

TABOGLU & DEMIRHAN

Newsletter

CAPITAL MARKETS UPDATES

- General Electric Global Banking has disclosed that its 20.85% shares in Garanti Bankasi are on sale. As per the dailies, pursuant to the agreement between Dogus Grubu and GE, Dogus Grubu is entitled to use its pre-emption rights and GE has authorized JP Morgan to sell such shares.
- As per the weekly bulletin of the Capital Markets Board, the Board has prepared a draft Communiqué Regarding the Remuneration of the Intermediary Institutions. Pursuant to the draft Communiqué, the board of directors of an intermediary institution shall be held liable for the implementation of the procedures set forth under the draft Communiqué such as codification of policies and procedures regarding the remuneration, application and amendment of such policies and procedures. Accordingly, the draft Communiqué stipulates that remuneration committee shall be established by the intermediary institutions, who has more than 50 key employees or whose managing partner is bank or insurance company. Additionally, with the draft Communiqué, the information with respect to the remuneration policies and other information required by the Capital Markets Board shall be disclosed to shareholders at the general assembly.
- Oger Telecom Limited, holding 100% shares of Ojer Telekomunikasyon, which is the major shareholder of Turk Telekom, has announced that they may purchase the shares corresponding to at least 10% of the capital of Turk Telekom to be tendered through block sale or other relevant methods.

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- Pursuant to the announcement made by Ihlas Holding to the Public Disclosure Platform, the Company is willing to participate in a company to be established namely Ihlas Pazarlama Yatirim Holding, which will be established with a share capital amount of TRY 120 million. The subscription amount of Ihlas Holding is declared as TRY 44 million 400 thousand. The purpose and scope of the new company is to invest in companies and make related commercial and industrial investments.
- Pursuant to the announcement made by Ihlas Holding to the Public Disclosure Platform, Ihlas Pazarlama, an affiliate of Ihlas Holding will make a tender offer for Kristal Kola's shares. Accordingly, such transaction will last between 1 March 2010 and 12 March 2010 and tender offer price will be TRY 1.05 for each share with a nominal value of TRY 1.
- Pursuant to the weekly bulletin of the Capital Markets Board, the Board has decided to register the securities of four companies namely TEB Yatirim Menkul Degerler, Turk Ekonomi Bankasi, Arsan Tekstil Ticaret and Mert Gida Giyim Sanayi. Additionally, Finansbank has applied to the Board for the increase of its registered capital ceiling from TRY 3 million to 6 million.
- Pursuant to the announcement made by Celebi Hava Servisi to the Public Disclosure Platform, negotiations between Celebi and Acciona SA regarding the sale of Spanish and German ground handling companies to Celebi, has been terminated for the reason that the parties could not agree on the terms of the deal.

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Highlights

a. Capital Markets Updates

b. Energy Market Update

c. Privatization Sector

d. Banking Sector

e. Other News

ENERGY MARKET UPDATE

- It has been announced that Turkish Hotels Federation and Akenerji, the electricity producer company, have signed a draft protocol in order to provide the most economical energy for the hotels. Pursuant to the written announcement made by the Federation, it has been indicated that Akenerji will provide support for the hotels which are registered under Akenerji's portfolio with special conditions.
- The geothermal resources and natural mineral waters exploration license platforms which are located in Keles, Mustafa Kemalpaşa, Karacabey and Osmangazi have been put out to tender by Bursa City Council. The tender process will be held on 9 March 2010 at the premises of Bursa Special Provincial Administration. Offer letters to be prepared according to the tender specifications will be submitted to the Administration.
- As per the announcement of the General Directorate of Petroleum Affairs published in the Official Gazette, Park Teknik has abandoned 11 petrol exploration licenses for Siirt and Diyarbakir provinces. As per the same announcement, the period of four petrol exploration licenses of Türkiye Petrolleri for Adana and Antalya provinces have been extended.

PRIVATIZATION SECTOR

- Toprak Demirdokum has been put out to tender by the Savings Deposit Insurance Fund. The announcement of the Fund has been published in the Official Gazette on 24 February 2010. The tender's estimated price is US\$ 25 million and US\$ 2.5 will be collected from the participants as temporary guarantee. The tender will be held on 3 May 2010 at the Fund's premises.

BANKING SECTOR NEWS

- The banking sector has completed the preparations for BASEL II. Pursuant to the report of the Banking Regulation and Supervision Agency, the strategy and policies of transition to BASEL II has been approved by the board of directors of Turkish banks and have been put into effect. Accordingly, the banks holding around 30% of the sector have submitted such strategies and policies to their boards of directors and approved such new strategies.

OTHER NEWS

- Pursuant to the data of the Turkish Union of Chamber and the Commodity Exchanges, number of newly established companies has increased by 26.83% whereas number of the companies in dissolution route rose by 26.18%, compared to the same month of the previous year.

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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