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Newsletter

CAPITAL MARKETS UPDATES

- According to the statement made by Akfen Gayrimenkul Yatirim Ortakligi on the Public Disclosure Platform, Akfen Gayrimenkul Ticaret ve Insaat, which is holding 50% shares of Russian Hotel Investment BV and Russian Property Investment BV, has purchased 45% shares of both companies from Kasa Investments BV in consideration of Euro 4 million 352 thousand and has increased its shareholding ratio in Russian Hotel Investment BV and Russian Property Investment BV.
- As per the written statement regarding the first half of the financial results made by Ford Otosan, the Company's net profit has increased by 69% when compared to the last year and reached to TL 332 million. Moreover, Ford Otosan's export income increased by 43% and reached to TL 2 billion 815 thousand and the Company became the largest automotive exporter of Turkey in terms of the half yearly export income.
- As per the dailies, Obasan, one of the leading firms in the catering industry in Turkey with its facilities in Bursa, Istanbul and Kocaeli, has been acquired by Compass Group which is the largest catering firm of the world with its £ 14.5 billion turnover.

BANKING SECTOR NEWS

- Pursuant to the dailies, Turkiye Is Bankasi has extended its service network and opened two new branches in Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.
- As per the written statement made by Sekerbank, the Bank has gained TL 38 million net profit within the first six months of 2011 and the size of its assets has increased by 35% and reached to TL 14 billion. Additionally, it is further recorded that the size of the deposits has also increased by 23% and reached to TL 8.5 billion.

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- According to the announcement made by the General Manager of Akbank, the net profit of Akbank for the first six months of 2011 has reached to TL 1.4 billion.
- Pursuant to the dailies, Garanti Bankasi has gained TL 1 billion 928 million net profit within the first six months of 2011, whilst the size of its assets has reached to approximately TL 154 billion during the same period. Additionally, the Bank has brought into approximately TL 101 billion to the Turkish economy by virtue of cash and non-cash loans.
- As per the dailies, the Banking Regulation and Supervision Agency has published the Report of General View in June 2011 to the Turkish Banking Sector. According to the Report, as of 2011 the total credits of the banking sector increased to TL 94.5 billion when compared to the year-end of 2010 and reached to TL 620.4 billion. Furthermore, the ratio of loans in total actives has increased by 1.9 points when compared to the year-end of 2010 and reached to 54.1, increased by 18% in the first half of 2011 and annual rate of increase reached to 36.4%.

ENERGY MARKET NEWS

- Pursuant to the statement made by Zorlu Enerji on the Public Disclosure Platform, Talex International LLC used the right to waive from their claims in arbitration and in legal case against Zorlu Enerji. Moreover, Zorlu Enerji acquired 24.5% shares of Talex International LLC from ICES International LLC in return for US\$ 14.845,28.
- As per the written statement made by the Chairman of Agaoglu Group, the Company has included the Sah Wind Power Plant to its economic integrity. By virtue of this, the operation capacity of Agaoglu Group in energy sector has increased to 126 MW.

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Highlights

a. Capital Markets Updates

b. Banking Sector News

c. Energy Market News

d. Other News

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- According to the statement made by Koc Holding on the Public Disclosure Platform, the Board of Directors of Koc Holding decided to purchase 24.81% shares of AES Entek Elektrik Uretim in the return for US\$ 74 million 784 thousand. The Public Disclosure Platform indicates that the purchasing transaction will carry out after completing the necessary procedures required by the energy market legislation.
- Pursuant to the statement of the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, TEPCO, Japanese Company, has withdrawn from the tender of nuclear power plant to be constructed in Sinop.
- As per the statement made by the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, boron is Turkey's strategical mine and boron reserves will not be privatized.

OTHER NEWS

- Pursuant to the dailies, Koc Holding entered into the water sector with "Pürsu" brand. The Holding positions its new brand under Aygaz trademark to use the distribution power of Aygaz and the products are put on the Aygaz dealers in the coming days.
- As per the written statement made by Akbank, the Bank provided long term loan within the scope of securitization program from the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, in return for US\$ 200 million.

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- As per the statement made by the Moody's International Rating Agency, the Report to be published about Turkey will not have negative assessment. Accordingly, it is expected to be a balanced report. Furthermore, it has been also stated that Turkey's credit rating will also increase if its financial and money policies change.
- Pursuant to the statement made by Turk Telekom, the Company has received 16 awards within the scope of International Business Awards. 3000 applications have been made from approximately 50 countries to this organization which is known as "Stevie Awards". In this organization, Turk Telekom received 5 important awards and 11 honor prizes.
- As per the dailies, HSBC General Manager reviewed the decisions of the Banking Regulation and Supervision Agency in the meeting about the coming 3 years strategy of Turkey. The General Manager mentioned that the government brought more control for credit growth by the Banking Regulation and Supervision Agency and underlined that Turkey is one of the countries to be specified by HSBC Group to make an investment.
- Pursuant the statement made by Tofas, the net profit of the Company has increased by 10.8% and reached to TL 212.1 million for the first 6 months and its export income increased by 6% and reached to TL 2 billion 64 million.

The aim of this weekly newsletter is to highlight mainly the regulatory changes made by the Turkish Government during the relevant week. The content of this bulletin is limited to those areas Taboglu & Demirhan advises its clients. It contains a general summary of the changes and the areas it covers are broader. Thus, one should not rely on it for specific advice. For further information or advice please contact Taboglu & Demirhan, a full-service law firm based in Istanbul.

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