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PACRA MAINTAINS ENTITY RATINGS OF PAK IRAN JOINT INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED

The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency (PACRA) has maintained the long-term and short-term entity ratings of ‘AA-’ (Double A Minus) and ‘A1+’ (A One Plus), respectively, assigned to Pak Iran Joint Investment Company Limited (PIJC). These ratings denote a very low expectation of credit risk emanating from a very high capacity for timely payment of financial commitments.

The ratings reflect the joint ownership of PIJC by the governments of Pakistan and Iran, implying strong support to the company. Furthermore, the ratings take into account the strong risk absorption capacity emanating from a robust equity base and strong liquidity. While operating in an increasingly competitive environment, the management’s success in being able to capitalize on its identified niche, project financing, and developing diversified revenue streams through strategic investments remains to be seen.

The company: Pak-Iran Joint Investment Company Limited was established in January 2007, and commenced operations on May 29, 2007 as a Development Finance Institution (DFI). It is a joint venture investment company that is equally owned by the Governments of Islamic Republic of Pakistan through the Ministry of Finance (MoF) and the Islamic Republic of Iran through Iran Foreign Investment Company (IFIC), respectively. The objective of the company is to promote economic development, while facilitating investments from Iran to Pakistan.

According to the Joint Venture Agreement, both the partners would have equal representation on the six-member Board. Mr. Ahmad Jamali, the Chairman of the Board, is currently Director General for the General Directorate for Foreign Investments, Iran. Mr. Aizaz Sarfraz, the Managing Director and CEO of PIJC, an MBA, possesses experience in the financial sector in Pakistan and abroad and is assisted by a team of experienced professionals.

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