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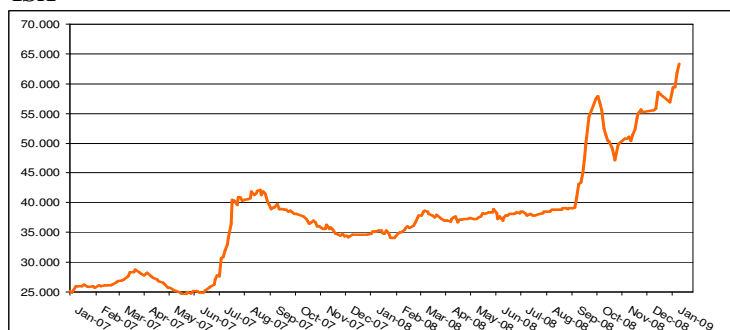
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Iraq Stock Exchange Weekly News

January 17th 2009

Weekly Value Traded			ID 2,639,344,000
Close	Wk. % chg	YTD % Chg	12-month % Chg
63.337	6.54%	8.53%	68.85%

ISX



The ISX Performance for the year

BEST PERFORMERS	Price (ID)	% Chg	WORST PERFORMERS	Price (ID)	% Chg
Tourist Village of Mosul Dam	40.000	33.3%	Modern for Animal Agricultural Prod.	1.250	-10.7%
Al-Nukhba General Contracting	2.100	27.3%	Iraqi Engineering Works	1.800	-10.0%
Al-Ahliya for Agricultural	0.900	12.5%	National Metallic Ind. and Bicycles	1.900	-9.5%
Commercial Bank of Iraq	1.250	8.7%	Baghdad Soft Drinks	1.050	-8.7%
National Chemical and Plastic Industries	2.050	7.9%	Babylon Hotel	17.500	-7.9%

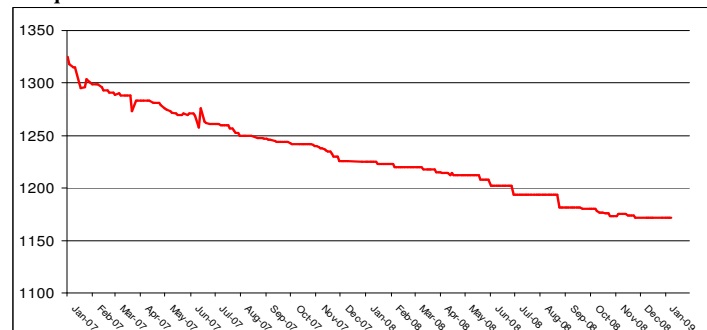
HIGHEST VOLUME (# of shares '000)	Price	Vol.	HIGHEST TURNOVER (ID '000)	Price	Trnv.
Baghdad Soft Drinks	1.050	878,926	Baghdad Soft Drinks	1.050	924,559
Bank of Baghdad	2.200	234,448	Bank of Baghdad	2.200	525,528
Commercial Bank of Iraq	1.250	138,617	Iraqi Middle East Investment Bank	2.200	204,391
Warka Bank for Investment	1.250	123,014	Commercial Bank of Iraq	1.250	165,628
Ashur Bank	1.050	95,371	Warka Bank for Investment	1.250	158,455

By the end of the week, 33 companies were able to trade on the ISX. Sixteen were unable to do so due to their general assembly meeting, in which they decided to increase their capital.

The dinar remained stable for the week, trading at 1172 to the dollar. Volumes for the week reached over ID 2.63 billion (US\$ 2,252,000), and the number of shares traded reached 1.906 billion, with the banking sector experiencing the highest volumes and turnovers.

Iraqi Dinar Value **1USD=1172ID**

Iraqi Dinar vs. USD



Politics:

- Vice President-elect Joe Biden has told Iraqi leaders that the incoming U.S. administration is committed to a responsible troop withdrawal that would not endanger improvements in security.
- Iraq's leadership is interested in the resumption of broad cooperation with Russia in all fields, which was characteristic for bilateral relations during the Soviet times in the 1990s.
- Iraq's government has promised not to forcibly evict an Iranian opposition group, the U.S. ambassador said in a broadcast interview this week, despite warnings from the prime minister that its members will not be allowed to remain in the country.
- The Shiite radical movement of Moqtada al-Sadr, which fought two wars with US troops in 2004, has threatened to resume attacks on American targets inside Iraq over Washington's support for the Israeli assault on Gaza.

Economy:

- The official spokesperson of the Iraqi Ministry of Oil has said that Iraq's oil revenues in 2008 reached \$68.814, 174 percent higher than the expected level.
- A senior Iraqi official has said Iraq must overhaul its outdated oil infrastructure if it wants to boost output and offset the shortfall in revenues caused by plummeting oil prices.
- The Ministry of Electricity has signed a contract worth over \$70 million with American Energy Company Pratt and Whitney.
- An Iranian company is to construct an iron and steel plant in the province of al-Muthanna at a cost of \$81 million.
- Iraq is planning to build a new pipeline to pump natural gas to Syria as part of its efforts to develop new oil and gas export routes, the Iraqi Oil Minister Hussein al-Shahristani has said.
- A delegation from Babel province, south of Baghdad, has signed memorandums of understanding with several Chinese companies to carry out six investment projects including a mineral water factory, a date packing factory and a clothes factory.

