

Sri Lanka opens treasury bill market to foreigners

Pakistani stockbroker gets nod to trade in Lanka

Sri Lanka Wednesday approved the first Pakistani brokerage and only foreign securities dealer to trade on the Colombo Stock Exchange, the securities watchdog said Wednesday.

SKM Lanka Holdings, a unit of Pakistan's Arif Habib Securities, was granted a license to trade in equities and debt, the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka said.

Foreign brokers had previously traded on the stock market through joint ventures with local firms, but the last pulled out in early 2000. Several foreign banks deal in the secondary debt market.

Arif Habib Securities, a unit of the Arif Habib Group, is listed on the Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad Stock Exchanges. It also has operations in banking and fund management.



Rupali Chowdhury, managing director of Berger Paints (BD) Ltd, inaugurates a Berger Color Bank Outlet at Shantidham in Khulna. The outlet, M/s Padma Mahal, is one of the four outlets that have been opened in Khulna recently.

Worst of financial crisis is past: Paulson

AFP, Washington

The credit crisis that has scorched international financial markets is on the wane but more shocks are ahead, US Secretary Treasury Henry Paulson told the Wall Street Journal in an interview published Wednesday.

"The worst is likely to be behind us," Paulson told the paper, in one of the most optimistic comments by a top US finance official since a subprime mortgage losses set a domino effect in motion in mid 2007.

Paulson said it would take "some months longer" for the situation to stabilize and cautioned there would likely be further "bumps along the road."

But, he said, "there's no doubt that things feel better today, by a lot, than they did in March."

Dollar climbs in Asian trade

AFP, Tokyo

The dollar gained on the euro and the yen in Asian trade on Wednesday, supported by hopes that the worst of the recent credit crisis on Wall Street is over, dealers said.

Traders were turning their attention to interest rate decisions in the eurozone and Britain, looking for hints on the outlook for monetary policy amid worries about both economic growth and stubborn inflation.

The dollar edged up to 104.97 yen in Tokyo afternoon trade from 104.75 in the late Tuesday. The euro fell to 1.5483 dollars from 1.5530 and to 162.52 yen from 162.68.



Waheeduzzaman, managing director of Japan Garden City Ltd, and Ramakanta Bhattacharjee, director (Marketing, Sales, and IT) of HeidelbergCement Bangladesh Ltd, exchange documents after signing an agreement in Dhaka recently. Under the agreement, Japan Garden City will use ScanCement in its Tokyo Square project to build ultra modern shopping cum commercial complex.



A winner of the summer campaign, launched by Kohinoor Chemical Company (BD) Ltd recently, receives prize from Md Rezau Karim, managing director of the company, in Cox's Bazar on Friday. Senior officials of the company were also present.

Currency

Following is Wednesday's (May 07, 2008) forex trading statement by Standard Chartered Bank

Major currency exchange rates	BC Sell	TT Buy	Exchange rate of some currencies	Per USD	BDT per Currency
US dollar	69.25	68.25	Indian rupee	40.72	1.68
Euro	108.84	104.24	Pak rupee	66.00	1.04
Pound	137.85	132.70	Lankan rupee	107.80	0.64
Australian dollar	67.01	63.30	Thai baht	31.72	2.16
Japanese yen	0.68	0.65	Malaysian ringgit	3.16	21.77
Swiss franc	67.00	63.07	USD forward rate against BDT		
Swedish krona	12.30	10.80	Buy		
Canadian dollar	70.36	67.20	Sell		
Hong Kong dollar	8.90	8.74			
Singapore dollar	52.30	50.08			
AUD dollar	19.01	18.43			
Saudi riyal	18.61	18.05			
Danish kroner	15.16	14.38			
Kuwaiti dinar	256.03	250.50			

Local Market FX
Local inter-bank FX market was active on Wednesday. Liquidity improved slightly and the demand for dollar was steady. The BDT remained almost unchanged against the USD.

Shipping

Chittagong Port

Berthing position and performance of vessels as on 07/05/2008	Berth No.	Name of vessels	Cargo	L. Port	Local agent	Date of arrival	Leaving	Import Disch
J/3	Igari	C. Clink	Nant	MBL	2/5	10/5	4358	
J/4	Banglar Mookh	Sugar	Kara	BSC	5/5	12/5	1030	
J/9	Kola Ratna	Cont	Sing	PH(Bd)	6/5	8/5	607	
J/13	Pongola	Cont	Sing	MBL	6/5	8/5	477	
CCT/1	Eagle Progress	Cont	P. Kel	Everbest	4/5	8/5	-	
CCT/2	Off Freedom	Cont	P. Kel	PSSL	6/5	8/5	-	
NCT/1	Banga Bijoy	Cont	Col	Baridhi	6/5	8/5	-	
NCT/3	Banga Bonik	Idle	Col	Baridhi	R/A	9/5	-	
GSJ	Ikal	Urea(Boic)	Damm	Litmond	29/4	7/5	-	
TSP	Happy Venture	Mag. Ore	Daunt	Everitt	1/5	7/5	-	

Vessels due at outer anchorage

Name of vessels	Date of arrival	L. Port	Local agent	Type of cargo	Loading ports
Baek Sa Bong	7/5	Kaki	Dprk	Rice(G)	-
Banga Bora	7/5	P. Kel	Baridhi	Cont	Sing
Kuzmetak	7/5	Dang	Cosco	GI	-
Unify	7/5	P. Kel	Season	Cont	Sing
Yong Yue-8	8/5	P. Kel	OCSL	Cont	Sing
Cape Bonavista	7/5	P. Kel	Bdship	Cont	Sing
Markella	8/5	Col	Season	Cont	Col
Banga Bori	8/5	Col	Baridhi	Cont	Col
Reestborg	8/5	Sing	MBOL	Cont	Pip
Weids-8	8/5	Sat	Cosco	GI	-
Cheng Yun	8/5	X. Hai	Cosco	TSP	-
Cheng Pioner	9/5	Sing	CT	Cont	Sing
Madina-Ke-Chand	8/5	Kaki	Chia	Rice(G)	-
Xpresa Manaslu	8/5	Col	Season	Cont	Col
Elen S	8/5	Sing	Maxicon	Cont	Sin
Dongsheng	8/5	Sing	JF	GI(Hr.C)	-
Santa Barbara	8/5	Kant	Uniship	C. Clink	-
Royal Diamond	8/5	Mumb	Litmond	Raw Sugar	-
Sinar Banten	8/5	Sing	IPL	Cont	Sing
Sezela	10/5	-	MBOL	Cont	Sing
Banga Baraj	9/5	-	Bdship	Cont	Sing
Martha Russ	10/5	Col	MBOL	Cont	Col
Fareast Glory	10/5	Sing	MBOL	Urea	KU

Tanker due

Name of vessels	Date of arrival	L. Port	Local agent	Type of cargo	Loading ports
Tablin	7/5	Belwa	Pol	Cop-	-
Chun Feng	8/5	Indo	Rainbow	CPO	RM/3
Ar Wen	8/5	Belwa	Rainbow	CPSTR	RM/4
Smooth Sea-3	8/5	Pada	ESL	CPO	RM/3
Al Sabiyah	12/5	Kuwa	MSTPL	HSOJel A-1	-

Vessels at Kutubdia

Name of vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local agent	Date of arrival
Outside Port				
Athos	C. Clink	Sing	Saraf	30/4
Wira Keris	-	-	BSA	RJA (3/5)

Vessels at outer anchorage

Name of vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local agent	Date of arrival
Vessels ready				
Xiang Jiang	GI	Inch	Cosco	6/5
Skyros	GI(Hr.C)	Sing	Proh	6/5
Banga Bara	Cont	P. Kel	Baridhi	7/5
Sclanjin	CPO	P. Guda	MMSL	7/5
Inter Grace	GI(SLPa)	Busa	Proh	7/5
Moc Sundarban	Cont	Sing	MBOL	7/5

Vessels not ready

Name of vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local agent	Date of arrival
Titan-7	Cont	-	PML	RJA (3/4)
Preucus	Wheat	Darb	Musa	4/5
Karana Sembilan	Sugar(Bag)	Mumb	Everitt	6/5

The above are the shipping position and performance of vessels of Chittagong Port as per berthing sheet of CPA supplied by HSC Family, Dhaka.

STOCK

TRADED ISSUES May 07, 2008

TRADED STOCKS May 07, 2008																	
Company	FV/ML (Tk./No.)	Price	Turnover	Price	Turnover	Last	EPS	Div	Company	FV/ML (Tk./No.)	Price	Turnover	Price	Turnover	Last	EPS	Div
		Closing	Chg (%)	Chg (%)	Chg (%)	Chg (%)	Chg (%)	Chg (%)			Closing	Chg (%)	Chg (%)	Chg (%)	Chg (%)	Chg (%)	Chg (%)
CSE																	
BANK	1005	4307.00	0.45	2287.75	44031	4316.00	0.46	4296.75	7970	06/05/07	21.6	-	06/05/07	21.6	-	06/05/07	21.6
City Bank	1005	619.00	-0.17	523.00	3290	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
IFIC Bank	1005	2971.50	-1.94	3030.25	32264	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
Islamic Bank BD	1005	3798.75	0.08	5795.25	4552	4316.00	0.46	4296.75	7970	06/05/07	21.6	-	06/05/07	21.6	-	06/05/07	21.6
National Bank	1005	938.50	-1.16	949.50	5502	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
Padma Bank	1005	857.25	-1.55	870.75	12400	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
UCC Bank	1005	538.25	-2.42	5183.00	1599	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
Uttara Bank	1005	2907.50	-1.26	2944.50	1281	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
UDLC Finance	1005	1810.00	0.09	1780.00	3464	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
Trust Bank	1005	428.50	-0.17	429.25	14923	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
Uttara Finance	1005	778.25	-0.38	773.75	20740	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
Uttara Finance	1005	672.25	-0.42	665.25	1564	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
Uttara Finance	1005	392.25	-0.25	393.75	10343	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
Uttara Finance	1005	671.50	-0.45	668.50	18210	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
Uttara Finance	1005	358.00	-0.17	358.00	1199	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
Uttara Finance	1005	428.50	-0.17	429.25	14923	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
Uttara Finance	1005	457.75	-1.19	463.25	14328	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
Uttara Finance	1005	341.50	-0.07	341.75	17931	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
Uttara Finance	1005	281.25	-0.88	283.75	74252	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
Uttara Finance	1005	512.00	-0.82	549.50	60746	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
Uttara Finance	1005	407.50	-0.85	411.00	3850	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
Uttara Finance	1005	302.00	-0.08	302.25	19193	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
Uttara Finance	1005	400.75	-0.06	400.50	60625	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
Uttara Finance	1005	432.50	-1.89	424.25	47563	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
Uttara Finance	1005	881.50	-1.00	866.75	46240	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
Uttara Finance	1005	190.00	-1.12	192.25	11925	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
Uttara Finance	1005	257.50	-1.28	254.25	52031	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
Uttara Finance	1005	135.00	-1.20	135.00	61850	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
Uttara Finance	1005	236.75	-1.20	236.75	10250	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
Uttara Finance	1005	135.00	-1.20	135.00	61850	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
Uttara Finance	1005	1067.25	-0.31	1064.00	17329	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
Uttara Finance	1005	50.00	-0.00	50.00	299.25	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
Uttara Finance	1005	135.00	-1.20	135.00	61850	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
Uttara Finance	1005	93.10	-2.36	88.50	102520	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
Uttara Finance	1005	135.00	-1.20	135.00	61850	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
Uttara Finance	1005	135.00	-1.20	135.00	61850	1587.50	-1.08	655.50	3895	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3	-	06/05/07	30.3
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