

CORPORATE BRIEFS

FINE FOODS

The company has said the board of directors decided to apply to Central Depository Bangladesh for dematerialisation of the company's shares.

RAHIMA FOOD

The company has asked shareholders to collect their dividend warrants for 2008-09 from December 18-19 from 10am to 4pm from the company's registered office at House-7 (2nd floor), Road-14/C, Sector-4, Uttara in Dhaka.

DHAKA FISHERIES

The company will be placed in Z category from existing B category effective from Sunday, as the company did not recommend any dividend for 2008-09.

ATLAS BANGLADESH

The company has said the 25th AGM will be held at 11am on December 24 at factory premises in Tongi Industrial Area in Tongi, Gazipur.

PRIME TEXTILE

Unaudited quarterly accounts for the first quarter to September 30 show the company has made net profit of Tk 9.27 million on a turnover of Tk 318.64 million. The company's accumulated loss was Tk (41.30) million as of September 30.

DBH

The company has said cash dividend together with proportionate cash amount of the fractional bonus shares for 2008-09 has been sent to the respective banks on December 15 for crediting to shareholders accounts (mentioned in the BO account set-up).



Mohammad Obaidul Karim, director of Kohinoor Chemical Company (BD) Ltd, presides over the company's 22nd annual general meeting at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka yesterday. The company declared 40 percent cash dividend for the year 2008-2009.

Oil down in Asian trade

AFP, Singapore

Oil prices were lower in Asian trade Thursday on profit-taking after an overnight rally, boosted by a report showing stronger US energy demand, analysts said.

New York's main futures contract, light sweet crude for delivery in January, fell 23 cents to 72.43 dollars a barrel in afternoon trade. It rose 1.69 dollars at the close of US trade overnight.

Brent North Sea crude for delivery in February eased 32 cents to 73.97 dollars.

Analysts said investors were taking profits after a decline in US crude oil inventories indicated stronger demand in the world's biggest energy consuming nation, sending oil prices higher Wednesday.

The US Department of Energy (DoE) said Wednesday that distillate stockpiles sank by a heavier-than-expected 2.9 million barrels last week in the United States.

Data for distillates, which include heating oil, are being watched closely at the start of the northern hemisphere winter, during which demand for heating fuel traditionally hits a peak.



Hafiz Ahmed Mazumder MP, chairman of Pubali Bank Ltd, inaugurates the bank's 377th branch at Jalalpur in Sylhet recently. Helal Ahmed Chowdhury, managing director of the bank, is also seen.

Asian stocks lower as dollar rises

AFP, Hong Kong

Asian shares were lower on liquidity fears Thursday, with a stronger dollar triggering capital outflows as upbeat Federal Reserve comments led to speculation about a US rate hike early next year.

Hong Kong fell 1.22 percent and Seoul was 0.99 percent lower, as analysts said the rising greenback was encouraging repatriation of funds to the US.

Tokyo drifted 0.13 percent lower despite starting the day on a firmer note as a weaker yen initially lifted exporters, but negative

leads from the region later hit sentiment.

Shanghai tumbled 2.34 percent amid liquidity concerns with a glut of new shares to soon hit the market. Sydney bucked the trend to rise 0.18 percent.

Asia was given a weak lead from Wall Street as the Dow Jones Industrial Average edged 0.10 percent lower, after the Fed held the federal funds rate steady in a range of zero to 0.25 percent.

But the dollar rose to a three-month high against the euro in Asia Thursday after the US central bank noted that economic conditions had improved recently.

Correction

In the caption of Mercantile Bank Ltd, published yesterday, it was mistakenly mentioned that the 47th branch and the 18th ATM booth of the bank were inaugurated by its Chairman Md Abdul Jalil MP. Actually, Vice Chairman Golam Faruk Ahmed inaugurated the branch on Pragati Sarani and Jalil was present as chief guest. We regret the mistake.

STOCK

Market Highlights December 17, 2009

Table with 2 columns: Index and Value. Includes DSE All Share Index, DSE General Index, DSE 20 Index, CSE All Share Index, CSE 30 Index, and CSE Selected Index.

Table with 2 columns: Indicators and Value. Includes Total Turnover, Total Turnover (Volume), Number of Contract, Total Traded Issues, No. of Issue Gain, No. of Issue Loss, Market Cap, Market Cap (US\$), Price Earning Ratio, and Earning Per Share.

Turnover Leaders

Table with 4 columns: Company, Turnover (Vol.), Turnover (M.Tk.), and Big Lot Share. Lists companies like BEKMO Ltd, AS Bank, and others.

Capital Gainers/Losers

Table with 4 columns: Company, Price Chn. (%), Close Price, and Turnover M.Tk. Lists companies like Summit Alliance Port, Standard Insurance, and others.

Dividend/RD BC/ IPO

Table with 4 columns: Company, R-Day, BC Spot, Div, and Meeting Date. Lists companies like Anwar Ghalib, Alpha Tobacco, and others.

IPO SUBSCRIPTION DATE

Table with 4 columns: Company, FV/ML, Sub Val, From, and To NRB. Lists companies like Dhik Ins, PB Ltd, and others.

News from Trade Servers

Table with 4 columns: Company, R-Day, BC Spot, Div, and Meeting Date. Lists companies like Anwar Ghalib, Alpha Tobacco, and others.

COMPANY CDBL MARK CAPITAL MARKET FACE VALUE MARKET LOT EPS BV LATEST DIVIDEND YEAR END DSE/CSE: Closing % Change % Last Day Average % High % Low % Trade Volume (Share)

Main stock market table with multiple columns for company names, market data, and financial metrics. Includes sections for BANK, ENGINEERING, FUEL & POWER, PHARMACEUTICAL & CHEMICAL, MISCELLANEOUS, LIFE INSURANCE, and TELECOM.

Source: Capital Gainer/Loser tables are prepared on the basis of the close price change of the traded issues. EPS=Earning per Share, BV=Book Value per Share. % indicates CDBL Limited. Company is mentioned beside company name after CDBL mark. Figures are mentioned in the table. These figures could not be compared with other industry's figures.