higher) or	
Operating System	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 or CentOS 7, 64-bit operating system.	

Minimum Network Requirements

Switch	Manageable, L3, IGMPv3 enabled	
Router (for OMS)	IGMPv3, PIM SSM enabled, Static and OSPF routing supported	
Redundant Links	2 Redundant Links from 02 ISPs, with the auto-failover capability	
(for REMOTE Terminals)		
I/O (for LAN Terminals)	I/O points must be enabled.	

*Windows XP, Windows 7, Windows Server 2003 and 2008 are discontinued from Microsoft; hence it will not be supported. *Backup gateway machine, switch and router also highly recommended..



Moreover, all installed software on trading terminals should be genuine and of latest versions. Installation of pirated and irrelevant software / tools on trading terminals are strictly prohibited.

In case of any query or information please feel free to contact ITSS via email on <u>itss@psx.com.pk</u> or helpline numbers at your respective locations, mentioned below.

Location Karachi Lahore Islamabad **Contact Details** 021-35274401-10 042-36316921 ext. 5057/5019 051-2894849

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FOR ALL TRE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS / SECURITIES BROKERS Implementation of New Trading System (NTS)

All TRE Certificate Holders / Securities Brokers are hereby informed that a session has been scheduled by PSX to share the status, updates and plan for the implementation of the New Trading System.

Detail of the session as follows:

Day & Date:Thursday, October 6, 2022Time:04:30 p.m.Venue:PSX Auditorium, 3rd Floor, PSX Administration Block, Karachi

All TRE Certificate Holders are encouraged to please attend the session **in person**. Further, the TRE Certificate Holders from remote locations can join the session through the zoom link below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83353726539?pwd=anBMY2NKeEdudVI3UjFPTnYwNWxUQT09 Meeting ID: 833 5372 6539 Passcode: 115169

All concerned are requested to note the above.

_____Sd____ Jawad H. Hashmi General Manager - Trading & TREC Affairs _____Sd____ Syed Adeel Javaid Chief Information Officer

- 1. PSX Website
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- 3. The Chief Executive Officer, PSX
- 4. The Chief Executive Officer, CDCPL
- 5. The Chief Executive Officer, NCCPL
- 6. Pakistan Stock Brokers Association



PSX/N-1019

FOR ALL TRE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS / SECURITIES BROKERS Update on the Implementation of New Trading System (NTS)

This is in continuation to PSX notice PSX/N-970 dated October 03, 2022, all TRE Certificate Holders / Securities Brokers are hereby informed that PSX has scheduled another session to share the status and updates w.r.t the implementation of New Trading System.

All TRE Certificate Holders are encouraged to please attend the session through **Zoom using the following credentials**:

Topic: All Brokers' NTS Meeting # 2

Time: Oct 20, 2022 16:30 Karachi

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88389012777?pwd=bnM5MktnMTZJbGFQSitqdkpXdUJkZz09

Meeting Id: 883 8901 2777

Passcode: 10759

It is strongly recommended that all attendees to please mention their name and the name of their brokerage house in zoom while joining through the above-mentioned link.

All concerned are requested to note the above.

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FOR ALL TRE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS New Trading Terminal (NTT) Training

This is to inform all TRE Certificate Holders that PSX is organizing users' training sessions for the New Trading Terminal (NTT). NTT is a front end trading terminal and shall be provided to all TREC Holders along with the New Trading System (NTS).

NTT shall serve as an alternative / backup for OMS/JTT/KITS, it is therefore important that all Traders/ TWS Operators must attend their respective training session.

In order to have a focused participation, there are **8 sessions** arranged for 25 TREC Holders each, as follows:

Sr. #	Date	1 st Session Timing	2 nd Session Timing
1	24-Oct-2022	3:45 PM – 4:30 PM	
2	25-Oct-2022		4:45 PM – 5:30 PM
3	26-Oct-2022		
4	27-Oct-2022		

All TREC Holders are encouraged to please attend their respective session via Zoom, the details of which shall be shared over registered email addresses (maintained in THIMS).

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