REMOVAL OF DIFFICULTY ORDER

In exercise of the powers conferred under section 58 of the Competition Ordinance 2007 (the "**Ordinance**"), the following order is made by the Commission.

WHEREAS section 38 empowers the Commission to direct any undertaking, or any director, officer or employee of an undertaking, to pay by way of penalty such sum as may be specified in the order.

WHEREAS the rates of the penalties applicable in respect of contraventions under subsection (1) of section 38, have been provided in sub-section (2) of section 38, which duly covers the contraventions envisaged under clauses (a), (b) and (c) of sub-section 1 of section 38.

WHEREAS under sub-section (2) of section 38, the rates of penalties in respect of contraventions envisaged under clauses (d) and (e) of sub-section (1) of section 38, have not been specified.

For the purpose of removing the difficulty and to give effect to the provisions of clauses (d) and (e) of sub-section (1) of section 38, it, therefore, appears necessary to the Commission to make this general order, whereby it is clarified that the rate of penalty applicable to violations in respect of clauses (d) and (e) of sub-section (1) of section 38, shall be the same as provided under clause (c) of sub-section (2) of section 38.

-Sd- -Sd- -Sd
(Khalid Aziz Mirza) (Abdul Ghaffar) (Rahat Kaunain Hassan)
Chairman Member Member