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Subject: **COMMENTS/FEEDBACK ON NEW REPORTING
SYSTEM FOR SECURITIES BROKERS**

Dear Mr. Khan,

This is in reference to your notice PSX/N-1416 dated December 23, 2020, wherein the letter of Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has been reproduced to invite the comments/feedback on a new reporting system for Securities Brokers. In this regard, we would like to submit as under:

In order to streamline the submission of information with minimal time and efforts, and to provide ease of doing business, we appreciate the steps being considered by the Commission and Exchange authorities. However, with respect to this new reporting system which will replace the existing Financial Reporting System (FRS), members have certain reservations which are being submitted through this letter for your consideration and to be made part of your consolidated report to be submitted to the Commission.

1. It would be very inconvenient for the brokerage houses to change the coding of their accounts, in the middle of their accounting period/income year. Its implementation should be deferred till the end of the ongoing income year.
2. There are unnecessary accounts codes in the required excel sheet, which do not pertain to the majority of the brokers. All the Securities Brokers should be required to provide the values/data, relevant to their business only. Similarly, properties, prize bonds, sukuk & bond instruments and host of other assets & liabilities, income & expense accounts, contingency accounts etc., are redundant for the majority of brokers. Hence, we request that only the accounts relevant to the brokers should be asked to ensure the correctness and completeness of data. There should also be an option to provide consolidated/group amount in respect of certain heads such as provision for depreciation, impairment and doubtful debt, etc.
3. The frequency of reporting should be quarterly instead of monthly, and the date of compliance should be 30 days after the end of each quarter. The said reporting requires financial data and other pertinent information to be gathered, hence, the reporting within five working days is not practically possible.
4. In case of the listed companies, the results of Quarterly, Half Yearly and Annual Accounts take ample time to finalize. Hence, it should be in line with the requirements as stipulated in section 237(1)(a), 237(1)(b) and 223(2) i.e. one month, two months and four months respectively. Adhering to the reporting deadline may also disturb the system and before the announcement of results, reporting might disclose the price sensitive information as well.

We look forward to the training session to be conducted to facilitate the Stock Brokers for submission of the said report through e-services portal.

Best regards,