

Press Announcement

The new CRA fee schedule lowers costs in the stock market

CRA reduces post-trade costs for the benefit of market participants and investors to reflect its public utility function in order to support the growth of the capital market.

CRA's new service fee schedule will take effect by 1 June 2011. Pursuant to our application to the Capital Markets Board, the new fee schedule significantly reduces or changes fees for CRA's main services such as the custody fees for stock holdings.

The changes on the fee schedule incorporate the internationally accepted principles that are set out in the European Code of Conduct for Clearing and Settlement such as service unbundling and prevention of cross-subsidization between depository services. Complying with these principles will ultimately improve the integration capabilities of the Turkish capital market and its competitive capacity.

CRA's new fee schedule includes the following changes mainly in respect of post-trade cost reduction in our stock market:

- New custody fees are based on market values of securities except for debt instruments and non-floating stocks. Annual rates are also reduced.
- In capital increases through rights issues the amount of capital increased is assessed as the fee basis. Service fees for rights issues will also be based on market values of on-exchange traded securities.
- CRA services that were provided free of any charges will be subject to fees to prevent 'cross-subsidization' between depository services.

CRA intends to further reduce post-trade costs for the benefit of capital market participants and investors to reflect its aim to provide central securities depository services in accordance with the regulations with a minimum cost.

On account of the costs of the foregoing projects such as the "e-Governance: Corporate Governance and Investor Relations" portal that will transform CRA's business model and enable it to provide new value-added services to market participants we believe that our efforts to bring down our service fees carry particular significance.

In this context, by making assessments on our service fee schedule annually every October, CRA deems the growth of our capital markets, introduction of new market instruments, new IPOs and securities issues not as opportunities to increase its profits but as opportunities to lower the post-trade costs for market participants to foster the growth of our markets.

Best regards,