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PNB agrees to pick 30% in MetLife India

Becomes Single Largest Shareholder In Pvt Insurer



MetLife India has agreed to pick up a 30% stake in MetLife India which will make it the single largest shareholder in the private insurance company. The two parties have agreed that once the deal is finalised the transaction will be renamed PNB MetLife India.

MetLife India has a paid-up capital of Rs 1,200 crores. The life insurer and reinsurance division of PNB will increase the size of the company's capital to Rs 1,380 crores. PNB's entry will dilute the shareholding of other institutions which included H.P. Patelji and Co., Janmotsav and Kasturi Bank and ICICI Prudential Life Insurance among others.

The existing Indian shareholders stated that they did not feel comfortable with PNB's proposal to buy shares which will bring down their stake.

"We are keeping the commercial service of the deal confidential until we receive regulatory approval. The agreement includes roll-in entry as a shareholder and roll-out deal whereby PNB will distribute products for the MetLife India business," said S. R. Kannan, chairman, Punjab National Bank. MetLife India has a network of 1,200 branches and a customer base of over 10 million. According to Kannan, PNB will invest Rs 300 crore in MetLife India, the additional amount of PNB will convert MetLife India into a regional player in the insurance space.

The company already has a presence in the rural and semi-rural areas of India. This partnership will allow PNB to drive its business further into the top tier of Indian cities. "Given its global reach, MetLife India has a strategic focus towards the Indian market. We believe

that the addition of an established financial institution like PNB as a shareholder and partner will help us to further enhance MetLife India's position by bringing in the top tier of Indian companies here. We value PNB's entry as a strategic partner due to its extensive knowledge, distribution power and financial strength."

PNB has agreed to a non-negotiable lock-up period of three years during which it will not sell its shares or transfer them to another party. The deal is subject to regulatory approvals. The company already has a presence in the rural and semi-rural areas of India. This partnership will allow PNB to drive its business further into the top tier of Indian cities. "Given its global reach, MetLife India has a strategic focus towards the Indian market. We believe

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Shareholders Punjab National Bank and its subsidiary, The State Bank of India would acquire 30% stake in private life insurer MetLife India, which is likely to be the second largest shareholder in the new life of MetLife India. The acquisition of shares in the insurance company will be completed by December 2011, according to a statement from PNB.

"The transaction is proposed at a price of Rs 1,380 crore. The State Bank of India, SBI and other major life insurers, however, have not yet decided whether to go ahead with the deal. The board will take a final call on Friday."

Within 180 days of the closure of the deal, the state of MetLife India of the US would increase its shareholding to 49%. Other stakeholders in MetLife India include SBI and Kasturi Bank, Bangalore.

Under the existing PNB regula-

tions, foreign entities are permitted to own up to 49% of a life insurance company after the PNB cap is increased. MetLife India's chairman, S. R. Kannan, said, "We will welcome the opportunity to refine our operations."

State Bank of India, the second largest shareholder, had bought the entire 20% stake held by Principlal Financial Group and the 20% stake held by a consortium of Agri-Trade Finance, Agri-Trade Finance, PNB and Principal PNB Life Insurance Company.

Principial Financial Group's proposed joint venture was 10%, while that of Agri-Trade Finance was 12%. The MetLife India deal will make the sector more competitive at a time when the proposed to take the PNB stake to 49% and increase the SBI stake to 49% by offering debenture options at the Public-Private Partnership. With insurance companies looking to expand their capital base to support their growing portfolio, an increase in stake could prove beneficial.

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PNB Q1 net rises 3.4% at ₹1,105 crore



PNB buys 30% stake in Metlife to enter insurance

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NEW DELHI

July 28: The country's second largest PSU bank Punjab National Bank (PNB) plans to buy a 30 per cent stake in the Indian venture of the biggest US life insurer Metlife for an undisclosed amount.

The board of PNB, in its meeting accepted the offer made by Metlife India. The transaction will be subjected to the approvals from IRDA, RBI and other regulatory bodies.

PNB also agreed to enter into a 10-year distribution

tie-up with Metlife India. PNB started the process in December last year when it invited expression of interest from insurance companies across the world. The bank received responses from 26 Indian and international companies proposing different models. After evaluation of the various models, the bank opted to participate in a brownfield venture by acquiring stake in an existing Indian life insurance company. Accordingly, the request for proposal (RFP) was issued to 10 Indian insurance companies who had proposed this

PNB, Metlife partners in life insurance venture

MUMBAI JULY 28

THE country's second largest public sector lender, Punjab National Bank (PNB), has selected Metlife as its partner for a proposed foray into the life insurance venture.

"We have considered offers made by various companies and selected Metlife as our partner," PNB chairman and managing director K R Kanath told reporters here after announcing the bank's quarterly numbers.

PNB had earlier shortlisted 10 entities from a preliminary list of 41 and further narrowed it to three for forming a partnership in the life insurance venture.

The three shortlisted life insurers were Aviva Life, AXA and Metlife. Metlife India's stakeholders include Jamuna and Kathniar Banks, Shapoorji Pallonji and other investors, besides Metlife of the USA.

Last year, PNB decided to part ways



four years ago. PNB sought the entire 20% stake held by Principal Financial Group and the 32 per cent participating interest of domestic firms UK (Bengaluru), PNB Life Insurance Company.

PNB is among the large

branch network that do

not have a stake in the

Metlife of the USA, which

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of the financial bids of the

three shortlisted companies,

the bank accepted the offer

of Metlife India. PNB will

pick up the stake through a

fresh share issue which will

dilute the stake of all exist-

ing shareholders in Metlife

India. However, Metlife

International Holdings Inc

plans to bring back its stake

to the original 26 per cent

within 120 days after the

deal closes.

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