

CAMEROON

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ENERGY

NEW NATIONAL ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION COMPANY CREATED

Decree No. 2015/454, of 8 October 2015, created Cameroon's new State-owned Electricity Transmission Company (Société Nationale de Transport de l'Electricité – "SONATREL"). The new company will be responsible for electricity transmission and network management on behalf of the State. According to the aforementioned statute, new concession agreements for power transmission and network management will be executed by the State to the benefit of SONATREL. All transmission and management activities and prerogatives held by the existing public service concessionaire will be terminated and assigned.

GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC OFFICIALS REMUNERATION CONDITIONS UPDATED

New remuneration conditions for Cameroonian government delegates, mayors and their deputies were recently approved by Decree No. 2015/405, of 16 September 2015.

NEW RULES ON ALLOWANCES AND BENEFITS GRANTED TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Decree No. 2015/416, of 16 September 2015, set forth rules and guidelines on the granting of allowances and other benefits to government delegates, mayors, deputies, members of the community council and municipal advisors.

The new statute provides for limitations on the accumulation of certain benefits and allowances by these officials, while also setting forth the amounts and maximum thresholds of certain benefits, including, inter alia, duty, travel and representation allowances.

COMMERCIAL

PRIVATE SECURITY COMPANIES RULES AMENDED

Decree No. 2015/417, of 16 September 2015, introduced a number of amendments to the general framework regulating private security companies, currently made up of Law No. 97/021, of 10 September 1997 (as amended), and related implementing statutes. The new decree revised in particular the conditions applicable to license applications, as well as the relevant procedure, whilst also setting forth the composition of the commission responsible for issuing opinions on applications and monitoring the activity of private security companies. Existing private security companies must comply with the requirements set forth in the new statute within 12 months following its enactment.

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