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CAPITAL MARKETS NEWS

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- According to the Capital Market Board's Activity Report, 820 lawsuits have been initiated against the Board regarding the Board's transactions, 645 of which were settled whereby 175 lawsuits are still being adjudicated.
- As per the dailies, Akfen Real Estate Investment Fund has applied to the Istanbul Stock Exchange for listing. As per the information published by the Istanbul Stock Exchange, Akfen's shares amounting up to TL 50.31 million will be offered to public and accordingly its share capital will reach TL 175 million thereafter.
- As per the weekly bulletin of the Capital Market Board, Ekspo Faktoring has applied to the Board for offering its bonds amounting to TL 20 million to public.
- The Turkish Banks Association has published a report named Turkish Banking System-Capital Structure in Groups of Banks - June 2010, regarding the capital structure of banks and changes thereof. Accordingly, the ratio of publicly traded shares is 19.7%. Among 80.3% of non public shares, 58.7% is held by the investors residing in Turkey whereas the remaining belongs to the investors residing abroad.
- As per the statement made by Zorlu Enerji in the Public Disclosure Platform, Amity International Pty., 100% subsidiary of Zorlu Enerji, active in exploration of oil, natural gas and production, has been acquired by Transatlantic Worldwide Limited in return for US\$ 96.3 million.
- Siemens AG has declared that it will connect hydroelectric power plants in Georgia with Turkey's power network and provide energy efficient transmission technology worth of approximately Euro 170 million.
- As per the dailies, the Oil Minister of Iran has recently announced that Turkey and Iran will jointly build two petrochemical units in Iran.
- Pursuant to the dailies, Agaoglu Group will make an investment in the amount of TL 200 million with regard to Bandirma Sah Wind Power Plant which is currently being constructed. The project regarding the power plant is financed by Akbank and it is anticipated that the power plant will become active in December 2010.
- As per the International Direct Investment Data Bulletin, during the first half of 2010, approximately US\$ 424 million has been invested in Turkish energy sector. It has been further recorded that the biggest amount of foreign capital has entered from France, followed by Holland and England.

ENERGY MARKET NEWS

- As per the dailies, within the scope of the natural gas pipeline project of Nabucco, a supply line will be constructed in Turkey-Georgia and Turkey- Iraq borders. Further it has been stated by the shareholders of the Nabucco Project that, the regional business cycle is not yet convenient enough for the construction of a third supply line in Turkey-Iran border.
- Alparslan II Enerji Uretim, a subsidiary of Ozisik Insaat, which is an affiliate of Isiklar Yatirim Holding, signed an agreement with State Hydraulic Works regarding the construction and management of Alparslan II Dam and Hydroelectric Power Plant in order to obtain water usage right.

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Highlights

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OTHER NEWS

- The Energy Market Regulation Authority's decision regarding the amendments application to the natural gas market tariff was published in the Official Gazette on 25 August 2010. As per the Authority's decision, within 7 days as of the application, the legal entities holding warehouse licenses are obliged to notify the Authority of the upper limit applicable to the warehouse fees and the warehouse fees are to be determined within such limit.
- According to the recent research, conducted within the first half of 2010, it has been stated that 25% of the foreign investment injected into Turkish companies has been allocated to energy investments. The remaining major sectors are enlisted as production and construction.
- As per the dailies, Argus Capital, England based private equity fund and Qatar Investment Bank have acquired 40% stake of Memorial Saglik Grubu.

BANKING SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

- As per the statement made by Akbank, a protocol has been signed by and between the Undersecretariat of Treasury and Akbank. By way of such protocol, Akbank will grant loans to companies which intend to invest in research and development and environment sectors in 57 designated cities.
- Pursuant to the report issued by the Turkish Banks Association, Garanti Bankasi has gained profit in the amount of TL 1.9 billion whilst Isbank and Akbank followed Garanti Bankasi with profits in the amount of TL 1.8 billion and TL 1.7 billion, respectively.
- The Vice General Manager of Akbank has stated that the amount of loans granted by the Bank for energy projects has reached to US\$ 2.2 billion. Accordingly, it is also stated that US\$ 1.6 billion has already been allocated.
- Pursuant to the dailies, the Savings Deposit Insurance Fund announced that the deadline for the prequalification phase of the sale of Adabank Trade and Economic Integration has been postponed to 1 October 2010, 5.00 p.m.
- Ran Lojistik, a subsidiary of the RAN Deniz ve Hava Tasimacilik Hizmetleri, has signed an agreement with ABC European Air & Cargo Transport GmbH, on cooperation on air and sea transportation distribution field.

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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