

DGCX emerges as the region's 1st Exchange to secure prestigious Information Security Certification

- Exchange awarded the significant ISO/IEC 27001:2005
- Recognition of information asset protection reflects DGCX's commitment to providing a secure trading platform to members and market users

Dubai, November 16, 2007: Dubai Gold and Commodities Exchange (DGCX), the Middle East's premier commodities derivatives market, has been awarded the prestigious ISO/IEC 27001:2005 certification, a stringent standard for the management of information security and the protection of information assets.

The certification awarded to DGCX is a regional first for an exchange organization and signals a significant milestone in Dubai's progress as a global financial hub. With this, members, market users and associates of the Exchange are now further assured of a secure and reliable trading environment.

Commenting on the occasion, Ahmed Bin Sulayem, Chairman, DGCX, said, "Awarded by BSI Management Systems, the certification is further evidence of the Exchange's commitment to offering market users a secure and technologically advanced trading environment."

"The certification will go a long way in enhancing the trust and confidence of market users in the DGCX trading platform, which has witnessed remarkable growth right from its inception, both in terms of volumes traded as well as revenue," Bin Sulayem noted. "Moreover, globally too, this information security management system standard has been certified for only a few select exchanges," he added.

The certification comes at a time when DGCX is expanding its portfolio by introducing innovative products. In October, the DGCX Steel Rebar Futures Contract commenced trading as the world's first internationally accessible exchange-traded instrument that provides coverage of physical steel. Earlier in June, the DGCX Indian Rupee FX contract was launched - the first time in the world that an Indian rupee currency contract was traded on an organized exchange.

The ISO/IEC 27001:2005 award certifies that DGCX identifies and reduces critical security risks of its information assets and has in place the most demanding mechanisms to ensure that those assets are protected. As a technology-driven organization with information as its most crucial asset, DGCX implements best international practices to safeguard that asset.

Security policy, compliance and organization of assets are some of the topics contained in the Information Security Management System (ISMS) standard, which sets out the requirements for a certified organization such as DGCX. This helps the Exchange identify, manage and minimize the range of threats to which information is regularly subjected. The purpose of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) is to develop standards that support and facilitate international trade, while the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) sets standards for all types of electrotechnologies.

About DGCX: Dubai Gold and Commodities Exchange (DGCX) is a fully automated, online commodities exchange. Strategically located in Dubai, the Exchange is the first international commodities derivatives marketplace in the time zone between Europe and the Far East.

DGCX is an initiative of the Dubai Multi Commodities Centre (DMCC), Government of Dubai, the majority shareholder, Financial Technologies (India) Limited and Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX).