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CCP Member Mergers & Acquisitions Ms. Bushra Naz tions took place include automo-Malik while talking to Business tive, household products, food, Recorder said that after the sugar, oil, power, freight, LNG, COVID-19 pandemic, the CCP insurance, agriculture, coal minextended full facilitation to local ing, logistics, pharmaceutical, and foreign investors through an chemicals, petroleum, healthonline Mergers & Acquisitions care, leasing, plastic, textile, hos-Application Filing System. "Our pitality, financial services, digital aim is to facilitate the local and payments, mobile phone, invest- notices, and passed 15 orders. foreign investors in filing merger ment, IT - Hardware, wind An important enquiry was con-

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An Online Merger and Acquisition Application filing system was launched to facilitate the local and foreign investors in filing merger applications online. Furthermore, to ensure health and safety of the respondents amid COVID-19, the parties have been allowed to respond to the show-cause notices issued to them in the hearings using video conferencing and other online tools. An online application for granting exemptions has also been prepared and will be launched soon.

The CCP issued a Policy Note to the Securities & Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) asking for an immediate reinstatement of the cost audit of companies (particularly, Cement, Sugar, Vegetable Ghee/Cooking Oil, Fertilizer, and Wheat flour companies), so that credible and verified cost information is available to assist in factual (rather than speculative) policy making

In order to curb the bid rigging in tenders and public procurements, the CCP has prepared an in-house IT-based Bid Rigging Analysis and Detection (BRAD) system to help detect signs of collusion in the bidding process

On the legal front, the Islamabad and Lahore High Courts have resumed hearings in the cases wherein the CCP's constitutionality has been challenged by the undertakings. The government, through the Attorney General of Pakistan, has been extending full support to the CCP in resolving the pending issues.-SOHAIL SARFRAZ



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Regulator approves 59 M&A applications

By Our Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) processed and granted approval to 59 merger and acquisition (M&A) applications in the last fiscal year 2019-20 to facilitate local and foreign investors despite the limitations caused by Covid-19 pandemic.

Out of the total 59 M&A approvals, 51 were acquisitions, five were mergers and three were joint venture applications.

Major sectors where these M&A took place include automotive, household products, food, sugar, oil, power, freight, LNG, insurance, agriculture, coal mining, logistics, pharmaceutical, chemicals, petroleum, healthcare, leasing, plastic, textile, hospitality, financial services, digital payments, mobile phone, investment, IT, hardware, wind power, and microfinance banking.

During the previous fiscal year, the CCP complete 14 enquiries, issued 78 show cause notices, and passed 15 orders. One of the enquiries pertained to the matter of alleged bid rigging in the tenders issued by power distribution companies for the procurement of line hardware material. As there seems to be no letup in the difficulties posed by Covid-19, parties have been allowed to respond to the show-cause notices issued to them in the hearings using video conferencing and other online tools.



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CCP grants 59 acquisition, merger, JVs applications against annual target of 50

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The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has processed and granted approval to 59 merger & acquisition applications against the annual target of 50 in the fiscal year 2019-20. Out of the total 59 approvals, 51 were Acquisitions, 5 Mergers and 3 Joint Ventures applications. The major sectors where these mergers and acquisitions took place include automotive, household products, food, sugar, oil, power, freight, LNG, insurance, agriculture, coal mining, logistics, pharmaceutical, chemicals, petroleum, healthcare, leasing, plastic, textile, hospitality, financial services, digital payments, mobile phone, investment, IT - Hardware, wind power, and microfinance banking. Moreover, the CCP also processed and granted Exemptions to 43 undertakings under the Section 5 of Competition Act, 2010. CCP grants exemptions to notified agreements be-

tween companies from the prohibition of Section 4 of the Competition Act, on the basis of an individual assessment. Restrictive agreements qualify for exemption if their benefits to general welfare (product improvement, technical or economic progress, benefits to consumer) outweigh their restrictive effects on competition.

During the outgoing fiscal year, the CCP complete 14 enquiries, issued 78 Show cause notices, and passed 15 orders. An important enquiry was concluded In the matter of alleged bid rigging in the tenders issued by Power Distribution companies for the procurement of Line Hardware material. Similarly, the CCP issued hearing notices to 39 sugar mills in the matter of show cause notices issued to the Pakistan Sugar Mills Association and its member sugar mills in 2009 for cartelization. These sugar mills had not challenged the CCP's show cause notices, but legal action had not been started against



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CCP achieves major milestones

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سی سی پی نے 59 کمپنیوں کے انضام کی منظوری دیدی مالی سال کے دوران تی تی کی 14 انگوائزیاں مکمل، 78 کوشوکازنوٹس اسلام آباد(ارشاد انصاری ے) مسابقتی | کارکردگی کو ظاہر کرتا ہے اور مجموعی طور پر میش آف یا کستان (ی ی یی) نے مالی 59 درخواستوں میں ے 1 51 یکووزیش، 5مرجر سال2019-2019 میں 50 کے سالانہ بدف کے اور 3جوائن وینچر کی درخواستیں تھیں، سی سی کی کے مقابله مي 59 مرجراورا يكووزيش كى درخواستول ير مطابق جن بز يشعبول مي مرجراورا يكودزيش كى منطوری دیدی بیجوی می کی مقامی ادر غیر ملکی سرماییه مصفوری دی گئی، ان میں آثو موثو، فوڈ، چینی، تیل، بجلی، کارول کوسہولت فراہم کرنے کے حوالے ہے بہتر | فریث، ایل این جی، انشورنس، (یاتی صفحہ 7 نمبر2) 000 زراعت ، کوئلے کی کان ، لاجیتک ، فارما سيونكل، يميكل، پيروليم، ليزنگ، يلاسل، ديجيٽل ادائيگيال،موبائل فون،سرمايدكارى، آئى تى، مارد ديىز، ونذيادر، مائيكرو فنانس بليكيك ادر ثيكساكل سيشر شامل ہیں مزید برآب، ی تی اے مشن ایک 2010 کے سیشن 5کے تحت 3 4 کاروباری اداروں کو بھی شنز کی منظوری دیدی ہے تی تی لی نے انفرادی فیص کی بنیاد بر کمیش ایک کے سیکشن 4 کی ممانعت کے زمرے میں کمپنیوں کے مابین نوٹیفائیڈ معاہدوں کی مدمیں ایگزیمشنز دیں، پچھلے مالی سال کے دوران ، تی سى يى فى 14 انكوائريال ممل كى ، 78 كوشوكاز نوش جاری کیا گیااور15 آرڈرزیاس کیے۔



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سریت، این بی ، اسور ن ، را عن ، و ی ک ن بن بست ، فار ماسیوریک ، کیمیک ، پیرولیم ، لیزنگ ، پلاست ، ذیجیل ادائیگیال ، موبائل فون ، سرمایه کاری ، آئی ٹی - بارڈ ویتر ، ونڈ پاور ، مائیکروفنانس بینکنگ اور شیکشائل سیکر شام بی - مزید برآل ، ی ی پی نے کمشن ایک 200 کے سیکشن 5 کے تحت 4 کاردباری ادارد کو بھی ایکر سینز کی منظوری دی - ی ی نے انفرادی شخیص کی بنیاد پر کمیشن ایک سیکشن 4 کی ممانعت کے زمر ے میں کمپنیوں کے مایین نوٹیفائیڈ معاہدوں کی مدیش ایگز سیشنز دیں-



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ى ى يى نالى ال كدوران 59 اسلام آباد(آن لائن) ميثيثن ميش آف إكتان (ى ى في) 1 مال مال 2019-20 ي 50 2 سالاند بدف (باتى متى 4 بقير تبر 9) منظوري مرجر ادر ایکووزیش کی کے مقابلہ یں 59 در شواستول پر مظلوری دی سے ، جم سی سی کی کی مقامی اور غیر ملکی سر مایه کاروں کو پولت قرابهم کرتے 291 في بيتركاركردكى كوظام كرتا ب- كل 59 درخواستول ش = 51 ا يكووزيش 5 مرجرادر 3 جوائحت وينجركى درخوا يتي تعيس. جن ير ي معضوري م جرادرا يكودزيش كمعضوري دى كى ان ئىر آ ئومۇن فونى تىچى بىلى يىكى بىر ب ، الل اين چي، انشورنس، زراعت، کو تلے کی کان، لاجتلب، فارماسيونكل، تيميك، پيثروليم، ليزيك ، ملاستک، في يجيش اداع كمال، مومال قون ، سرمايه كارى ، آتى تى - مارژ ديتر ، دىثر بادر ، مائيكرد فناكس فيكسائل سيطرشام بن ... مزيد برآن. ينكنك ش ایک 2010 کے تیشن 5 کے 1515 تحت 43 کاروباری اداروں کو بھی ایگزیمشنز کی یی نے انفرادی شخیص کی بنیاد متقورى دى .. ىى ن ایک کے سیکٹن 4 کی ممانیت کے زمرے کمیتیوں کے ماہین تو ٹیغائیڈ معاہدوں کی مد میں ایگزیمطنز دی۔



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سی پی ،59 انضام اورا یکووزیشن کی درخواستوں کی منغ مقامي اورغيرملك سرمايه كاردب كوسهولت فراجهم كريه 59 میں ہے 51 ایکووزیشن، 5 انضام اور 3 جوائنٹ دینچر کی درخواستیں تھیں کرا چی (کامرس ر بورز) سابقتی کمیشن یا کستان ابنیاد پر کمیشن ایک بے سیشن 4 کی ممانعت (ى ى لى) ن الى سال 2019-2019 ش كمنيون ك المن توثيقا تيد سايدن ك کے سالانہ بدف کے مقابلہ میں 59 انعام اور میں ایجز مشودی - بچھلے مال سال کے دوران ، ی ی ا يكووزيش كى درخواستول يرمنظورى دى ب جوى ي في في 14 اكوائريال عمل كيس ، 78 كوشوكاز توش ک مقامی اور فیر بھی سرمان کاروں کو ہولت فراہم کرنے جاری کیا گیا اور 15 آردرزیا س کے۔ <u>کے حوالے سے بہتر کارکرد کی کوظاہر کرتا ہے۔ مجمول 59</u> ورخواستول من =15 ا يكووزيش ،5 العمام اور 3 جوائلت ويثجركي درخواشل تعيس -جن بزي مشعبول ش انهام اور ایکووزیش کی منظوری دی می ، ان ش آ تومونيو، فوذ، تيني، تيل، بكلي ، فريد، الل اين جي، انشورلس ، زراحت ، كولي كى كان ، لاجتل ، قارما سيونكل ، كيميك ، يشرديم ، ليزنك ، طامنك ، ذيجيل اداتان ،موباك قون ،مرمان كارى ،آتى فى - بارد وير ، وفد إدر الجروفالى بيكتك اور فكساك يكرشال إل مريد مآل می می فی نے کیشن ا کرنے 2010 کے الميش 5 2 تحت 3 4 كارد ارى ادارول كو بحى ا گر به مندر کامنظوری دی ، ی ای نے انفرادی تشخیص کی