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State Bank issues LOA to Ibrahim Group

The State Bank of Pakistan has issued the Letter of Acceptance (LOA) to Consortium of Ibrahim Leasing Limited and Ibrahim Group, who have made the highest bid of Rs 14.2 billion for acquisition of 325 million additional shares of Allied Bank of Pakistan Limited (ABL).

The Deputy Governor, State Bank of Pakistan, Mr. Tawfiq A. Husain handed over the LOA to Mr. Mohammad Naeem Mukhtar, Authorized Attorney of the Consortium at a simple ceremony held at SBP, Karachi today.

In terms of the LOA, the full payment of Rs 14.2 billion has to be made within thirty days. On receipt of full payment by Allied Bank of Pakistan Limited, the management of the bank will be handed over to Consortium of Ibrahim Leasing limited and Ibrahim Group.

It may be recalled that the scheme for re-construction of ABL, under section 47 of the Banking Companies Ordinance, 1962, was approved by the Federal Government on 24th July, 2004. The bidding for additional shares of ABL was held at State Bank of Pakistan, Islamabad on 23rd July, 2004.