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**SAFE announces the holding of South Asian Capital Market Conference 2010**

Islamabad: South Asian Federation of Exchanges (SAFE) is holding the third edition of its flagship Conferences titled “South Asian Capital Markets Conference-2010” at Hotel Maritime, Mauritius from April 23-24, 2010. The conference is being jointly organized by SAFE with the support of the Global Board of Trade (GBOT), Mauritius, MCX-SX-India’s new stock exchange, the Stock Exchange of Mauritius Limited and with our Knowledge Partners; Financial Technologies Knowledge Management Company (FTKMC).

SAFE conference is being held in the perspective of growing international recognition of South Asia and adjoining countries as a region of rapid growth and development. The rapid growth of economy and finance in India, the potential of consistent development in Pakistan, the economic dividend that Sri Lanka is likely to experience in the wake of its recent victory against the separatists, the inclusive growth approach of Bangladesh, and the emerging prospects for developments in economies like Nepal, Maldives and Bhutan; make the South Asian region a great prospect and promise for international investing community. The South Asian region attracted nearly US\$20bn in portfolio flows into stock markets, making it one of the most favored destinations in the emerging markets. With global and domestic policy working towards greater harmony and stability in the region, South Asia is expected to have an accelerated growth of financial markets and also engage a larger percent of the population in the financial market activity.

It is in this background that the third South Asian Capital Markets Conference is being designed with the theme ‘Expanding Asset Classes: South Asia’. The conference is expected to be attended by a galaxy of CEOs and heads of various corporates, banks, and financial institutions in South Asia and other regions, with technical sessions engaging in cutting-edge discussions on critical aspects of deepening of the South Asian Financial Markets. Further details about the Conference can be accessed through the conference web link: <http://www.safe-asia.com/conference2010.php>.

SAFE is an initiative towards regional and global integration of the regional Capital Markets. It’s a nonprofit association fashioned under the umbrella of SAARC to endorse the growth of securities market in the region. The existence

of SAFE is truly a milestone towards an integrated and amalgamated South Asian securities market with a common objective of development and affluence of the capital markets' stakeholders in and outside the region.

A fusion of 25 members from 8 South Asian countries, Mauritius and UAE, SAFE is an emblem of South Asian Exchanges to the rest of the world, in a broader sphere to promote South Asia as the next most preferred investment destination for the world. SAFE is a major regional forum of the capital markets in the fast growing South Asian region functioning for cooperation and regional market's development. The permanent Secretariat of SAFE is located at Islamabad, Pakistan. The Secretariat activities are being handled and managed by Mr. Aftab Ahmad Chaudhry, the Secretary General SAFE and Ms. Farin Khan, Deputy Secretary General.

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