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Newsletter

BANKING SECTOR NEWS

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- Pursuant to the dailies, Vakifbank has increased its profit by 34% and reached to a profit in the amount of TL 409.2 million within the first quarter of 2011.
- The Banking Regulation and Supervision Agency has annulled the operation license of Hedef Finans Faktoring as per the Banking Law and the Regulation on the Principles for the Establishment and Operation of Financial Leasing, Faktoring and Financing Companies.
- As per the dailies, Garanti Bankasi has renewed the syndication loan amounting to Euro 700 million that had been obtained in 2010 in return for Euro 1 billion. The loan will be used to finance foreign trade.
- The Banking Regulation and Supervision Agency has granted Ziraat Bankasi with the permission to provide consultancy services.
- Denizbank has announced that its equity capital has increased by 21% and reached to TL 3.8 billion. It has been further stated that the Bank has gained a net profit of TL 203 million within the first quarter of 2011.
- Vakifbank has executed a term sheet with Vakif REIT for the new central office to be constructed in Atasehir within the scope of the Istanbul Finance Center Project. As per the statement of the Bank to the Public Disclosure Platform, the address of the headquarters of the Bank is determined as Istanbul as of 2011 with the amendment made in the Articles of Association.
- As per the statement made by CimENTS Francais, a France based company, to the Public Disclosure Platform, the Company is planning to sell its shares in Afyon Cimento corresponding to 51% of the current share capital of Afyon Cimento to the financial and strategical investors through block sale method or in the Istanbul Stock Exchange.
- Pursuant to the dailies, 22 companies have been offered to public with a total amount of US\$ 2.1 billion in 2010. It has been announced that 7 other companies are preparing to offer their shares to public within this month. Bilici Yatirim, Akfen REIT and Ronisans REIT are among these companies.
- As per the dailies, 42 companies have submitted offers for the construction of a new terminal in Konya Airport. As per the dailies, the cost of the construction will be approximately TL 67 million and the highest bid is approximately TL 65 million.
- Pursuant to the dailies, the Capital Markets Board has announced that the summon price of Petrol Ofisi shares during the detachment from the exchange list in the amount of TL 7.01 shall not be applied to the remaining shareholders of Petrol Ofisi. The prices determined by the Board shall be taken into consideration for such period.
- Pursuant to the dailies, Sabanci Holding has decided to distribute dividend in the amount of approximately TL 306 million. As per the general assembly decision of the Holding, a dividend in the amount of 12.75% will be distributed per share with a nominal value of TL 1.

CAPITAL MARKETS UPDATES

- Shares of Akfen REIT, which was offered to public with a nominal value of approximately TL 54 million, have started to be traded at the Corporate Product Market of the Istanbul Stock Exchange. As per the announcement made by the Company, the amount acquired from the public offering has strengthened the equities of the Company.
- As per the weekly bulletin of the Capital Markets Board, the shares of Marbas B tipi Menkul Yatirim Ortakligi, Turkiye Sinai Kalkinma Bankasi and Armada Bilgisayar Sistemleri have been registered with the Board in order to issue share certificates.

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Highlights

- a. Banking Sector News
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COMPETITION NEWS

- The Competition Board has approved the share transfer of IDO İstanbul Deniz Otobusleri Sanayi ve Ticaret's shares to Tepe Insaat Sanayi - Akfen Holding - Souter Investments - Sera Gayrimenkul ve Isletme Joint Venture Group on the grounds that it will not create, strengthen dominant position or diminish competition as per the Communiqué on Mergers and Acquisitions.
- The transfer of Aksigorta's 30.99% shares held by Haci Omer Sabanci Holding to Ageas Insurance International N.V. has obtained clearance from the Competition Board as it would not create or strengthen a dominant position as described under the Communiqué regarding the Mergers and Acquisitions.
- The Competition Board has decided that the acquisition of 40% shares belonging to Calik Enerji and 10% shares belonging to Ahmet Calik in Naturelgaz Sanayi ve Ticaret by Enerji Yatırım Holding are in the scope of the Law numbered 4054 and the Communiqué on Mergers and Acquisitions; however, it is not subject to authorization as the thresholds specified in the same Communiqué are not exceeded.

ENERGY MARKETS HIGHLIGHTS

- The tender regarding the privatization of 80% shares of Baskent Dogalgaz Dagitim, has been cancelled by the Privatization Administration since MMEKA Makina Ithalat Pazarlama ve Ticaret has not fulfilled its obligations specified in the tender specifications and has not paid the necessary amount.

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- Calik Enerji, a subsidiary of Calik Holding, will construct the biggest power plant in Iraq. The Chairman of the Board of the Holding has stated, at the foundation stone-laying ceremony of the power plant that El Hayrat power plant to be built near Karbala will cost US\$ 444.5 million and will have 10 gas turbines. The power plant with an installed capacity of 1,240 MW is expected to be completed within two years. The Holding and the Iraqi Government have also agreed on another power plant project and the second power plant is intended to be completed within 20 months. The two power plants will provide employment opportunities for a number of 2 thousand people.
- As per the dailies, ICDAS has won the Biga Peninsula Wind Energy Tender. Within the scope of such tender, ICDAS will pay TL 11 million annually and TL 220 million at the end of 20 years to the government for the "wind right". It has been further stated by the Company that they will continue to make environment friendly investments.

OTHER NEWS

- 132 custom offices will be restructured for the foreign trade target, in the amount of US\$ 1 trillion, until 2023. Within the scope of the restructuring, all the customs procedures will be made through computers. Afterwards "mobile custom" system will enter into force.
- Turkish Airlines has executed a protocol with Istanbul Kultur ve Sanat Vakfi (IKSV) for 3 years. As per the protocol, Turkish Airlines will be the sponsor of IKSV for the transportation of artists and equipment during the foreign organizations and broadcast the IKSV activities both locally and at overseas.

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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