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Newsletter

BANKING SECTOR NEWS

- As per the dailies, the Banking Regulation and Supervision Agency has authorized Girisim Gayrimenkul Degerleme and Ulusal Gayrimenkul Degerleme on providing services for valuation of (i) immovable properties; (ii) projects concerning immovable properties; and (iii) rights or benefits attached to immovable properties under the Regulation on Authorization and Scope of Activities of the Valuation Companies to Provide Valuation Services to the Banks.
- Pursuant to the dailies, Altek Alarko has obtained a project finance loan in the amount of TL 120 million from Garanti Bankasi in order to finance its Karakuz Hydroelectric Plant Project having an installed capacity of 76 megawatt. The maturity of the loan is 10 years and the loan agreement also contains a 3-year grace period.
- As per the announcement of Turk Ekonomi Bankasi, the Bank has issued its 25th sub-funds linked to BNP Paribas Money Index. It has been stated that BNP Paribas Money Index is fully regulated in digital form and takes action according to the risk perception of the markets. The fund has been placed under ISE 30 and TL segment, and in case of market risk; the fund directs all investments to gold and BNP Paribas US\$ & Euro passive interest indexes.
- As per the statement made by Isbank, Finansbank, Garanti Bankasi, and Denizbank to the Public Disclosure Platform, fines imposed by the Competition Authority to these banks have been paid in the following amounts: (i) Isbank has paid TL 9.74 million; (ii) Denizbank has paid TL 2.1 million; (iii) Garanti Bankasi has paid TL 8.7 million; and (iv) Finansbank has paid TL 5.8 million to the tax offices.

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- As per the statement made by Halk Bankasi to the Public Disclosure Platform, Halk Portfoy, a subsidiary of Halk Bankasi, has been granted with the portfolio management certificate and operation license by the Capital Market Board.

CAPITAL MARKETS UPDATES

- As per the statement made by Dagi Giyim to the Public Disclosure Platform, the Company has repurchased its 350,000 shares with the price ranges of TL 2.51 to TL 2.54 per lot.
- According to the dailies, the General Manager of the Derivatives Exchange has stated that the trading volume in the Derivatives Exchange will increase three times as to its current situation via initiation of FX agreements and options.

ENERGY SECTOR NEWS

- According to the announcement Bolu Mayor, electric production from methane gas gathered at the garbage dumps has been started in the Solid Waste Storage Facility constructed by CEV, a Korean company, under the joint venture of Bolu Municipality and CEV. The electric production capacity of the facility has been increased 10 times in the following days.
- As per the statement made by OMV Petrol Ofisi to the Public Disclosure Platform, the Company has transferred its 7,991,111.11 shares it holds at OMV Gaz ve Enerji Satis A.S. to OMV Gaz ve Enerji Holding in return for TL 53 million 300 thousand upon the approval of the Energy Market Regulatory Authority in this respect.

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Highlights

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- As per the statement made by Aksa Enerji Uretim to the Public Disclosure Platform, Combined-Cycle Natural Gas Facility having 110 megawatt power has commenced its activities. The power of the facility will be increased to 190 megawatt in the upcoming days.
- According to the dailies, the Energy Market Regulatory Authority has granted electric production, electric wholesale, and auto-production licenses to 38 companies including RWE & Turcas, Tirsan Enerji and Sedaş, while canceling the storage license of Ipragaz for liquefied petroleum gas.
- As per the dailies, initial bids are submitted to the Turkish Privatization Authority for the privatization of Hamitabat Kombine Cevirim Dogalgaz Termik Santrali. Block sale method will be applied in the privatization process and bid bond for the Hamitabat is US\$ 30 million.
- According to information released by the Turkish Statistic Association, the financial budget allocated for electric importation by Turkey for the first 7 months of 2011 has reached to US\$ 29 billion 581 million increasing by 42.5% comparing with the budget of 2010.

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- As per the statement made by Denizbank to the Public Disclosure Platform, the Competition Authority has approved the transfer of 99.98% Denizbank Emeklilik ve Hayat shares by Denizbank to American Life Hayat Sigorta.

OTHER NEWS

- As per the dailies, SEK, one of Tat Konserve subsidiaries, has implemented the new packaging method through which the daily milk will be good for 10 days. In this way, the shelf life of the daily milk has been increased from 5 days to 10 days.
- As per the announcement made by the International Investors Association, since the year of 2000, Iceland and Turkey are the fastest growing countries in the world in terms of research and development investments. According to the report of International Investors Association, the investments for the research and development in Turkey has increased by 10% at least every year and for the year 2009, the expenditure per person for such investments was realized as US\$ 122.
- According to the dailies, Standart & Poor has increased Turkey's credit note to BBB- for national currency.
- As per the dailies, for the foreign currency sale tender of the Turkish Central Bank, the total amount of the bids has reached to US\$ 850 million; while Turkish Central Bank has sold only US\$ 350 million.
- As per the dailies, Limak Holding will invest US\$ 250 million in the construction of a golf club and two hotels one of which is 5 stars and the other is 4 stars all located in Mersin, Tarsus. The construction of the golf club and hotels is planned to be completed by 2015.

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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