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Kazakhstan Stock Exchange Again Reduces Commission Fees Rate on the Corporate Securities Market

By the decision of Kazakhstan Stock Exchange Council (KASE) of October 31, 2007, from **January 1, 2008** the KASE commission fee rate on the "market" deal of selling-purchasing of listed securities (excluding securities included into the sold through KASE state blocks) reduces **from 0.015 % to 0.01 %** from the amount of deal of each its party.

The reduction of KASE commission fees rate on the "market" deals in listed securities became **the fifth** from mid 2004. Beginning August 1, 2004, this rate has been reduced from 0.05 % to 0.04 % (**by 20 %**), beginning January 1, 2005 – up to 0.03 % (**by 25 %**), beginning November 1, 2005 – up to 0.02 % (**by 33,3 %**), beginning March 1, 2006 – up to 0.,015 % (**by 25 %**). Thus, from the beginning of 2008 in comparison with 2004 this rate was reduced **by 5 times**.

The phased reduction of KASE commission fees rate, which before August 2007 was non-commercial organization, was used as the incentive for activation of KASE members trading activity. During 2004-2007, the exchange turnover on the corporate securities market has been continuously and rapidly increasing. In 2005 it increased relative to the pervious year by one and a half times, in 2006 (relative to 2005) – by 2.5 times, in 2007 relative to 2006 according to preliminary data – by 1.86 times.

Such positive dynamics allowed and so far allows KASE the stimulation of the stock market participants' activity through reduction of costs of their overhead expenses when trading in shares and corporate bonds on the organized market of Kazakhstan.

The updated text of the KASE internal document "Regulations on membership fees and Exchange dues" is published on the KASE website at: <http://www.kase.kz/geninfo/normbase/tariff.pdf>

The mentioned Exchange Council decision is not applied to deals with listed securities concluded on physical persons accounts, which are covered by separate KASE preferences system.