

STRENGTHENING THE FINANCIAL SOUNDNESS OF CREDIT INSTITUTIONS

The Council of Ministers approved on November 3, 2011 a proposed of law that determines various measures to strengthen the financial soundness of credit institutions.

This measure aims to meet the requirements imposed by the European Union and International Monetary Fund through the Program for Economic and Financial Assistance.

In the first line, this proposed of law seeks to strengthen the own capital levels of banks and thereby stabilize the financial system, to ensure the deposited capital and contribute to economic growth. State intervention in the recapitalization of credit institutions will have a maximum duration of five years.

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A NEW CRIME: DANGEROUS ACTIVITIES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Law No. 56/2011 has changed the classification of the crime of forest fire, as well as crimes against nature damage and pollution. In addition, this legislation now typifies a new crime of activities dangerous to the environment, pursuant to the 28th amendment of the Penal Code and transposing Directive No. 2008/99/EC of the European Parliament and the Council, of November 19, and Directive No. 2009/123/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of 21 October.

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GOVERNMENT ADVANCES THE PRIVATIZATION PROCESS OF REN AND EDP

Following the privatization program, which the Portuguese Government is developing, two Decrees that approve, respectively, the 8th stage of the privatization of EDP and the 2nd phase of the privatization of REN, both energy companies, were published.

Thus, the process of privatization of REN foresees direct sales, up to 51% of its share capital, to reference investors, domestic or foreign, including entities with investor profile or industrial entities with financial investor profile.

It is also expected the direct sale to financial institutions and a public offering in the domestic market.

The process of privatization of EDP covers a maximum of 21.35% of shares representing its share capital, and the respective model identical to that of REN. However, in this case, it will resort to other form of alienation if a direct sale to investors of reference fails.

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FRANCO CAIADO GUERREIRO ORGANIZED CONFERENCE ON INVESTMENT IN BRAZIL

As part of its program to support the internationalization of Portuguese companies, Franco Caiado Guerreiro organized, in partnership with the Brazilian law firm Décio Freire & Associados, a conference on "Investing in Brazil" to promote Portuguese investment in Brazil.

Franco Caiado Guerreiro has increased its support for the internationalization of Portuguese and foreign companies in Brazil.

The conference was held on November 10, 2011 in the auditorium of Franco Caiado Guerreiro and had as speakers the Ambassador Pedro Motta, Mr. João Caiado Guerreiro, Mr. Décio Freire, Mr. Gustavo De Marchi and Mr. André Pepitone da Nóbrega - Director of the National Electricity in Brazil.

Several issues were versed in the conference including investment opportunities in Brazil, the Brazilian electricity sector model and the future of renewable energy in Brazil.

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OIL PRODUCTION ESTIMATED AT 1.8 MILLION BARRELS PER DAY

Angola expects to produce in 2012 662,700,000 barrels, which corresponds to a daily production on average of 1.842 million barrels in 2012, an amount that is above the

figure for 2009 (1.809 million barrels per day), reflecting a clear recovery from the 2010 and 2011.

The proposed budget includes a revenue projection based on an average – conservative - oil price that does not compromise the achievement of fixed public expenditure, expenditure aimed at achieving the objectives of growth of short and medium term, fixed at a fundable and projected sources of finance and operations, taking into account a sustainable level of public debt and debt service.

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MOZAMBIQUE'S ECONOMY GROW'S

Mozambique's economy grew by 7.1% in the first half, said the Prime Minister Aires Ali, who noted that this result is due to the good performance of industry, commerce, agriculture, transport and communication. Mozambican exports have also had an increase, reached 1.2998 billion dollars, being the main exported products aluminum, electricity and agricultural products. There are also indicators that the early sale of coal exports will increase more than what was planned for this year.

In the first half of the year, 113 projects were approved for domestic and foreign direct investment valued at 1.8 billion dollars and with the potential to create 19 000 jobs.

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