

## 1LINK ACHIEVES PCI PIN SECURITY REQUIREMENTS COMPLIANCE (Certified by Risk Associates)



Karachi, January 26, 2022 - Risk Associates has certified 1LINK with PCI PIN Security Requirements v3.1. 1LINK has been re-certified for PCI PIN Security after a comprehensive assessment and review process under the PCI framework. Achieving the PCI PIN Security Requirements certification is a testament to 1LINK's utmost commitment for their customer's data safety.

The certificate awarding ceremony was held at 1LINK office in Karachi and was attended by Mr. Najeeb Agrawalla – CEO 1LINK, Dr. Aftab Rizvi – CEO Risk Associates, Mr. Kashif Hassan - Managing Director, Risk Associates along with other team members.

Speaking on occasion, Dr Aftab Rizvi stated, "It has been a pleasure working with 1LINK throughout the certification process, witnessing the commitment to data security displayed by 1LINK's team and the security infrastructure in place. We congratulate on 1LINK's success in their endeavors along the path to enhanced data security."

Expressing his views, at the ceremony, Mr. Najeeb Agrawalla, stated "As a country's leading PSO/PSP, data security is our top priority. At 1LINK, we ensure and enhance payment data security by implementing measures, controls and global standards. Validation of these controls, in line with the requirements of PCI, does not only strengthen the trust of 1LINK members' end-consumers and merchants on financial system but also boost confidence of global players on the payment system of Pakistan".

"Compliance of PCI PIN Security standards is not a one-time annual event, it is a continuous process to ensure, and implement the security measures. We believe in proactive approach as the tangible and intangible cost of single data breach is much more than that of maintaining data security. 1LINK shall continue to show commitment towards providing secure financial services to the industry", commented Mr. Tahir Hasan Zaidi, CFO & Chief Compliance Officer, 1LINK.

### About 1LINK:

1LINK (Pvt) Limited, owned by a consortium of 11 banks, is the country's 1st PSO/PSP and largest switch and payment system, providing a host of valuable online banking services like ATM switching, Bills Payment, Inter Bank Funds Transfer, Fraud Risk Management, Switch Dispute Resolution, International Payment Schemes, PayPak – Domestic Payment Scheme, etc. 1LINK is continuously evolving and adding new products and services to benefit the financial industry. For more information, please visit: <https://1link.net.pk/>

### About Risk Associates

Risk Associates is a pioneer in PCI Certifications in Pakistan with an unmatched Cyber Security Certifications footprint including PCI DSS, PA DSS, PCI SSF, PCI PIN, PCI 3DS, ISO 27001, SWIFT, CSA, which targets all industry segments, locally and globally. Risk Associates provides its services across six (6) continents, with a presence in Australia, the UK, Canada, the Middle East, Pakistan, and Africa. Its mission is to mitigate risk by developing and providing comprehensive Compliance, Testing, Audits, Certifications and Management services. In addition, Risk Associates has the honor of being one of 28 firms worldwide that serve as executive committee members of the PCI Security Standards Council GEAR (Global Executive Assessor Roundtable).