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## REMINDER NOTICE

We are sending you this reminder notice regarding the amended law "On Commercial Companies".

The amended Law requires those taxpayers subject to tax on profit, to approve the financial accounts of the previous year, within the first six-months of the subsequent year.

Taxpayers should file with the tax authorities the decision of the company's competent body concerning use of prior fiscal year net profit, no later than 31 July of the subsequent year.

The portion of net profit used to increase registered capital, establish/increase legal or statutory reserves and retained earnings is not considered to be a dividend distribution. In case the filing is not made by 31 July, the net profit, adjusted for the legal reserves, will be considered to be a dividend distributed for tax purposes and taxed at a rate of 10%. The company should transfer the tax payment to the tax authorities by the 15<sup>th</sup> of August.

Reduction of capital, resulting from motives other than to cover losses, or not consisting of a return of shareholders' initial *cash* contribution to the share capital, will be considered to be a taxable dividend. In such a case, the company withholds the tax and transfers the appropriate amount to the tax authorities within 30 days from the resolution to reduce the capital.

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