

Visco 3000
lubricant
launched

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UK based BP, one of the leading lubricant oil suppliers in Bangladesh, launched a new lubricant under the brand Visco 3000 yesterday in an attempt to raise its stake in the country's about Tk 12,000 crore lubricant market.

"We have brought our latest brand in keeping with the increased usage of new generation cars in Bangladesh market," said Sujit Sen, regional general manager of the company, said at a press briefing in Dhaka.

BP, which is also retailing its various brands such as Super V, Visco CNG through state-owned petroleum marketing company Meghna Petroleum Ltd, has brought the new brand amid rising consumption of lubricant oil in Bangladesh.

The market for lubricant is growing between 3 and 4 percent annually with Mobil controlling the major portion followed by BP, industry insiders said.

According to BP, yearly domestic consumption of lubricant stands at 1.0 lakh metric tonnes with branded lubricant constituting about 70 percent.

"We sell about 12,000 metric tonnes of lubricant annually," said Sujit.

BP said, the new product helps remove sludge inside the engine and is also oil saving.

Soren Malekar, area supply chain manager in India, said the product is popular in Europe and the Middle East and is currently being imported from abroad.

"The way new generation cars are coming, all of these cars will use high tech engine oil from high tech laboratory in future," he said, adding that the Visco 3000 will help users increase the life of their car engines.

Meghna Petroleum Managing Director Abdul Wadud Khan hoped that the newly launched lubricant would win the market and achieve consumer confidence.

Japan, Asean
ink FTA

AFP, Tokyo

Japan and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations said Monday they had finished signing a deal to tear down trade barriers between the world's second-largest economy and the 10-member bloc.

The deal, which is set to come into effect later this year, was formally signed Monday by Malaysia, the last of the 10 members of the Asean bloc to sign off.

In a joint statement, Japan and the Asean said they looked forward to the early operation of the agreement, saying it would provide "a strong impetus for further invigoration of trade and investment in the region."

Under the pact, which was finalised in November, about 90 percent of trade between Asia's largest economy and the Asean bloc will be tariff-free within 10 years.

It will be the first multinational free trade agreement (FTA) for Japan, which also has been seeking to conclude a flurry of bilateral pacts amid a breakdown in global trade negotiations.

"Japan hopes that the early entry into force of this agreement will further invigorate the trade and investment relations between Japan and Asean," Japanese Foreign Minister Masahiko Komura said in a statement.

He said Japan hoped the deal would also beef up "the strategic partnership between Japan and Asean," which groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

As a next step, Asean members and Japan will start domestic procedures, such as seeking legislative approval, to allow the deal to come into force.

JCI, Brac Bank team
up to promote CSR

Graham Hanlon (2-R), president of JCI World, speaks at a function organised to mark the signing of a memorandum of understanding between Brac Bank and JCI to promote corporate social responsibilities (CSR) in small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

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Junior Chamber International (JCI) Bangladesh yesterday signed a memorandum of understanding with Brac Bank to promote Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR) in small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

The JCI-Brac Bank initiative will help SME entrepreneurs to be aware about CSR, said Laila F Rahim, national vice president of JCI (Bangladesh), who signed the MoU on behalf of the chamber.

Laila also said this MoU would help the SMEs develop a network, creating new business opportunities for them.

She was speaking at the signing ceremony, organised at the Radisson Water Garden hotel in Dhaka.

Abedur Rahman Sikder, vice president and head of marketing and corporate affairs of Brac Bank, signed the MoU on behalf of the bank.

Farzana Chowdhury, president of JCI (Bangladesh), said the MoU would mainly focus on light engineering and poultry industries.

Mahbub Jamil, special assistant to the chief adviser and in-charge of the Ministry of Industries, said CSR should also be introduced in SME sector.

"CSR should not be optional, rather it should be the way to good business and ensured profits," he added.

Graham Hanlon, president of JCI World, said the MoU was signed under the UN Global Compact agreement, adding that the organization is a platform that promotes CSR

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"An emerging economy, Bangladesh can enhance economic growth by introducing CSR to the business arena," he added.

JCI Bangladesh also launched a training institute to provide training for the professionals of different corporate houses on managerial and technical skill.

JCI is a networking organization that aims to develop young business professional and entrepreneurs in the country.

Data Magfur, chairperson of JCI (Bangladesh) training institute, and Aftab Mahmud Khurshid, chairperson (marketing, JCI Bangladesh), were also present at the programme.

RanksTel selects gPlex
call centre solution

A Rouf Chowdhury, CEO of RanksTel, Zakia Rouf Chowdhury, vice-chairperson of RanksTel, Anwar Hossain, director, Corporate Affairs, Masrur Newaz Waiz, head of Operation, M Anis Rahman, CEO of Genuity Systems Ltd, and Ashraf Uddin Ahmed, director, Finance, are seen at the inauguration of RanksTel Call Centre Solution provided by gPlex in Dhaka on Sunday.

Bangladesh's leading PSTN (Public Switched Telephone Network) operator RanksTel has chosen Genuity Systems gPlex (www.gplex.us) call centre solution for its customer care service.

Zakia Rouf Chowdhury, vice-chairperson of RanksTel, inaugurated the gPlex 50-seat call centre at a function in Dhaka on Sunday, says a press release.

Among others, RanksTel CEO A Rouf Chowdhury, Director Corporate Affairs

Anwar Hossain, Finance Director Ashraf Uddin Ahmed, Head of Operation Masrur Newaz Waiz, and M Anis Rahman, CEO of Genuity Systems Ltd, were present at the function.

The modern and competitively priced gPlex call centre solution would help RanksTel provide customers with better service in a more efficient way.

"We are very happy to have gPlex solution for better customer care because we care

more for customer satisfaction," RanksTel CEO A Rouf Chowdhury says.

M Anis Rahman says: "We are delighted to be partner with RanksTel in providing them gPlex call centre solution. This deal marks the first step for Bangladeshi private sector to experience in providing call centre solution."

Anis said the solution, designed in line with BTRC call centre policy, would definitely help Bangladesh's call centre operators.

Tetra Pak launches new
visual identity

Tetra Pak, a world leader in food processing and packaging solutions, recently unveiled plans to revitalise its brand in order to strengthen global identity.

The brand revitalisation will help strengthen awareness of what the company does and

what it stands for -- bringing to life Tetra Pak's existing motto 'protects what's good,' says a press release.

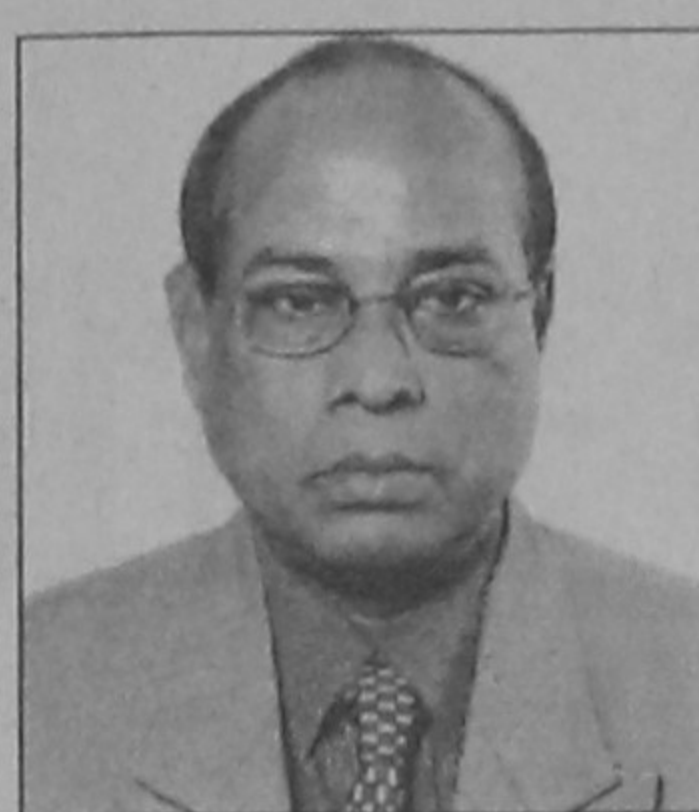
This motto can be found on over 100 billion Tetra Pak packages around the world.

In January, Tetra Pak launched its new graphic identity, which puts the motto at the heart of the brand -- with a bolder, fresher and more colourful look.

"Tetra Pak is a brand with a rich heritage and an exciting future," said Dennis Jonsson, CEO of Tetra Pak.

The company is constantly innovating new products and services to make food safe and available everywhere. It also committed to sustainable forestry, recycling and a low carbon footprint within its value chain.

The new brand identity is designed to help differentiate the company and support its leading position in an increasingly competitive marketplace. Tetra Pak will roll out its new visual identity in phases during 2008.

Al-Arafah Islami
Bank MD
reappointed

Md Abdus Samad Sheikh has been reappointed as managing director of Al-Arafah Islami Bank Limited for the period 20th June 2008 to 29th July 2010.

Samad has been working as the managing director of the bank since 2005, says a press release.

He also served as the deputy managing director of the same bank.

Earlier in his career, he held responsible positions in Agrani Bank.

EBL appoints
new DMD

Mamun Mahmood Shah has been appointed as the new deputy managing director (DMD) of Eastern Bank Limited (EBL), says a press release.

Prior to his appointment, Mahmood served the bank as senior executive vice president and head of consumer banking.

Thai farmers
urged to
grow maize

ANN/THE NATION

Thailand's agriculture and cooperatives ministry has encouraged farmers to expand maize plantation to cover more than 300,000 rai in a bid to reduce imports and profit from high corn prices.

Recently, the agricultural land reform office inked a contract-farming agreement with EM Agriculture to encourage farmers in five provinces - Phitsanulok, Phetchabun, Loei, Nong Bua Lamphu and Uttaradit - to grow maize.

The move will directly support animal feed meal, as it accounts for 50-60 per cent of the product.

The new supply will also alleviate costs for feed-meal producers by stabilising the price of maize.

Anan Phusithikul, secretary-general of the office, said farmers would also be encouraged to form community enterprises.

The office aims to set up 750 enterprises with a total membership of 15,000 farmers.

Farmers in the programme can learn more about farming methods and marketing. In addition, they can obtain low interest loans with rates of 1 per cent from the land reform fund.

The fund is set to lend a total of 600 million baht (US\$19 million).

The total area in Thailand under maize recently reached more than 7.7 million rai with a total production of 4.47 million tonnes.

The country imported 150,356 tonnes of maize worth 495.07 million baht last year.

Since early this year, import volumes reached 50,741 tonnes worth 164.13 million baht. Imports come mainly from Laos, Burma, and Cambodia under the Ayeyawady-Chao Phya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy pact.

The cooperation agrees to reduce import tariffs from these countries to zero.

Thailand also exports 90,820 tonnes of the crop worth 643.22 million baht last year.

The Thai Animal Feed Meal Association said the price had increased because the US, a major grower and exporter, plans to reduce areas under maize and instead plant more soybean, which fetches a higher price.

SEC fines fake company
owner Tk3 lakh

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Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) yesterday fined a fake investment company owner Tk 3 lakh for attempting to start stock business without having licence from the market regulator.

The fine, which was slapped at a meeting of the stock market regulator in Dhaka, will have to be submitted to the SEC within the next 15 days.

In case of failure, the SEC will take legal actions against Aashraf Saleheen, the owner of Capital Bangladesh, said SEC Executive Director Farhad Ahmed after the meeting.

He said Aashraf Saleheen through an advertisement had invited investment from the people and had also

declared to give 50 percent profits.

The advertisement, published in an English language newspaper in December of 2006, said Capital Bangladesh (CB), an investment company, has direct access to the stock markets in Bombay, New York, London, Singapore and Tokyo. It also said, "Your investment with CB shall give minimum profit of 1 year FDR bank rate. Net trading profit is 50:50 basis."

After the advertisement, the SEC started inquiry and found that neither Capital Bangladesh nor Aashraf Saleheen had licence to do such stock business.

The SEC through a letter asked to Saleheen to be present at a hearing in February of 2007. But Saleheen was dilly-dallying for years to be present at the hearing.

"We have served hearing notices on several times. But, Saleheen was not present. He just responded once through e-mail. So, we have fined him," the SEC executive director said.

Saleheen could not be contacted over mobile phone.

Meanwhile, the SEC also asked 24 depository participants (DPs) to pay arrears relating to BO accounts maintenance fee to the Central Depository Bangladesh Limited (CDBL) within May 29 this year.

The 24 DPs owe around Tk 2.55 crore against 3,41,100 BO accounts to the CDBL. The amount was supposed to be submitted to the CDBL by October last year.

"In case of failure, the SEC will suspend the operational activities of the 24 DPs from May 30," Farhad said.

বাংলাদেশ নৌবাহিনীর অফিসার ক্যাডেট প্রার্থীদের
আইএসএসবি পরীক্ষা

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BPDB's Local Tender Notice

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resource/Power Division.
2.	Agency	Bangladesh Power Development Board.
3.	Procuring entity name	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
4.	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6.	Invitation for	Supply of ACSR Merin-40KM, ACSR DOG-100KM & AAC WASP (ins)-200KM.
7.	Invitation for tenders Ref. No.	Pur-106/Rev/2008.
8.	Date	6/4/2008.
KEY INFORMATION		Open tendering method.
FUNDING INFORMATION		BPDB's Revenue Budget.
10.	Budget and source of funds	BPDB's Revenue Budget.
11.	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12.	Project/programme code (if applicable)	Not applicable.
13.	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Not applicable.
14.	Tender package No.	APP, Package No. 12,15,18 and Revised AAP Package No. 06 (Lot 1,2,3) (FY 2007-2008).
15.	Tender package name	Supply of ACSR Merin-40KM, ACSR DOG-100KM & AAC WASP (ins)-200KM.
16.	Tender publication date	6/4/2008.
17.	Tender selling date	13-04-2008 to 21-05-2008.
18.	Tender closing date and time	22/05/2008 at 11:00 am.
19.	Tender opening date and time	22/05/2008 at 11:30 am.
20.	Name & address of the office	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motiheel C/A, Dhaka.
Selling tender document (principal)		Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motiheel C/A, Dhaka.
Selling tender document (other)		Not applicable.
Receiving tender document		Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motiheel C/A, Dhaka.
Opening tender document		Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motiheel C/A, Dhaka.
21.	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	N/A.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
22.	Eligibility of tenderer	As per tender document.
23.	Brief description of goods or works	Supply of ACSR Merin-40KM, ACSR DOG-100KM & AAC WASP (ins)-200KM.
24.	Brief description of related services	N/A.
25.	Price of tender document (BDT)	BDT 5,000.00 (five thousand) only to be issued in favour of Director, Purchase, BPDB.
26.	Lot	Identification of lot
1	ACSR Merin-40KM	CSD BPDB, Fauzderhat
2	ACSR DOG-100KM	CSD BPDB, Fauzderhat
3	AAC WASP (ins)-200KM	CSD BPDB, Fauzderhat
27.	Validity of tender and tender security	150 (one hundred fifty) days and 178 (one hundred seventy-eight) days respectively from the date of opening of tender.
28.	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Abdur Rahman.
29.	Designation of official inviting tender	Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
30.	Address of official inviting tender	WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motiheel C/A, Dhaka.
31.	Contact details of official inviting	Tel: + 88 02 9550532, Fax: + 88 02 7126151
32.	Special instruction	Any tender received by the purchaser after the deadline for submission of tenders shall be declared late, will be rejected, and returned unopened to the tenderer. The purchaser reserves the right to accept any tender, to annul the tender process, or to reject any or all tenders, at any time prior to contract award.
This tender will be performed according to "The Public Procurement Regulations-2003".		
Biddyt/Jana-1118(4)/10-4-08		Md. Abdur Rahman
GD-1786		Director
		Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka