

# MOZAMBIQUE

November 2014 through January 2015

## OIL & GAS

### SPECIAL REGIME FOR THE ROVUMA BASIN NATURAL GAS LIQUEFACTION PROJECT

In furtherance of the legislative authorisation conferred upon it by the Assembly of the Republic through Law No. 25/2014, of 23 September 2014, the Council of Ministers has approved, by way of Decree-Law No. 2/2014, of 2 December 2014, the special legal and contractual regime applicable to the Liquefied Natural Gas Project for the natural gas deposits in Areas 1 and 4 of the Rovuma Basin. This regime is paramount not only for the petroleum exploration and production concessionaires for the relevant areas, but also for all entities that take part in such project, including foreign and national lenders, suppliers of goods and services and employees.

### PETROL STATIONS WITH NEW RULES

Through Ministerial Order No. 176/2014, of 22 October 2014, the Ministries of Energy and Public Works and Housing approved the Regulations on the Construction, Exploitation and Safety for Liquid Fuels Supply Stations, thereby repealing Orders No. 1262, of 19 September 1985, and No. 18262, of 11 February 1961. It is worth to highlight the adoption of specific rules on the supply of fuel for maritime purposes.

## ENERGY

### AUTHORISATION FOR NEGOTIATION OF NEW HYDROPOWER PROJECT

Through Resolution No. 67/2014, of 9 December 2014, the Council of Ministers authorised the negotiation of a new concession, in the form of public private partnership (PPP), to the company to be incorporated between the State's *Electricidade de Moçambique, E.P.* (EDM) and *SHEZA, Lda*. The concession is for the design, finance, management and operation of the Chemba's hydropower plant, having a design capacity of 1000 MW.

### APPROVAL OF NATIONAL POWER GRID CODE

The Ministry of Energy approved, by way of Ministerial Order No. 184/2014, of 12 November 2014, the National Power Grid (REN) Code, which sets forth the rules and procedures to the operation, planning and exploitation of the facilities comprised in the REN.

## COMPETITION

### COMPETITION LAW REGULATED

Through the approval of Decree No. 97/2014, of 31 December 2014, the Council of Ministers has at

last adopted the necessary regulations of the Competition Law, in force since 2013. On even date, by means of Decree No. 96/2014, the By-laws of the Competition Authority were also amended. It is hoped that with these measures the competition legal regime will enter a new phase of its implementation.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **INVESTMENT IN PORT OF NACALA**

The Council of Ministers authorised, by way of Decree No. 70/2014, of 21 November 2014, an investment by the Mozambican Government in the Port of Nacala. Resolution No. 23/2012, of 18 July 2012, was repealed.

## **TAX**

### **NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION TAX WITH NEW RATES FOR 2015**

The Ministry of Finance approved, by way of Ministerial Order No. 6/2015, of 2 January 2015, the new rates for the National Reconstruction Tax to be levied during 2015.

### **RULES FOR TAX ELECTRONIC DEVICES ENACTED**

By way of Decree No. 92/2014, of 31 December 2014, the Council of Ministers approved a set of regulations applicable to Tax Electronic Devices. The timeline and means for the implementation of these devices are still unknown. Decree No. 28/2000, of 10 October 2000, was repealed.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **NEW REGULATIONS ON MANAGEMENT OF URBAN SOLID WASTE**

New Regulations on the Management of Urban Solid Waste were approved through Decree No. 94/2014, of 31 December 2014. Decree No. 13/2006, of 15 June 2006, was repealed.

### **APPROVAL OF NEW REGULATIONS ON BIO-SAFETY FOR GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS**

The Council of Ministers approved, by means of Decree No. 71/2014, of 28 November 2014, the new regulations on Bio-Safety for Genetically Modified Organisms. The former Regulations on the subject, enacted through Decree No. 6/2007, of 25 April 2007, were revoked.

## **FISHERIES**

### **NEW FORMULAS TO COMPUTE FISHING LICENSE FEES**

The Ministries of Finance and Fisheries approved, by way of Ministerial Orders Nos. 7/2015 and 8/2015, of 9 January 2015, new formulas to compute the amount of fees due for the issuance of shrimp fishing licenses.

## **STATE**

### **NEW GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE APPROVED**

Through Presidential Order No. 1/2015, of 16 January 2015, the new structure of the Government of the Republic of Mozambique was approved. On even date, additional presidential orders were approved

determining the composition of the new Executive Body led by President Nyusi was determined.

## LAW ON INFORMATION RIGHTS

The Parliament approved by way of Law No. 34/2014, of 31 December 2014, the law on the exercise of the right to information set forth in the Constitution. Among other matters, this statute sets forth the procedure to be observed when requesting access to information and the circumstances in which such right can be limited. The new Law will now have to be regulated until the end of June 2015.

## CAP FOR 2015 TREASURY BILLS

By means of Ministerial Order No. 30/2015, of 28 January 2015, the Minister of Finance announced a maximum cap of 27 billion Meticaís for the amount of Treasury Bills to be issued during 2015.

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

### REGULATIONS ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRAFFIC CONTROL

The Council of Ministers approved, per Decree No. 75/2014, of 12 December 2014, the Regulations on Telecommunications Traffic Control. The Regulations apply to all telecommunications operators and service providers, except for private networks not connected to a public telecommunications network.

For further information about the contents of this Legal News, please contact:

Paulo Pimenta: [Paulo.Pimenta@pimentalawfirm.com](mailto:Paulo.Pimenta@pimentalawfirm.com)

Pimenta e Associados  
Rua Changamire Dombe (D. Diniz), n° 14  
Bairro de Sommerschield  
Maputo - Mozambique  
Tel.: +258 214 930 50 / +258 214 955 27/8  
Fax: +258 214 930 42

**mirandaalliance**  
[www.mirandaalliance.com](http://www.mirandaalliance.com)

MEMBERS PORTUGAL | ANGOLA | BRAZIL | CAMEROON | CAPE VERDE  
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO | EQUATORIAL GUINEA  
FRANCE | GABON | GUINEA-BISSAU | MACAU (CHINA) | MOZAMBIQUE  
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO | SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE | TIMOR-LESTE

LIAISON OFFICES UK (LONDON) | USA (HOUSTON)

© Pimenta e Associados, 2015. Reproduction is authorised, provided the source is acknowledged.

WARNING: The texts contained in this bulletin are provided for general information purposes only, and are not intended to be a source of advertising, solicitation, or legal advice; thus, the reader should not rely solely on information provided herein and should always seek the advice of competent counsel.

This bulletin is distributed free of charge to our clients, colleagues and friends. If you do not wish to continue receiving it, please reply to this e-mail.

[Mailjet.com](http://Mailjet.com)