

CORPORATE BRIEFS

PREMIER BANK

The board of directors has recommended 30 percent stock dividend (30 bonus shares for every 100 shares) for 2009. The AGM meeting will be held on March 3 (at 11:30am).

An EGM will also be held to change the denomination of shares of the bank from Tk 100 to Tk 10 and determine the market lot of shares from 50 to 250 shares per lot.

The EGM will also be held on March 3 (at 11am). The record date for the EGM and AGM is March 1.

The bank has also declared NAV per share of Tk 187.51, EPS of Tk 48.54 and net operating cash flow per share of Tk 26.27 for the year to December 31, 2009 against Tk 138.97, Tk 29.02 and Tk 21.55 respectively as of December 31, 2008.

GLAXOSMITHKLINE

The company has recommended 160 percent cash dividend for 2009. The AGM

will be held on April 22 (at 11am) at Hotel Agrabad in Chittagong. The record date is March 9.

The company has also announced NAV per share of Tk 96.61, EPS of Tk 26.88 and net operating cash flow per share of Tk 37.68 as of December 31, 2009.

EASTERN BANK

The bank has recommended 20 percent cash dividend and 17 percent stock dividend (17 bonus shares against existing 100 shares) for 2009.

The AGM will be held on March 30 (at 10:30am) at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka. The record date is March 1.

The bank has also disclosed NAV per share of Tk 337.65, EPS of Tk 58.53 and net operating cash flow per share of Tk (69.88) as of December 31, 2009.



Rokia Afzal Rahman, chairperson of MIDAS Financing Ltd, cuts a tape to inaugurate the company's booth office in Chandpur recently. Shafique-ul-Azam, managing director (current charge), was also present.

Oil strengthens

AFP, Singapore

Oil prices extended gains Wednesday on a weaker US dollar and strengthening stock markets as fears of contagion from Greece's debt crisis eased.

New York's main futures contract, light sweet crude for delivery in March, rose 34 cents in afternoon trade to 77.35 dollars a barrel.

Brent North Sea crude for April delivery was up 22 cents to 75.90 dollars.

Prices surged overnight "due to the weakening of the US dollar versus the euro and the strengthening of equity markets", said Victor Shum, an analyst with Purvin and Gertz international energy consultants in Singapore.

Currency

Wednesday's forex statement by Standard Chartered Bank

Table with columns: Major currency exchange rates (BC Sell, TT Buy), Exchange rate of some currencies (Per USD, BDT per Currency), and USD forward rate against BDT (Buy, Sell).

All currencies are quoted against BDT. * Rates may vary based on nature of transaction.

Local Market FX

The local market traded actively yesterday. USD/BDT rates were stable yesterday.

Money Market

Money market rates traded in the range of 3.5-4.5. Most deals traded around 4.0%. The market was liquid.



Khaled Yusuf Farazi, chief executive officer of BRAC EPL Investments Ltd, and Farman R Chowdhury, managing director of One Bank Ltd, sign an agreement in Dhaka recently. One Bank will provide a short-term loan of Tk 400 million to the company for its expansion.

Shipping

Chittagong Port

Table showing Berth No., Name of vessels, Cargo call, L. Port, Local agent, Date of arrival, Leaving, and Import/Export status.

Vessels at Kutubdia

Table showing Name of vessels, Cargo call, Last Port, Local agent, and Date of arrival.

Vessels at outer anchorage

Table showing Name of vessels, Cargo call, Last Port, Local agent, and Date of arrival.

Vessels not ready

Table showing Name of vessels, Cargo call, Last Port, Local agent, and Date of arrival.

Vessels awaiting employment / instruction

Table showing Name of vessels, Cargo call, Last Port, Local agent, and Date of arrival.

Vessels not entering

Table showing Name of vessels, Cargo call, Last Port, Local agent, and Date of arrival.

STOCK

Market Highlights February 17, 2010

Table with columns: DSE All Share Index, DSE General Index, DSE - 20 Index, CSE All Share Index, CSE - 30 Index, CSE Selected Index, and various indicators like Total Turnover, Number of Contract, etc.

Turnover Leaders

Table with columns: Company, Turnover (Vol.), (M.Tk.), (% T) Share.

Capital Gainers/Losers

Table with columns: Company, Price Chn. (%), Close, Turnover, M.Tk.

Dividend/RD BC/IPO

Table with columns: Company, R.Day, BC, Spot, Div, Meeting Date.

News from Trade Servers

New Listing: Dhaka Insurance Limited: As per decision of the Board of Directors of DSE, trading of the shares of Dhaka Insurance Limited is suspended from February 18, 2010 under 'N' category. DSE Trading Code for Dhaka Insurance Limited is 'DHAKAINS' and DSE company code is 25744.

COMPANY CDBL MARK CATEGORY MARK FACE VALUE/MARKET LOT [EPS] [BV] [Latest Dividend - Year/End]

Large table listing various companies with their CDBL Mark, Category Mark, Face Value, Market Lot, EPS, BV, and Latest Dividend.

TRADED ISSUES FEBRUARY 17, 2010

Table listing traded issues for various companies including BEACH, FUEL & POWER, ENGINEERING, JUTE, TEXTILE, FOOD & ALLIED, PAPER & PACKAGING, SERVICE, LEATHER, CERAMIC, and MISCELLANEOUS.

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SOURCE: Capital Gainer/Losers table is prepared on the basis of the close price change of the traded issues. EPS-Earnings Per Share, BV-Book Value per Share, ** indicates CDBL Listed, Category is mentioned beside company name after CDBL mark. All EPS & BV are divested/invested (in applicable cases). Year end is mentioned beside the declared dividend figure which may not related to the year end of EPS & BV. EPS & BV would be updated after getting the audited annual report of that financial year. EPS/BV of Life Insurance was calculated by special indicators which is approximate to that of companies under the insurance industry. These figures could not be compared with other industry's figures.