

CORPORATE BRIEFS

PRIME FINANCE & INVESTMENT

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ASIA PACIFIC GENERAL INSURANCE

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POPULAR LIFE INSURANCE

The company said it decided to purchase a land measuring 1 (one) acre and 15.54 decimals at Badda, Dhaka at a cost of Tk 78.56 crore.

NCC BANK

Trading of the bank's shares will remain suspended on the record date, March 16 for entitlement of rights shares.

SINOBANGLA INDUSTRIES

The trading of the shares of the company resume on March 16 after a record date.

ANWAR GALVANISING

Trading of the company's shares will remain suspended on March 16, as book closure starts on March 18.



MA Khaleque, chairman of Forest Finance and Investment Ltd, presides over the company's ninth annual general meeting in Dhaka recently. The company declared 60 percent stock dividend in the form of bonus shares for 2009.

Oil sags

AFP, London

World oil prices weakened on Monday as traders turned their attention towards this week's crucial output meeting of the Opec oil cartel.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for April delivery, fell 34 cents to 80.90 dollars a barrel.

London's Brent North Sea crude for April retreated 41 cents to 78.98 dollars per barrel.

"Macroeconomic data is relatively scarce this week and we expect renewed focus on fundamentals (of supply and demand), also with Opec's scheduled meeting on Wednesday," said VTB Capital analyst Andrey Kryuchenko.

Currency

Monday's forex statement by Standard Chartered Bank

Table with columns: Major currency exchange rates, Exchange rate of some currencies, Per USD, BDT per Currency. Includes US dollar, Euro, Pound, Australian dollar, Japanese yen, Swiss franc, Swedish krona, Canadian dollar, Hong Kong dollar, Singapore dollar, UAE dirham, Saudi riyal, Danish kroner, Kuwaiti dinar.

Local Market FX

The local market traded actively yesterday. USD/BDT rates were stable and the market was liquid.

Money Market

Money market rates traded in the range of 2.75-3.00. Most deals traded around 2.75%. The market was liquid.

International Market

The euro slipped on Monday on concerns that any potential financial aid package for Greece would not be enough to ease overall sovereign debt concerns within the euro zone.

Shipping

Chittagong Port

Table: Berthing position and performance of vessels as on 15/3/2010. Columns: Berth No., Name of vessels, Cargo call, L Port, Local agent, Date of arrival, Leaving, Import disch.

Vessels not ready

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Vessels awaiting employment / instruction

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AKM Abdur Rauf Manik, mayor of Rangpur Municipality, inaugurates a branch of MTB Securities, the stock brokerage arm of Mutual Trust Bank Ltd, in the district town recently. Anis A Khan, managing director and chief executive officer of the bank, is also seen.

STOCK

Market Highlights March 15, 2010

Table: Market Highlights. Includes DSE All Share Index, DSE General Index, DSE-20 Index, CSE All Share Index, CSE-20 Index, CSE Selected Index.

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Company Gainers/Losers

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Dividend/RD BC/IPO

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On the Basis of Closing Operation

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News from Trade Sectors

Recommendation of Dividend of BATBC: British American Tobacco Bangladesh Ltd has recommended 300% cash dividend (i.e. 30 per ordinary share of Tk 10 each) for the year 2009. AGM will be held on April 20 at 10.30 am at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, Dhaka. Record date is on 28 March 2010. Net Profit after Tax of Tk 2,068.57m & EPS of Tk 34.48 for the year ended 31 December 09.

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Large table listing various companies with their market data, including DSE/CESE Closing, % Change, Last Day, Average, High/Low, Trade Volume, Share.

TRADED ISSUES March 15, 2010

Table listing traded issues with columns: Company, R Day, BC Spot, Div, Meeting Date, Price Chn. (%), Close, Turnover.

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S/Note: Capital Gain / Loss Percentages will be updated 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 diluted/restated (in applicable cases). Year end is mentioned beside the declared dividend figure which may not be related to the end of EPS & BV. EPS & BV will be prepared after getting the audited annual report of that financial year. EPS/BV of Life Insurance was calculated by special formulae which is appropriate just to compare those figures among the companies under the same category. These figures could not be compared with other industry's figures.