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OIL & GAS

CONCESSION FOR PORT OF MATOLA LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG) TERMINAL AND RELATED PIPELINE APPROVED

By means of Decree No. 72/2019, of 26 August 2019, the Council of Ministers approved the Terms of the Concession Contract for the construction and operation of the facilities for the importation, reception, storage, treatment, exportation and regasification of GNL at the Port of Matola, including the construction and operation of a Gas Pipeline System between the Port of Matola and Beluluane's Thermoelectric Plant. The concessionaire is the company named Beluluane Gás Company, S.A..

TAX

SPECIFIC CONSUMPTION TAX CODE REGULATED

By way of Decree No. 75/2019, of 16 September 2019, the Council of Ministers approved the Regulations on the Specific Consumption Tax Code. This is intended to implement the taxation formalities and

procedures of the Specific Consumption Tax, namely regarding the exemptions set forth under the respective Code. The Regulations have been in force since 17 September 2019.

USE OF DIESEL TAX INCENTIVE WITH SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

The Ministry of the Economy and Finance approved, through Ministerial Statute No. 102/2019, of 25 October 2019, specific instructions for the use of the diesel tax reduction incentive. The sectors that benefit from this reduction include agriculture, industry, energy and fishing. The incentive request shall be made by means of an application addressed to the Tax General Director in a specific model form, provided that the relevant requirements are met.

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

NEW PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES

So as to make the acquisition of goods and services by the Public Administration more efficient, transparent and swift, the Ministry of Economy and Finance approved, by means of Ministerial Statute No. 78/2019, of 6 August 2019, the administrative procedures and ancillary guidelines for the implementation of the Tender by Bids (“Concurso por Lances”). The bids’ evaluation criteria and the list of goods and services that may be acquired under a Tender by Bids are also provided for. The new procedures came into force on 7 August 2019.

BANKING

CALCULATION AND CREATION METHOD OF MANDATORY RESERVES AMENDED

The Bank of Mozambique issued Order No. 8/GBM/2019, of 8 August 2019, which sets forth the method applicable to the calculation and creation of mandatory reserves for credit institutions and financial companies, repealing Order No. 12/GBM/2017, of 9 June 2017. The new rules came into effect on 9 August 2019.

REAL ESTATE

AMENDMENTS TO THE REAL ESTATE REGISTRY CODE

By means of Decree-Law No. 1/2019, of 27 September 2019, the Council of Ministers amended the Real Estate Registry Code, enabling the extension of the registration deadline until such time the Real Estate Registry Integrated System and the Public Administration databases become interconnected. These amendments came into effect on 30 September 2019.

AVIATION

GROUND HANDLING ACTIVITIES REGULATIONS AMENDED

The Council of Ministers approved Decree No. 77/2019, of 17 September 2019, which amended the Regulations on Ground Handling Activities, approved by Decree No. 64/2016, of 26 December 2016. Among the several changes the introduction of new categories of ground handling services, as well as their licensing and the applicable fees and charges are worth of highlighting.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS WITH ENHANCED SECURITY

With a view to improve the security conditions of telecommunications networks and infrastructures, the Council of Ministers approved, by means of Decree No. 66/2019, of 1 August 2019, the Security Regulations for Telecommunications Networks, which apply to network operators and telecommunications utilities. These entities are now subject to several duties and obligations, notably the duty of cooperation and sharing information between themselves, as well as the protection and privacy duty of their users in controlling and processing personal information. The Regulations came into force on 2 September 2019 and provide for an interim period for the adoption of the relevant procedures and obligations set forth therein.

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