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FAKE BO ACCOUNTS

Three merchant banks blacklisted

1,53,000 shares of Grameen Mutual blocked

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has blacklisted three merchant banks for their alleged involvement in applying for primary shares through fake beneficiary owners' accounts.

The SEC is now conducting an investigation against the merchant banks-- Bangladesh Mutual Securities Limited, Capital Market Services Limited and Raspit Securities and Management Limited.

The SEC primarily found the three merchant bankers guilty of submitting applications through fake BO accounts for primary shares of Meghna Life Insurance Company Limited a few days ago.

The SEC also directed to the Asset and Investment Management Services (AIMS) Bangladesh Limited to block allocation of the share units of 'Grameen One' in favour of the three merchant banks.

Following the SEC directive, the AIMS has blocked a total of 1,53,000 unit of shares against 306 applica-

tions allotted to the portfolio account holders of the three merchant banks.

Expressing dissatisfaction, AIMS Bangladesh Managing Director Yawar Syeed said it will hamper the overall activities of the Grameen One.

He said the SEC could have issued the directive before conducting the lottery held on August 21.

Grameen One, the first scheme of Grameen Mutual Fund One, raised worth Tk 5 crore, through public offer for 50 lakh units of Tk 10 each.

GMF UNIT DISTRIBUTION SEC bars three merchant banks

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THE Securities and Exchange Commission has barred distribution of allotted units of Grameen Mutual Fund from the omnibus accounts of three merchant banks.

The units, allotted to the portfolio account holders, should be kept in the suspense account of the Fund opened with CDBL and deposited into the concerned allottees' beneficiary owners accounts only, the regulatory body said in its directive issued on Monday.

The merchant banks are : Bangladesh Mutual Securities Ltd, Capital Market Service Ltd and Raspit Securities and Management Ltd. 'We have taken the decision for greater interest of the shareholders,' said a senior official of the SEC.

'The units allotted to the portfolio accountholders, who have

applied through these merchant banks, will receive their units usually,' he added.

The lottery of Grameen Mutual Fund primary shares has already been held, and the asset management company, AIMS of Bangladesh, is ready to distribute shares to the allotted and reimburse funds, those who have not won in the lottery.

Following the SEC directive, those who have applied through these merchant banks and won the lottery, will not be able to avail of the allotment letters immediately.

'Their shares will be kept in suspense accounts, till the SEC completes investigation,' said the managing director and chief executive of AIMS, Yawar Sayeed.

'The investors need not to be worried, as their shares will be deposited into their own BO accounts,' he added.

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