

State Aid Programs against the consequences of the COVID-19-Pandemic for Businesses
Overview of aid programs of selected countries
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Introduction:

The Covid – 19 pandemic outbreak has brought about disruption of human lives and businesses in an unprecedented manner across the world.

The Asia-Pacific region has been no exception and as different countries gradually ease lockdown conditions to embrace the ‘new’ normal, governments are grappling with a variety of economic and social challenges, especially managing the economic fallout of the pandemic and provide adequate relief and support measures.

We reached out to various jurisdictions across the Asia-Pacific region to get a sneak-peek into the government relief measures and other special policy initiatives rolled out on account of the Covid-19 outbreak to revive, aid and support the distressed sectors of the economy.

The response has been overwhelming and it is hoped that this document serves as a handy guide for businesses navigating the uncharted waters of the post-Covid era.

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With the creation of a jurisdictional overview of State aid programs against the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic for businesses, which he brought up at the end of March 2020, Christian Becker had a great idea. He masterminded a template that, while being very sophisticated and technical, is easy to understand and use.

At the same time, the topic was presented and discussed in an interesting webina within the framework of the IBA’s first ever virtual conference, the “Virtual Entrepreneurship Conference”.

Sharanya Ranga did an incredible job in recruiting a truly large number of contributors in the whole Asia and Pacific region, in coordinating their work and in putting together this document.

It is really astonishing to see what has been achieved in little over one month.

This guide (and its sister guides for Europe, Latin America and selected EU jurisdictions & US) serves a very practical purpose: to allow lawyers around the globe to better serve their international clients – and to allow international companies to understand the specifics of national and regional programmes available in the jurisdictions in which they do business.

Christian, the regional coordinators of the different guides and all authors did a really outstanding job!

Marco Rizzi, *Bratschi, Zurich; Chair, IBA Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee*

Preliminary Remarks:

This document shall serve as basis for an overview of the state aid programs in selected countries ("**State Aid Overview**") to alleviate the consequences of the COVID-19-Pandemic ("**Corona Pandemic**") for businesses. The State Aid Overview does not represent programs that were not newly created or adapted against the consequences of the Corona Pandemic

Part 1 contains a concise overview of the respective aid programs in the respective countries (including the EU). Part 2 contains somewhat detailed descriptions of the aid programs, although this description should also be of an overview nature.

The aim of this overview is to give companies and their legal advisors a quick overview of the aid programs in the respective countries (and regions). It is not the aim of this overview to present every detail of the individual state aid programs.

This document contains State Aid Overviews for the following countries:

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| • Australia | • Bahrain | • Bangladesh |
| • Cambodia | • Hong Kong SAR | • India |
| • Indonesia | • Japan | • Jordan |
| • Kuwait | • Malaysia | • Myanmar |
| • New Zealand | • Oman | • Pakistan |
| • Philippines | • Qatar | • Saudi Arabia |
| • Singapore | • Taiwan | • Thailand |
| • United Arab Emirates | • Vietnam | |

Besides to this document, the following other State Aid Overviews exist: Selected European and North American Jurisdictions, [Latin American Jurisdictions], Selected Asia-Pacific Jurisdictions and [Selected African Jurisdictions]

The state aid instruments summarized in this State Aid Overview have been classified by applying the following system of colour codes:

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| | means equity instruments, in particular the assumption of shares in a business/company |
| | means mezzanine instruments, in particular financing by way of subordinated loans, subordinated bonds, profit participation certificates, convertible bonds |
| | means debt instruments, in particular (super) senior or pari-passu loans and bonds |
| | means a the possibility to provide equity instruments, mezzanine instruments and/or debt instruments or a combination thereof |
| | means state aid by tax relief or tax benefits and suchlike |

I hope you will find these documents useful.

Christian Becker, Görg

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Part 1

Summary Overview of State Aid Programs

| No. | Country | Type | Name | Summary |
|-----|-----------|---------------|---|---|
| 1 | Australia | 1.1 Equity | 1.1.1 N/A | |
| | | | 1.1.2 N/A | |
| | | 1.2 Mezzanine | 1.2.1 N/A | |
| | | | 1.2.2 N/A | |
| | | 1.3 Debt | 1.3.1 Bank Policy to Postpone Loan Repayments | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australian banks have announced that they will support small and medium sized enterprises with their existing loans by deferring loan repayments for up to 6 months. While loan repayments will be deferred, interest will generally be capitalised. The terms and conditions of the deferral may vary between banking institutions. |
| | | | 1.3.2 Insolvency Relief | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purpose of Insolvency Relief <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The relief aims to provide a “safety net” to businesses to assist them in continuing to operate where the impacts of COVID-19 may have caused a temporary period of illiquidity in order to avoid entering voluntary administration or liquidation. Relief will be given for a period of 6 months from 25 March 2020 in relation to issuing and responding to statutory demands and director’s duty to prevent insolvent trading. Relief <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government will temporarily increase the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> threshold at which creditors can issue a statutory demand on a company from \$2,000 to \$20,000; threshold at which creditors can initiate bankruptcy proceedings from \$5,000 to \$20,000; and time companies have to respond to statutory demands from 21 days to 6 months. Temporary relief will also be provided for directors from any personal liability for trading while insolvent. |
| | | 1.4 Mixed | 1.4.1 N/A | |

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| | | | 1.4.2 N/A | |
| | | 1.5 Other reliefs | 1.5.1 Government Wage Subsidy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose of Wage Subsidy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AUD 130 billion “JobKeeper Program” subsidy to assist employers to retain their employees. ○ The subsidy provides eligible employers with a wage subsidy for wages paid to eligible employees during the 6 month period starting on 30 March 2020. ○ The wage subsidy provided to the eligible employee is fixed at AUD 1,500 per fortnight, per employee. • Eligible Employers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To be eligible to participate in JobKeeper program, the employer must demonstrate that the GST turnover of its business has decreased by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 30% or more, if the aggregated annual turnover of the employer’s business is less than AUD 1 billion (for income tax purposes); or ▪ 50% or more, if the aggregated annual turnover of the employer’s business is AUD 1 billion or more (for income tax purposes). ○ The ‘aggregated turnover’ includes the annual global turnover of all connected entities and affiliates regardless of location. • Eligible Employees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Under the JobKeeper program, eligible employees are employees who as at 1 March 2020 were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ employed by the eligible employer (including those stood down or re-hired) on a full-time, part-time or long-term casual basis; ▪ at least 16 years of age; and ▪ resident in Australia and were either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an Australian citizen; • a holder of a permanent visa; or • a holder of a special category visa and a protected SCV holder; or ▪ an Australian resident for tax purposes and the holder of a Special Category (Subclass 444) Visa, which is only available to New Zealand citizens. • Conditions |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Where an eligible employer receives the subsidy in respect of an eligible employee, the employer must then pay each eligible employee the full AUD 1,500 per fortnight, even if the eligible employee's fortnightly wage is less than AUD 1,500. ○ Eligible employers participating in the JobKeeper program may also <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ stand down eligible employees who the employer cannot usefully employ as a result of COVID-19 (the employer does not have to prove a complete stoppage in work as would otherwise required under the Fair Work Act 2009 (Cth) (FWA)); ▪ unilaterally reduce eligible employees' working hours; ▪ unilaterally change eligible employees' duties and work location provided such change is safe, within the employee's skill and competency, and reasonably within the scope of the employer's business; and ▪ agree with eligible employees to change their work days or take annual leave (provided the employee retains at least two weeks of accrued annual leave), ○ An employer may only exercise the above rights if they reasonably believe such actions are necessary to save an eligible employee's job, give the eligible employee prior notice (generally three days) and consult with the eligible employees and, if applicable, any unions. |
| | | | 1.5.2 Commercial and Retail Rent Relief | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose of the Relief <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National Cabinet Mandatory Code of Conduct (Code) released to impose good faith leasing principles in relation to dealing with leases during the COVID-19 pandemic period to assist with the proportionate management of cashflow for eligible tenants and landlords . ○ Various States and Territories have adopted the Code into State and Territory law. • Eligible Tenants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eligible tenants are tenants that are eligible to receive the JobKeeper subsidy and have an annual turnover of AUD 50 million or less (including the turnover of the tenant's group companies). • Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Code requires landlords to engage in good faith negotiations with eligible tenants, at the tenant's request, to principally arrange for the reduction (in the form of waivers and deferrals) of a portion of the tenant's rental payments proportionate to the tenant's decrease in trade during the COVID-19 pandemic period. |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ At least 50% of the total reduction in rent must be given as a waiver of the rent payable.○ During the COVID-19 pandemic period (and for a reasonable recovery period afterwards), landlords cannot terminate a tenant's lease due to non-payment of rent. |

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| 2 | Bahrain | 2.1 Equity | N/A | |
| | | 2.2 Mezzanine | N/A | |
| | | 2.3 Debt | N/A | |
| | | 2.4 Mixed | 2.4.1 Three-month salary payment scheme for Bahraini employees | The Government recently approved a bill to cover the salaries of all Bahraini employees in the private sector who are registered with the Social Insurance Organisation, which will be paid from the Unemployment Insurance Fund. |
| | | | 2.4.2 Suspension of Labour Market Regulatory Authority Fees | Fees have been lifted in relation to work permits of companies registered in the Kingdom of Bahrain. |
| | | | 2.4.3 Payment of Electricity and Water bills | The Government has approved to cover the electricity and water bills for premises (households, offices etc). |
| | | | 2.4.4 Suspension of rent fees | All business with government-owned industrial land will be exempt from land rental fees for 3 months from April 2020. |
| | | | 2.4.5 Measures of the Central Bank of Bahrain | The Central Bank of Bahrain's loan facilities are set to be increased to US\$9.8 billion so debt instalments can be deferred and extra credit to be extended. Additionally, a cap has been set on merchant fees imposed by local banks and finance companies on debit card transactions. |

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| 3 | Bangladesh | 3.1 Equity | 3.1.1 N/A | |
| | | | 3.1.2 N/A | |
| | | 3.2 Mezzanine | 3.2.1 N/A | |
| | | | 3.2.2 N/A | |
| | | 3.3 Debt | 3.3.1 Stimulus fund for export-oriented businesses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A large part of Bangladesh's export earnings and GDP is from the export of ready-made garments, a sector which employs 3.6 million workers. The global pandemic caused most buyers in the US and Europe to cancel or postpone their orders causing huge risk of unemployment. This BDT 50 billion fund is geared towards financing active export-oriented factories only to pay their workers' wages for the months of April-June 2020. Applicants are entitled to receive no-interest loans (only a one-time service fee of 2% payable to their bank), which their banks will disburse directly to their workers' accounts, having received the required funds from the central bank. |
| | | | 3.3.2 Financial stimulus package for manufacturing and service sectors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This BDT 300 billion fund is subsidising the interest payments of working capital loans available to businesses in the manufacturing and service sectors. The loans would be disbursed by commercial banks from their own funds at 9% interest rate, 4.5% of which would be payable by the borrower while the rest would be shouldered by the Government from this fund. |
| | | | 3.3.3 Refinance scheme low income professionals, farmers and marginal/ micro businessmen | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This BDT 30 billion fund is geared towards low income professionals, farmers and marginal/ micro businessmen who are traditionally subscribers of micro-credit institutions. The Central Bank would provide funds to banks at a low cost of 1% interest p.a. to be disbursed to micro-credit institutions for disbursement to its subscribers as micro-loans upto BDT 75,000 per subscriber. Banks who receive the fund at 1% interest from the central bank would disburse the funds to micro-credit institutions at 3.5%, while the maximum interest payable at the subscriber level would be 9%. |
| | | | 3.3.4 Special Credit facility for CMSME | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This BDT 200 billion Fund is primarily to provide low-cost loans to Cottage, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (CMSME) affected by Covid-19. |

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| | | | enterprises | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial banks and NBFIs will provide working capital loans to the affected CMSMEs from their own funds at 9% p.a. interest, 5% of which would be shouldered by the Government from this fund |
| | | | 3.3.5 Pre-Shipment Credit Refinance Scheme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This BDT 50 billion is to make available low-cost loans to exporters as pre-shipment credit. The funds are disbursed to exporters amounting upto 10% of their export consignment value by commercial banks and NBFIs at an interest rate of 6% per annum. The Central bank provides the funds to the disbursing bank/NBFI at an interest rate of 3% per annum. |
| | | | 3.3.6 Special Incentive Re-financing Scheme for the Agirucultural Sector | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The intended beneficiaries of this BDT 50 billion fund are agricultural business ventures, such as horticulture, fisheries, poultry, dairy etc., and entrepreneurial enterprises who directly purchase agricultural products from farmers. Interested banks are to apply for funds from this package. The amount shall be repayable by the participating banks within 18 months (12 months + 6 months with grace period) from the date of re-finance. Fixed interest rate of 1% will apply on the refinanced amount. The customers shall repay the loans within 18 months (including 6 months grace period). Fixed interest rate of 4% will apply for all customers. |
| | | 3.4 Mixed | 3.4.1 N/A | |
| | | | 3.4.2 N/A | |

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| 4 | Cambodia | 4.1 Equity | N/A | |
| | | 4.2 Mezzanine | N/A | |
| | | 4.3 Debt | 4.3.1 Support Response from National Bank of Cambodia (NBC) | The NBC issued a circular on 27 March 2020 to all financial institutions regarding loan restructuring in the following four priority sectors until 31 December 2020: (i) tourism (including hotels, guest houses, restaurants, food and beverage suppliers, service activities and other support services; (ii) textile and garment manufacturing (including employees); (iii) construction (exclusively for first-time house/shop owner loans and mortgages); and (iv) transport (specifically taxi drivers and tuk-tuk drivers) and logistics in connection with the following loan restructuring measures: (i) reducing the amount of loan principal or amount to be repaid at the maturity; (ii) lowering interest rates; (iii) deferring the repayments of principal or interest or capitalized interest; (iv) extending the maturity dates; (v) adding and/or modifying co-borrowers and/or guarantors, where applicable; (vi) changing the instalment plan such that only interest payments need to be made and the principal amount will be paid at maturity (bullet loans); (vii) releasing collateral or accepting lower level of collateralization; (viii) easing of covenants and/or; (ix) providing grace periods for repayment of up to 6 months from the effective date of new agreements. |
| | | 4.5 Other relief | 4.5.1 Tax relief | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exemption for all monthly tax payments from February 2020 until May 2020 for hotels, guesthouses, restaurants and travel agents registered with the General Department of Taxation and located in Phnom Penh, Siem Reap, Sihanoukville, Kep, Kampot, Bavet or Poipet. For annual income tax returns for 2019, affected enterprises may make the related tax payments in monthly instalments through to November 2020. A minimum tax exemption to all airline enterprises operating in Cambodia from March 2020 to May 2020 and a delay in the payment of aviation fees by airline enterprises operating in Cambodia for a period of 6 months to the Secretary of State of Civil Aviation. Temporary tax break for tax registered enterprises operating in the garment/footwear and bag manufacturing sectors who may be affected by the outbreak of COVID-19 (as well as the partial suspension of EBA tariffs on certain exported goods from Cambodia). Exemption of the 4% stamp duty on the transfer of residential property that is valued up to USD70,000 from February 2020 to January 2021. |
| | | | 4.5.2 Additional government support for garment sector | <p>For certain garment enterprises (including production of garments, textiles, footwear, travel products and bags) who have suspended or will suspend operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> subject to an approval on employment suspension by the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training (MLVT), em- |

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| | | | | <p>ployees are eligible to receive government subsidies of up to USD 40 per month; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ such enterprises can suspend monthly contribution payments to the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) during the suspension of operations after the MLVT approves the employment contract suspension. |
| | | | 4.5.3 Additional government support for tourism sector | <p>For certain tourism enterprises (hotels, guesthouses, restaurants and travel agents located in Phnom Penh, Siem Reap, Sihanoukville, Kep and Kampot) who have suspended or will suspend operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ subject to an approval on employment suspension by the MLVT, employees are eligible to receive government subsidies of USD 40 per month; and ▪ such enterprises can suspend monthly contribution payments to the NSSF during the suspension of operations after the MLVT approves the employment contract suspension. |

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| 5 | Hong Kong SAR of China | 5.1 Equity | 5.1.1 N/A | |
| | | | 5.1.2 N/A | |
| | | 5.2 Mezzanine | 5.2.1 N/A | |
| | | | 5.2.2 N/A | |
| | | 5.3 Debt | 5.3.1 Special 100 Per-cent Loan Guarantee (launched by Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Insurance Limited (HKMCI) under the SME Financing Guarantee Scheme ("SFGS")) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loan at an amount not more than US\$500,000 with 100% guarantee by the Government for the purpose of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ alleviating the burden of wages and rent on SMEs that have suffered a decline in business due to the global pandemic - the loans can be used to pay rent and employee salaries, and to meet imminent working capital demands. |
| | | | 5.3.2 Further Enhancement Measures under the SFGS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To further enhance the various loan guarantee products under the SFGS to provide enterprises with the much needed financial support to ease their cash flow problems by increasing loan amount and / or providing concessionary interest rate. |
| | | | 5.3.3 Principal Payment Holiday Scheme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To grant a six-month loan repayment holiday to eligible SMEs aimed at providing immediate relief for cash flow pressures faced by corporate borrowers in SMEs during the Covid-19 pandemic. |
| | | 5.4 Mixed | 5.4.1 Anti Epidemic Fund | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To provide relief to hard-hit businesses and residents. • Condition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Total fund size: HK\$30 billion. ○ Comprising 24 initiatives to provide relief to hard-hit businesses and residents (see Part 2). |

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| | | | 5.4.2 HK\$120 billion Relief Package in 2020-21 Budget | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HK\$120 billion Relief Package in 2020-21 Budget will focus on supporting enterprises, stimulating the economy and keeping jobs in sectors most affected by the COVID-19. • Condition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Total fund size: HK\$120 billion . |
| | | | 5.4.3 Anti-Epidemic Fund 2.0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2nd round of the Anti-Epidemic Fund to focus on helping to mitigate the financial difficulties caused to individuals and businesses by COVID-19. • Condition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Total fund size: HK\$137.5 billion; ○ Job retention, Job creation and job advancement (see Part 2 for details) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction of HK\$80 billion Employment Support Scheme - Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme - LAWTECH Fund ○ Provision of one-off relief for specific sectors ○ Subsidy schemes for premises affected by COVID-19 ○ Easing cashflow pressure of businesses and individuals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A 20 per cent fare concession of MTR and temporary relaxation of the monthly threshold of the Public Transport Fare Subsidy Scheme ○ SMEs Enterprises <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special 100% Loan Guarantee under the SME Financing Guarantee Scheme (see 5.3.1) • Application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Hong Kong (SAR) Government is expected to provide further details of the conditions and requirements for applying above schemes and subsidies in the coming weeks. |
| | | | 5.4.4 Distance Business Programme (D-Biz) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Under the Anti-Epidemic Fund, the Innovation and Technology Commission (ITC) has launched the Distance Business (D-Biz) Programme to support enterprises to continue their business and services through the adoption of IT solutions. |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All private enterprises (except listed companies, statutory bodies and NGOs funded by the Government), are eligible to apply. Qualified enterprise must have valid Business Registration Certificate with business commenced before 1 January 2020 and have substantive business operation in the related industry at the time of application. • Conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Funding amount: The D-Biz Programme will provide 100% funding support to qualified enterprises, subject to a cap of HK\$100,000 per IT solution and HK\$300,000 per enterprise. An initial payment of 30% of the approved funding amount is payable to a designated bank account after the application has been approved. ○ Funding scope: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To facilitate enterprises to identify suitable IT solutions, lists of IT Solutions and IT Service Providers will be provided for applicant's reference, with a view to expediting processing time and benefiting the enterprises as soon as possible. - The list of IT Solutions will cover 13 categories of IT solutions for supporting distance business. - Examples of distance business funding scope (see Part 2). • Application Period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Open for application from 4 May to 31 October 2020 for a period of 6 months. |
| | | 5.5 Tax reliefs | 5.5.1 Extension of tax payment deadlines | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To ease the financial burden and cash flow difficulties of businesses and individuals arising from COVID-19. • Condition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Automatic extension of deadlines by 3 months: for payment of Salaries Tax, tax under Personal Assessment and Profits Tax for the year of assessment 2018/19 that would otherwise fall due in April to June this year. ○ First instalment of payment already settled: For taxpayers who have promptly settled the first instalment of their respective demand notes under Salaries Tax, Personal Assessment and Profits Tax for the year of assessment 2018/19, the deadline for payment of tax for the second instalment will be automatically extended for 3 months from the due date of the second instalment as specified on the demand note. ○ No application by taxpayers is required for this relief. |

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| 6 | India | 6.1 Equity | 6.1.1 Equity infusion in Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INR 500,000,000,000 (USD 6,666,666,666 approx. @ USD 1 = INR 75) equity infusion through MSMEs Fund of Funds Scheme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Government of India to set up a MSME Funds Scheme of INR 100,000,000,000 (USD 1,333,333,333 approx.) operated through a mother and a few daughter funds to provide equity funding support to MSMEs. |
| | | 6.2 Mezzanine | 6.2.1 Measures for relief and credit support to businesses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of INR 200,000,000,000 (USD 2,666,666,666 approx.) as subordinate debt to non performing assets or stressed MSMEs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The promoters of MSME will be given subordinate-debt equal to 15% of his existing stake up to INR 7,500,000 (USD 100,000 approx.) by banks, which will then be infused into the MSME as promoter equity. |
| | | 6.3 Debt | 6.3.1 Regulatory measures to mitigate the burden of debt servicing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rescheduling of payments – Term Loans and Working Capital Facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The lending banks and financial institutions to grant a moratorium of 3 months on payment of loans instalments falling due between 1 March 2020 and 31 May 2020. • Easing of Working Capital Financing • Loans to Commercial Real Estate Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For loans to commercial real estate projects which are delayed for reasons beyond the control of promoters, the date of commencement for commercial operations can be extended by an additional 1 year, over and above the 1 year extension permitted in normal course. • Special Liquidity Facility for Mutual Funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Special liquidity facility of INR 500,000,000,000 (USD 6,666,666,666 approx. @ USD 1 = INR 75) has been introduced for banks to enable them to meet liquidity requirements of mutual funds. • Refinancing Facilities for a total amount of INR 500,000,000,000 (USD 6,666,666,666 approx.) for All India Financial Institutions (AIFIs) to enable them to meet sectoral credit needs. |
| | | | 6.3.2 Measures for relief and credit support to businesses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid-19 Start Up Assistance Scheme by the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SIDBI to provide Working Capital Term Loan to provide interim support to start ups entities. • Emergency Working Capital Facility of INR 3,000,000,000,000 (USD 40,000,000,000 approx.) for Businesses, including MSMEs. • Liquidity Injection of INR 900,000,000,000 (USD 12,000,000,000 approx.) for Distribution Companies to enable them to pay their dues to Transmission and Generation companies. • Special Liquidity Scheme of INR 300,000,000,000 (USD 4,000,000,000 approx.) for Non-Banking Financial Corporations (NBFCs)/ Housing Finance Companies (HFCs)/ Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs). |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing Partial Credit Guarantee scheme offered to public sector banks is now extended to cover the borrowings of lower rated NBFCs, HFCs and MFIs. Emergency Working Capital support of INR 300,000,000,000 (USD 4,000,000,000 approx.) to be extended to farmers through National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD). Concessional credit to PM-KISAN beneficiaries through Kisan Credit Cards. Credit facility up to INR 10,000 (USD 133 approx.) to each street vendor. |
| | | 6.4 Mixed | N/A | |
| | | 6.5 Other reliefs | 6.5.1 Change in the Foreign Investment Policy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Foreign Investment Policy of India has been revised from 22 April 2020 with the objective of curbing opportunistic takeovers and acquisitions of Indian companies. It is provided that: (i) an entity of a country, which shares land border with India or where the beneficial owner of an investment into India is situated or is a citizen of any such country, can make investments in an entity in India only with the prior approval of the Government of India; and (ii) in the event of the transfer of ownership of any existing or future foreign investment in an entity in India, directly or indirectly, resulting in the beneficial ownership falling within the above restriction, such subsequent change in beneficial ownership shall also require prior approval of the Government of India. The Foreign Direct Investment limit in an entity engaged in the manufacturing of defence products in India will be increased from 49% to 74% under the automatic route. |
| | | | 6.5.2 Tax Reliefs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issuance of Tax Refunds: All pending income-tax refunds up to INR 500,000 (USD 6,666 approx.) and Goods and Services Tax and Custom refunds will be released immediately by the tax authorities in favour of the eligible assessee. Extension for filing income tax returns and central exercise returns. Reduction by 25% in rates of Tax Deduction at Source (TDS) and Tax Collected at Source for the remaining period of financial year 2020-2021. |
| | | | 6.5.3 Employment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protection to employees during lockdown from termination; reduction of wages; or forced leave: During the period of the lockdown, if the workers/employees are on leave or unable to attend to their duties or the establishment is required to be closed then the workers/employees shall be deemed to be on duty. Social Security Contributions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For employees earning less than INR 15,000 (USD 200 approx.) per month in companies having less than 100 employees, the entire provident fund contribution of both, the employee and the employer, will be borne and paid by the Government of India, for the months March – August 2020. The statutory provident fund contribution of both employer and employee has been reduced to 10% each |

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| | | | | from existing 12% each, for all establishments covered by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation, for next 3 months. |
| | | | 6.5.4 Corporate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relaxations under the Indian Companies Act: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The companies have been permitted to hold meetings of the Board of Directors and general meeting of shareholders through video conferencing or other audio visual means. ○ Requirement of compliance with the minimum residency requirement of at-least 182 days for a director of a company in India is relaxed. ○ Decriminalization of Indian Companies Act violation involving minor technical and procedural defaults by Indian companies. • Relaxations granted by the Securities and Exchange Board of India to the listed companies with compliances under the securities laws. |
| | | | 6.5.5 Others | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insolvency threshold and suspension of initiation of fresh insolvency proceedings: The threshold for triggering insolvency cases for defaulting debtors has been raised to INR 10,000,000 (USD 133,333 approx.) from INR 100,000 (USD 1,333 approx.). The Government of India has announced suspension of initiation of fresh insolvency proceedings up to one year; a special insolvency framework for MSMEs to be notified; and Covid-19 related debt to be excluded from the definition of "default" under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 for the purpose of triggering insolvency proceedings. • Insurance: Insurance companies are permitted to grant moratorium of 3 months towards payment of premium instalments by the policy holder falling due between 1 March 2020 and 31 May 2020. • Rental waiver has been granted to the small information technology units (usually tech micro, small or medium enterprises or startups) operating out of the Software Technology Parks of India. • Expedited processing of applications for import of Diagnostic Tests for diagnosis of Covid-19. • Extension of existing Foreign Trade Policy until March 31, 2021. • Extension of the period for realization and repatriation is increased from 9 months to 15 months from the date of export, for the exports made up to or on 31 July 2020. • No global tender enquiries for Government tenders upto INR 2,000,000,000 (USD 26,666,666 approx.) for procurement of Goods and Services. • Extension of up to 6 months to the Government contractors for completion of their contractual obligations • Registration and completion date for all registered projects under the Real Estate Regulatory Authority to |

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| | | | | <p>be extended up to 6 months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various financial schemes have been announced by the Government of India for development and formalization of micro food enterprises, agriculture, beekeeping, fishery, animal husbandry and herbal cultivation. • Government of India has announced structural reforms in coal, minerals, defence production, airports development, airspace management, aircraft maintenance repair and overhaul, power distribution of companies in certain territories, space and atomic energy. • Various reforms for ease of doing business such as privatization of certain public sector enterprises, decriminalization of offences under the Indian Companies Act, direct listing of securities in foreign jurisdictions and lower penalties for defaults committed by small companies and start-ups. |

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| 7 | Indonesia | 7.1 Equity | 7.1.1 Capital Participa- tion | The Government may add capital participation to its State-Owned Enterprises or appoint State-Owned Enterprises to manage a fresh fund granted by the Government. |
| | | | 7.1.2 Fund Placement | The Government may provide funding to the selected Indonesian banks for the purpose of sustaining of financial li- quidity of such banks. |
| | | | 7.1.3 Direct Investment | The Government may purchase shares traded in capital market. |
| | | | 7.1.4 Joint Ventures | The Government may provide funding through its participation in a joint venture arrangement with private entities or business operation cooperation for strategic infrastructure projects for the main purpose of ending the COVID-19 pan- demic. |
| | | | 7.1.5 Funding from the State Expenditures | The Government may subsidize the interest as part of the loan repayment components of qualified parties. |
| | | 7.2 Mezzanine | N/A | |
| | | 7.3 Debt | 7.3.1 Loan | The Government may provide loan to support infrastructure developments or for the purpose of financing. |
| | | | 7.3.2 Bonds Purchase | The Government may purchase issued bonds under certain qualifications. |
| | | | 7.3.3 Government Bonds | The Government may issue Government Bonds to provide funding. |
| | | | 7.3.4 Loan Restructur- ing and Refinancing | The Government allows banks to provide loan restructuring or refinancing to qualified banks' lending customers. |
| | | 7.4 Mixed | 7.4.1 Guarantee | The Government may provide guarantees for the performance of the State-Owned Enterprises of its obligations. |
| | | 7.5 Tax reliefs | 7.5.1 Value Added Tax ("VAT") | The Government exempts any VAT deductions. |
| | | | 7.5.2 Income Tax for Imports Business Ac- tivities | The Government exempts any income tax deductions applicable to the imports of goods which are supportive to end- ing the COVID-19 pandemic. |
| | | | 7.5.3 Income Tax for business entities | The Government exempts any income tax deductions applicable to the business entities. |

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| | | | 7.5.4 Income Tax for employees | The Government exempts any income tax deductions applicable to the employees of business entities, or individual entrepreneurs. |

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| 8 | Japan | 8.1 Equity | 8.1.1 (ETF and J-REIT Purchases) | The Bank of Japan (BOJ) is temporarily authorized to increase its rate of purchase of ETFs and J-REITs. |
| | | 8.2 Mezzanine | 8.2.1N/A | |
| | | 8.3 Debt | 8.3.1 (Commercial Paper and Commercial Bond Purchases) | The BOJ has temporarily increased its targeted purchases of commercial paper and corporate bonds. |
| | | | 8.3.2 (No Interest Loans) | No interest, no collateral loans will be made available and outstanding loans may be refinanced to no interest loans. |
| | | | 8.3.3 (Guarantees) | Loans and credit guarantee through government financial institutions will be made available to SMEs through safety-net guarantees and crisis-related guarantees. |
| | | 8.4 Mixed | 8.4.1 (Cash Payments Subsidies) | Approximately JPY 2.3 trillion in cash payments subsidies will be made available to a variety of businesses with impacted revenues. |
| | | 8.5 Tax Relief | 8.5.1 (Tax and Social Security Deferment) | Tax and social security contributions may be deferred up to one year without penalty or interest for businesses with revenue falling by more than 20%, etc. |
| | | | 8.5.2 (Tax Loss Carry Back Refund) | Companies whose stated capital is less than JPY 1 billion (previously JPY 100 million) are eligible for tax refund by tax loss carry back. |
| | | | 8.5.3 (Local Tax Reduction) | The local property tax on machinery and building will be reduced to zero or one-half for affected SMEs depending on the amount of decrease in business income. |
| | | | 8.5.4 (Investment Tax Exemption) | SMEs that invest in new equipment are exempt from property tax for three years after investment upon application (the March 2021 application deadline has been extended for 2 years). |
| | | | 8.5.5 (Telework Special Credits) | Special depreciation credits are available for SMEs that undertake capital investments in teleworking, etc. |

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| 9 | Jordan | 9.1 Equity | 9.1.1 N/A | |
| | | | 9.1.2 N/A | |
| | | 9.2 Mezzanine | 9.2.1 N/A | |
| | | | 9.2.2 N/A | |
| | | 9.3 Debt | 9.3.1 Central Bank Market Sectors Financing and Support Program | <p>The program was launched to provide the necessary financing for various market sectors, especially that of small and medium-sized businesses, with reasonable costs and deadlines. The program aims to support said markets and raise competitiveness and production capacity, which in turn enhances their role in stimulating economic growth and employment.</p> <p>The amount currently available is around 1.2 Billion JOD (equivalent to 5% of the direct facilities granted by Banks.)</p> |
| | | | 9.3.2 Central Bank Aid Program for Small and Medium-Sized Companies | <p>The Jordanian Central Bank decided to introduce a program to finance and support small and medium-sized companies (defined as any company that has less than 200 employees or has less than 5,000,000 JOD in annual sales). The program's funding amount equals 500 million JOD. The program allows commercial and Islamic banks to finance small and medium-sized companies with necessary loans to deal with the negative effects of the COVID 19 pandemic.</p> |
| | | 9.4 Mixed | 9.4.1 Defence Order No.1 | The Government decided not to charge any late fines/fees for the amounts due to the Social Security Corporation by registered businesses. |
| | | | 9.4.2 Defence Order No.6 | The Government decided that from 1 April 2020, the wages of employees in the private sector may be restructured, the conditions of which can be found in Part 2. |
| | | | 9.4.3 Social Security Corporation Aid Fund (1) | With the introduction of Defence Order No. (9), the Government introduced the Social Security Corporation Aid Fund No. (1) to help businesses pay employee wages. The details of the fund can be found in Part 2. |
| | | 9.5 Tax reliefs | 9.5.1 Defence Order No. 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The period prescribed in the Income Tax Law related to submitting income tax returns is extended until 30 June 2020. The period prescribed in the Income Tax Law relating to the obligation to pay any withheld tax during the lock-down period to the Income and Sales Tax department is extended until 30 June 2020. |

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| 10 | Kuwait | 10.1 Equity | 10.1.1 N/A | |
| | | | 10.1.2 N/A | |
| | | 10.2 Mezzanine | 10.2.1 N/A | |
| | | | 10.2.2 N/A | |
| | | 10.3 Debt | 10.3.1 Loan instalments deferral | <p>Upon the instructions of the Central Bank of Kuwait, the Kuwait Banking Association issued a moratorium on bank loans for 6 months from March 2020 to September 2020. The deferral is applicable to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti banks, 2. Consumption and mortgage loans, 3. The moratorium does not include investment loans, family subsidizing loan and loans of defaulting borrowers, 4. Kuwaiti nationals, persons who live without nationality, sons and daughters of Kuwaiti women, however expats will be dealt with on a case by case basis. <p>Interest, profits and charges are currently waived including the same for deferred loans.</p> |
| | | | 10.3.2 Central Bank of Kuwait measures | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discount rate has been reduced from 2.5 to 1.5 percent.. • Cut the repo rate and all monetary policy instruments by 1%. |
| | | 10.4 Mixed | 10.4.1 Funding | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kuwait Cabinet approved a draft law authorizing KD 500 million additional funding to ministries and state agencies to fight COVID-19. • The Council of Ministers approved a draft law deferring the collection of due instalments on the beneficiaries of Family Support Funds. |
| | | | 10.4.2 COVID-19 Fund | Temporary fund established to receive financial contributions from locals in support of the Government's efforts related to the outbreak. |
| | | 10.5 Tax reliefs | 10.5.1 Social Insurance | Ministry of Finance has decided to postpone the employer's share in social insurance premiums for a period of 6 months. |
| | | | 10.5.2 N/A | |

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| 11 | Malaysia | 11.1 Equity | 11.1.1 N/A | |
| | | 11.2 Mezzanine | 11.2.1 N/A | |
| | | | 11.2.2 N/A | |
| | | 11.3 Debt | 11.3.1 N/A | |
| | | | 11.3.2 N/A | |
| | | 11.4 Mixed | 11.4.1 Special Relief Facility (SRF) | RM5 billion fund of SRF to help alleviate the immediate and targeted cash flow problems faced by SMEs for the sustainability of business operations and the safeguarding of jobs. |
| | | | 11.4.2 All Economic Sectors (AES) Facility | RM 6.8 billion fund of AES Facility to enhance access to financing for SMEs and to support growth in all economic sectors, such as agriculture, manufacturing (including agro-based) and services. |
| | | | 11.4.3 Additional financial assistance under Micro Credit Scheme | The Government will be abolishing the 2% interest rate for the RM500mil Micro Credit Scheme under Bank Simpanan Nasional. |
| | | | 11.4.4 Special grant to micro-SMEs | Special grant to micro-SMEs of RM 3,000 each. |
| | | | 11.4.5 Gurantees by SJPP | Syarikat Jaminan Pembiayaan Perniagaan (SJPP) will provide RM5 billion worth of guarantees with up to 80% guarantee coverage for SMEs that face difficulties in obtaining loans. |
| | | | 11.4.6 Financing for SMEs | SMEs with business records of less than four years can resort to the BizMula-i and BizWanita-i schemes for financing up to RM300,000 under the Credit Guarantee Malaysia Berhad (CGC). |
| | | | 11.4.7 Danajamin Guarantee Scheme | The Government will provide a RM50 billion guarantee scheme with a guarantee of up to 80% of the loan amount. |
| | | 11.5 Other reliefs | 11.5.1 Tax deduction | Tax deduction for amount of rental waived or reduced. |
| | | | 11.5.2 Wage subsidy | All companies with local workers earning of RM4,000 and below will receive subsidised wage assistance. |
| | | | 11.5.3 Waiver or reduction of rental for prem- | Waiver or reduction of rental for premises owned by Government-Linked Companies (GLCs). |

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| | | | ises owned by GLCs | |
| | | | 11.5.4 Levy exemption/reduction | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25% reduction of levy on foreign employees permits. • Human Resources Development (HRD) Levy Exemption. |
| | | | 11.5.5 Deferment of monthly tax instalments | Deferment of monthly tax instalments for a period of 3 months for SME beginning 1 April 2020. |
| | | | 11.5.6 Employees Provident Fund (EPF) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employer Advisory Services (EAS) programme EAS to assist employers so that they can continue retaining jobs. • Employer COVID-19 Assistance Programme (e-CAP) for SMEs to defer and restructure employer contributions. |

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| 12 | Myanmar | 12.1 Equity | N/A | |
| | | 12.2 Mezzanine | N/A | |
| | | 12.3 Debt | 12.3.1 Stimulus Packages | The Myanmar Government has announced an initial stimulus package to reduce the impact of COVID-19 on the country's economy featuring a cheap loan having 1% interest with tenure of 1 year for Myanmar owned small and medium-sized enterprises, hospitality, etc. There budget available is USD 70 million (MMK 100 billion). Myanmar Government has also provided for 50% credit guarantee scheme for Myanmar companies, who retain the employees on their payroll as on 1 February 2020. |
| | | 12.4 Tax reliefs | 2.4.1 Advance Income Tax (AIT) on exports | Removal of 2% Advance Income Tax ("AIT") on exports Exporters will be exempt from the payment of 2% AIT on export of goods until 30 September 2020. |
| | | | 12.4.2 Extension of tax payment deadline | Deferral of corporate tax payment to selected industries Myanmar-owned business in the CMP industry, hotel and tourism businesses, and small and medium-sized enterprises are allowed to defer the payment of quarterly corporate income tax (starting the quarter January to March 2020) and monthly commercial tax (starting March to August 2020) until 30 September 2020. |
| | | | 12.4.3 Commercial tax exemption on purchases related to COVID-19 | Commercial tax exemption on medical equipment and supplies The Internal Revenue Department clarified that purchases or importation of medical equipment, apparatus, scrubs, and medicines, as specifically listed in the notification, to be used for the control, prevention, and cure of COVID-19 are exempt from commercial tax. |
| | | | 12.4.4 Importation procedures | Easing submission of Original Commercial Documents for Import procedures during COVID-19 period Myanmar Customs Department eased the requirement to submit original documents upon importation in order to avail the reduced custom duty rates under a relevant Free Trade Agreement with Myanmar. Submission of soft copies of the documents will be allowed until 31 May 2020. The original documents can be re-submitted within one month from the date the goods are taken from or until the date of the airlines will resume their route/operations. |
| | | | 12.4.5 Extension of deadline for social security contribution | Deferral of social security contributions Businesses can defer the payment of social security contributions from the current 15 days after the end of the month to 3 months after the end of the relevant month. |

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| 13 | New Zealand* | 13.1 Equity | 13.1.1 N/A | |
| | | | 13.1.2 N/A | |
| | | 13.2 Mezzanine | 13.2.1 N/A | |
| | | | 13.2.2 N/A | |
| | | 13.3 Debt | 13.3.1 | Large Scale Asset Purchase programme The Reserve Bank of New Zealand (RBNZ) will purchase NZ\$60 billion of New Zealand Government bonds, across a range of maturities, in the secondary market over the next 12 months. |
| | | | 13.3.2 | Term Auction Facility (TAF) and Term Lending Facility (TLF) Under the TAF, the RBNZ may provide collateralised loans out to 12 months. The TLF will ensure access to funding for banks at the rate of the Official Cash Rate, fixed for 3 years, with access to funds linked to each banks' lending under the Business Finance Guarantee Scheme. |
| | | | 13.3.3 | Weekly Open Market Operation (OMO) The RBNZ is encouraging banks to continue to fund their corporate clients by purchasing their debt securities, to ensure large businesses can better manage their cash flows and lower their funding costs. |
| | | | 13.3.4 | Business Finance Guarantee Scheme (Support for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs)) This scheme offers NZ\$6.25 billion in loans to New Zealand businesses with annual revenue up to NZ\$80 million (up to NZ\$500,000 per business on terms of up to three years). The Government will guarantee 80% of the risk, while banks will cover the remaining 20%. |
| | | | 13.3.5 | COVID-19 Small Business Cash Flow Loan (SBCS) Organisations with 50 or fewer full-time-equivalent employees may be eligible for a one-off loan of up to NZ\$10,000 plus NZ\$1,800 per full-time-equivalent employee. The annual interest rate is 3% though interest will not be charged if the loan is fully paid back within one year. |
| | | 13.4 Mixed | 13.4.1 N/A | |

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| | | | 13.4.2 N/A | |
| | | 13.5 Tax reliefs | 13.5.1 | General tax support for businesses Reinstatement of depreciation deductions for commercial and industrial buildings; increase of the threshold for first year low-value asset write offs; increase of the threshold for paying provisional tax; changes to research and development refundability rules; and increases to Inland Revenue's powers to remit interest on late paid tax. |
| | | | 13.5.2 | Tax relief for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises Inland Revenue will have the discretion to extend taxation due dates and timeframes. There will also be immediate and longer-term changes to the treatment of tax losses, including a NZ\$3.1 billion tax loss carry-back scheme that will allow a large number of businesses to access their previous tax payments as cash refunds. |
| | | | 13.5.3 | COVID-19 Income equalisation assistance for farmers, fishers and growers (class of case deposits) For farmers, fishers and growers whose current or future income will be significantly affected by the impacts of Covid-19, Inland Revenue will allow class of case late deposits for the 2019 income tax year up to 30 June 2020 regardless of when the 2019 return is filed or what the due date is for filing the tax return. |
| | | 13.6 Other | 13.6.1 | General support for businesses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mortgage Holiday Scheme. • Support for companies facing insolvency. |
| | | | 13.6.2 | Support for employers and employees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wage Subsidy Scheme and Wage Subsidy Scheme Extension. • Essential Workers Leave Scheme / COVID-19 Leave Support Scheme. • Funding for redeployment of workers. |
| | | | 13.6.3 | Support for landlords and tenants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extended timeframes for tenants to remedy a breach of lease. • Extended timeframes for mortgagors to remedy mortgage default. • Residential rent freeze and tenancy termination restrictions. |
| | | | 13.6.4 | Support for exporters and importers |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air Freight Support Package and International Airfreight Capacity Scheme (IAFC Scheme). Export Business Continuity Service. Tariff concessions on imports of COVID-19 related products. |
| | | | 13.6.5 | Other support for the banking industry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulatory relief. |
| | | | 13.6.6 | Support for the aviation industry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aviation Relief Package. Fast-tracked support for Air New Zealand freight. |
| | | | 13.6.7 | Support for the construction industry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced Entitlement Payments to support roading contractors. Support for “shovel ready” infrastructure projects. Fast-tracked consents. |
| | | | 13.6.8 | Support for the health sector <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NZ\$500 million Health Package. NZ\$30 million support for GPs and pharmacies. |
| | | | 13.6.9 | Support for Māori communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whānau Māori Community and Mārae Package. Māori Health and Whānau Ora response. Support for Māori businesses. |
| | | | 13.6.10 | Support for Pacific communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NZ\$17 million Pacific Response Package. |
| | | | 13.6.11 | Support for the arts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NZ\$16 million Creative New Zealand Emergency Response Package. |
| | | | 13.6.12 | Support for sports organisations |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll-over of current funding and NZ\$25 million short-term relief package. |

*On 17 March 2020, the New Zealand Government announced an initial NZ\$12.1 billion COVID-19 Economic Response Package. As the situation has changed, the package has been expanded. The response package has included the implementation of economic stimulus measures, tax measures and a variety of schemes to support businesses and communities. These schemes include:

- Wage subsidy and leave schemes.
- Business Finance Guarantee Scheme.
- Business cash flow and tax measures.
- Small Business Cashflow Loan Scheme.
- Insolvency relief for businesses.
- Support for Māori and Pacific communities and businesses.

We note that few of these measures fall within the general definition of State Aid as they do not materially distort competition. However, to provide a comprehensive overview of the New Zealand response to COVID-19, the non-distorting measures implemented have been outlined in an "Other" category.

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| 14 | Oman | 14.1 Equity | N/A | |
| | | 14.2 Mezzanine | N/A | |
| | | 14.3 Debt | | The Central Bank of Oman (CBO) announced a comprehensive incentive package on 18 March 2020 aimed at injecting more than OMR 8 billion (USD 20.78 billion) additional liquidity into the economy. Details are set out in Part 2 below. |
| | | 14.4 Mixed | | Decisions of 15 April of the Supreme Committee charged with orchestrating Oman's response to the pandemic have provided for measures to allow employers: greater latitude with regard to labour law compliance; some reductions in associated fees; and longer time in filing certain labour and immigration returns. Details are set out in Part 2 below. |
| | | 14.5 Tax reliefs | | On 31 March 2020 corporate tax relief measures were announced by the Government as detailed in Part 2 below. |

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| 15 | Pakistan | 15.1 Equity | 15.1.1 N/A | |
| | | | 15.1.2 N/A | |
| | | 15.2 Mezzanine | 15.2.1 N/A | |
| | | | 15.2.2 N/A | |
| | | 15.3 Debt | 15.3.1 Refinance scheme for payment of wages and salaries to the Workers and Employees of Business Concerns | The provision of concessional credit for payroll finance to businesses which commit to not lay off workers until July 2020. |
| | | | 15.3.2 Refinance Schemes | Borrowers from corporate, consumer, agriculture, SMEs and microfinance sectors can avail deferment of principal amount for one year while continue servicing mark up. They can also apply for rescheduling/restructuring if they are not able to service mark-up payment. |
| | | | 15.3.3 Refinance Facility for Combating COVID -19 – Health related | Enhanced financing limit of a single hospital/ medical center. Allowing financing against existing equipment and purchase of refurbished equipment for creating special facility/isolation ward to deal with COVID-19. |
| | | | 15.3.4 Advance Payments for medical equipment and medicines allowed | SBP has allowed all federal and provincial government departments, hospitals in public and private sectors, charitable organizations, manufacturers and commercial importers to make Import Advance Payment and Import on Open Account, without any limit, for the import of medical equipment, medicines and other ancillary items for the treatment of COVID-19. |
| | | | 15.3.5 Capital Conservation Buffer | To facilitate the banking sectors to extend additional loans to businesses of Pakistan, SBP has also reduced the Capital Conservation Buffer (CCB) for the time being. |
| | | | 15.3.6 Temporary Economic Refinance Facility | In order to support sustainable economic growth, SBP has introduced Temporary Economic Refinance Facility (TERF) which will provide concessionary refinance for setting up of new industrial units. |
| | | 15.4 Mixed | 15.4.1 Grant to Ministry | The Federal Government has approved the supplementary grant of Rs. 30 billion to Ministry of Commerce to payback |

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| | | | of Commerce | duty drawbacks to textile exporters in the current financial year to improve their liquidity position. |
| | | | 15.4.2 N/A | |
| | | 15.5 Tax reliefs | 15.5.1 Exemption from Capital Gains Tax | Exemption from tax on capital gains has been provided to a resident individual on sale of constructed residential property, subject to certain terms and conditions. |
| | | | 15.5.2 Property Tax | The Sindh Government has decided to remit 25% (i.e. for 3 months) of the payment of the property tax dues for the year 2019/2020 and has reduced the rate of tax collection. |
| | | | 15.5.3 Motor Vehicle Tax | The Sindh Government has allowed exemption of motor vehicle tax of 25% i.e. (for 3 months) to certain classes of vehicles. |
| | | | 15.5.4 Professional Tax | The Sindh Government has exempted 25% tax paid by professions, trades, calling and employment (i.e. for 3 months) for the financial year 2019/2020. |
| | | | 15.5.5 Builders and Developers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule based fixed tax regime for Builders and Developers who opt for such taxation and are registered with the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) on a Project-by-Project basis in respect of their income from sale of building or sale of plots, for tax year 2020 and onwards. Reduction of 90% of the tax payable on the income, profits and gains of projects of 'low cost housing' developed or approved by Naya Pakistan Housing and Development Authority (NAPHDA) or under the Ehsaas Programme. Builders and Developers covered by the special tax regime are also absolved from the obligation as a payer to withhold tax on certain payments. The definition of Industrial Undertaking has been expanded to also include persons directly involved in the construction of buildings, roads, bridges and other such structures or the development of land, to the extent and for the purpose of import of plant and machinery to be utilized in such activity. In respect of capital investments to be made by a person in eligible new projects which has to be an investment as equity sources and should not include borrowed funds, and upon fulfillment of certain condition, the investor will not be expected to explain the sources of his investments to the tax authorities. |
| | | | 15.5.6 Health related | The Federal Government has granted exemption for 3 months (starting from 20 March 2020) from Income tax, customs duty, regulatory duty, additional customs duty, advance income tax, and sales tax collected at import stage on import of certain medical and laboratory equipments. |
| | | | 15.5.7 Food items | The Federal Government has reduced different taxes and duties on import and supply of different food items. |
| | | | 15.5.8 Tax exemptions in the province of Punjab | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Punjab Revenue Authority has exempted payment of whole of Cess on import of all goods (Punjab Infrastructure Development Cess). Punjab Revenue Authority has also amended the Second Schedule of Punjab Sales on Services Act, 2012 |

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| | | | jab | <p>whereby number of notified services have been made zero rated without input adjustment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0% tax without input tax adjustment has been allowed to hotels, motels, guest houses, marriage halls and lawns (by whatever name called), catering and allied services, life insurance and health insurance businesses, digital platforms. • Notified services have been allowed 0% sales tax on services without input tax adjustment. |

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| 16 | Philippines* <i>*DFDL collaborates with Philippine law firm, Ocampo & Suralvo Law Offices for local legal advice.</i> | 16.1 Equity | N/A | |
| | | 16.2 Mezzanine | N/A | |
| | | 16.3 Debt | 16.3.1 Thirty (30)-day Grace Period for the Payment of Loan | <p>Thirty (30)-day Grace Period for the Payment of Loan (Section 4 (aa), Republic Act No. 11469; Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (“BSP”) Memorandum Circular Nos. 2020-017, 2020-018, 2020-028)</p> <p>A thirty (30)-day grace period is allowed for all loans (whether current or past due) with principals and/or interest falling due within the Enhanced Community Quarantine (“ECQ”) period without incurring interest on interest, penalties, fees and other charges. This is applicable to all lenders, including but not limited to banks, quasi-banks, non-stock savings and loan associations, credit card issuers, pawnshops and other credit granting financial institutions under the supervision of the BSP, Securities and Exchange Commission, Cooperative Development Authority, public or private, including the Government Service Insurance System, Social Security System and Pag-ibig fund.</p> |
| | | | 16.3.2 Payment relief measures for the corporate and closed banks’ clients of Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (“PDIC”) | <p>Payment relief measures for the corporate and closed banks’ clients of PDIC</p> <p>Borrowers who have scheduled payments, including downpayments, are not obligated to settle their accounts during the community quarantine. Further, borrowers who have loans with monthly, quarterly, semestral, and annual amortizations are given one-month extension in the term of their loan, without penalty charges.</p> |
| | | | 16.3.3 One (1) Billion Pesos Enterprise Rehabilitation Financing Facility | <p>One (1) Billion Pesos Enterprise Rehabilitation Financing Facility by the Small Business Corporation under the Guidance of the Department of Trade and Industry (“DTI”)</p> <p>The Small Business Corporation, under the guidance of DTI, is setting up a One (1) Billion Pesos Enterprise Rehabilitation Financing Facility under the Pondo sa Pagbabago at Pag-asenso which would be implemented once the community quarantine is lifted.</p> |
| | | | 16.3.4 Credit Guarantee Program for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (“MSME”) | <p>Philippine Guarantee Corporation (“Philguarantee”) Credit Guarantee Program for MSMEs</p> <p>Credit Guarantee Program to support the PhP120 Billion in working capital loans to MSMEs facing economic difficulties as a result of the crisis.</p> |

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| | | 16.4 Mixed | 16.4.1 Reduction in the Minimum Liquidity Ratio | Reduction in the Minimum Liquidity Ratio (BSP Memorandum No. M-2020-020) The minimum liquidity ratio (MLR) for stand-alone thrift banks, rural banks and cooperative banks is reduced from 20 percent (20%) to 16 percent (16%). |
| | | | 16.4.2 Reclassification of Debt Securities Measured at Fair Value to the Amortized Cost Category | Reclassification of Debt Securities Measured at Fair Value to the Amortized Cost Category (BSP Memorandum No. M-2020-022) BSP-Supervised Financial Institutions ("BSFI") are allowed to reclassify their investments in debt securities that are booked under a fair value category to the amortized cost category, except for debt securities that are part of assets under management of a trust entity. |
| | | | 16.4.3 Cutting the interest rate on the BSP's overnight reverse repurchase (RRP) facility | Cutting the interest rate on the BSP's overnight reverse repurchase (RRP) facility The interest rate on the BSP's overnight reverse repurchase (RRP) facility has been cut by 50 basis points (bps) to 2.75 percent, effective Friday, 17 April 2020. The interest rates on the overnight lending and deposit facilities were reduced to 3.25 percent and 2.25 percent, respectively. |
| | | | 16.4.4 Regulatory Relief for BSFIs | Regulatory Relief for BSFIs (BSP Memorandum Circular No. M-2020-08, as amended by Memorandum No. M-2020-032) Regulatory Relief Measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Allowing BSFIs to provide financial assistance (Loans, advances, and other credit accommodations to officers) to officers who are affected. ▪ Upon grant by BSFIs of a temporary grace period for payment or upon approval of the restructuring, but subject to reporting to Bangko Sentral, exclusion from the past due and non-performing classification, the loans of borrowers in affected areas which should have been reclassified as past due under Sec. 304/303-Q of the MORB/MORNBFI, as of 8 March 2020, including those loans becoming past due or nonperforming 6 months thereafter. The exclusion shall be allowed from 8 March 2020. ▪ Non-imposition of monetary penalties for delays incurred in the submission of all supervisory reports due to be submitted from 8 March 2020 up to 6 months thereafter. |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> staggered booking of allowance for credit losses over a maximum period of five (5) years for all types of credits extended to individuals and businesses directly affected by COVID-19 as of 8 March 2020. Moratorium, without penalty, on monthly payments due to the Bangko Sentral, for a period of 6 months from 8 March 2020 for BSFIs with ongoing rehabilitation upon filing of application for extension/rescheduling with the Department of Loans and Credit. non-imposition of penalties on legal reserve deficiencies starting from reserve week following 8 March 2020 up to 6 months thereafter. |
| | | | 16.4.5 Relaxation in the Credit Risk Weight Loans to MSMEs under the BSP's Risk-Based Capital Adequacy Frameworks | <p>Relaxation in the Credit Risk Weight Loans to MSMEs under the BSP's Risk-Based Capital Adequacy Frameworks (BSP Memorandum Circular No. M-2020-034)</p> <p>Loans to MSMEs shall be assigned a credit risk weight of 50 percent.</p> |
| | | 16.5 Tax reliefs | 16.5.1 Extension of statutory deadlines and timelines for the filing and submission of documents and payment of taxes (RR 11-2020, 10-2020, 7-2020) | <p>Extended the statutory deadlines for submission and or filing of several tax returns and other forms.</p> <p>If the taxpayer files their tax returns within the original deadline or prior deadline, they can amend their tax return at any time on or before the extended due date.</p> <p>If the amendment will result in additional taxes to be paid, it can be paid without the imposition of any penalties if done not later than the extended deadline.</p> |
| | | | 16.5.2 Small Business Wage Subsidy Measure (JMC 001-2020) | <p>Eligible small business employers and their eligible employees, employed as of 1 March 2020, which have been affected the quarantine imposed in the country are entitled to a wage subsidy of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) to Eight Thousand Pesos (Php8,000.00) done in two trances.</p> |
| | | | 16.5.3 Temporary issuance of Value Added Tax (VAT) Certificates and Identification Cards (RMC 44-2020) | <p>The Bureau of Internal Revenue shall temporarily issue electronic VAT certificates and VAT identification cards to newly accredited Resident Foreign Mission (RFM) personnel who are qualified for the grant of point-of-sale VAT exemption or to those RFM, RFM personnel and their dependents who will apply for the renewal of their expired VAT Certificates and VAT identification cards during the effectivity of the enhanced community quarantine (ECQ).</p> |

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| | | | 16.5.4 Acceptance of payment of internal revenue taxes during the Enhanced Community Quarantine (RMC 43-2020) | During the enhanced community quarantine, taxpayers may pay their internal revenue taxes at the nearest Authorized Agent Bank (AAB) notwithstanding their Revenue District Office (RDO) jurisdiction. They may also pay their corresponding tax to the Revenue Collection Officers of the nearest RDO, even in areas where there are AABs. |
| | | | 16.5.5 Granting benefits to donations related to COVID 19 (RR 9-2020) | Certain donations such as (1) cash, (2) donations of critical or needed healthcare equipment or supplies, (c) Relief goods, (d) use of poroperty, given for the sole and executive purpose of combatting COVID 19 during the period of the state of national emergency shall be fully deductivle against the gross income of the donor. |
| | | | 16.5.6. Extension of Deadline to Avail of Tax Amnesty on Delinquencies (RMC 38-2020) | The deadline for availment of tax amnesty on delinquencies is extended. |
| | | | 16.5.7 Documentary Stamp Tax exemptions (RMC 36-2020) | No additional Documentary Stamp Taxes (DST) shall be imposed on credit extensions and credit restructuring, micro lending including those obtained from pawnshops, during the enhanced community quarantine. The new loan principal shall not be subject to DST. |
| | | | 16.5.8 Implementing Rules regarding Section 4(aa) of Republic Act No 11469 (RR 8-2020) | No additional Documentary Tax, including that imposed under Section 179 (Documentary Stamp Tax on All Debt Instruments) , Section 195 (Documentary Stamp Tax on Mortgages, Pledges, and Deeds of Trust), and Section 198 (Documentary Stamp Tax on Assignments and Renewals of Certain Instruments) of the NIRC, shall apply to credit extensions and credit restructuring, micro-lending including those obtained from pawnshops and extensions thereof during the ECQ Period. |
| | | | 16.5.9 Implementing the Tax Exemption Provision of Republic Act No. 11469, otherwise known as the | <p>The importation of critical or needed equipment or supplies, which include healthcare equipment and supplies are exempted from import duties, taxes, and other fees.</p> <p>Coverage</p> <p>1. The importation of critical or needed healthcare equipment or supplies intended to combat the COVID-19 public</p> |

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| | | | “Bayanihan to Heal as One Act” (RR 6-2020) | <p>health emergency,</p> <p>2. The importation of materials needed to make health equipment and supplies deemed as critical or needed to address the current public health emergency shall likewise be EXEMPT from Value-Added Tax, Excise Tax and other fees, provided that the importing manufacturer is included in the Master List of the Department of Trade and Industry and other incentive granting bodies.</p> <p>3. The importation thereof shall not be subject to the issuance of Authority to Release Imported Goods (“ATRIG”).</p> <p>Donations of these imported articles to or for the use of the National Government or any entity created by any of its agencies which is not conducted for profit, or to any political subdivision of the said Government are EXEMPT from Donor's Tax, and subject to the ordinary rules of deductibility under existing rules and issuances.</p> |
| | | | 16.5.10 Exemption from Authority to Release Imported Goods (ATRIG) Requirements of all Items Imported under Section 4, paragraph (o) of Republic Act NO. 11469, otherwise known as the “Bayanihan to Heal as One Act” (RMO 10-2020) | <p>All importations of health equipment and supplies deemed as critical or needed to address the current public health emergency, declared as exempt from VAT and excise taxes under Section 4(o) of RA No. 11469, shall be released from customs custody without need of an ATRIG.</p> <p>These health equipment and supplies may include but are not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Personal Protective Equipment, such as gloves, gowns, masks, goggles, face shields, surgical equipment and supplies; b. Laboratory equipment and its re-agents; c. Medical equipment and devices; d. Support maintenance for laboratory and medical equipment; e. Surgical equipment and supplies; f. Medical supplies, tools and consumables, such as alcohol, sanitizers, tissue, thermometers, hand soap, detergent, sodium hydrochloride, cleaning materials, povidone iodine, common medicines; g. COVID-19 testing kits; and h. Others as may be identified by the Department of Health and other relevant government agencies. |
| | | | 16.5.11 Exemption from Documentary Stamp Tax for Relief for Loans pursuant to Revenue Regulations No. 8-2020 | <p>All banks, quasi-banks, financing companies, lending companies and other financial institutions (public and private), including the Government Service Insurance System, Social Security System and Pag-ibig Fund, in extending the grace period for the payment of all loans, shall not impose additional DST imposed under Sections 179, 195 and 198 of the Tax Code, for credit extensions and credit restructuring, micro-lending, including those obtained from pawnshops and extensions thereof, during the covered period.</p> |

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| | | | dated April 1, 2020 (RMC 35-2020) | |
| | | | 16.5.12 Suspending the Running of the Statute of Limitations in the Assessment and Collection of Taxes pursuant to Section 223 of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended, due to the Declaration of a National Emergency from the Corona-virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation (RMC 34-2020) | The Statute of Limitations in the assessment and collection of taxes is suspended due to the declaration of a National Emergency from COVID-19. |
| | | | 16.5.13 Extending Deadline on Availment of Tax Amnesty on Delinquencies (RMC 33-2020) | Deadline to avail of the tax amnesty on delinquencies has been extended. |
| | | | 16.5.14 Extending the Deadline for the Filing of Certificate of Residence for Tax Treaty (CORTT) Relief Forms (RMC 32-2020) | Filing of the CORTT Forms for final withholding taxes on dividends, interests, royalties paid on or before 10 March 2020 is extended without the imposition of penalties. |
| | | | 16.5.15 Extending the | The deadlines for submission of documents or correspondence related to tax assessments have been extended. |

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| | | | Period of Submission or Filing of Documents and Correspondences (RMC 31-2020) | |
| | | | 16.5.16 Extension of the Payment of Premium for all Direct Contributors to the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation ("Philhealth") | Extension of the Payment of Premium for all Direct Contributors (PhilHealth Advisory No. 2020-027) PhilHealth provided a moratorium on contribution payments for the applicable months of February to April 2020. Payment of premiums for these applicable months shall be extended until 31 May 2020 without interest for all Direct Contributors. |
| | | | 16.5.17 Three (3) - month moratorium on all Pag-IBIG [or Home Mutual Development Fund (HDMF)] loans | Three (3)-month moratorium on all Pag-IBIG loans Press Release dated 18 March 2020) Three (3)-month moratorium to Pag-IBIG member-borrowers located in Luzon and NCR with payment due on 16 March 2020 to 15 June 2020. The application for moratorium will be processed after the ECQ has been lifted. |
| | | | 16.5.18 Moratorium on Short-Term Loan Payments of Social Security System ("SSS") Members Affected by COVID-19 for Applicable Months of February to April 2020 | Moratorium on Short-Term Loan Payments of SSS Members Affected by COVID-19 for Applicable Months of February to April 2020 (SSS Circular No. 2020-007) Moratorium on SSS loans availed by the members which was granted from 01 January 2018 to 16 March 2020. |
| | | | 16.5.19 COVID-19 Adjustment Measures Program | Department of Labor and Employment's COVID-19 Adjustment Measures Program This is a one-time financial assistance equivalent to PhP5,000.00 to those affected workers of private establishments that have implemented forced unpaid leaves or temporary closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic. |
| | | | 16.5.20 Small Business Wage Subsidy Program | Small Business Wage Subsidy (SBWS) Program Under the SBWS measure, the Government shall provide a wage subsidy of between 5,000 to 8,000 pesos (based on |

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| | | | | the regional minimum wage) per month per eligible employee. The applications will be completed by the employer on behalf of their employees. |

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| 17 | Qatar | 17.1 Equity | N/A | |
| | | 17.2 Mezzanine | N/A | |
| | | 17.3 Debt | 17.3.1 Loan instalments deferral | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qatar Central Bank ("QCB") has issued Circular No. 5 of 2020 addressed to all banks operating in Qatar, as part of the measures taken to combat the spread of the Corona Pandemic. The Circular obliges all banks operating in Qatar to defer the payment of loan instalments and interest due on the loans of the affected sectors for a period of 6 months starting from 16 March 2020. A similar circular was addressed to all financing companies operating in Qatar, where the QCB has obliged such financing companies to defer any instalments including interests due on loans granted to the affected sectors, without incurring any additional fees, charges or interests. |
| | | 17.4 Mixed | 17.4.1 National Guarantee Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Guarantee Program is part of the financial and economic incentives announced by the Government of Qatar and directed to the private sector, which in total amounts to QAR 75 billion. Qatar Development Bank is providing a 100% guarantees on loans granted for Qatari companies affected by the Corona Pandemic. The total guarantees provided to local banks under the National Guarantee Program will be up to QAR 3 billion. Eligible entities are Qatar based companies which are 100% owned by the private sector. Loans guaranteed by the National Guarantee Program are provided for companies to finance their critical short-term rent and salary payments. |
| | | 17.5 Tax reliefs | 17.5.1 Filing of tax returns (Qatar) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The General Tax Authority has announced that due to the Corona Pandemic, the filing of tax returns has been postponed until 30 June 2020. |
| | | | 17.5.2 Filing of tax returns (Qatar Financial Centre "QFC") | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> QFC has announced an extension to the tax filing deadlines. Also, the QFC has reduced the rate of charge due on late payment of tax to 0% from the period from 1 March 2020 to 31 August 2020. |

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| 18 | Saudi Arabia | 18.1 Equity | 18.1.1 N/A | |
| | | | 18.1.2 N/A | |
| | | 18.2 Mezzanine | 18.2.1 N/A | |
| | | | 18.2.2 N/A | |
| | | 18.3 Debt | 18.3.1 N/A | |
| | | | 18.3.2 N/A | |
| | | 18.4 Mixed | 18.4.1 General Information | The Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority unveiled a \$13.3 billion package. The “Supporting Finance for the Private Sector” program will support SMEs through three components, including \$8 billion to support banks defer SME payments, \$3.5 billion for concessional financing and \$1.6 billion to support loan making to small businesses. There are also tax related measures, including extending deadlines for filing tax returns and paying those taxes. Public sector workers will continue to receive salaries, and Government to bear 60% of employees’ salaries paid by the private sector to Saudi nationals for a period of 3 months and ceiling of \$2.39 billion. |
| | | | 18.4.2 N/A | |

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| 19 | Singapore | 19.1 Debt | 19.1.1 Temporary Bridging Loan Program ("TBLP") | The TBLP is a loan available to eligible enterprises to provide them with access to working capital for business needs from participating financial institutions. The Singapore Government will provide 90% risk-share on these loans. |
| | | | 19.1.2 Enterprise Financing Scheme - Trade Loan ("EFS-TL") | The EFS-TL is a loan available to eligible enterprises to provide them with access to credit for financing trade needs from participating financial institutions. The Singapore Government will provide 90% risk-share on such loans. |
| | | | 19.1.3 Enterprise Financing Scheme - SME Working Capital Loan ("EFS-WCL") | The EFS-WCL is a loan available to eligible small and medium enterprises (being a company with a group revenue of up to SGD 100 million or maximum employment of 200 employees) to provide them with access to working capital to finance operational cashflow needs from participating financial institutions. The Singapore Government will provide 90% risk-share on these loans. |
| | | | 19.1.4 Loan Insurance Scheme ("LIS") | The LIS enables eligible enterprises to secure short-term trade financing loans from participating financial institutions, which are insured by commercial insurers who will co-share loan defaults with participating financial institutions in the event of enterprise insolvency. The Singapore Government will subsidise up to 80% of the insurance premium. |
| | | 19.2 Tax reliefs | 19.2.1 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020 (the "Act") | The Act offers temporary relief to contractual parties' who are unable to perform contractual obligations due to COVID-19 and to financially distressed businesses and individuals. |
| | | | 19.2.2 Foreign Worker Levy ("FWL") | The FWL provides FWL waivers and rebates for the months of April and May 2020 to eligible employers. |
| | | | 19.2.3 Jobs Support Scheme ("JSS") | The JSS provides wage support for Singaporean and Permanent Resident employees for 9 months to eligible employees. |
| | | | 19.2.4 Income tax deferrals | Deferments have been granted for income tax payments for individuals and companies for certain months of 2020. |
| | | | 19.2.5 Property tax measures | Certain non-residential properties have been granted property tax rebates and waivers in 2020. |
| | | | 19.2.6 Work-Life Grant ("WLG") | The WLG is a grant which aims to incentivise businesses to implement and sustain flexible work arrangements for their employees by providing businesses with funding support. |
| | | | 19.2.7 Self-Employed | The SIRS provides direct cash assistance to eligible self-employed persons. |

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| | | | Person Income Relief Scheme ("SIRS") | |
| | | | 19.2.8 COVID-19 Support Grant | The COVID-19 Support Grant is a cash grant available to individuals who have lost their jobs due to COVID-19. |
| | | | 19.2.9 Temporary Relief Fund | The Temporary Relief Fund is a fund available to individuals who have lost their jobs or faced a personal income loss of at least 30% due to COVID-19. |
| | | | 19.2.10 Solidarity Payment | The Solidarity Payment is a one-off payment granted to all Singaporean adults to cope with the impact of COVID-19. |

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| 20 | Taiwan | 20.1 Equity | 20.1.1 N/A | |
| | | | 20.1.2 N/A | |
| | | 20.2 Mezzanine | 20.2.1 N/A | |
| | | | 20.2.2 N/A | |
| | | 20.3 Debt | 20.3.1 Capital Relief | The government act as guarantor and provides the following: 1. Guarantee Special: NT 10 Billion 2. Bank Notes: NT 100 Billion 3. Full Guarantee: 80%-100% |
| | | | 20.3.2 Low Interest Loan | Interest in Subsidized. Limited to small or medium size businesses. |
| | | 20.4 Mixed | 20.4.1 Subsidized Reliefs | Subsidized measures and diagnostic counseling for any small or medium businesses. |
| | | | 20.4.2 Natural Gas Fee Reduction | Gas price reduction by NT 5 per kg. |
| | | | 20.4.3 Water & Electricity Fee Discount | Utility Fees with additional discount for all users. |
| | | | 20.4.4 Labor & Employment Insurance and Pension Postponement Assistance | Payment for labor and employment insurance and labor pension may be postponed for 6 months. |
| | | | 20.4.5 Working environment improvement subsidies | Prioritize subsidies for enterprises affected by the epidemic to improve safety and healthy working environment. |
| | | 20.5 Tax reliefs | 20.5.1 Corporate Tax Incentives | Corporate tax incentives for paying employees' pay quarantined leave. |

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| | | | 20.5.2 Business Income Tax Deduction | Limit to profit-seeking business decrease in operating revenue due to COVID-19. |
| | | | 20.5.3 Business Tax Deduction | Only for businesses that have applied for audit and verification on revenue by the National Taxation Bureau of the municipal (county) Government. |

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| 21 | Thailand | 21.1 Equity | 21.1.1 SSF Investment for the personal income tax allowance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deduction of amounts invested in Super Saving Fund (SSF) capped at THB 200,000, as an allowance for personal income tax purposes. |
| | | 21.2 Mez-zanine | 21.2.1 Cutting Interest Rates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bank of Thailand (BOT) cut its key interest rate by 25 basis points to a record low of 0.75%. |
| | | | 21.2.2 Assistance from State-owned Financial Institutions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State-owned financial institutions are agreeing to Government requests for debt relief for struggling business operators. |
| | | | 21.2.3 Financial Aid | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thai Government is providing economic stimulus of THB 1.9 trillion baht . |
| | | | 21.2.4 Facility for Mutual Fund Liquidity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BOT has set up a special facility which will ease liquidity for mutual funds through commercial banks that purchase investment units of high-quality money market funds or daily fixed income funds impacted by the decreased market liquidity. |
| | | | 21.2.5 BOT guidelines for minimum assistance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BOT issues Guidelines for minimum assistance financial institutions must offer to debtors to ease financial burden. |
| | | 21.3 Debt | 21.3.1 Exemption from income tax in case of debt forgiveness | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exemption from corporate income tax and personal income tax for the debtors on income arising from the release of debt by the creditors. |
| | | | 21.3.2 Exemption from taxes due to debt re- | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exemption from several forms of tax on income derived from the transfer of properties, sale of goods, provision of services and execution of instruments due to debt restructuring. |

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| | | | structuring. | |
| | | | 21.3.3 Bad debt written-off rules relaxation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write-offs of bad debts related to debt restructuring can be treated as deductible expenses for tax purposes, regardless of whether they meet the criteria in the current regulations of the Revenue Department dealing with bad debt write-offs. |
| | | 21.4 Mixed | 21.4.1 Moratorium on debt repayments | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Thai Bankers' Association announced a 1 year moratorium for COVID-19 impacted borrowers as part of a relief package. |
| | | | 21.4.2 Reduction of immovable transfer fee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction of transfer fees on transfer of immovable properties from 2% to 0.01%. |
| | | | 21.4.3 Extension of deadline for filing an application to exercise corporate income tax exemption rights and benefits under Section 31 of the Investment Promotion Act | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extension of the original deadline between March and July 2020 to 31 July 2020 or not less than 30 days prior to the due date for filing annual corporate income tax return. |
| | | | 21.4.4 Extension for holding annual general meeting deadlines | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Original required deadline for holding an AGM was within 120 days from the end of fiscal year but is now extended for the unspecified period of time. |
| | | | 21.4.5 Extension of financial statement submission deadline | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For entities having an accounting period ending 31 October to 31 March 2020, the audited financial statement can be submitted by 31 August 2020. |
| | | 21.5 Tax Reliefs | 21.5.1 Withholding tax (WHT) deduction | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certain WHT imposed on payment for services, hire of work, commissions and liberal professional fees will be reduced from 3% to 1.5% for the payments made from 1 April to 30 September 2020. WHT will subsequently be reduced to 2% from 1 October 2020 to 31 December 2021 if the payment is made via e-Withholding Tax system. |

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| | | | 21.5.2 Extensions of Corporate Income Tax (CIT) filing deadlines | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline for paper filing of annual corporate tax return is now extended to 31 August 2020. |
| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline for paper filing half-year corporate income tax return is now extended to 30 September 2020. |
| | | | 21.5.3 Extension of Transfer Pricing Disclosure Form | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligibility / Conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Companies or juristic partnerships that are not listed on the Stock Exchange of Thailand that have Disclosure Form filing due between <u>April and August 2020</u>. Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline extension for paper filing is 31 August 2020. |
| | | | 21.5.4 Extensions of specific business tax returns (PT.40) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised deadlines for monthly filing of SBT returns through September. |
| | | | 21.5.5 Extensions of WHT returns (PND.1, 2, 3, 53 and 54) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised deadlines for monthly filing of WHT returns through September. |
| | | | 21.5.6 Extensions of Monthly Value Added Tax (VAT) returns | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised deadlines for monthly filing of VAT returns through September. |
| | | | 21.5.7 Extensions of stamp duty payment in | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stamp duty (Form OS. 4, OS. 4 Gor and OS. 4 Khor) to be filed within 1 April 2020 to 15 May 2020 are extended to 15 May 2020 respectively. |
| | | | 21.5.7 Extensions of personal income tax filing deadline | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The filing deadline for personal income tax returns (PND.90/91) has been extended from a previously extended deadline of 30 June 2020 to the new deadline date of 31 August 2020. |
| | | | 21.5.8 SMEs salary | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SMEs can deduct 300% of eligible salary costs paid to employees in the period from April to July 2020 for |

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| | | | costs deduction | corporate income tax purposes. |

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| 22 | United Arab Emirates | 22.1 Equity | Market Maker Fund | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aimed at enhancing liquidity and maintaining the balance between supply and demand for stocks. |
| | | 22.2 Mezzanine | N/A | |
| | | 22.3 Debt | 22.3.1 AED 3 Billion SME credit guarantee scheme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scheme designed to stimulate financing by local banks and enable SMEs to navigate the current market environment. |
| | | | 22.3.2 Bid Bond Suspension | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The suspension of performance bonds for bidding procedures. |
| | | 22.4 Mixed | 22.4.1 Targeted Economic Support Scheme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temporary relief from the payments of principal and interest in respect of outstanding loans. AED 50 billion fund for banks. |
| | | 22.5 Other Reliefs | Federal Government and Free Zone Measures | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many additional measures aimed at directly relieving business costs. |

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| 23 | Vietnam | 23.1 Equity | N/A | |
| | | 23.2 Mezzanine | N/A | |
| | | 23.3 Debt | N/A | |
| | | 23.4 Mixed | 23.4.1 Businesses Support – Loans and Forgiveness | <p>Under Directive 11, the Prime Minister of Vietnam has instructed the relevant Ministries to offer financial supports to enterprises in hardship due to COVID-19, notably in the forms of loans, tax deferrals and reductions, deferral of collection of land rental fees, postponing collection of social insurance, reducing logistic costs, and administrative control over the price of certain goods.</p> <p>Financial supports in the form of loans and forgiveness are provided under Circular 01 as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The term for debt repayment is rescheduled; ▪ Interests and fees are waived and reduced; ▪ Credit institutions and foreign bank branches are entitled to maintain the classified debt groups. <p>Eligibility requirements for the reschedule of the term of debt repayment under Circular 01:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The debt arises from lending activities, financial leasing; ▪ The obligation to repay the principals and/or interest arises from 23 January 2020 until the following day of the 03 month period from the date the Prime Minister announces the end of COVID-19; and ▪ Customers are unable to repay the debts and/or interest in due time because of decreases in revenues and incomes caused by the impacts of COVID-19. |
| | | | 23.4.2 Businesses Support – Other Financial Support | <p>Others forms of financial supports are notably as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Under Decree 41, enterprises, organizations, households, and individuals signing land lease contracts with the State can defer the first installment of their annual land rental payment which are due on 31 May 2020 for 5 months. ▪ Under Resolution 42, individual business households are supported with VND 1,000,000/household/month depending on the actual situation of the pandemic but not exceeding 3 months. ▪ Under Official Letter 860, the Vietnam Social Security would suspend the payment of social insurance premiums into the Retirement and Death Fund until June or December 2020 without interest for late payment. ▪ Under Official 245, businesses affected by COVID-19 are allowed to postpone trade union finance contributions until 30 June 2020. <p>Eligibility requirements for other forms of financial supports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deferment of land rental payment: All enterprises, organizations, households, and individuals directly sign- |

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| | | | | <p>ning land lease contracts with the State.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VND 1,000,000 support package: Individual business households having a tax return of less than VND 100 million per year, and having temporarily suspended their business from 01 April. Suspension of payment of social insurance premiums: Companies involved in passenger transport, tourism, accommodation, restaurants and other sectors meeting either of the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) being unable to find enough work for employees whereby 50% or more of the workforce participating in the social insurance scheme must temporarily stop working; or (ii) suffering a loss equivalent to at least 50% of the total value of the company's assets (excluding land). Postponement of trade union finance contributions: Businesses having 50% or more of the workforce participating in the social insurance scheme suspended from work. |
| | | | 23.4.4 Businesses Support - Conditions Imposed for Accepting Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reschedule of the term of debt repayment: The businesses must satisfy the criterias specified by credit institution and foreign bank branches to enjoy these incentives. Deferment of land rental payment: Organizations and individuals subject to the deferment must submit a pro forma request to the local tax authorities before 30 July 2020 to be considered for the extension of deadlines for relevant land rental payment. Suspension of social security contributions: The Vietnam Social Security will receive and settle applications for such suspensions until June 2020. |
| | | 23.5 Tax reliefs | 23.5.1 VAT, CIT and PIT | <p>Decree 41: Deferral of value added tax ("VAT"), corporate income tax ("CIT"), personal income tax ("PIT") and land rental fee payments to support enterprises, individuals and household businesses.</p> <p>This applies to manufacturing and construction, services, manufacturing supporting industry products listed as a development priority; manufacturing of key mechanical products, small and micro enterprises, credit institutions, branches of foreign banks providing support to their corporate and individual clients impacted.</p> |

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| 1 | Australia | 1.1 Equity | 1.1.1 N/A | |
| | | | 1.1.2 N/A | |
| | | 1.2 Mezzanine | 1.2.1 N/A | |
| | | | 1.2.2 N/A | |
| | | 1.3 Debt | 1.3.1 Bank Policy to Postpone Loan Repayments | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australian banks have announced that they will support small and medium sized enterprises with their existing loans by deferring loan repayments for up to 6 months. While loan repayments will be deferred, interest will generally be capitalised. The terms and conditions of the deferral may vary between banking institutions. |
| | | | 1.3.2 Insolvency Relief | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purpose of Insolvency Relief <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The relief aims to provide a “safety net” to businesses to assist them in continuing to operate where the impacts of COVID-19 may have caused a temporary period of illiquidity in order to avoid entering voluntary administration or liquidation. Relief will be given for a period of 6 months from 25 March 2020 in relation to issuing and responding to statutory demands and director’s duty to prevent insolvent trading. Relief <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government will temporarily increase the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> threshold at which creditors can issue a statutory demand on a company from \$2,000 to \$20,000; threshold at which creditors can initiate bankruptcy proceedings from \$5,000 to \$20,000; and time companies have to respond to statutory demands from 21 days to 6 months. Temporary relief will also be provided for directors from any personal liability for trading while insolvent. |
| | | 1.4 Mixed | 1.4.1 N/A | |

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| | | | 1.4.2 N/A | |
| | | 1.5 Other reliefs | 1.5.1 Government Wage Subsidy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose of Wage Subsidy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AUD 130 billion „JobKeeper Program“ subsidy to assist employers to retain their employees. ○ The subsidy provides eligible employers with a wage subsidy for wages paid to eligible employees during the six-month period starting on 30 March 2020. ○ The wage subsidy provided to the eligible employee is fixed at AUD 1,500 per fortnight, per employee. • Eligible Employers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To be eligible to participate in JobKeeper program, the employer must demonstrate that the GST turnover of its business has decreased by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 30% or more, if the aggregated annual turnover of the employer's business is less than AUD 1 billion (for income tax purposes); or ▪ 50% or more, if the aggregated annual turnover of the employer's business is AUD 1 billion or more (for income tax purposes). ○ The 'aggregated turnover' includes the annual global turnover of all connected entities and affiliates regardless of location. • Eligible Employees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Under the JobKeeper program, eligible employees are employees who as at 1 March 2020 were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ employed by the eligible employer (including those stood down or re-hired) on a full-time, part-time or long-term casual basis; ▪ at least 16 years of age; and ▪ resident in Australia and were either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an Australian citizen; • a holder of a permanent visa; or • a holder of a special category visa and a protected SCV holder; or ▪ an Australian resident for tax purposes and the holder of a Special Category (Subclass 444) Visa, which is only available to New Zealand citizens. • Conditions |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Where an eligible employer receives the subsidy in respect of an eligible employee, the employer must then pay each eligible employee the full AUD 1,500 per fortnight, even if the eligible employee's fortnightly wage is less than AUD 1,500. ○ Eligible employers participating in the JobKeeper program may also <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ stand down eligible employees who the employer cannot usefully employ as a result of COVID-19 (the employer does not have to prove a complete stoppage in work as would otherwise required under the Fair Work Act 2009 (Cth) (FWA)); ▪ unilaterally reduce eligible employees' working hours; ▪ unilaterally change eligible employees' duties and work location provided such change is safe, within the employee's skill and competency, and reasonably within the scope of the employer's business; and ▪ agree with eligible employees to change their work days or take annual leave (provided the employee retains at least two weeks of accrued annual leave), without breaching any provisions of the FWA. ○ An employer may only exercise the above rights if they reasonably believe such actions are necessary to save an eligible employee's job, give the eligible employee prior notice (generally three days) and consult with the eligible employees and, if applicable, any unions. |
| | | | 1.5.2 Commercial and Retail Rent Relief | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose of the Relief <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National Cabinet Mandatory Code of Conduct (Code) released to impose good faith leasing principles in relation to dealing with leases during the COVID-19 pandemic period to assist with the proportionate management of cashflow for eligible tenants and landlords . ○ Various States and Territories have adopted the Code into State and Territory law. • Eligible Tenants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eligible tenants are tenants that are eligible to receive the JobKeeper subsidy and have an annual turnover of AUD 50 million or less (including the turnover of the tenant's group companies). • Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Code requires landlords to engage in good faith negotiations with eligible tenants, at the tenant's request, to principally arrange for the reduction (in the form of waivers and deferrals) of a portion of the tenant's rental payments proportionate to the tenant's decrease in trade during the COVID-19 pandemic |

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| | | | | <p>period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ At least 50% of the total reduction in rent must be given as a waiver of the rent payable. ○ During the COVID-19 pandemic period (and for a reasonable recovery period afterwards), landlords cannot terminate a tenant's lease due to non-payment of rent. |

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| 2 | Bahrain | 2.1 Equity | N/A | |
| | | 2.2 Mezzanine | N/A | |
| | | 2.3 Debt | N/A | |
| | | 2.4 Mixed | 2.4.1 Three-month salary payment scheme for Bahraini employees | <p>As part of the BHD 4.3 billion economic stimulus package announced by the Ministry of Finance and National Economy ("Ministry of Finance") to support citizens, residents and businesses in the Kingdom, the government recently approved a bill to cover the salaries of all Bahraini employees in the private sector who are registered with the Social Insurance Organisation ("SIO"), which will be paid from the Unemployment Insurance Fund. The funding is expected to support more than 100,000 Bahraini employees in the private sector.</p> <p>The payments, which will be made directly to the relevant private companies, will cover the relevant employees' wages for the months of April, May and June. There will be no cap on the salaries, and they will be calculated after deducting the SIO contributions payable by employers. The mechanism of the pay-out to ensure that payments made are exact and timely is still in the process of being finalised by the Ministry of Finance, SIO, and the Information and eGovernment Authority.</p> |
| | | | 2.4.2 Suspension of Labour Market Regulatory Authority Fees | <p>The LMRA typically imposes administrative fees on employers in Bahrain, including the following:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Fees for issuing and renewing all types of work permits; 2) Monthly work fees in relation to (1) above; and 3) Enhanced fees for employers non-compliant with the required Bahrainisation rate/s. <p>In support of the private sector, Resolution No. 5 of 2020 on the Exemption of Some Fees Imposed by the LMRA was passed. As a result, effective from 1 April 2020, the above fees are to be waived for a period of three (3) months, as part of the government's efforts in combating the economic effects of COVID-19. The Resolution further clarifies that, in the event where the employee relocates to another employer during the months of April, May and June, the new employer will compensate the previous employer for any fees paid in advance for the remaining period of the permit.</p> |

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| | | | 2.4.3 Payment of Electricity and Water bills | As of April 1, 2020, the government will sponsor electricity and water bills for all individual and corporate entities. The payment of electricity and water bills will be for the months of April, May and June 2020. The government will pay an amount not exceeding the bills for the same period of last year for each individual or corporate entity. The payment will include fixed administrative fees and municipal fees. |
| | | | 2.4.4 Suspension of rent fees | All business with government-owned industrial land will be exempt from land rental fees for three months from April 2020. |
| | | | 2.4.5 Measures of the Central Bank of Bahrain | <p>The Central Bank of Bahrain's loan facilities are set to be increased to US\$9.8bn billion so debt instalments can be deferred.</p> <p>The measures of the Central Bank of Bahrain include requirements for retail banks and financing companies to postpone installments for borrowers / credit card holder. The postponement will be without fees, interest on interest or increase in the percentage of profit / interest for a period of 6 months (unless the borrower agrees to pay within a shorter period).</p> <p>The Central Bank of Bahrain placed a cap of 0.8% on merchant fees imposed by local banks and finance companies on debit card transactions.</p> |

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| 3 | Bangla- desh | 3.1 Equity | 3.1.1 N/A | |
| | | | 3.1.2 N/A | |
| | | 3.2 Mezzanine | 3.2.1 N/A | |
| | | | 3.2.2 N/A | |
| | | 3.3 Debt | 3.3.1 Stimulus fund for export-oriented businesses | <p>Scheme: Loans/ Investment from stimulus fund with a minimum service charge (one time at 2%) for active export oriented manufacturing companies.</p> <p>Intended Beneficiary: Workers (other than managerial, supervisory, administrative staff) of active export oriented industries.</p> <p>Package amount: BDT 50 Billion.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria: 1. Companies that export at least 80% of its manufactured products. 2. Companies that have paid off salaries of December 2019, January 2020 and February 2020.</p> <p>Repayment: Loans should be repaid in 18 equal instalments within 2 years, including 6 months grace period. On failure, 2% penal interest on the arrears may be imposed.</p> |
| | | | 3.3.2 Financial stimulus package for manufacturing and service sectors | <p>Scheme Financial stimulus package to mitigate probable economic impact due to coronavirus.</p> <p>Intended Beneficiary Affected manufacturing and service sector businesses.</p> |

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| | | | | <p>Package amount BDT 300 Billion</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Companies (except CMSME) in the industries and service sector affected by the Corona virus (COVID-19) will be eligible for loan under this package. 2. Loan defaulters will not be eligible to obtain the loan under this package. 3. Companies classified as bad/defaulters whose loan has been rescheduled thrice will not be eligible to receive any loan/investment under this package. 4. Companies are required to obtain at least a marginal credit rating in line with the guidelines on Internal Credit Risk Rating System for Banks (ICRRS). <p>Additional Information</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Interest rate for loan under this package would be 9%. Govt will provide a subsidy of 4.5% and the remaining 4.5% will be paid by the borrowers. 2. The duration of the loan under this package will be 1 (One) year. |
| | | | 3.3.3 Refinance scheme for low income professionals, farmers and marginal/micro businessmen | <p>Scheme Refinance scheme for the low income professionals, farmers and marginal/ micro businessmen.</p> <p>Intended Beneficiary Low-income professionals, farmers, and marginal/ small businessmen. Peasants, poor, backward grouped person and helpless/oppressed woman .</p> <p>Package amount BDT 30 Billion</p> |

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| | | | | <p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Under this scheme, micro-financing institutions will disburse credit to the subscribers. Scheduled banks will, first select the micro-financing institutions and then finance them; 2. Microfinancing institutions that have received certificates from Micro Credit Regulatory Authority will be considered eligible. 3. Low-income professionals, farmers, marginal/ small businessmen, i.e. an individual or an organization associated with local agriculture or with other productive activities; <p>Disbursement Mechanism</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Small loans: For a single customer, the amount of maximum investment will be BDT 75,000. In case of groups, consisting of minimum five members, the maximum investment amount will be BDT 300,000; 2. Small entrepreneur loans: For a single small entrepreneur, the amount of maximum loan will be Tk. 10,00,000. For a joint venture under a group of persons, consisting of minimum 5 members, the maximum loan amount will be Tk. 30,00,000. 3. In case of microcredit/ investment (individual and group), the term will be in effect from the date of disbursement of credit and the term will be maximum 1 year including the grace period; 4. In the case of small entrepreneurs (individual or group), the term will be maximum of 02 years including the grace period. An entrepreneur (individual or a group) will get credit facility only under one category. <p>Additional Information</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scheme period: 3 years. 2. For the credits disbursed by Bangladesh Bank in favor of the financing banks, the interest rate will be 1% per annum; 3. For the credit disbursed by Financing banks in favor of the microcredit institutions, the interest rate will be 3.5% per annum. 4. Annual interest rate/ service charge rate at the customer's level will be maximum 9%; which will be calculated by way of gradual declining stability method; 5. No other charges/ fees will be charged except for the costs of admission, pass book, loan form and undertaking performed through non-judicial stamps. |
| | | | 3.3.4 Special Credit facility for CMSME enterprises | <p>Scheme</p> <p>About Special Credit/ Investment Facility In The CMSME Sector Due To Coronavirus Outbreak.</p> |

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| | | | | <p>Intended Beneficiary</p> <p>Cottage, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (CMSME) that have been affected by the COVID19 outbreak.</p> <p>Package amount</p> <p>1. BDT 200 billion 2. Commercial banks and financial institutions will provide working capital as credit/ investment to the affected CMS-MEs from their own funds.</p> <p>Additional Information</p> <p>1. The subscribers (borrowers) will pay 4% interest whereas the govt will pay 5% interest as subsidy against a total 9% interest rate under this package. 2. The period of this package will be of 3 years. 3. Any entrepreneur organization will get the subsidy for a maximum of one year under this package.</p> |
| | | | 3.3.5 Pre-Shipment Credit Refinance Scheme | <p>Scheme</p> <p>Pre-shipment credit refinance scheme.</p> <p>Intended Beneficiary</p> <p>Only for pre-shipment credit for export oriented companies that manufacture locally.</p> <p>Package amount</p> <p>BDT 50 Billion.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>1. Any export oriented company. 3. A client will get this credit facility multiple times but not exceeding 1 year in total. 4. Following the applicable rules and guidelines, the bank will evaluate its relationship with the individual client and decide on case to case basis. 5. No customer will be given this facility for more than one year.</p> |

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| | | | | <p>Disbursement Mechanism</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Interest rate at client level will be maximum 6%. 2. Banks that will take this refinance facility from Bangladesh Bank will be imposed 3% interest. 3. Maximum 10% of the consignment i.e. Export Value (Commercial Invoice Value) may be considered for refinance scheme. |
| | | | 3.3.6 Special Incentive Re-financing Scheme for the Agirucultural Sector | <p>Scheme Special Incentive Re-financing Scheme for the Agirucultural Sector.</p> <p>Intended Beneficiary</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Capital based agricultural business ventures, such as horticulture, fisheries, poultry, dairy etc., with an overarching aim of recovering the agriculture sector of the country. 2. Entrepreneurial enterprises who directly purchase agricultural products from the farmers, provided that the amount of such loan in favour of an entrepreneurial enterprise must not exceed BDT 50 million. <p>Package amount BDT 50 Billion</p> <p>Disbursement Mechanism The Disbursement mechanism is divided into two stages which are as follows:</p> <p>First Stage : Bank</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Interested banks need to apply for refinancing to Bangladesh Bank on monthly basis, subject to disbursing loans to the customers on or before 30 September 2020. 2. The amount to be refinanced by Bangladesh Bank in favour of a participating bank will be equal to aggregated amount of loans disbursed to its customers under this scheme by such participating banks. |

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| | | | | <p>3. Banks after disbursing loans at the customer level shall make application to the Bangladesh Bank for refinancing.</p> <p>4. The application has to be accompanied with supporting documents</p> <p>Second Stage : Customer Stage</p> <p>1. A participating bank will disburse such amount to the customers, which is consistent with the amount it may receive from Bangladesh Bank.</p> <p>2. The affected customers of a participating bank may avail up to an additional 20 % of their existing credit facilities.</p> <p>3, For new customers, a participating bank may, after assessing and determining the limit on the basis of necessary assessment, disburse the amount up to the limit so determined.</p> <p>4. A participating bank must not distribute more than 30% of fund allocated to it in favour of a single sector.</p> <p>5. For disbursing the loans under this scheme, banks have to comply with the provisions of the Agricultural and Rural Credit Policy. Considering banker-customer relationship, banks will assess the eligibility of the customers on a case to case basis and will maintain separate accounts.</p> <p>Additional Information</p> <p>1. Re-financed amount shall be repayable by the participating banks within 18 months (12 months + 6 months with grace period) from the date of re-finance. Fixed interest rate of 1% will apply on the refinanced amount.</p> <p>2. The customers shall repay the loan within 18 months (including 6 months grace period). Fixed interest rate of 4% will apply for all customers.</p> |

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| 4 | Cambodia | 4.1 Equity | N/A | |
| | | 4.2 Mezzanine | N/A | |
| | | 4.3 Debt | 4.3.1 Support Response from National Bank of Cambodia (NBC) | <p>The NBC issued a circular on 27 March 2020 to all financial institutions regarding loan restructuring in the following four priority sectors until 31 December 2020: (i) tourism (including hotels, guest houses, restaurants, food and beverage suppliers, service activities and other support services; (ii) textile and garment manufacturing (including employees); (iii) construction (exclusively for first-time house/shop owner loans and mortgages); and (iv) transport (specifically taxi drivers and tuk-tuk drivers) and logistics.</p> <p>Loan structuring should be in line with the following process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Determination of Financial Difficulties: Prior to any loan restructuring, financial institutions must first determine whether the affected borrowers are facing financial difficulties. Loan restructuring will be: (i) provided to borrowers that do not have any outstanding interest and/or principal payments which are more than 90 days' overdue (i.e. performing loans) and that are only expected to face temporary financial and repayment difficulties; and (ii) valid until 31 December 2020; ▪ Types of concessions: For restructured loans, the following concessions may be provided by financial institutions: (i) reducing the amount of loan principal or amount to be repaid at the maturity; (ii) lowering interest rates; (iii) deferring the repayments of principal or interest or capitalized interest; (iv) extending the maturity dates; (v) adding and/or modifying co-borrowers and/or guarantors, where applicable; (vi) changing the instalment plan such that only interest payments need to be made and the principal amount will be paid at maturity (bullet loans); (vii) releasing collateral or accepting lower level of collateralization; (viii) easing of covenants and/or; (ix) providing grace periods for repayment of up to 6 months from the effective date of new agreements; ▪ Loan classification and provisioning: financial institutions must maintain the current classification for loans which have been restructured in line with the above, provided that the borrowers comply with the terms of the loan restructuring. No additional provisioning is required for restructured loans as long as the restructuring is "ongoing". For non-performing loans, financial institutions may maintain the same classification once the loans have been restructured, provided that the terms of the loan restructuring are being complied with. As required by the relevant regulations, loans subject to more than round of restructuring should be classified as "substandard" or worse. Financial institutions must closely monitor the restructured loans and report them to the NBC. The report information has to include the following: type of loan, purpose of loan, location (capital/province), the gross outstanding amount, type of concession, classification, date of restructuring and status of restructuring (ongoing, failed, second or more round of re- |

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| | | | | <p>structuring).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring of loan restructuring: The loan restructuring is to be carried out by a special unit comprised of personnel different to those in charge of the lending process. The special unit must regularly conduct portfolio reviews of the affected borrowers to assess the impact on their financial conditions. The senior management should be provided with reports at least once a month to verify compliance with loan restructuring terms and their global risk management framework. Appropriate remedial action should be taken in the case of any deficiency. The special unit must immediately provide a written report to the senior management upon discovering any deficiency regarding the performance of restructured loans. Financial institutions are to report to the NBC on a monthly basis or as necessary in regard to their restructured loan portfolios. |
| | | 4.5 Other relief | 4.5.1 Tax relief | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exemption for all monthly tax payments from February 2020 until May 2020 for hotels, guesthouses, restaurants and travel agents registered with the General Department of Taxation and located in Phnom Penh, Siem Reap, Si-hanoukville, Kep, Kampot, Bavet or Poipet. For annual income tax returns for 2019, affected enterprises may make the related tax payments in monthly instalments through to November 2020. A minimum tax exemption to all airline enterprises operating in Cambodia from March 2020 to May 2020 and a delay in the payment of aviation fees by airline enterprises operating in Cambodia for a period of 6 months to the Secretary of State of Civil Aviation. Temporary tax break for tax registered enterprises operating in the garment/footwear and bag manufacturing sectors who may be affected by the outbreak of COVID-19 (as well as the partial suspension of EBA tariffs on certain exported goods from Cambodia). Exemption of the 4% stamp duty on the transfer of residential property that is valued up to USD70,000 from February 2020 to January 2021 provided that the following criteria are met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the transfer is effected between February 2020 and January 2021; the transfer of ownership or right to possess of the property is by a developer registered with the Ministry of Economy & Finance; and eligible developers prepares a sale and purchase agreement for the property based on the market price. |
| | | | 4.5.2 Additional government support for garment sector | <p>For certain garment enterprises (including production of garments, textiles, footwear, travel products and bags) who have suspended or will suspend operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> subject to an approval on employment suspension by the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training (MLVT), employees of these enterprises are eligible to receive government subsidies of up to USD 40 per month, as follows: |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – USD 15 for suspension of employment between 7 days to 10 days; – USD 30 for suspension of employment between 11 days to 20 days; and – USD 40 for suspension of employment between 21 days to 1 month; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ in addition to the government subsidies, during suspension of employment, these enterprises are required to provide employees with the following allowance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – USD 10 for suspension of employment between 7-10 days; – USD 20 for suspension of employment between 11-20 days; and – USD 30 for suspension of employment between 21 days to 1 month; and ▪ such enterprises can suspend monthly contribution payments to the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) during the suspension of operations after the MLVT approves the employment contract suspension. |
| | | | 4.5.3 Additional government support for tourism sector | <p>For certain tourism enterprises (hotels, guesthouses, restaurants and travel agents located in Phnom Penh, Siem Reap, Sihanoukville, Kep and Kampot) who have suspended or will suspend operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ subject to an approval on employment suspension by the MLVT, employees of these enterprises are eligible to receive government subsidies of up to USD 40 per month, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – USD 15 for suspension of employment between 7 days to 10 days; – USD 30 for suspension of employment between 11 days to 20 days; and – USD 40 for suspension of employment between 21 days to 1 month; ▪ in addition to the government subsidies, during suspension of employment, these enterprises are required to provide employees with benefits entitlements on a voluntary and capability basis during the suspension period; ▪ such enterprises can suspend monthly contribution payments to the NSSF during the suspension of operations after the MLVT approves the employment contract suspension; and ▪ the Ministry of Tourism may provide notice that such enterprises may suspend seniority payments accrued prior to 2019 and the current seniority payments for 2020 to 2021 although, as of 18 May 2020, the MLVT has not issued any such notification. |

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| 5 | Hong Kong SAR of China | 5.1 Equity | 5.1.1 N/A | |
| | | | 5.1.2 N/A | |
| | | 5.2 Mezzanine | 5.2.1 N/A | |
| | | | 5.2.2 N/A | |
| | | 5.3 Debt | 5.3.1 Special 100 Per-cent Loan Guarantee (launched by Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Insurance Limited (HKMCI) under the SME Financing Guarantee Scheme ("SFGS")) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose of the program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To alleviate the burden of wages and rent on SMEs that have suffered a decline in business due to the global pandemic. The loans can be used to pay rent and employee salaries, and to meet imminent working capital demands. • Loan guarantee products <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Under the scheme, the HKMCI provides loan guarantee coverage of 100% to eligible enterprises approved by participating lenders, which includes commercial banks like HSBC, Standard Chartered Bank, and Bank of China among others. • Eligibility criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SMEs in all sectors, including those most affected by the coronavirus outbreak such as retail outlets, travel agents, restaurants, cinemas, and transport operators. However, in order to be eligible for loans under the scheme, the applicant has to fulfill certain requirements. ○ Further requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must be a registered company (defined as a sole proprietorship, partnership or unincorporated body of persons which has business operation in Hong Kong and remains registered under the Business Registration Ordinance (Chapter 310 of the Laws of Hong Kong)); 2. Should not be acting as a lender or providing funds for borrowing in any way; 3. Should not be an affiliate of the lender; 4. Should not be a listed company on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (whether on its Main Board or the Growth Enterprise Market), or on any equivalent exchanges outside Hong Kong; 5. Should have been operating for at least the 3 months before 31 December, 2019; 6. Should have suffered at least a 30% decline in sales turnover in any month since February 2020 compared with the monthly average of any quarter (i.e. January to March, April to June, July to |
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| | | | | <p>September or October to December) in 2019;</p> <p>7. Should not have filed for bankruptcy and should have no outstanding loan defaults of more than 60 days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Terms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Risk sharing factor: 100%; the government is acting as 100% guarantor. ○ Interest rate: 2.75% per annum, which is 2.5% less than the HKMC prime lending rate of 5.25%. ○ Maximum loan amount: Either the total amount of rent and wages for six months, or approximately \$500,000 (HK\$4 million), whichever is lower. If an enterprise does not have either employees or rented office space, the business is eligible to borrow [50% of the highest monthly net income in 2019 * 6]. ○ Personal guarantee: business owners who want to take out the loan under the 100% guarantee scheme will have to sign a Personal Guarantee for the full amount of the loan. ○ Use of proceeds: proceeds from the loan under this scheme cannot be used for repaying, restructuring, or repackaging existing debts that the company owes. ○ Type of loan: term loan. ○ Repayment term: to be repaid in installments within the maximum guarantee period or loan term of 36 months (3 years). To reduce the burden of immediate repayment, lenders may provide the option for a 'principal moratorium' for the first 12 months. • Application Period and processing time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications for the scheme are open for the 12 months starting April 2020. • Processing time is expected to be 10–14 working days from submission of the application to receipt of funds, though this may vary depending on whether an applicant is an existing customer of the lender. |
| | | | 5.3.2 Further Enhancement Measures | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To further enhance the various loan guarantee products under the SME Financing Guarantee Scheme to provide enterprises with the much needed financial support to ease their cash flow problems. • Conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increasing the maximum loan amount per enterprise depending on the loan guarantee coverage (guarantee amount); |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide concessionary interest rates of up to 3% for one year under the 80% and 90% guarantee loans. |
| | | | 5.3.3 Principal Payment Holiday Scheme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To grant a six-month loan repayment holiday to eligible SMEs aimed at providing immediate relief for cash flow pressures faced by corporate borrowers in SMEs during the Covid-19 pandemic. • Conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Corporate Borrowers' Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - have annual sales turnover of HK\$ 800 million or less, based on their latest financial statements; - have no outstanding payments payable to the participating institution which have been overdue for more than 30 days at the scheme's launch date (1 May 2020); - are not in the process of ceasing operations or declaring bankruptcy or liquidation. ○ Payments covered under the Scheme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All loan principal payments of eligible borrowers falling due within 6 months from the scheme's launch date (1 May 2020) to 31 October 2020 will be pre-approved for deferment; - Trade facilities will be deferred by 3 months, due to their short-term nature; - Syndicated loans and loans financing the purchase of shares and other financial assets are not covered. • Application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Notification to eligible borrowers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - participating institutions informing covered borrowers that they are covered by the scheme during April, and should prioritise notifying customers that have principal payments due soon after the launch date (1 May 2020). - The notice should request covered borrowers to contact the bank within 14 days and advise those covered borrowers who respond to the notice of the detailed terms of the pre-approved principal payment holiday and the financial implications. |
| | | 5.4 Mixed | 5.4.1 Anti Epidemic Fund 1.0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To provide relief to hard-hit businesses and residents. |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Total fund size: HK\$30 billion ○ Comprising 24 initiatives to provide relief to hard-hit businesses and residents ○ 24 Government Relief Measures <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Retail Sector Subsidy Scheme 2. Food Licence Holders Subsidy Scheme 3. Subsidy for the transport sector 4. Convention and Exhibition Industry Subsidy Scheme 5. Rental waivers for tenants at the Science Park, industrial estates and Cyberport (start-up communities) 6. Subsidies for live marine fish wholesale traders and fishing vessels with Mainland deckhands 7. Support to child care centres 8. Support to training bodies (through the Employees Retraining Board) 9. Additional student study grant for 2019/20 school year 10. Arts and Culture Sector Subsidy Scheme 11. Licensed Guesthouses Subsidy 12. Travel Agents Subsidy Scheme 13. Support construction sector in anti-epidemic efforts 14. Support property management sector in anti-epidemic efforts 15. Licensed Hawkers Subsidy Scheme 16. Support cleansing and security staff engaged by Government and Hong Kong Housing Authority service contractors in anti-epidemic efforts 17. Installation of emergency alert system (implement by The Office of the Communications Authority) 18. Home quarantine support 19. Enhancing support to the Hospital Authority (HA) in combatting the epidemic 20. Support local mask production 21. Technology applications to enable reusability of masks |

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| | | | | <p>22. Global procurement of personal protective equipment</p> <p>23. Ex-gratia payment to households of the two public housing estates designated as quarantine centres</p> <p>24. Special allowance for eligible Working Family Allowance and Student Financial Assistance households.</p> |
| | | | 5.4.2 HK\$120 billion Relief Package in 2020-21 Budget | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HK\$120 billion Relief Package in 2020-21 Budget will focus on supporting enterprises, stimulating the economy and keeping jobs in sectors most affected by the COVID-19. • Condition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Total fund size: HK\$120 billion. |
| | | | 5.4.3 Anti-Epidemic Fund 2.0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2nd round of the Anti-Epidemic Fund will focus on helping to mitigate the financial difficulties caused to individuals and businesses by COVID-19. • Condition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Total fund size: HK\$137.5 billion; ○ Job retention, Job creation and job advancement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction of HK\$80 billion Employment Support Scheme (ESS) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Objective: Provide wage subsidy to eligible employers to retain the employees. Provide support to employers in the catering, construction and transport (mainly taxi and red minibus drivers) sectors which are not completely covered by the MPF scheme (involving about 800,000 persons). To grant a one-off subsidy to selfemployed persons who made MPF contributions (about 215,000 persons). b. Eligibility: Employers have to undertake that they cannot implement redundancy. All employers who have made Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) contributions or set up Occupational Retirement Schemes (ORSO) are eligible for ESS. c. Application: The relevant accounts should be set up on or before 31 March 2020 (i.e. no back-dating to or before that date). d. Funding amount: The wage subsidy to be provided by the Government is calculated based on 50% of the monthly salary, which is capped at \$18,000 (i.e. the median monthly wage in Q2 |

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| | | | | <p>2019), for a period of 6 months. To be disbursed to employers in two payments, with the first not later than June 2020. Expect to benefit 1.5 million employees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme. - LAWTECH Fund <p>(To assist some small- and medium sized law firms / barristers' chambers to procure / upgrade their information technology system and arrange relevant LAWTECH training for their staff to support the development of remote hearings. About 700 law firms/ barristers' chambers and related persons will benefit (about \$40 million)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - COVID-19 Online Dispute Resolution Scheme - Subsidy for encouraging early deployment of 5G - Distance Business Programme (See 1.4.4) - Training subsidies for consultants in the construction sector - Matching Grant Scheme for Skills Upgrading <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Provision of one-off relief for specific sectors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relief Grant for Tutorial Schools - Relief Grants for Providers of Catering Services for Schools and Post-secondary Education Institutions and Providers of Interest Group and School Bus Services for Schools - One-off Grant to Registered Sports Coaches - Relief Grants for Freelance Workers Hired by Subvented Non-governmental Welfare Organisations to Provide Training and Coaching for Service Users - Subsidy for the Refuse Transfer Station Account Holders for Transporting Municipal Solid Waste - Subsidies for Local Primary Producers - Special Subsidy to Exchange Participants and Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) Licensees - Cash Subsidy for Individual Licensees in the Estate Agency Sector - Subsidy for the Passenger Transport Sector - Providing Relief to Creative Industries - Tourism Industry Support Schemes |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relief Measures for Construction Sector - Subsidy to Operators of Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme, PMQ and Fly the Flyover Operation - Subsidy for the Aviation Sector - Catering Business (Social Distancing) Subsidy Scheme o Subsidy schemes for premises affected by COVID-19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amusement Game Centres Subsidy Scheme - Commercial Bathhouses Subsidy Scheme - Fitness Centre Subsidy Scheme - Support Places of Amusement in Antiepidemic Efforts - Place of Public Entertainment Licence Holder Subsidy Scheme - Mahjong/Tin Kau Licence Holder Subsidy Scheme - Subsidy Scheme for Beauty Parlours, Massage, Establishments and Party Rooms (The BMP Scheme) - Club-house Subsidy Scheme - Sports and Recreational Sites Subsidy Scheme o Easing cashflow pressure of businesses and individuals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A 20 per cent fare concession of MTR and temporary relaxation of the monthly threshold of the Public Transport Fare Subsidy Scheme o SMEs Enterprises <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special 100% Loan Guarantee under the SME Financing Guarantee Scheme (see 1.3.1) • Application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The Hong Kong (SAR) Government is expected to provide further details of the conditions and requirements for applying above schemes and subsidies in the coming weeks. |
| | | | 5.4.4 Distance Business Programme (D-Biz) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Under the Anti-Epidemic Fund, the Innovation and Technology Commission (ITC) has launched the Distance Business (D-Biz) Programme to support enterprises to continue their business and services through the |

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| | | | | <p>adoption of IT solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All private enterprises (except listed companies, statutory bodies and NGOs funded by the Government), are eligible to apply. Qualified enterprise must have valid Business Registration Certificate with business commenced before 1 January 2020 and have substantive business operation in the related industry at the time of application. • Conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Funding amount: The D-Biz Programme will provide 100% funding support to qualified enterprises, subject to a cap of HK\$100,000 per IT solution and HK\$300,000 per enterprise. An initial payment of 30% of the approved funding amount is payable to a designated bank account after the application has been approved. ○ Funding scope: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To facilitate enterprises to identify suitable IT solutions, lists of IT Solutions and IT Service Providers will be provided for applicant's reference, with a view to expediting processing time and benefiting the enterprises as soon as possible. - The List of IT Solutions will cover 13 categories of IT solutions for supporting distance business. - Examples of distance business funding scope <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Online stores 2. Online order taking & delivery, smart self-service system (such as online food ordering & delivery solution, smart lockers, smart kiosk, smart vending machine, etc.) 3. Online customer services & engagement (such as online ticketing, online booking system, CRM , virtual service delivery, online medical consultation etc.) 4. Digital customer experience enhancement (such as Chatbot, AI, AR / VR, Customer Analytics, etc.) 5. Digital marketing 6. Digital payment / mobile POS 7. Online / cloud based Financial management system (such as electronic invoicing system) 8. Online / cloud based Human resources management system (such as electronic payroll system, employee self-service portal, talent management, online training system, online & location based attendance / clocking monitoring and reporting, employee leave management, employee reimbursement handling system, etc.) |

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| | | | | <p>9. Remote document management and cloud storage (such as shared drive) and remote access services (such as remote desktop control, Virtual Private Network, Virtual Desktop Infrastructure)</p> <p>10. Virtual meeting & conference tool</p> <p>11. Virtual team management & communications (such as collaboration tool, instant messaging platform, etc.)</p> <p>12. Cybersecurity solutions (such as firewall, anti-virus / malware solution, etc.)</p> <p>13. Other Online / cloud based business support system (such as ERP, e-application form and approval workflow, robotic process automation, etc.).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application Period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Open for application from 4 May to 31 October 2020 for a period of 6 months. |
| | | 5.5 Tax reliefs | 5.5.1 Extension of tax payment deadlines | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To ease the financial burden and cash flow of businesses and individuals arising from COVID-19. • Condition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Automatic extension of deadlines by 3 months: for payment of Salaries Tax, tax under Personal Assessment and Profits Tax for the year of assessment 2018/19 that will be falling due in April to June this year. ○ First instalment of payment already settled: For taxpayers who have promptly settled the first instalment of their respective demand notes under Salaries Tax, Personal Assessment and Profits Tax for the year of assessment 2018/19, the deadline for payment of tax for the second instalment will be automatically extended for 3 months from the due date of the second instalment as specified on the demand note. ○ No application by taxpayers is required for this relief. |

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| 6 | India | 6.1 Equity | 6.1.1 Equity infusion in Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> INR 500,000,000,000 (USD 6,666,666,666 approx. @ USD 1 = INR 75) equity infusion through MSMEs Fund of Funds Scheme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government of India to set up a MSME Funds Scheme of INR 100,000,000,000 (USD 1,333,333,333 approx.) operated through a mother and a few daughter funds to provide equity funding support to MSMEs. |
| | | 6.2 Mezzanine | 6.2.1 Measures for relief and credit support to businesses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> INR 200,000,000,000 (USD 2,666,666,666 approx.) subordinate debt to stressed MSMEs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> INR 200,000,000,000 (USD 2,666,666,666 approx.) to be offered as subordinate debt for non performing assets or stressed MSMEs. Government of India will support the MSMEs with INR 40,000,000,000 (USD 533,333,333 approx.) to Credit Guarantee Trust for MSMEs. The promoters of MSME will be given subordinate-debt equal to 15% of his existing stake up to INR 7,500,000 (USD 100,000 approx.) by banks, which will then be infused in to the MSME as promoter equity. |
| | | 6.3 Debt | 6.3.1 Regulatory measures to mitigate the burden of debt servicing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rescheduling of payments – Term Loans and Working Capital Facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The lending banks and financial institutions to grant a moratorium of 3 months to the borrower on payment of all loan instalments falling due between 1 March 2020 and 31 May 2020. Interest will continue to accrue on the outstanding portion of the term loans during the moratorium period. This period is proposed to be extended for another 3 months. In respect of working capital facilities sanctioned as cash credit/overdraft, the lending banks and financial institutions to defer the recovery of interest accrued on all such facilities during the period from 1 March 2020 to 31 May 2020. Easing of Working Capital Financing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the working capital facilities sanctioned as cash credit/overdraft to borrowers facing stress, the lending banks and financial institutions may recalculate the 'drawing power' by reducing the margins and/or reassessing the working capital cycle. Loans to Commercial Real Estate Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In respect of loans to commercial real estate projects delayed for reasons beyond the control of promoters, the date of commencement for commercial operations of the real estate project to be extended by an additional 1 year, over and above the 1 year extension permitted in normal course, without treating such an extension as restructuring. Special Liquidity Facility for Mutual Funds: |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special liquidity facility of INR 500,000,000,000 (USD 6,666,666,666 approx.) to be offered through the banks to mutual funds to meet their liquidity requirements by (i) extending loans; and (ii) undertaking outright purchase of and/or repos against the collateral of investment grade corporate bonds, commercial papers (CPs), debentures and certificates of Deposit (CDs) held by mutual funds. Refinancing Facilities for All India Financial Institutions (AIFIs): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special refinance facilities of INR 500,000,000,000 (USD 6,666,666,666 approx.) to be provided to All India Financial Institutions of (i) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD); (ii) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI); and (iii) National Housing Bank (NHB) to meet their sectoral credit needs. |
| | | | 6.3.2 Measures for relief and credit support to businesses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covid-19 Start Up Assistance Scheme by Small Industry Development Bank of India (SIDBI): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SIDBI to provide Working Capital Term Loan up to INR 20,000,000 (USD 266,666 approx.) to each of start up entities to be used for various working capital requirements. Emergency Working Capital Facility for Businesses, including MSMEs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> INR 3,000,000,000,000 (USD 40,000,000,000 approx.) to be provided as emergency working capital facility for businesses. MSMEs will not be required to provide any guarantee or collateral of their own and the amount will be 100% guaranteed by the Government of India. Working capital finance of 20% of the outstanding credit as on 29 February 2020 to be provided to businesses as a term loan. Liquidity Injection for Distribution Companies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Power Finance Corporation and Rural Electrification Corporation to infuse liquidity in the Distribution Companies up to INR 900,000,000,000 (USD 12,000,000,000 approx.) for use by Distribution Companies to pay their dues to Transmission and Generation companies. Special Liquidity Scheme for Non-Banking Financial Corporations (NBFCs)/Housing Finance Companies (HFCs)/Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs) to be 100% guaranteed by the Government of India: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special Liquidity Scheme of INR 300,000,000,000 (USD 4,000,000,000 approx.) to be provided by the Reserve Bank of India (banking sector regulator) wherein investments will be made in primary and secondary market transactions in investment grade debt paper of NBFCs, HFCs and MFIs. Partial credit guarantee scheme for liabilities of NBFCs/MFIs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing Partial Credit Guarantee scheme offered to public sector banks is now extended to cover the borrowings of lower rated NBFCs, HFCs and MFIs. |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Working Capital for farmers through National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NABARD to extend additional re-finance support of INR 300,000,000,000 (USD 4,000,000,000 approx.) for meeting crop loan requirement of Rural Cooperative Banks and Regional Rural Banks. • Kisan Credit Card Scheme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concessional credit to PM-KISAN beneficiaries through Kisan Credit Cards. • Credit facility to street vendors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The banks to extend working capital credit facility up to INR 10,000 (USD 133 approx.) to each street vendor. |
| | | 6.4 Mixed | N/A | |
| | | 6.5 Other reliefs | 6.5.1 Change in the Foreign Investment Policy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Foreign Investment Policy of India has been revised from 22 April 2020 to curb opportunistic takeovers and acquisitions of Indian companies. It is provided that (i) an entity of a country, sharing land border with India or where the beneficial owner of an investment into India is situated or is a citizen of any such country, can make investments in an entity in India only with the prior approval of the Government of India; and (ii) in the event of the transfer of ownership of any existing or future foreign investment in an entity in India, directly or indirectly, resulting in the beneficial ownership falling within the above restriction, such subsequent change in beneficial ownership shall also require prior approval of the Government of India. Consequently, investments from countries like China, Nepal, Myanmar, Bhutan and Afghanistan, in addition to Bangladesh and Pakistan (countries that share land border with India) in entities in India, will require the prior approval of the Government of India. • The Foreign Direct Investment limit in an entity engaged in the manufacturing of defence products in India will be increased from 49% to 74% under the automatic route. |
| | | | 6.5.2 Tax Reliefs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issuance of Tax Refunds: All pending income-tax refunds up to INR 500,000 (USD 6,666 approx.) and those of charitable trusts, non-corporate businesses, professions including proprietorship, partnership, limited liability partnerships and cooperatives will be immediately issued. All pending Goods and Services Tax and Custom refunds will also be released by the tax authorities in favour of the eligible assessee. • Extension for filing income tax returns: Last date of filing of income tax returns by the assessee for (financial year 2018-2019) is extended from 31 March 2020 to 30 November 2020. • Filing of central excise returns: Last date of filing of central excise returns by the assessee due in March 2020, April 2020 and May 2020 is extended till 30 June 2020. • Reduction in rates of Tax Deduction at Source (TDS) and Tax Collected at Source: The TDS rates for all non salaried payments to resident assessee and tax collected at source rate to be reduced by 25% of the specified |

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| | | | | rates for the remaining period of financial year 2020-2021. |
| | | | 6.5.3 Employment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection to employees during lockdown: The Government of India has directed all employers not to terminate or reduce the wages or force employees/workers to go on leave without wages during the lockdown. During the lockdown, if the workers/employees are on leave or unable to attend to their duties or the establishment is required to be closed then the workers/employees shall be deemed to be on duty. • Social Security Contributions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The entire provident fund contribution of both employee and the employer, for those employees who earn less than INR 15,000 (USD 200 approx.) per month in companies having less than 100 employees, to be borne and paid by the Government of India. This contribution amounts to 24% of basic pay- 12% as contribution of the employee and 12% as contribution of the employer. This contribution amount has been paid by the Government of India for the months March – May, 2020 which will be extended for another 3 months i.e. June – August 2020. ○ The statutory provident fund contribution of both employer and employee has been reduced to 10% each from existing 12% each, for all establishments covered by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation, for next 3 months. ○ The period of filing Employees' State Insurance (ESI) contribution and due date for filing of Electronic Challan Cum Return (ECR) has been extended. |
| | | | 6.5.4 Corporate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relaxations under the Indian Companies Act: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The companies have been permitted to hold Meetings of the Board of Directors and general meeting of shareholders through video conferencing or other audio visual means. ○ The mandatory requirement of holding meetings of the Board of directors of the company within the prescribed interval of 120 days from the last Board Meeting, has been extended to 180 days till 30 September 2020. ○ Requirement of compliance with the minimum residency of at-least 182 days for a director of a company in India is relaxed. ○ Decriminalization of Indian Companies Act violation involving minor technical and procedural defaults by Indian companies. • Relaxations granted by the Securities and Exchange Board of India: The Securities and Exchange Board of India has granted several compliance relaxations and extensions of timelines to the listed companies for compliance with the securities laws, including extension of timelines for filing mandatory disclosures and reports, sending of physical copies of annual reports to shareholders; sending of proxy forms for annual general meetings; min- |

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| | | | | imum public shareholding requirement, open offer for takeovers and buyback. |
| | | | 6.5.5 Others | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insolvency threshold and suspension of fresh insolvency proceedings: The threshold for triggering insolvency cases for defaulting debtors has been raised to INR 10,000,000 (USD 133,333 approx.) from INR 100,000 (USD 1,333 approx.). The Government of India has announced suspension of initiation of fresh insolvency proceedings up to one year; a special insolvency framework for MSMEs to be notified; and Covid-19 related debt to be excluded from the definition of “default” under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 for the purpose of triggering insolvency proceedings. • Insurance: Insurance companies are permitted to grant moratorium of 3 months towards payments of premium instalments by the policy holders falling due between 1 March 2020 and 31 May 2020. • Rental Waivers: The Government of India has provided relief from payment of rent to the small information technology units operating out of the Software Technology Parks of India. • Import of Diagnostic Tests for diagnosis of Covid-19: The processing of the applications for import in-vitro diagnostic tests for diagnosis of Covid-19 has been expedited by the drugs controller authorities. • Extension of existing Foreign Trade Policy: The existing Foreign Trade Policy dated April 1, 2015 has been extended until March 31, 2021. • Extension of the period for realization and repatriation: The Reserve Bank of India, (exchange control regulator), has increased the period of realization and repatriation to India of value of goods or software or services exported by the Indian exporters, from 9 months to 15 months from the date of export, up to 31 July 2020. • No Global tender inquiries for Government tenders upto INR 2,000,000,000 (USD 26,666,666 approx.) for procurement of Goods and Services. • Relief to Contractors: All central agencies like the Railways, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, and Central Public Works Department will give extension of up to 6 months to the contractors for completion of their contractual obligations, including in respect of EPC Contracts and concession agreements. • Relief to Real Estate Projects: The registration and completion date for all registered projects under the Real Estate Regulatory Authority to be extended up to 6 months. • Agri Infrastructure Fund for farm-gate infrastructure for farmers: Financing facility of INR 1,000,000,000,000 (USD 13,333,333,333 approx.) to be provided for funding Agriculture Infrastructure Projects at farm-gate and aggregation points (Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies, Farmers Producer Organizations, Agriculture entrepreneurs, Start-ups, etc.). • Scheme for Formalization of Micro Food Enterprise (MFE): A scheme of INR 100,000,000,000 (USD 1,333,333,333 approx.) to be launched for MFEs requiring technical upgradation to attain FSSAI food standards, |

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| | | | | <p>build brands and marketing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheme for fishermen through Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana: The Government of India to launch the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana of INR 200,000,000,000 (USD 2,666,666,666 approx.) for development of marine and inland fisheries consisting of INR 110,000,000,000 (USD 1,466,666,666 approx.) for activities in Marine, Inland fisheries and Aquaculture and INR 90,000,000,000 (USD 1,200,000,000 approx.) for Fishing Harbours, Cold chain or Markets. • Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund: An Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund of INR 150,000,000,000 (USD 2,000,000,000 approx.) to be set up to support private investment in Dairy Processing, value addition and cattle feed infrastructure. • Promotion of Herbal Cultivation: The National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) has supported 225,000-hectare area under cultivation of medicinal plants. 1,000,000 hectare will be covered under Herbal cultivation in next two years with an outlay of INR 40,000,000,000 (USD 533,333,333 approx.). • Beekeeping initiatives: The Government of India to implement a scheme of INR 5,000,000,000 (USD 66,666,666 approx.) for infrastructure development related to Integrated Beekeeping Development Centres, collection, marketing and Storage Centres, post-harvest and value addition facilities etc. • Operation Greens Scheme: This scheme of INR 5,000,000,000 (USD 66,666,666 approx.) to be extended to all fruits and vegetables growers including transportation from surplus to deficient markets and storage, including cold storages. • Ease of doing business by corporates: Government of India has introduced various reforms for ease of doing business such as direct listing of securities by Indian public companies in permissible foreign jurisdictions, private companies which list NCDs on stock exchanges not to be regarded as listed companies, including the provisions in relation to producer companies in the Indian Companies Act, power to create additional specialized benches for Company Tribunals and lower penalties for defaults for Small Companies, One-person Companies, Producer Companies and Start-Ups. • Introduction of commercial mining in coal sector • Policy reforms in coal sector • Enhancing private investment in mineral sector • Enhancing self-reliance in defence production • Efficient air space management for civil aviation • More airports to be developed through public private partnership • To establish global hub for Aircraft Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power sector tariff policy reforms • Privatization of power distribution in certain territories in India • Boosting private sector investment in social infrastructure • Private participation in space activities • Atomic energy related reforms • Privatization of certain Public Sector Enterprises. |

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| 7 | Indonesia | 7.1 Equity | 7.1.1 Capital Participation | <p>The capital participation or the fresh funding is conducted for the following purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital restructuring of State-Owned Enterprises or its subsidiaries which business are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic situation; and • Allowing relevant State-Owned Enterprises to increase its working and business capacity as well as investing more in their subsidiaries in support of ending COVID-19 pandemic situation. |
| | | | 7.1.2 Fund Placement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fund being placed are the government fund deposit in the designated banks. • The designated banks must satisfy the following qualifications: (i) Must be commercial banks (not Sharia banks and not rural banks) with the status as an Indonesian legal entity; (ii) doing their banking activities in the Indonesia's jurisdiction; (iii) at least 51% of the shares in the banks are owned by Indonesian citizens or Indonesian legal entities; (iv) the banks must be included in the top three banks based on the Indonesia's Financial Services Authority (<i>Otoritas Jasa Keuangan</i> or "OJK") Banks Solvency Ranks under the latest OJK's Audit Report; and (v) the banks must be included in the top fifteen banks with the largest assets in Indonesia. • The designated banks will provide (i) liquidity buffer funding to implementing banks; and (ii) providing loans to rural banks, sharia rural banks, and multi finance companies, which are providing its customers with loan restructuring and loan refinancing for the purpose of financing working capital. • The implementing banks must satisfy the following qualifications: (i) the banks must be included in the top three banks based on OJK's Banks Solvency Ranks under the latest OJK's Audit Report; and (ii) must own a government issued bond and various types of Indonesia's Central Bank issued bonds with non-repo status at least in the value equivalent to six percent of their saving customers fund entrusted to the banks. • The implementing banks must use the liquidity buffer fund for the purposes of (i) its customers' loan restructuring; and/or (ii) refinancing of their customer's working capital. The eligible customers eligible are Small Micro Medium Enterprises ("SMME") in need of working capital restructuring or refinancing. • So long the qualifications are satisfied the designated banks may also act as the implementing banks. |
| | | | 7.1.3 Direct Investment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The institution purchasing shares traded in the capital market is called Government's Investment Operator established by the Ministry of Finance. • Government's Investment Operator may conduct its function by outsourcing its duties to an Investment Manager. • The Investment Manager must satisfy the following qualifications: (i) OJK's licensed Investment Manager; (ii) |

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| | | | | was never penalized with suspension of business activities or limitation of business activities by the OJK; (iii) proven track record of managing funds at least equivalent to USD335,120,640 under the current exchange rate; and (iv) employ Investment Manager Representatives who were never penalized by the OJK. |
| | | | 7.1.4 Joint Ventures | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The joint ventures must be of temporary in nature. Strategic infrastructures among others are: (i) establishments of hospitals; (ii) productions of various medical equipment to assist in the recovery of COVID-19 patients; (iii) importations of medicines and various medical equipment; and (iv) guest houses for medical workers specifically taking part in battling the COVID-19 pandemic. |
| | | | 7.1.5 Funding from the State Expenditures | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The parties eligible for the subsidize loan interest are: (i) SMME and Cooperative entities; (ii) multi finance companies; (iii) appointed government fund distribution entities. SMME and Cooperative entities eligible for the funding are those: (i) with a maximum principal loan for working capital purposes of equivalent to approximately USD670,240 under the current exchange rate; (ii) not nationally blacklisted as borrowers; (iii) have current repayments in the past; and (iv) registered as taxpayers proven by Tax Payer Filing Identification Number or <i>Nomor Pokok Wajib Pajak</i> (NPWP). |
| | | 7.2 Mezzanine | N/A | |
| | | 7.3 Debt | 7.3.1 Loan | <p>The loans will be governed under loan agreements providing grace period as well as repayment terms and conditions. The eligible borrowers are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Governments; State-Owned Enterprises; and Other government institutions. |
| | | | 7.3.2 Bonds Purchase | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government may purchase bonds issued by: (i) Regional Governments; (ii) corporations or other legal entities; (iii) foreign governments; (iv) foreign corporations or foreign legal entities. Bonds issued other than by Regional Governments and foreign governments, must be purchased in the stock exchange. The institution purchasing bonds traded in the capital market is called Government's Investment Operator established by the Ministry of Finance. Government's Investment Operator may conduct its function by outsourcing its duties to an Investment Man- |

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| | | | | <p>ager.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Investment Manager must satisfy the following qualifications: (i) OJK's licensed Investment Manager; (ii) was never penalized with suspension of business activities or limitation of business activities by the OJK; (iii) proven track record of managing funds at least equivalent to USD335,120,640 under the current exchange rate; and (iv) employ Investment Manager Representatives who were never penalized by the OJK. |
| | | | 7.3.3 Government Bonds | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are two types of Government Bonds, being Commercial Government Bonds and Sharia Government Bonds. The eligible purchasers of the said bonds are: (i) Indonesia's Central Bank; (ii) corporate investors; and (iii) retail investors. Should the bonds be oversubscribed, the Government may issue additional Government Bonds. The additionally issued bonds will then be issued by way of auction. |
| | | | 7.3.4 Loan Restructuring and Refinancing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The eligible banks' lending customers are those qualified as SMME's or Cooperative entities and the nature of their loan is for working capital maximum equivalent to approximately USD670,240 under the current exchange rate. |
| | | 7.4 Mixed | 7.4.1 Guarantee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government may appoint guarantee entities to conduct the guarantee namely: (i) Indonesia's Credit Guarantee LLC (<i>PT. Jaminan Kredit Indonesia</i>) and (ii) Indonesia's Credit Insurance LLC (<i>PT. Asuransi Kredit Indonesia</i>). Basically, the twos LLCs provides loan repayment guarantees to the banks. |
| | | 7.5 Tax reliefs | 7.5.1 Value Added Tax ("VAT") | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parties eligible for the VAT exemptions are: (i) Government institutions; (ii) hospitals; and medicine and medical equipment importers. Goods eligible for the VAT exemptions are all variety of medicines and medical equipment for the purpose of ending the COVID-19 pandemic. The period of exemption is from April 2020 to September 2020. |
| | | | 7.5.2 Income Tax for Imports Business Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Importers and sellers of all variety of medicines and medical equipment for the purpose of ending the COVID-19 pandemic are exempted from the requirements to pay income. The period of exemption is from April 2020 to September 2020. The Government will provide the exemptions upon compliance of the said parties to the exemption formal- |

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| | | | 7.5.3 Income Tax for business entities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business entities participating in the cause of ending the COVID-19 pandemic are exempted from the requirements to pay income tax. • The period of exemption is from April 2020 to September 2020. • The Government will provide the exemptions upon compliance of the said parties to the exemption formalities. |
| | | | 7.5.4 Income Tax for employees | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees in the various line of work contributing to the efforts of ending the COVID-19 pandemic are exempted from the requirements to pay income tax. • The period of exemption is from April 2020 to September 2020. • The Government will provide the exemptions upon compliance of the said parties to the exemption formalities. |

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| 8 | Japan | 8.1 Equity | 8.1.1 (ETF and J-REIT Purchases) | The Bank of Japan (BOJ) is temporarily authorized to increase its rate of purchase of ETFs and J-REITs. Up to 15% of each J-REIT issued may be purchased. ETF purchases take into account the mount outstanding in circulation of the applicable ETF. |
| | | 8.2 Mezzanine | 8.2.1 N/A | |
| | | 8.3 Debt | 8.3.1 (Commercial Paper and Commercial Bond Purchases) | The BOJ has temporarily increased its targeted purchases of commercial paper and corporate bonds by lifting the upper limit of commercial paper and corporate bond holdings to JPY 20 trillion. |
| | | | 8.3.2 (No Interest Loans) | No interest, no collateral loans (with principal amortization deferred up to 5 years) will be made available through private financial institutions in addition to government affiliated financial institutions (e.g. Japan Finance Corporation). Outstanding loans may be refinanced to no interest loans. |
| | | | 8.3.3 (Guarantees) | Loans and credit guarantee through government financial institutions will be made available to SMEs through safety-net guarantees (JPY 280 million limit) and crisis-related guarantees (for businesses whose sales have declined by a certain threshold or more; JPY 280 million limit). |
| | | 8.4 Mixed | 8.4.1 (Cash Payments Subsidies) | Approximately JPY 2.3 trillion in cash payments subsidies will be made available to a variety of businesses (including nonprofit organizations, healthcare corporations, etc.), which can be used in broad area, including payment of rent or retention of employees. Payment amounts will be JPY 2 million to corporations and JPY 1 million to sole proprietors whose revenue falls by more than 50% in any month of 2020 from the previous year. |
| | | 8.5 Tax Relief | 8.5.1 (Tax and Social Security Deferment) | Tax and social security contributions may be deferred up to one year without penalty or interest for businesses with revenue falling by more than 20%, etc. The tax payment deferral covers all national and local taxes (except stamp tax) due between 1 February 2020 and 31 January 2021, and can be retroactively applied to already overdue unpaid taxes. |
| | | | 8.5.2 (Tax Loss Carry Back Refund) | Companies whose stated capital is less than JPY 1 billion (previously JPY 100 million) are eligible for tax refund by tax loss carry back. The special carryback provision would apply to NOLs generated during fiscal years ending between 1 February 2020 and January 31, 2022. |
| | | | 8.5.3 (Local Tax Reduction) | The local property tax on machinery and building will be reduced to zero or one-half for affected SMEs depending on the amount of decrease in business income. If revenues decreases for any three-month period from February 2020 to October 2020 compared to the same period in the previous fiscal year by more than 30% but less than 50%, the re- |

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| | | | | duction is one-half, and if by 50% or more, the reduction is 100%. |
| | | | 8.5.4 (Investment Tax Exemption) | SMEs that invest in new equipment are exempt from property tax for three years after investment upon application (the March 2021 application deadline has been extended for 2 years). |
| | | | 8.5.5 (Telework Special Credits) | Special depreciation credits are available for SMEs that undertake capital investments in teleworking, etc. SMEs may claim an immediate 100% depreciation deduction or 7% credit (increased to 10% for corporations with stated capital of JPY 30 million or less) on capital investment to support telework and digitalization. |

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| 9 | Jordan | 9.1 Equity | N/A | |
| | | 9.2 Mezzanine | N/A | |
| | | 9.3 Debt | 9.3.1 Central Bank Market Sectors Financing and Support Program | <p>Aim: The program was launched to provide the necessary financing for various market sectors, especially that of small and medium-sized businesses, with reasonable costs and deadlines. The program aims to support said markets and raise competitiveness and production capacity, which in turn enhances their role in stimulating economic growth and employment.</p> <p>Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The program covers the most prominent markets that have the ability to expand and employ. Such markets are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agriculture ○ Education ○ Engineering Consulting ○ Exports ○ Health ○ Information Technology ○ Manufacturing ○ Renewable Energy ○ Tourism ○ Transportation • The low cost of funding and deadline that suits the needs of the abovementioned market sectors; the breakdown of which is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inside Amman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Bank Interest Rate: 1% – Lending Rate through Banks: 3-4.5% ○ Outside Amman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Bank Interest rate: 0.5% – Lending Rate through Banks: 2.5-3.5% ○ Term: 10 years • Providing the amount of funds appropriate for the work of the targeted sectors. The amount currently available is around 1.2 Billion Jordanian Dinars (equivalent to 5% of the direct facilities granted by Banks. The maximum loan amount for each borrower is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 4 Million Jordanian Dinars for the transportation and renewable energy sectors. |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3 million Jordanian Dinars for all other remaining sectors. <p>Mechanism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 1 – Borrower submits an application to the banks if they are within the specified sectors. • Stage 2 – The Bank assess the application. • Stage 3 – The Bank pays in advance and then sends the applications that meet the requirements of the program to the Central Bank. • Stage 4 – The Central Bank studies the applications to check they meet the requirements and provide the necessary documentation. • Stage 5 – The Central Bank grants the Bank the facilities for the approved applications in return for reasonable/acceptable guarantees. • Stage 6 – The Bank re-grants these facilities to approved applicants. |
| | | | 9.3.2 Central Bank of Jordan Aid program for small and medium-sized companies | <p>The Jordanian Central Bank decided to introduce a program to finance and support small and medium-sized companies (defined as any company that has less than 200 employees or has less than 5,000,000 JOD in annual sales). The program's funding amount equals 500 million JOD. The program allows Commercial and Islamic banks to finance small and medium-sized companies with necessary loans to deal with the negative effects of the COVID 19 pandemic.</p> <p><u>Commercial and Islamic banks would finance small and medium-sized companies on the following terms: -</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial and Islamic banks would finance small and medium-sized companies with loans having a maximum interest rate charge of 2% annually, and having a maximum of 30-month loan period including a grace period that could reach 6 months. • The purpose of the program is to finance the: Operating Expenses and Working Share Capital including payments for employees' salaries, wages and repeating expenses. • There is a ceiling for the amount of loans for beneficiaries depending on the category and sector of each. • The loans are guaranteed by the Jordan Loan Guarantee Corporation at 85% of the loan amount. • The loans provided under this program carry a zero risk for the purposes of obtaining it for financing capital adequacy. <p><u>Implementation Mechanism</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banks have to review each request for obtaining a loan by checking the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Company's or the independent institution's registration certificate and vocational license. ○ In the case for loans obtained to finance the employees' wages, the company must provide documents to prove it has its employees registered with the Social Security Corporation during the period of lending, the Social Security Corporation will also check with each borrower in regards to this mat- |

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| | | | | <p>ter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Any documents that prove the purpose of Borrowing. • Banks would either grant the loans in one installment or several installments depending on the purpose of obtaining the loan by the borrower, and depending on the evidence that prove the part of obtaining the loan for the payment of wages, in which the borrower must provide the bank with a list of the employees, their wages from the Social Securities Commission when paying the monthly wages and salaries. • Commercial Banks must provide the Central Bank with reasonable and acceptable guarantees in return for the loans provided to their borrowers. • Banks cannot change the rate of interest on the loan for the whole period. |
| | | 9.4 Mixed | 9.4.1 Defence Order No. 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Government decided not to charge any late fines/fees for the amounts due to the Social Security Corporation by registered businesses. |
| | | | 9.4.2 Defence Order No. 6 | <p>Beginning from 1 April 2020, the wages of employees in the private sector and any other entity subject to the Labor Law are determined as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All employees who work on site are entitled to the entirety of their wage. However, it is permitted to agree with such employees (consent) to reduce, provided that this reduction does not exceed 30% of the total wage. This is a last resort option and is conditional on having the management of the company included in such a reduction in wages. • Businesses that operate on a part-time/partial basis who are not assigned any work during the lockdown period may apply to the Minister of Labor to allow them to pay at least 50% of the employee's wage, provided that the reduction in wage does not go below the minimum wage. • A private sector employer who is unable to pay wages as mentioned in the point above may submit a request to the joint committee formed by the Minister of Industry, Trade, and Supply and Minister of Labor to completely stop work at his institution or facility, and to stop employment contracts for all employees. The employer must take no action in this regard except after obtaining the decision of that committee, and must include a request containing the names of the workers, the nature and form of their contract, their duration, hours of work and the amount of their wages according to what is registered in the Social Security Corporation. • A private sector employer subject to the Labor Law and covered by the decision to stop work, has the right to benefit from economic protection programs in accordance with the conditions established for each of them. |
| | | | 9.4.3 Social Security Corporation Aid Fund | <p>Companies whose employees are registered with the Social Security Corporation</p> <p>The enterprise may submit a request the Social Security Corporation to change the unemployment allowance for</p> |

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| | | | (1) | workers who have been covered and those who are out of work for the months of April and May of the year 2020. In this case, the unemployment allowance is calculated at (150) JOD per month for each worker, provided that the Social Security Corporation pays (100) JOD of this allowance after the company pays the (50) JOD. |
| | | | 9.4.3 Social Security Corporation Aid Fund (1) | Companies whose employees are not registered with the Social Security Corporation Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees be Jordanian citizens, residents of the Gaza Strip, and the sons of Jordanians. • The employee must be not working due to the lockdown. • The Company must shoulder a one off payment of 140 JOD per employee. • Benefit: 150 JOD monthly per employee for the months of April and May 2020. 100 JOD of which is paid by the Social Security Corporation while the remaining 50 JOD to be paid by the employer (similar to companies registered with the Social Security Corporation). |
| | | 9.5 Tax reliefs | 9.5.1 Defence Order No. 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The period prescribed under the provisions of Article (17)(a) of the Income Tax Law No. 34 for the year 2014 related to submitting income tax returns is extended until 30 June 2020. • The period prescribed under the provisions of Article (12)(e) of the Income Tax Law No. 34 for the year 2014 the Income Tax Law relating to the obligation to pay any withheld tax during the lockdown period to the Income and Sales Tax department is extended until 30 June 2020. |

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| 10 | Kuwait | 10.1 Equity | 10.1.1 N/A | |
| | | | 10.1.2 N/A | |
| | | 10.2 Mezzanine | 10.2.1 N/A | |
| | | | 10.2.2 N/A | |
| | | 10.3 Debt | 10.3.1 Loan instalments deferral | <p>Upon the instructions of the Central Bank of Kuwait, the Kuwait Banking Association issued a moratorium on bank loans for 6 months from March 2020 to September 2020. The deferral is applicable to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti banks, 2. Consumption and mortgage loans, 3. The moratorium does not include investment loans, family subsidizing loan and loans of defaulting borrowers, 4. Kuwaiti nationals, persons who live without nationality, sons and daughters of Kuwaiti women, however expats will be dealt with on a case by case basis. <p>Interest, profits and charges are currently waived including the same for deferred loans.</p> |
| | | | 10.3.2 Central Bank of Kuwait measures | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discount rate has been reduced from 2.5 to 1.5 percent. • Cut the repo rate and all monetary policy instruments by 1%. |
| | | 10.4 Mixed | 10.4.1 Funding | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kuwait Cabinet approved a draft law authorizing KD 500 million additional funding to ministries and state agencies to fight COVID-19. • The Council of Ministers approved a draft law deferring the collection of due instalments on the beneficiaries of Family Support Funds. |
| | | | 10.4.2 COVID-19 Fund | Temporary fund established to receive financial contributions from locals in support of the Government's efforts related to the outbreak. |
| | | 10.5 Tax reliefs | 10.5.1 Social Insurance | Ministry of Finance has decided to postpone the employer's share in social insurance premiums for a period of 6 months. |
| | | | 10.5.2 N/A | |

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| 11 | Malaysia | 11.1 Equity | 11.1.1 N/A | |
| | | 11.2 Mezzanine | 11.2.1 N/A | |
| | | | 11.2.2 N/A | |
| | | 11.3 Debt | 11.3.1 N/A | |
| | | | 11.3.2 N/A | |
| | | 11.4 Mixed | 11.4.1 Special Relief Facility (SRF) | <p>RM5 billion fund of SRF to help alleviate the immediate and targeted cash flow problems faced by SMEs for the sustainability of business operations and the safeguarding of jobs.</p> <p>Loan up to RM1 million per SME for a maximum period of 5.5 years may be granted with no collateral required. There will be a grace period of 6 months, where no repayment is needed within this period. The maximum financing rate is lowered from 3.75% per annum to 3.5% per annum.</p> |
| | | | 11.4.2 All Economic Sectors (AES) Facility | <p>RM6.8 billion fund of AES Facility to enhance access to financing for SMEs and to support growth in all economic sectors, such as agriculture, manufacturing (including agro-based) and services.</p> <p>Loan up to RM5 million per SME for a maximum period of 5 years may be granted. There will be a grace period of 6 months, where no repayment is needed within this period. The maximum financing rate is lowered from 8% per annum to 7% per annum.</p> |
| | | | 11.4.3 Additional financial assistance under Micro Credit Scheme | <p>The Government will be abolishing the 2% interest rate for the RM500mil Micro Credit Scheme under Bank Simpanan Nasional.</p> <p>RM500 million is allocated to Micro Credit Scheme administered by Bank Simpanan Nasional, bringing the total value to RM700 million for all micro-entrepreneurs in all business sectors. The Micro Credit Scheme for micro-SMEs is also extended to loan under TEKUN Nasional with a maximum borrowing of RM10,000 per SME at 0% interest. Applicants can only choose from one of these schemes - either under Bank Simpanan Nasional or TEKUN Nasional.</p> |
| | | | 11.4.4 Special grant to micro-SMEs | Special grant to micro-SMEs of RM 3,000 each |

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| | | | | A total of RM2.1 billion is allocated to benefit 700,000 micro SMEs in the country. The Government will provide a Special Grant of RM3,000 to each eligible micro-SME. To enjoy this incentive, micro-SMEs must register with the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRBM). The Government will obtain a list of eligible SMEs from local authorities and the Companies Commission of Malaysia (CCM). While the term micro-SME is not defined in the speech, micro-SME is defined by SME Corporation Malaysia as “a micro enterprise with sales turnover of less than RM300,000 or employees of less than 5”. | | |
| | | | 11.4.5 Gurantees by SJPP | Syarikat Jaminan Pembiayaan Perniagaan (SJPP) will provide RM5 billion worth of guarantees with up to 80% guarantee coverage for SMEs that face difficulties in obtaining loans. | | |
| | | | 11.4.6 Financing for SMEs | SMEs with business records of less than four years can resort to the BizMula-i and BizWanita-i schemes for financing up to RM300,000 under the Credit Guarantee Malaysia Berhad (CGC). | | |
| | | | 11.4.7 Danajamin Guarantee Scheme | <p>The Government will provide a RM50 billion guarantee scheme with a guarantee of up to 80% of the loan amount</p> <p>This is provided for the purpose of financing working capital requirements of viable businesses in all sectors facing difficulties due to the Covid-19 outbreak. The scheme will be managed and subject to credit evaluation by Danajamin. The minimum guaranteed loan size is RM20 million per business.</p> | | |
| | | 11.5 Other reliefs | 11.5.1 Tax deduction | <p>Tax deduction for amount of rental waived or reduced</p> <p>Private premises owners are encouraged to reduce or waive rental during the Movement Control Order (MCO) period, up to 3 months after the MCO ends. Landlords who reduce (at least 30% of the original rental) or waive the rental on business premises rented to SMEs will be given a tax deduction, equal to the amount of the rental waived or reduced for April 2020 to June 2020.</p> | | |
| | | | 11.5.2 Wage subsidy | All companies with local workers earning of RM4,000 and below will receive subsidised wage assistance | | |
| | | | | <table><tr><th>No of employees employed by company</th><th>Subsidy amount (RM)</th></tr><tr><td>> 200 employees</td><td>RM600 subsidy per employee is maintained. For companies that employ more than 200 people, the number of workers eligible for subsidy is increased from 100 to 200.</td></tr></table> | No of employees employed by company | Subsidy amount (RM) |
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| | | | | Between 76 to 200 employees |
| | | | | RM800 subsidy per employee. |
| | | | | Up to 75 employees |
| | | | | RM1,200 subsidy per employee. |
| | | | | Eligible employers under the wage subsidy programme must retain their employee for at least 6 months (3 months of receiving a wage subsidy, and 3 months thereafter). |
| | | | 11.5.3 Waiver or reduction of rental for premises owned by GLCs | Waiver or reduction of rental for premises owned by Government-Linked Companies (GLCs) GLCs such as MARA, PETRONAS, PNB, PLUS and UDA as well as some State Government companies have agreed to waive or reduce rental on their premises, especially for SME retailers. |
| | | | 11.5.4 Levy exemption/reduction | 25% reduction of levy on foreign employees permits A 25% reduction in foreign employee's levy payments is given for work permits expiring between the period of 1 April 2020 and 31 December 2020. This reduction in levy does not apply to domestic helpers. Human Resources Development (HRD) Levy Exemption For Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF) registered employers, the payment of the mandatory HRD levy is exempted for 6 months to support over 30,000 of the HRDF registered employers from all sectors. |
| | | | 11.5.5 Deferment of monthly tax instalments | Deferment of monthly tax instalments for a period of 3 months for SME beginning 1 April 2020. |
| | | | 11.5.6 Employees Provident Fund (EPF) | Employer Advisory Services (EAS) programme EAS to assist employers so that they can continue retaining jobs Introduced by the EPF on 15 April 2020, the programme aims to assist employers so that they can continue retaining jobs by offering options to defer, restructure and reschedule the remittance of the employer's portion of monthly EPF |

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| | | | | <p>contributions.</p> <p>Employer COVID-19 Assistance Programme (e-CAP) to defer and restructure employer contributions</p> <p>In addition to the Employer Advisory Services, EPF has launched e-CAP on 23 April 2020 for SMEs to defer and re-structure employer contributions.</p> |

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| 12 | Myanmar | 12.1 Equity | N/A | |
| | | 12.2 Mezzanine | N/A | |
| | | 12.3 Debt | 12.3.1 Stimulus Packages | <p>The Myanmar government has announced an initial stimulus package to reduce the impact of COVID-19 on the country's economy featuring:</p> <p>Stimulus packages offered to selected industries:</p> <p>USD 70 million (MMK 100 billion) fund for cut-make-package (CMP) in the garment and manufacturing industry and hotel and tourism businesses, as well as Myanmar owned small and medium-sized enterprises; and</p> <p>1 % Interest rate on 1 year loans provided by the fund with the rate and period to be reviewed later after the economic impact of the virus outbreak can be assessed;</p> <p>Stimulus packages offered to other industries:</p> <p>Other than the beneficiaries in the abovementioned sectors, the Myanmar Government will guarantee 50% of loans made by a bank to a Myanmar enterprise whose turnover is less than MMK 1 billion (USD 70 million) to be used as working capital. The guarantee would be provided on the pre-condition that all the employees of the enterprise as on 1 February 2020 would be maintained and if terminated such employees would be rehired.</p> |
| | | 12.4 Mixed | N/A | |

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| 13 | New Zealand | 13.1 Equity | 13.1.1 N/A | |
| | | | 13.1.2 N/A | |
| | | 13.2 Mezzanine | 13.2.1 N/A | |
| | | | 13.2.2 N/A | |
| | | 13.3 Debt | 13.3.1 | Large Scale Asset Purchase programme The Reserve Bank of New Zealand (RBNZ) will purchase NZ\$60 billion of New Zealand Government bonds, across a range of maturities, in the secondary market over the next 12 months (expanded on 13 May from an initial NZ\$33 billion). The programme aims to provide further support to the economy, build confidence, and keep interest rates on government bonds low. This scheme includes NZ Government Bonds, Local Government Funding Agency Bonds and NZ Government Inflation-Indexed Bonds. Further information is available here . |
| | | | 13.3.2 | Term Auction Facility (TAF) and Term Lending Facility (TLF) These facilities will provide liquidity to the banking system. Under the TAF, the RBNZ may provide collateralised loans out to 12 months. The TLF will ensure access to funding for banks at the rate of the Official Cash Rate, fixed for 3 years, with access to funds linked to each banks' lending under the Business Finance Guarantee Scheme. The TLF requires approved eligible collateral to be pledged in a similar manner to the Open Market Operation (OMO). The first TLF operation began on 26 May. Further information is available here . |
| | | | 13.3.3 | Weekly Open Market Operation (OMO) The RBNZ is encouraging banks to continue to fund their corporate clients by purchasing their debt securities, to ensure large businesses can better manage their cash flows and lower their funding costs. The OMO will be used to inject cash into the banking system using eligible Corporate and Asset-Backed securities, which are listed on the RBNZ's website. This OMO is held at 11:00am each Tuesday and will typically offer up to NZ\$500 million dollars for terms out to approximately 3 months. Further information is available here . |
| | | | 13.3.4 | Business Finance Guarantee Scheme (Support for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs)) This scheme offers NZ\$6.25 billion in loans to New Zealand businesses (including farmers) with annual revenue up to NZ\$80 million to help with their cashflow and operating expenses. Eligible businesses can apply to their banks for loans of up to NZ\$500,000 on terms of up to three years. The Government will guarantee 80% of the risk, while banks will cover the remaining 20%. Further information is available here . |

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| | | | | COVID-19 Small Business Cash Flow Loan (SBCS) <p>The Small Business Cashflow (Loan) Scheme (SBCS) has been introduced to support businesses and organisations struggling because of loss of actual or predicted revenue as a result of COVID-19. They must have 50 or fewer full-time-equivalent employees. Inland Revenue will administer the payments and repayments of this scheme. Applications remain open to 12 June 2020 inclusive. Eligible businesses and organisations are entitled to a one-off loan. The maximum amount loaned is NZ\$10,000 plus NZ\$1,800 per full-time-equivalent employee. The annual interest rate is 3% beginning from the date of the loan being provided. Interest will not be charged if the loan is fully paid back within one year. Further information is available here.</p> |
| | | 13.4 Mixed | 13.4.1 N/A | |
| | | | 13.4.2 N/A | |
| | | 13.5 Tax re-liefs | 13.5.1 | General tax support for businesses <p>On 25 March 2020, Parliament passed the COVID-19 Response (Taxation and Social Assistance Urgent Measures) Act 2020, which: reinstates depreciation deductions for commercial and industrial buildings at an estimated cost to the Government of NZ\$2.1 billion; increases the threshold for first year low-value asset write offs; increases the threshold for paying provisional tax; brings forward broader research and development refundability rules; and increases Inland Revenue's powers to remit interest on late paid tax. The Act is available here. Specific measures include:</p> <p><i>Provisional tax</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislation was passed to increase the provisional tax threshold from NZ\$2,500 to NZ\$5,000. This means any current provisional taxpayers with provisional tax payments of less than NZ\$5,000 will have until 7 February following the year they file to pay their tax bill. This is intended to lower compliance costs for smaller taxpayers and allow them to retain cash for longer. Further information is available here. <p><i>Threshold for first year low-value asset write offs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The threshold for first year low-value asset write offs will increase from NZ\$500 to NZ\$5,000 for assets purchased in the 12 months from 17 March 2020, reducing to NZ\$1,000 from March 17, 2021. This measure is estimated to cost NZ\$667 million over the costs forecast period. <p><i>Research and development tax credit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The application date of broader refundability for the R&D tax credit has been brought forward by one year, to the 2019–20 income year, to help businesses retain their R&D capability during the COVID-19 outbreak. Inland Revenue expects this measure to provide up to NZ\$70 million of additional cash support to R&D per- |

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| | | | | forming businesses. Further information is available here . |
| | | | 13.5.2 | Tax relief for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises On 15 April 2020, tax measures aimed at increasing business cashflow were announced. Inland Revenue will have the discretion to extend taxation due dates and timeframes (for example, for filing or returns). There will also be immediate and longer-term changes to the treatment of tax losses, including a NZ\$3.1 billion tax loss carry-back scheme (estimated cost over the next two years) that will allow a large number of businesses to access their previous tax payments as cash refunds. Further information is available here . |
| | | | 13.5.3 | COVID-19 Income equalisation assistance for farmers, fishers and growers (class of case deposits) For farmers, fishers and growers whose current or future income will be significantly affected by the impacts of Covid-19, Inland Revenue will allow class of case late deposits for the 2019 income tax year up to 30 June 2020 regardless of when the 2019 return is filed or what the due date is for filing the tax return. The quantum of the deposit is limited to the net income from agricultural activities for the 2018-2019 income tax year. Further information is available here . |
| | | 13.6 Other | 13.6.1 | GENERAL SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES Mortgage Holiday Scheme Retail banks have agreed a six-month principal and interest payment holiday for small business customers and mortgage holders whose incomes have been negatively affected by COVID-19. Further information is available here . Support for companies facing insolvency Temporary changes to the Companies Act 1993 have been introduced to help businesses facing insolvency to remain viable and keep New Zealanders in jobs. These changes include: a 'safe harbour' for directors' insolvency duties; allowing non-trading businesses to hibernate debts; allowing e-signatures; extended filing deadlines from the Registrar of Companies; and relief for entities not in compliance with their constitutions due to COVID-19. Business Debt Hibernation will only be available where there is agreement of 50% of a business's creditors. Further information is available here . |
| | | | 13.6.2 | SUPPORT FOR EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES The below Schemes are estimated to have cost between NZ\$9-12 billion. |

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| | | | | <p>Wage Subsidy Scheme and Wage Subsidy Scheme Extension</p> <p>This scheme supports employers adversely affected by COVID-19, so that they can continue to pay their employees, even if they are unable to work. Support is available to all businesses (including the self-employed, contractors and sole traders), registered charities, incorporated societies and post settlement governance entities, that have had a 30% drop in revenue attributable to COVID-19. The initial scheme will pay NZ\$585.80 per week for full-time employees and NZ\$350.00 per week for part-time employees for 12 weeks. The extension provides support (at the same weekly rates) for a further 8 weeks where the business has had or expects to have a revenue loss of at least 50% for the 30 days before applying. Further information is available here.</p> <p>Essential Workers Leave Scheme / COVID-19 Leave Support Scheme</p> <p>This scheme initially provided 'essential workers' who took leave from work to comply with public health guidance with an income at the same rates as the Wage Subsidy Scheme. This scheme has been renamed the "COVID-19 Leave Support Scheme" because it is available for all employers returning to work who meet the criteria. The subsidy covers a four-week time period, with the option for organisations to re-apply for those same workers after four weeks, if necessary. Further information is available here.</p> <p>Redeployment of workers</p> <p>On 20 March 2020, the Government allocated NZ\$100 million to help redeploy workers negatively affected by the economic impact of COVID-19. Of this, Gisborne-Tairāwhiti received approximately NZ\$28 million to support the redeployment of forestry workers into activities including roading, conservation and retraining. Further information is available here.</p> |
| | | | 13.6.3 | <p>SUPPORT FOR LANDLORDS AND TENANTS</p> <p>Extended timeframes for tenants to remedy a breach of lease</p> <p>The minimum statutory period for a tenant to remedy any failure to pay rent will be extended from 10 working days to 30 working days. Further information is available here.</p> <p>Extended timeframes for mortgagors to remedy mortgage default</p> |

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| | | | | <p>The minimum statutory period for a mortgagor to remedy default under its mortgage will be extended from 20 working days to 40 working days. Further information is available here.</p> <p>Residential rent freeze and tenancy termination restrictions</p> <p>A freeze on rent increases has come into effect and will apply for an initial period of 6 months. Tenancies may not be terminated during the lock-down period, unless the parties agree. Further information is available here.</p> |
| | | | 13.6.4 | <p>SUPPORT FOR EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS</p> <p>Air Freight Support Package and International Airfreight Capacity Scheme (IAFC Scheme)</p> <p>New Zealand Trade and Enterprise and the Ministry of Transport are working with Air New Zealand and air freight operators to ensure that air freight capacity is available on New Zealand's key routes for at least the next 6 months. The Government is providing variable top-up funding (of up to NZ\$50,000 per return flight) for international air freight movements to make sure the flights are financially viable. The IAFC Scheme adds capacity to maintain trade links. Further information is available here.</p> <p>Export Business Continuity Service</p> <p>NZTE has launched a NZ\$4 million Export Business Continuity Service, in partnership with PwC and Deloitte, which will provide its export customers with access to one-on-one professional services to help them manage the impacts of COVID-19 on their businesses. The service is provided via vouchers of up to NZ\$5,000 per business. Further information is available here.</p> <p>Tariff concessions on imports of COVID-19 related products</p> <p>Tariffs on all medical and hygiene imports needed for the COVID-19 response have been temporarily removed. Further information is available here.</p> |
| | | | 13.6.5 | <p>OTHER SUPPORT FOR THE BANKING INDUSTRY</p> <p>Regulatory relief</p> <p>Regulatory relief will provide banks headroom for customer-focus and risk management. The Reserve Bank of New</p> |

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| | | | | Zealand has delayed most regulatory initiatives for an initial period of 6 months and deferred the start date of the increased capital requirements for banks by 12 months, which it expects will enable banks to provide an additional NZ\$47 billion of credit. Further information is available here . |
| | | | 13.6.6 | <p>SUPPORT FOR THE AVIATION INDUSTRY</p> <p>Aviation Relief Package</p> <p>The Government set aside NZ\$600 million to deliver an aviation sector relief package. The first tranche of support aimed to secure the operators of New Zealand's aviation security system, and included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> financial support to airlines to pay passenger-based government charges for the next 6 months (NZ\$163 million) and to cover Airways related fees for the next 6 months (NZ\$37 million); any fee rises or pricing reviews from agencies that charge fees at the border (Ministry for Primary Industries, Civil Aviation Authority, Aviation Security Service, Customs, Airways) are put on hold for 12 months; financial support for Airways in the face of declining revenue (NZ\$70 million). <p>Further information is available here.</p> <p>Fast-tracked support for Air New Zealand freight</p> <p>The Government fast-tracked up to NZ\$1 million to help Air New Zealand move urgent freight to and from New Zealand. Further information is available here.</p> |
| | | | 13.6.7 | <p>SUPPORT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY</p> <p>Advanced Entitlement Payments to support roading contractors</p> <p>The New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) offered advance payments to roading contractors so the industry would be ready to deliver vital projects when the country moved out lockdown. The payments were made available to contractors who had National Land Transport Programme funded projects in construction with NZTA. Further information is available here.</p> <p>Support for "shovel ready" infrastructure projects</p> <p>The Government tasked industry leaders to identify infrastructure projects that would be ready to start as soon as the</p> |

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| | | | | <p>construction industry returns to normal after the lockdown. Minister for Economic Development Hon Phil Twyford said “the types of projects the Government would consider funding include water, transport, clean energy and buildings. They would also have a public or regional benefit, create jobs and be able to get underway in short order”. Further information is available here.</p> <p>Fast-tracked consents</p> <p>The Cabinet has approved the fast tracking of consent processes and the legislation is expected to be passed in June. The Minister for the Environment will identify projects to go into the fast track resource consenting process and these will be considered by an Expert Consenting Panel chaired by a current or retired Environment Court Judge or senior lawyer. Further information is available here.</p> |
| | | | 13.6.8 | <p>SUPPORT FOR THE HEALTH SECTOR</p> <p>NZ\$500 million Health Package</p> <p>This package aimed to strengthen health services to fight and contain COVID-19. The first NZ\$235 million allocated under the Health Package was largely aimed at scaling up public communications relating to COVID-19, testing and tracing cases and ensuring continuity of care in the community. Further information is available here.</p> <p>NZ\$30 million support for GPs and pharmacies</p> <p>The general practice funding package consists of a NZ\$15 million general practice response payment aimed to support general practices with workload from testing patients and the costs incurred moving to virtual consultations. The community pharmacy funding package totalling NZ\$15 million is a support payment for all community pharmacy service providers to recognise the increased workload and for the way they are moving into a virtual working environment alongside general practice. Further information is available here.</p> |
| | | | 13.6.9 | <p>SUPPORT FOR MĀORI COMMUNITIES</p> <p>Whānau Māori Community and Mārae Package</p> <p>The Government announced a reprioritisation of NZ\$10 million from the Māori Development vote to support community outreach and partner with whānau, hapū, iwi and communities to give them the tools and resources required to support a targeted response to COVID-19.</p> |

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| | | | | <p>Māori Health and Whānau Ora response</p> <p>The Government will provide NZ\$30 million of funding targeted directly to Māori Health services, including financial support to Māori provider networks, payment for prescriptions, in-home care continuity for kaumatua, building a call-back mechanism into the telehealth service, a Māori-specific vaccination programme, and establishment of Community Based Assessment Centres in Māori communities. An extra NZ\$15 million will be directed to Whānau Ora commissioning agencies.</p> <p>Support for Māori businesses</p> <p>The Government has allocated NZ\$1 million to a needs assessment of Māori businesses, to be followed by design and implementation of a Māori businesses response plan. NZ\$470,000 has also been reprioritised to Te Arawhiti to engage and work with iwi on their COVID-19 pandemic response plans.</p> <p>Further information is available here.</p> |
| | | | 13.6.10 | <p>SUPPORT FOR PACIFIC COMMUNITIES</p> <p>NZ\$17 million Pacific Response Package</p> <p>This package supports Pacific health and disability services facing increased demand, increase public health messaging and guidance for Pacific communities in Pacific languages and enable the roll out of a new outreach programme putting non-clinical health support staff into Pacific communities, linking high-risk Pacific people with important services. Further information is available here.</p> |
| | | | 13.6.11 | <p>SUPPORT FOR THE ARTS</p> <p>Creative New Zealand Emergency Response Package</p> <p>An initial investment of NZ\$16 million provided emergency support for existing investment clients and resilience grants for artists, arts practitioners, arts groups and arts organisations. The funds will be distributed to the sector through to 30 June 2020 (the end of Creative New Zealand's financial year). A second phase, which will provide support beyond June 2020, will be announced in June. Further information is available here.</p> |

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| | | | 13.6.12 | <p>SUPPORT FOR SPORTS ORGANISATIONS</p> <p>Roll-over of current funding and NZ\$25 million short-term relief package</p> <p>The Government has announced that it will roll over the funding of national sports organisations for the current financial year into the next year. Sport NZ's new four-year investment plan has been deferred so that current levels of investment remain through to 30 June 2021. In addition, Sport NZ partners will not be obliged to continue Sport NZ-led initiatives, so they can focus on remaining operational. High Performance Sport NZ has also confirmed core funding for 2020-2021 to Olympic and Paralympic sports so they can transition key high performance functions into the re-scheduled Tokyo Games next year, as well as the new Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic cycle. An additional NZ\$25 million package to provide further short-term relief for organisations at all levels of sport and active recreation was announced by Sport NZ on 7 May. Further information is available here and here.</p> |

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| 14 | Oman | 14.1 Equity | 14.1.1 N/A | |
| | | 14.2 Mezzanine | 14.2.1 N/A | |
| | | 14.3 Debt | 14.3.1 | <p>The key measures announced by Central Bank of Oman on 18 March 2020 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower capital conservation buffers by 50%, from 2.5% to 1.25% • Increase the lending ratio/financing ratio by 5%, from 87.5% to 92.5%, conditional upon the extra scope being utilised to lend to productive sectors of the economy, including the healthcare sector • Accept requests for deferment of loans/interest (profit for Islamic financial institutions) for affected borrowers, particularly SMEs, with immediate effect for the coming 6 months without adversely impacting the risk classification of such loans • Defer for a period of 6 months the risk classification of loans to government projects • Local banks to consider reducing existing fees for various banking services and avoid introducing new fees in 2020 • Reduce the interest rate on repo operations by 75 basis points, to 0.50%, and increase the tenor of repo operations up to a maximum of 3 months • Decrease interest rate on discounting of government treasury bills by 100 basis points, to 1.00% • Reduce the interest rate on foreign currency swap operations by 50 basis points and increase in the tenor of swap facility up to a maximum period of 3 months • Lower the interest rate on rediscounting of a bill of exchange and promissory note (with two signatures) by 100 basis points, to 3% • Decrease the interest rate on rediscounting of a promissory note with acceptable guarantee by 100 basis points, to 3.25% • Reduce the interest rate on rediscounting of a promissory note accompanied by trust receipt by 125 basis points, to 3.50%. <p>Other relief measures include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postpone loan instalments/premiums for small and medium establishments (fees payable to Al Raffd Fund) for the next 6 months |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Car (automobile) sale agencies and finance companies to postpone instalments/premiums of cars for a period of 3 months. |
| | | 14.4 Mixed | 14.4.1 | <p>The key measures introduced by the Supreme Committee on 15 April 2020 are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Private sectors firms and establishment have to maintain the stability of their Omani manpower and not terminate their services; 2. Private sectors firms and establishment have to give paid leave with full salary to workers during the period of health isolation and stay at home period; 3. Private sectors firms and establishment that are affected have the ability to offer advanced paid annual leave for their workers; 4. Private sectors firms and establishment that are affected may negotiate to lower the salaries of their workers for a period of 3 months in return for a reduction of duty hours after the expiry of outstanding days of an employee's paid leave. This to be applied, if necessary from May 2020. Omani employees' salaries must not drop below the national minimum wage of OMR325 per month; 5. Expatriate workers of affected private sector establishments and firms can be terminally repatriated to their respective countries, according to the package agreed by the Supreme Committee and establishments and firms of the private sector; 6. Private sectors firms and establishment that are affected may terminate their expat workforce labour contracts, provide that these institutions commit to paying all workers dues before leaving the county permanently; 7. Incentives offered by the Government to private sector establishments and firms also include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Reduction of renewal fees of expatriate workers' labour cards from its date (today, April 15) to the end of June 2020, from OMR301 to OMR201; b. Exemption from fees, waiving of delay fines and extension of expat manpower's licenses during this period; c. Approval of preliminary work permits for expat manpower for partial use or temporary use; and d. Possibility of secondment of workers of any private establishment to work in time of emergency for another establishment. 8. Public Authority for Social Insurance to offer incentives to the insured and to postpone monthly subscription fees of March, April and May to be paid in instalments at a later date. |

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| | | | | <p>The rights of termination of expatriates should be exercised cautiously where there is a degree of uncertainty as to how the decision of the Supreme Committee may subsequently be viewed by courts against the previous practice of awarding a minimum of 3 months' gross salary 'compensatory claim', in excess of all contractual rights to the end of the notice period, when employees were terminated on any ground other than the gross misconduct grounds set out under Article 40 of the Labour Law of Oman (which do include financial distress of employer or redundancy); and</p> <p>It should be noted that the right to reduce salaries in line with commensurate reductions in working hours for May, June and July has been couched in terms of a right to negotiate. It appears that best practice is to first secure Ministry of Manpower confirmation that proposed measures are considered reasonable in the circumstances.</p> |
| | | 14.5 Tax reliefs | 14.5.1 | <p>The government measures in respect of corporation tax of 31 March 2020 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax return filing and payment of tax can be deferred by up to 3 months from the due date • Exemption from all fines and penalties related to such deferred filing and tax payments • Allowance of tax deductions in respect of all donations or contributions made toward handling the COVID-19 pandemic, in accordance with the prescribed rules under the income tax law and regulations • Flexible tax payment mechanisms • Extension of timelines for filing objections against tax assessments; and additional time to submit supporting documents and clarifications for ongoing objection proceedings. • Exemption from tourist and municipality tax (applicable at 4%) for restaurants until 31 August 2020 • Exemption from municipality tax (applicable at 5%) for commercial establishments until 31 August 2020. <p>Other announcements of importance are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Omani customs authority has announced that where the importer is unable to obtain or produce the necessary authorizations (i.e., documents and certificates of the goods from the exporting country), the relevant goods will still be cleared. • The requirement to obtain a guarantee for the non-submission of original legalized documentation has been waived until further notice. |

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| | | | 15.1.2 N/A | |
| | | 15.2 Mezzanine | 15.2.1 N/A | |
| | | | 15.2.2 N/A | |
| | | 15.3 Debt | 15.3.1 Refinance scheme for payment of wages and salaries to the Workers and Employees of Business Concerns | <p>The core objective of this facility is to incentivise business not to lay off their workers due to the pandemic, by the provision of concessional credit for payroll finance to businesses which commit to not lay off workers until July 2020. The scheme will be available to all businesses in Pakistan through banks and will cover all types of employees including permanent, contractual, daily wages as well as outsourced workers. The scheme will provide financing for wages and salaries expense for 3 months from April to June 2020 for those businesses which do not layoff their employees for these 3 months. The mark-up on the loans under this scheme will be up to 5%. Borrowers who are on the active taxpayers list will be able to get loans at a further reduced mark-up rate of 4%. The scheme has been designed to give preference to smaller businesses. Businesses with a 3 month wage and salary expense of up to Rs. 200 million will be able to avail the full amount of their expense in financing while those with a 3 month wage and salary expense of greater than Rs. 500 million will be able to avail up to 50% of their expense. Businesses in the middle category will be able to avail up to 75% of their 3 months' salary and wage expense. The banks will not charge any loan processing fee, credit limit fee or prepayment penalties for loans under this scheme. A grace period of 6 months will be allowed to the borrowers while the repayment of the principal amount will be made in two years. Banks will provide weekly reporting to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) on the take up of the scheme and in particular the reasons for any denials of financing requests under this scheme. SBP expects that one of the main benefits of the scheme is that employers that retain workers on their payroll will be able to restore or increase production quickly once the situation normalizes. The scheme will ease the liquidity constraints of the businesses and they can use their available financial resources to meet other working capital requirements.</p> <p>Additional incentives include relaxations in collateral requirements, further reduction in end-user rate, reimbursement of wages, special accounts for employees to receive wages, borrowing from banks other than maintaining payrolls, simplification of application form for SMEs and bank's exposure limits.</p> <p>SBP has also allowed banks to provide financing against corporate guarantees of companies in value / supply chain relationship with the borrowers. Moreover, banks have also been encouraged to provide loans without any collateral i.e. taking clean exposure of up to Rs 5 million.</p> <p>SBP has enhanced the incentive to business which are active taxpayers by reducing the mark up rate for them to 3%</p> |
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| | | | | <p>which was earlier set as 4%. SBP will now provide refinance to banks at 0%. This also increases the gap between the rates charged to active taxpayer and the non-tax payers businesses, as the latter can be charged an end user markup rate of up to 5%.</p> <p>Businesses have also been given flexibility to avail loan under SBP's refinance scheme for wages from any bank and they will not be limited to avail loans from the bank which manages their payroll. Further, businesses will also be able to get reimbursement of salaries pertaining to the month of April 2020 which have been disbursed through own sources, provided they have applied for financing under the scheme before disbursement and the same is subsequently approved by the banks. SMEs can apply for the financing on a simplified loan application form prescribed by SBP for this scheme.</p> <p>To facilitate the banks further for lending under the scheme, banks' exposure under the scheme has been exempted from the per-party or the per-group exposure limits. It will enable them to lend to borrowers that have exhausted their exposure limits.</p> <p>All these benefits will also be available to businesses availing financing under the scheme from Islamic Banking Institutions.</p> |
| | | | 15.3.2 Refinance Schemes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Borrowers from corporate, consumer, agriculture, SMEs and microfinance sectors can avail deferment of principal amount for one year while continue servicing mark up. They can also apply for rescheduling/restructuring if they are not able to service mark-up payment. Refinance schemes and their Shariah alternatives include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long Term Financing Facility (LTFF). The requirement to have exports worth 50% of total sales, or USD 5 million of exports to avail export/credit financing during the period 1 January 2020, to 30 September 2020 under Long Term Financing Facility, has been reduced to 40% or USD 4 million for all borrowings made under LTFF. Exporters have also been allowed an extension of 6 months under the Export Finance Scheme to meet the required export performance. Exporters whose date of shipment fall within the period January, 2020 to 30 June 2020 will not be liable to pay penalties for their failure to ship their goods during the said period and in cases where penalty has already been paid, the penalty would be refunded. The time-period for realization of exports proceeds may be increased from the existing requirement of 180 days to 270 days if an exporter submits a satisfactory explanation along with supporting evidence showing delay in realization of export proceeds was due to Covid-19. For importers, the time period for import of goods into Pakistan against advance payment has been increased from the existing requirement of 120 days to 210 days, provided that the importer submits satisfactory explanation along with supporting evidence showing delay in the import of goods was due to Covid-19. The restriction of delivering shipping documents directly to foreign buyers if the export consignment was of value up to USD 100,000 has been removed, provided that the exporter's export |

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| | | | | <p>over-dues are less than 1% and the exporter has exports of at least USD 5 million during the last 3 years. Further to facilitate manufacturing and industrial concerns and commercial importers, the existing limit on advance payment of USD 10,000 per invoice has been increased to USD 25,000 for import of raw material, spare parts, and machinery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financing Facility for Storage of Agricultural Produce - Refinance Facility for Modernization of SMEs - Refinance and Credit Guarantee Scheme for Women Entrepreneurs - Refinance Scheme for Working Capital Financing of Small Enterprises and Low-End Medium Enterprises - Small Enterprise Financing and Credit Guarantee Scheme for Special Persons. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a tool to incentivize banks to provide additional loans to retail SMEs, the existing regulatory retail portfolio limit of Rs. 125 million per SME has been permanently enhanced to Rs. 180 million with immediate effect. This measure will facilitate banks to provide more loans to SMEs, which currently stand at around Rs. 470 billion. • Banks and DFIs will defer the payment of principal on loans and advances by one year. To avail this relaxation, borrowers should submit a written request to the banks before 30 June 2020. They will, however, continue to service the mark-up amount as per agreed terms and conditions. The deferment of principal will not affect borrower's credit history and such facilities will also not be reported as restructured/rescheduled in the credit bureau's data. The total amount of principal coming due over the next year is about Rs. 4,700 billion. • Keeping in view the steep decline in share prices, margin call requirement of 30% vis-a-vis banks' financing against listed shares has been significantly reduced to 10%. Banks have also been allowed to take exposure on borrowers against the shares of their group companies. Banks have currently extended loans in excess of Rs. 100 billion against listed shares. • Previously, where "Trade Bills" (import/export or inland bills) were not paid/adjusted within 180 days of the due date, banks/DFIs were required to classify them as losses, however, this has now been relaxed to within 365 days of the due date. |
| | | | 15.3.4 Refinance Facility for Combating COVID -19 – Health related | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBP has enhanced financing limit of a single hospital/ medical center under its Refinance Facility for Combating COVID -19 (RFCC) from Rs. 200 million to Rs. 500 million. RFCC is an emergency funding facility to support hospitals/medical centers to develop their capacities for treatment of infected patients of COVID-19. The financing under this facility is being made available by SBP at 0% to banks that can charge a maximum rate of 3% per annum to hospitals/medical centers. • SBP further facilitated the health sector by allowing financing against existing equipment and purchase of refurbished equipment for creating special facility/isolation ward to deal with COVID-19. Moreover, maximum coverage of 60% of civil works for setting up separate /isolation facility has also been enhanced to 100%. |
| | | | 15.3.5 Advance Pay- | SBP has allowed all federal and provincial government departments, hospitals in public and private sectors, charitable |

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| | | | ments for medical equipment and medicines allowed | organizations, manufacturers and commercial importers to make Import Advance Payment and Import on Open Account, without any limit, for the import of medical equipment, medicines and other ancillary items for the treatment of COVID-19. |
| | | | 15.3.6 Capital Conservation Buffer | To facilitate the banking sectors to extend additional loans to businesses of Pakistan, SBP has also reduced the Capital Conservation Buffer (CCB) for the time being, from its existing level of 2.50% to 1.50%, till further instructions. This will enable banks to lend an additional amount of around Rs. 800 billion, an amount equivalent to about 10% of their current outstanding loans. The reduced CCB level will remain applicable till further instructions by SBP. |
| | | | 15.3.7 Temporary Economic Refinance Facility | <p>In order to support sustainable economic growth, SBP has introduced Temporary Economic Refinance Facility (TERF) which is available with immediate effect. The facility will provide concessionary refinance for setting up of new industrial units. Refinance under the facility will be available through banks/DFIs to all sectors across the board except power sector where SBP's refinance facility for renewable energy projects already exists. Salient features of the scheme are as under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope & Eligibility Criteria: Long term finance facility for purchase of new imported and locally manufactured plant & machinery for setting of new projects • Maximum limit: Rs. 5 billion per project • Tenor: 10 years including grace period up to 2 years • End User Rate: Maximum 7% p.a. (SBP rate of refinance will be 3%) • Repayment of finance: Quarterly/ half-yearly basis • Validity of the facility: LCs/ILCs established from the date of announcement of the scheme till 31st March, 2021 will be eligible for the TERF. |
| | | 15.4 Mixed | 15.4.1 Grant to Ministry of Commerce | The Federal Government has approved the supplementary grant of Rs. 30 billion to Ministry of Commerce to payback duty drawbacks to textile exporters in the current financial year to improve their liquidity position. |
| | | 15.5 Tax reliefs | 15.5.1 Exemption from Capital Gains Tax | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exemption from tax on capital gains has been provided to a resident individual on sale of constructed residential property (a house having land area upto 500 square yards and a flat having an area up to 4000 square feet) used only for personal accommodation by the said individual, his spouse or dependents and for which any of the utility bills are issued in the name of such individual. The exemption shall not apply if it has been previously availed by such persons. • Capital gains on disposal of constructed property whose holding period exceeds four years is zero rated. Furthermore, in case such property is sold within one year of holding period, the amount of advance tax collected under section 236C at 1% of sale consideration is treated as minimum tax. It, therefore, appears that the purpose |

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| | | | | of this amendment is to provide an exemption from tax on capital gains on disposal of such constructed properties, which are held for less than four years. |
| | | | 15.5.2 Property Tax | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Sindh Government has decided to remit 25% (i.e. for 3 months) of the payment of the property tax dues for the year 2019/2020, including surcharge as on 31 March 2020 from all classes of persons in respect of any category of property. The department said that the tax remission has been allowed for all the taxable property units. It further added that assesseees who have already discharged their property tax liability for the year 2019/2020 will get an adjustment of 25% remission in their tax liability during next financial year i.e. 2020-2021. The rate of tax collection has been reduced from the standard rate of 10% to 5% in case of immovable property which is sold by auction. However, the tax collection is to be made at the gross sale price of such property sold by auction. |
| | | | 15.5.3 Motor Vehicle Tax | The Sindh Government has allowed exemption of motor vehicle tax of 25% i.e. (for 3 months) to the classes of: loader; MCR (including rickshaw and Qingqi); mini bus; mini truck; pickup; coaster; delivery van; ST Wagon; taxi; and van. |
| | | | 15.5.4 Professional Tax | The Sindh Government has exempted 25% tax paid by professions, trades, calling and employment (i.e. for 3 months) for the financial year 2019/2020. Assesseees who have discharged their professional tax liability for the year 2019/2020 will get 25% adjustment in their tax liability during the next financial year i.e. 2020/2021. |
| | | | 15.5.5 Builders and Developers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new provision has been introduced in the tax laws prescribing a schedule based fixed tax regime for Builders and Developers who opt for such taxation and are registered with the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) on a Project-by-Project basis in respect of their income from sale of building or sale of plots, for tax year 2020 and onwards. A new provision has been introduced in the tax laws which provides for a reduction of 90% of the tax payable on the income, profits and gains of projects of 'low cost housing' developed or approved by Naya Pakistan Housing and Development Authority (NAPHDA) or under the Ehsaas Programme. In case of development of plots and constructing buildings on the same plots as one project, in case of 'low cost housing' and all projects developed by NAPHDA, the higher rates shall apply. Builders and Developers covered by the special tax regime are also absolved from the obligation as a payer to withhold tax on certain payments. The definition of Industrial Undertaking has been expanded to also include persons directly involved in the construction of buildings, roads, bridges and other such structures or the development of land, to the extent and for the purpose of import of plant and machinery to be utilized in such activity. This is effective from 1 May 2020 and necessary conditions relating to this change will be notified by the FBR. In case of imports by such persons being |

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| | | | | <p>industrial undertakings, tax paid on import of plant, machinery, equipment and parts for own use will be treated as adjustable tax. It appears that since the builder and developers are assessable under this regime which is subject to final tax, therefore, they will be eligible to apply for exemption certificate for tax to be paid at import stage, subject to the procedure to be prescribed by the FBR. Furthermore, similar concession will be available to persons directly engaged in construction business.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In respect of capital investments to be made by a person in eligible new projects which has to be an investment as equity sources and should not include borrowed funds, and upon fulfillment of certain condition, the investor will not be expected to explain the sources of his investments to the tax authorities. |
| | | | 15.5.6 Health related | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Federal Government has granted exemption for 3 months (starting from 20 March 2020) from Income tax, customs duty, regulatory duty, additional customs duty, advance income tax, and sales tax collected at import stage on import of certain medical and laboratory equipments. |
| | | | 15.5.7 Food items | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Federal Government has reduced different taxes and duties on import and supply of different food items for alleviating the adverse impact of COVID -19 on different sections of the society: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rate of advance tax on the import of different food items was reduced to 0% from 2%. Individuals and associations of persons providing basic food items to Govt. owned departmental stores without a brand name will pay 1.5% withholding tax instead of 4.5%. Additional customs duty @ 2% on soya bean oil, canola oil, palm oil and sunflower oil (also on oil seeds) has also been exempted. |
| | | | 15.5.8 Tax exemptions in the province of Punjab | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Punjab Revenue Authority has exempted payment of whole of Cess on import of all goods (Punjab Infrastructure Development Cess). Punjab Revenue Authority has also amended the Second Schedule of Punjab Sales on Services Act, 2012 whereby number of notified services have been made zero rated without input adjustment. 0% tax without input tax adjustment has been allowed to hotels, motels and guest houses. However, this exemption has been granted to non-corporate, non-franchise and non-chain business. The 0% tax without input tax adjustment has also been allowed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marriage halls and lawns (by whatever name called) including pandal and shamiana services. Catering services (including all ancillary / allied services such as floral or other decoration, furnishing of space whether or not involving rental or equipment and accessories). For life insurance and health insurance businesses, the Punjab Revenue Authority has announced 0% tax without input tax adjustment. 0% tax without input tax adjustment has been granted to services provided by digital platform. The following services have been allowed 0% sales tax on services without input tax adjustment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction services and services provided by contractors of building (including water supply, gas supply and sanitary works), roads and bridges, electrical and mechanical works (including air conditioning), horticultural works, multi-discipline works (including turn-key projects) and similar other works. |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Services provided for personal care by beauty parlors, salons, clinics, slimming clinics, spas (including saunas, Turkish baths and Jacuzzi) and similar other establishments. - Services provided by other consultants (by whatever name called or treated, whether as consultant or otherwise) including human resource and personnel development services, exhibition or convention services[including provision of space, equipment, accessories and other allied services, event management services (whole range and variety of their services regardless of separate or individual classification thereof), valuation services, evaluation services (including competency and eligibility testing services), certification, verification and equivalence services, market research services, marketing or sales services (including marketing agencies and on line marketing or sales services), surveyors services, training or coaching services (other than general education services) and credit rating services. - Services provided by tour operators and travel agents including all their allied services or facilities (other than Hajj and Umrah). - Services provided by property dealers and realtors. - Services provided in respect of rent-a-car (including renting of all categories of vehicles meant for transportation of persons). - Services provided by car/automobile dealers. - Services provided in specified fields such as health care, gym, physical fitness, indoor sports, games, amusement parks, arcades and other recreation facilities, and body or sauna massage etc. - Services provided by laundries and dry cleaners. - Services provided by cable TV operators. - Services in respect of treatment of textile, leather but not limited to Dyeing services, Edging and cutting, cloth treating, water proofing, Embroidery, Engraving, Fabric bleaching, Knitting, Leather staining, Leather working, Pre-shrinking, Color separation services, pattern printing and shoe making services. - Apartment house management, real estate management and services of rent collection. <p>The Punjab Revenue Authority said that the notification shall remain effective for a period from its publication till 6 June 2020 (both days inclusive) and on and from 1 July 2020, the amendments shall cease to have effect and the position obtaining prior to this notification shall stand restored.</p> |

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| 16 | Philippines* <i>*DFDL collaborates with Philippine law firm, Ocampo & Suralvo Law Offices for local legal advice.</i> | 16.1 Equity | N/A | |
| | | 16.2 Mezzanine | N/A | |
| | | 16.3 Debt | 16.3.1 Thirty (30)-day Grace Period for the Payment of Loan | <p>Thirty (30)-day Grace Period for the Payment of Loan (Section 4 (aa), Republic Act No. 11469; Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Memorandum Circular Nos. 2020-017, 2020-018, 2020-028)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Description <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – All covered institutions are required to implement a thirty (30)-day grace period to all loans (whether current or past due) with principals and/or interest falling due within the ECQ period without incurring interest on interest, penalties, fees and other charges. It covers fees and charges related to loans extended or credit lines granted or loan accounts with issued post dated checks, auto debit and auto deduct arrangements. – The 30-day grace period shall be automatically extended if the ECQ is extended by the President. Further, it shall apply to each loan of individuals and entities with multiple loans. – The borrower is allowed to pay the accrued interest for the 30-day grace period on a staggered basis over the remaining life of the loan. <p>Note: Insurance Premium Payments are not covered by the mandatory grace period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Covered Institutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – All lenders, including but not limited to banks, quasi-banks, non-stock savings and loan associations, credit card issuers, pawnshops and other credit granting financial institutions under the supervision of the BSP, Securities and Exchange Commission, Cooperative Development Authority, public or private, including the Government Service Insurance System, Social Security System and Pag-IBIG fund (Home Development Mutual Fund). ▪ Prohibitions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Covered Institutions are prohibited from charging or applying interest on interest, fees, and charges during the 30-day grace period to future payments/amortizations of borrowers (individuals, micro small and medium enterprises, and corporate). – Covered Institutions are prohibited from requiring the clients to waive the application of the provisions of R.A. No. 11469. No waiver previously executed by borrowers covering payments falling due during the |

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| | | | | <p>ECQ period shall be valid.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No documentary stamp tax (“DST”) shall be imposed on credit extensions and credit restructuring, micro-lending including those obtained from pawnshops and extensions thereof during the ECQ period. |
| | | | 16.3.2 Payment relief measures for the corporate and closed banks’ clients of PDIC | <p>Payment relief measures for the corporate and closed banks’ clients of the PDIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Borrowers who have scheduled payments, including downpayments, are not obligated to settle their accounts during community quarantine. Further, borrowers who have loans with monthly, quarterly, semestral, and annual amortizations are given one-month extension in the term of their loan, without penalty charges. The payment relief shall commence on 15 March 2020, and shall be effective for the entire duration of the community quarantine period. |
| | | | 16.3.3 One (1) Billion Pesos Enterprise Rehabilitation Financing Facility | <p>One (1) Billion Pesos Enterprise Rehabilitation Financing Facility by the Small Business Corporation under the Guidance of the DTI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Small Business Corporation, under the guidance of DTI, set-up the Covid-19 Assistance to Restart Enterprises (“CARES”) which is a PhP1 Billion Enterprise Rehabilitation Financing Facility under the Pondo sa Pagbabago at Pag-asenso (“P3”) which would be implemented once the community quarantine is lifted. Eligibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Filipino-owned micro and small enterprises with at least one year continuous operation prior to March 2020, and whose businesses suffered drastic reduction in sales during the ensuing epidemic may access the loan fund; The micro and small enterprise must have an asset size of not more than PhP15 Million, exclusive of the land on which the office or plant of the business is located. Micro enterprises may borrow PhP10 thousand up to PhP200 thousand; or Small enterprises may borrow up to PhP500 thousand. Features of the CARES program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The loan shall be used to help the enterprise stabilize or recover from its losses. Specifically, the following purposes are qualified: (i) Updating of loan amortizations for vehicle loans or other fixed asset loans of the business; (ii) Inventory replacement for perishable stocks damaged; (iii) Working capital replacement to restart the business. Interest rate shall be at 0.5% per month (discounted basis); |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The loan shall have a maximum grace period of 6 months on principal repayments; and – The repayment period shall be from 12 months to 24 months, exclusive of the grace period. |
| | | | 16.3.4 Credit Guarantee Program for MSMEs | <p>Philguarantee Credit Guarantee Program for MSMEs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Credit Guarantee Program is aimed at increasing availability of credit from the banking sector and at the same time provide means to jumpstart the MSMEs with working capital to be obtained from the banks. It covers the PhP120 Billion in working capital loans to loan to MSMEs facing economic difficulties as a result of the crisis. It will complement access to lending as it encourages more banks to assist MSMEs. ▪ Eligible Lenders are Philguarantee-accredited: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Universal Banks, Commercial Banks, Thrift Banks, and Rural Banks – Other Non-Bank Financial Institutions ("NBFI") supervised by the BSP ▪ Eligible Borrowers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – MSMEs affected by the COVID-19 pandemic ▪ Loan Amount per Borrower <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Maximum of PhP50 Million per borrower – Loans of over PhP50 Million may be accepted on a case-to-case basis and subject to Philguarantee's regular credit guarantee program ▪ Guarantee Coverage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 50% of loan principal amount ▪ Eligible loan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Working capital ▪ Term of Loan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – One (1) to Five (5) Years ▪ Fees (special rate for applications received up to December 2020) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Origination Fee: Waived – Guarantee Fee: 1% per annum of guaranteed amount |

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| | | 16.4 Mixed | 16.4.1 Reduction in the Minimum Liquidity Ratio ("MLR") | Reduction in the MLR (BSP Memorandum No. M-2020-020) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The MLR for stand-alone thrift banks, rural banks and cooperative banks is reduced from 20 percent (20%) to 16 percent (16%). ▪ Since the liquidity buffers are designed to be used in periods of stress, standalone thrift banks, rural banks, and cooperative banks may draw on their stock of liquid assets to meet liquidity demands to respond to the current circumstances, remaining cognizant of the MLR of 16 percent (16%). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The reduction of MLR shall be effective until 31 December 2020. |
| | | | 16.4.2 Reclassification of Debt Securities Measured at Fair Value to the Amortized Cost Category | Reclassification of Debt Securities Measured at Fair Value to the Amortized Cost Category (BSP Memorandum No. M-2020-022) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BSP-supervised financial institutions ("BSFI") are allowed to reclassify their investments in debt securities that are booked under a fair value category to the amortized cost category, except for debt securities that are part of assets under management of a trust entity. ▪ Manner of Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Debt securities recorded under the Other Financial Assets Mandatorily Measured at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss and Financial Assets Measured at Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income accounts may be reclassified to the Debt Securities Measured at Amortized Cost account. – Debt securities may be reclassified out of the Financial Assets Held for Trading account into the Debt Securities Measured at Amortized Cost account due to the COVID-19 situation but should only be done if the debt securities shall no longer be used for trading purposes. – The reclassification of debt securities from a fair value category to the amortized cost category shall be done all at the same time. – A BSFI may reclassify the subject debt securities from 1 March to 30 September 2020. – The accounting for the reclassification shall be in accordance with the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In the case of transfers out of the financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss account, the fair value of the debt security at the effective date of reclassification shall be its new gross carrying amount. The effective interest rate of the debt security will be determined on the basis of its fair value at the effective date of reclassification. For purposes of applying the impairment provisions to the debt security, the effective date of reclassification is treated as the date of initial recognition of the debt security. ○ In the case of transfers out of the financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income account, the financial asset is reclassified at its fair value at the effective date of reclassification. |

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| | | | | <p>tion date. The cumulative gain or loss previously recognized in other comprehensive income is removed from equity and adjusted against the fair value of the debt security at the effective date of reclassification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The BSFI shall not restate any recognized gains, losses (including impairment gains or losses) or interest prior to the effective date of reclassification. – A BSFI that reclassifies debt securities from the fair value category to the amortized cost category shall submit a report using the BSP format. In case, the BSFI avails of the look-back provision and submitted prudential reports, it is not required to submit restated prudential reports. |
| | | | 16.4.3 Cutting the interest rate on the BSP's overnight reverse repurchase ("RRP") facility | <p>Cutting the interest rate on the BSP's overnight RRP facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Monetary Board decided to cut the interest rate on the BSP's overnight RRP facility by 50 basis points (bps) to 2.75 percent, effective 17 April 2020. The interest rates on the overnight lending and deposit facilities were reduced to 3.25 percent and 2.25 percent, respectively. |
| | | | 16.4.4 Regulatory Relief for BSFI | <p>Regulatory Relief for BSFIs (BSP Memorandum No. M-2020-08, as amended by Memorandum No. M-2020-032)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regulatory Relief Measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Allowing BSFIs to provide financial assistance (loans, advances, and other credit accommodation) to officers who are affected even in the absence of BSP-approved purposes or even if not within the scope of the existing BPS-approved purposes subject to subsequent submission of request for approval of the purpose for the grant of loans, advances, or any other forms of credit accommodations to officers, within thirty (30) calendar days from the approval thereof of the BSFI's Board of Directors, to the appropriate supervising department of the BSP for regularization. – Upon grant by BSFIs of a temporary grace period for payment or upon approval of the restructuring, but subject to reporting to BSP, exclusion from the computation of past due ratio of the loans of borrowers in affected areas which should have been reclassified as past due under Sec. 304/303-Q of the Manual of Regulations of Banks/Manual of Regulations of Non-Bank Financial Institutions from 8 March 2020, including those loans becoming past due or nonperforming 6 months thereafter. The exclusion shall be from 8 March 2020 until 31 December 2021. – Non-imposition of monetary penalties for delays incurred in the submission of all supervisory reports due to be submitted from 8 March 2020 up to 6 months thereafter. – Subject to prior BSP approval, staggered booking of allowance for credit losses over a maximum period of |

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| | | | | <p>five (5) years for all types of credits extended to individuals and businesses directly affected by COVID-19 as of 8 March 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Moratorium, without penalty, on monthly payments due to the BSP, for a period of 6 months from 8 March 2020 for BSFIs with ongoing rehabilitation upon filing of application for extension/rescheduling with the Department of Loans and Credit. – Subject to prior approval of the BSP, non-imposition of penalties on legal reserve deficiencies starting from reserve week following 8 March 2020 up to 6 months thereafter. – Upon application, grant of a sixty (60)-day grace period to settle outstanding rediscounting obligations with the BSP of all rediscounting banks, except those with serious violations or findings. Interest shall be charged but no penalty shall be imposed for the 60-day grace period. – BSP may allow rediscounting banks to restructure the outstanding rediscounted loans as of 8 March 2020 of their end-user borrowers affected by the COVID-19. – Allow relaxing of eligibility requirements by excluding the criteria on reserve requirement for the renewal of rediscounting line and for the availment of rediscounting loans from 8 March 2020 up to 6 months thereafter. |
| | | | 16.4.5 Relaxation in the Credit Risk Weight Loans to MSMEs under the BSP's Risk-Based Capital Adequacy Frameworks | <p>Relaxation in the Credit Risk Weight Loans to MSMEs under the BSP's Risk-Based Capital Adequacy Frameworks (BSP Memorandum No. M-2020-034)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Exposures to the following MSMEs shall be assigned a credit risk weight of 50 percent (50%) until 31 December 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – MSME exposures that meet the criteria of a qualified MSME portfolio; and Current MSME exposures that do not qualify as a highly diversified MSME portfolio. |
| | | 16.5 Tax reliefs | 16.5.1 Extension of statutory deadlines and timelines for the filing and submission of documents and payment of taxes (RR 11-2020, 10-2020, 7-2020) | <p>Extended the statutory deadlines for submission and or filing of the following: (1) Application for VAT Credit/Refund; (2) Withholding Tax Remittance Return for Onerous Transfer of Real Property Other than Capital Asset; (3) Capital Gains Tax Return for Onerous Transfer of Real Property Classified as Capital Asset; (4) Capital Gains Tax Return for Onerous Transfer of Shares of Stock not Traded Through the Local Stock Exchange; (5) Donor's Tax Return; (6) Estate Tax Return; (7) Monthly VAT Declaration; (8) Monthly Remittance of Percentage Tax on Winnings and Prizes Withheld by Race Track Operators; (9) Quarterly VAT Return; (10) Summary of Lists of Sales/Purchases/Importations; (11) Sworn Statement of Manufacturer's or Importer's Volume of sales of each particular brand of Alcohol, Tobacco Products & Sweetened Beverage Products; (12) Registration of Computerized Books of Accounts and Other Accounting Records in Electronic Format; (13) Submission of Required Hard copies of Financial Statements and BIR Form 2307; (14) Submission of 2019 Inventory List; (15) Quarterly List of Sales/Purchases/Importations; (16) Quarterly Income Tax Return and Summary Alphabetical List of Withholding Taxes; (17) Annual Information Return of Income Taxes</p> |

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| | | | | <p>Withheld on Compensation and Final Withholding Taxes; (18) Certification of Compensation Payment; (19) Annual Information Return of Creditable Income Taxes Withheld and withheld; (20) Documentary Stamp Taxes; (21) Monthly Sales Report; (22) Monthly Remittance Return of VAT and other Percentage Taxes Withheld; (23) Withholding Tax Remittance Return for National Government Agencies (NGAs); (24) Excise Tax Return for Mineral Products; (25) Monthly Remittance Return of Income Taxes Withheld on Compensation; (26) Annual Income Tax Return for Individuals earning purely compensation income, mixed income, and from business or profession; (27) Annual Income Tax Return for corporation, partnership, and other non-individual taxpayers; (28) Summary List of Machines; (29) Registration of Bound Looseleaf Books of Accounts, Invoices, Receipts and other Accounting Records; (30) Submission of List of Medical Practitioners; (31) Filing of Position Paper to Notice of Informal Conference, Preliminary Assessment Notice; (32) Protest Letter to Final Assessment Notice; (33) Transmittal of relevant supporting documents to protest; (34) Appeal or Reconsideration to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue; (35) Assessment Notices, Warrant of distraints and/or Levy of Warrant of Garnishments; (36) Certificate of Residence for Tax treaty Relief; (37) Tax Amnesty Return on Delinquencies; (38) Quarterly Percentage Tax for Overseas Communications Tax; (39) Quarterly Percentage Tax for Amusement Taxes; (40) Certificate of Creditable Tax Withheld at Source; (41) Quarterly Remittances of Creditable Income Tax; (42) Submission of Quarterly Alphabetical list of Payees; (43) Application for Tax Credits/Refunds; (44) Other reportorial requirements; (45) Monthly Remittance Return of Income Taxes Withheld; (46) Monthly Remittance Return of Income Taxes Withheld on the amount withdrawn from the Decedent's Deposit Account; (47) Annual Capital Gains Tax Return; (48) Improperly Accumulated Earnings Tax Return; (49) Quarterly Remittance Return of Tax Withheld on the Amount Withdrawn from the Decedent's Deposit Account; (50) Quarterly Income Tax Return for Self-Employed Individuals, Estates and Trusts; (51) Percentage Tax Returns for Transactions Involving Shares of Stock Listed Through the Local Stock Exchange or Through Initial and/or Secondary Public Offering; (52) Return of Percentage Tax Payable under Special Laws; (53) Excise Tax Return for Alcohol Products; (54) Excise Tax Returns.</p> <p>If the taxpayer files their tax returns within the original deadline or prior deadline, they can amend their tax return at any time on or before the extended due date.</p> <p>If the amendment will result in additional taxes to be paid, it can be paid without the imposition of any penalties if done not later than the extended deadline.</p> |
| | | | 16.5.2 Small Business Wage Subsidy Measure (JMC 001-2020) | Eligible small business employers and their eligible employees, employed as of 1 March 2020, which have been affected the quarantine imposed in the country are entitled to a wage subsidy of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) to Eight Thousand Pesos (Php8,000.00) done in two trances. |

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| | | | | <p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employers: registered small business owners that are classified as non-essential or quasi-essential that have been tax compliant within the past three (3) years, up to January 2020 Employees: those employed by a eligible employer as of 1 March 2020, and has been prevented from performing work for at least two (2) weeks. This does not include employees (1) working from home or part of the skeletal force; (2) on leave for the entire duration of the quarantine with or without pay (3) recipients of Social Security unemployment benefits. <p>Definitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-essential businesses refer firms that are forced to temporarily close or suspend operations due to the ECQ and other forms of quarantine. These are the following: non-food raw materials/Non-essential manufacturing; Tobacco; Construction; Airlines; Non-essential services; Hotels and Restaurants; Rental and Leasing of Personal Goods; and entertainment. Quasi-essential services are firms which may be allowed to operate but under alternative or flexible work arrangements. These may be the follinwg: Textiles, wearables, and leather for export; Electronics manufacturing; Retail Trade; Public transportation/trucking and cargo handling (food and non-food); business process outsourcing; Banks; Personal service and domestic activities (salons, laundry, funeral, domestic help, others). <p>Additional Conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The small business owner must maintain the employment status of all employee beneficiaries; and Employee beneficiaries cannot resign during the period oquarantine. |
| | | | <p>16.5.3 Temporary issuance of Value Added Tax (VAT) Certificates and Identification Cards (RMC 44-2020)</p> | <p>The Bureau of Internal Revenue shall temporarily issue electronic VAT certificates and VAT identification cards to newly accredited Resident Foreign Mission (RFM) personnel who are qualified for the grant of point-of-sale VAT exemption or to those RFM, RFM personnel and their dependents who will apply for the renewal of their expired VAT Certificates and VAT identification cards during the effectivity of the enhanced community quarantine.</p> |

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| | | | 16.5.4 Acceptance of payment of internal revenue taxes during the Enhanced Community Quarantine (RMC 43-2020) | <p>During the enhanced community quarantine, taxpayers may pay their internal revenue taxes at the nearest Authorized Agent Bank (AAB) notwithstanding their Revenue District Office (RDO) jurisdiction. They may also pay their corresponding tax to the Revenue Collection Officers of the nearest RDO, even in areas where there are AABs.</p> |
| | | | 16.5.5 Granting benefits to donations related to COVID 19 (RR 9-2020) | <p>Certain donations such as (1) cash, (2) donations of critical or needed healthcare equipment or supplies, (c) Relief goods, (d) use of poroperty, given for the sole and executive purpose of combatting COVID 19 during the period of the state of national emergency shall be fully deductivle against the gross income of the donor.</p> <p>In recognition of the Bayanihan spirit, the DOF grants a full deductibility of specific donations/gifts already exempt from Donor's Tax under the law.</p> <p>Requirements for full deductibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be entitled to full deductibility, said donations shall be made to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National government or any entity created by any of its agencies including fully owned GOCCs, Accredited non-stock, non-profit education and/or charitable, religious, cultural, social welfare corporation, institution, foundation, non-government organization, trust or philanthropic organization and/or research institution. <p>The donation shall be supported by Deed of Donation or Certificate of Donation, as may be applicable.</p> <p>Further, the donations of PPEs and relief goods are not subject to VAT. Thus, any input VAT attributable to such purchase shall be creditable against any other output tax.</p> |
| | | | 16.5.6. Extension of Deadline to Avail of Tax Amnesty on Delinquencies (RMC 38-2020) | <p>The deadline for availment of tax amnesty on delinquencies is extended.</p> |
| | | | 16.5.7 Documentary | <p>No additional Documentary Stamp Taxes (DST) shall be imposed on credit extensions and credit restructuring, micro</p> |

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| | | | Stamp Tax exemptions (RMC 36-2020) | lending including those obtained from pawnshops, during the enhanced community quarantine. The new loan principal shall not be subject to DST. |
| | | | 16.5.8 Implementing Rules regarding Section 4(aa) of Republic Act No 11469 (RR 8-2020) | No additional Documentary T, including that imposed under Section 179 (Documentary Stamp Tax on All Debt Instruments) , Section 195 (Documentary Stamp Tax on Mortgages, Pledges, and Deeds of Trust), and Section 198 (Documentary Stamp Tax on Assignments and Renewals of Certain Instruments) of the NIRC, shall apply to credit extensions and credit restructuring, micro-lending including those obtained from pawnshops and extensions thereof during the ECQ Period. |
| | | | 16.5.9 Implementing the Tax Exemption Provision of Republic Act No. 11469, otherwise known as the “Bayanihan to Heal as One Act” (RR 6-2020) | <p>The importation of critical or needed equipment or supplies, which include healthcare equipment and supplies are exempted from import duties, taxes, and other fees.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The importation of critical or needed healthcare equipment or supplies intended to combat the COVID-19 public health emergency, including personal protective equipment; laboratory equipment and its reagents; medical equipment and devices; support and maintenance for laboratory and medical equipment, surgical equipment and supplies; medical supplies, tools, and consumables; common medicines; testing kits, and such other supplies or equipment as may be determined by the Department of Health and other relevant government agencies, shall be EXEMPT from Value-Added Tax, Excise Tax and other fees. 2. The importation of materials needed to make health equipment and supplies deemed as critical or needed to address the current public health emergency shall likewise be EXEMPT from Value-Added Tax, Excise Tax and other fees, provided that the importing manufacturer is included in the Master List of the Department of Trade and Industry and other incentive granting bodies. 3. The importation thereof shall not be subject to the issuance of Authority to Release Imported Goods (“ATRIG”). Hence, the ATRIG shall not be necessary for the release of said goods from the Bureau of Customs (BOC). Based on the BOC list of importers who made importations without any ATRIG, the BIR will conduct post investigation/audit; 4. Donations of these imported articles to or for the use of the National Government or any entity created by any of its agencies which is not conducted for profit, or to any political subdivision of the said government are EX-EMPT from Donor's Tax, and subject to the ordinary rules of deductibility under existing rules and issuances. <p>The regulations shall take effect immediately and shall be in full force only during the three (3) month effectivity of RA</p> |

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| | | | | No. 11469, unless extended or withdrawn by Congress or ended by Presidential Proclamation. |
| | | | 16.5.10 Exemption from Authority to Release Imported Goods (ATRIG) Requirements of all Items Imported under Section 4, paragraph (o) of Republic Act NO. 11469, otherwise known as the "Bayanihan to Heal as One Act" (RMO 10-2020) | <p>All importations of health equipment and supplies deemed as critical or needed to address the current public health emergency, declared as exempt from VAT and excise taxes under Section 4(o) of RA No. 11469, shall be released from customs custody without need of an ATRIG.</p> <p>These health equipment and supplies may include but are not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Personal Protective Equipment, such as gloves, gowns, masks, goggles, face shields, surgical equipment and supplies; b. Laboratory equipment and its re-agents; c. Medical equipment and devices; d. Support maintenance for laboratory and medical equipment; e. Surgical equipment and supplies; f. Medical supplies, tools and consumables, such as alcohol, sanitizers, tissue, thermometers, hand soap, detergent, sodium hydrochloride, cleaning materials, povidone iodine, common medicines; g. COVID-19 testing kits; and h. Others as may be identified by the Department of Health and other relevant government agencies. <p>The importation of materials needed to produce the specified health equipment and supplies shall be released from customs custody without need of an ATRIG, provided that the importing manufacturer is included in the Master List of the Department of Trade and Industry and other incentive granting bodies.</p> <p>The exemption from ATRIG requirement shall only cover importations of health equipment and supplies which arrived and were cleared by the BOC during the 3 month effectivity of RA No. 11469, unless extended or withdrawn by Congress or ended by a Presidential Proclamation. The Order will automatically be repealed upon the lifting of the emergency powers through the expiration of the three-month period, unless extended or withdrawn by Congress or ended by a Presidential Proclamation.</p> |
| | | | 16.5.11 Exemption from Documentary Stamp | All banks, quasi-banks, financing companies, lending companies and other financial institutions (public and private), including the Government Service Insurance System, Social Security System and Pag-ibig Fund, in extending the |

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| | | | Tax for Relief for Loans pursuant to Revenue Regulations No. 8-2020 dated April 1, 2020 (RMC 35-2020) | grace period for the payment of all loans, shall not impose additional DST imposed under Sections 179, 195 and 198 of the Tax Code, for credit extensions and credit restructuring, micro-lending, including those obtained from pawnshops and extensions thereof, during the covered period. |
| | | | 16.5.12 Suspending the Running of the Statute of Limitations in the Assessment and Collection of Taxes pursuant to Section 223 of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended, due to the Declaration of a National Emergency from the Corona-virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation (RMC 34-2020) | <p>The Statute of Limitations in the assessment and collection of taxes is suspended due to the declaration of a National Emergency from COVID-19.</p> <p>The Statute of Limitations for the assessment and collection of taxes is suspended for a period starting March 16, 2020 until the lifting of the State of National Emergency and for sixty (60) days thereafter. The suspension of the running of the Statute of Limitations shall likewise apply with respect to the issuance and service of assessment notices, warrants and enforcement and/or collection of deficiency taxes. The circular shall apply nationwide.</p> |
| | | | 16.5.13 Extending Deadline on Availment of Tax Amnesty on Delinquencies (RMC 33-2020) | Deadline to avail of the tax amnesty on delinquencies has been extended. |
| | | | 16.5.14 Extending the Deadline for the Filing | Filing of the CORTT Forms for final withholding taxes on dividends, interests, royalties paid on or before 10 March 2020 is extended without the imposition of penalties. |

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| | | | of Certificate of Residence for Tax Treaty (CORTT) Relief Forms (RMC 32-2020) | |
| | | | 16.5.15 Extending the Period of Submission or Filing of Documents and Correspondences (RMC 31-2020) | The deadlines for submission of following documents or correspondence have been extended: (1) Letter Answer to Notice of Informal Conference (2) Response to the Preliminary Assessment Notice (PAN); (3) Protest Letter to Final Assessment Notice (FAN)/Formal Letter of Demand (FLD); (4) Submission of relevant supporting documents to support the request for re-investigation of audit cases with FAN/FLD; (5) Appeal or Request for Reconsideration to the Commissioner on the Final Decision on Disputed Assessment (FDDA); and (6) other similar letters and correspondences with due dates. |
| | | | 16.5.16 Extension of the Payment of Premium for all Direct Contributors to the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation ("Philhealth") | Extension of the Payment of Premium for all Direct Contributors to the Philhealth (PhilHealth Advisory No. 2020-027) PhilHealth provided a moratorium on contribution payments for the applicable months of February to April 2020. Payment of premiums for these applicable months shall be extended until 31May 2020 without interest for all Direct Contributors. |
| | | | 16.5.17 Three (3) - month moratorium on all Pag-IBIG [or Home Mutual Development Fund (HDMF)] loans | Three (3)-month moratorium on loans from the HDMF Eligible to apply for the 3-month moratorium are housing loan, multi-purpose loan, and calamity loan borrowers in Luzon and the National Capital Region with payments due on 16 March 2020 to 15 June 2020. |
| | | | 16.5.18 Moratorium on Short-Term Loan Payments of Social Security System ("SSS") Members Affected by COVID-19 for Applica- | Moratorium on Short-Term Loan Payments of SSS Members Affected by COVID-19 for Applicable Months of February to April 2020 (SSS Circular No. 2020-007) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The SSS offers a moratorium on the Salary Loans, Calamity Loans, and Emergency Loans availed by the members, which was granted from 01 January 2018 to 16 March 2020. ▪ The moratorium will be for the applicable months of February to April 2020, without interest and penalties. The loan payment term is therefore extended by a maximum of 3 months. |

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| | | | ble Months of February to April 2020 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The employer, without need of notice from SSS, will resume loan deduction after the end of the moratorium period or for the applicable month of May 2020, which will be due for remittance on or before 30 June 2020. |
| | | | 16.5.19 COVID-19 Adjustment Measures Program | <p>Department of Labor and Employment's COVID-19 Adjustment Measures Program ("CAMP")</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One-time financial assistance equivalent to Php5,000.00 to those affected workers of private establishments that have implemented forced unpaid leaves or temporary closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic. <p>The CAMP, which applies nationwide, was made to retroactively apply from January 2020. The DOLE stopped accepting applications beginning on 15 April 2020.</p> |
| | | | 16.5.20 Small Business Wage Subsidy Program | <p>Small Business Wage Subsidy ("SBWS") Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under the SBWS Program, the Government, through the Social Security System ("SSS"), shall provide a wage subsidy of between Php5,000 to Php8,000 (based on the regional minimum wage) per month per eligible employee. The applications will be completed by the employer on behalf of their employees. The SSS will only accept applications from 16 April 2020 to 08 May 2020. Conditions for the availment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Size of Business – Employer must not be in the list of Large Taxpayer Service (LTS) list. Impact of the ECQ – Small business under both Category A (non-essentials) that are forced to stop operations (i.e temporary closure or suspension of work) and Category B (quasi-essentials) that are allowed to operate a skeleton force can apply for the wage subsidy for employees who are not able to work and did not get paid during the ECQ. <p>Note: Employers who are registered with the Bureau of Internal Revenue ("BIR") and SSS and have paid tax/contributions for the past three years, up to January 2020 will be prioritized.</p> Other Conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small businesses must maintain the employment status of all eligible employee beneficiaries before the ECQ and throughout the SBWS period. This will be checked during the monitoring and evaluation stage. Non-compliance with this condition shall result in the employer refunding to the Government the wage subsidy amount. |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Employees cannot resign during the ECQ period. ▪ Eligible Employees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Must be an employee of an eligible small business. – Must be employed and active as of March 1, 2020 but unable to work due to the ECQ – Did not get paid by their employer for at least two weeks during the temporary closure or suspension of workz in accordance with Labor Advisory No. 1 Series of 2020z. – Can be of any contract status (e.g. regular, probationary, regular seasonal, project-based, fixed term). – Must be certified by the employer in the application as having met all the above criteria. ▪ Disqualified Employees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Employees who are working from home or part of skeleton force – Employees who are on leave for the entire duration of the ECQ, whether with or without pay – Those who are already a recipient of SSS unemployment benefits, to avoid duplication. – Those who have settled or in the process of settling SSS final claims (funeral, retirement, death, and total disability). |

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| 17 | Qatar | 17.1 Equity | N/A | |

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| | | 17.2 Mezzanine | N/A | |
| | | 17.3 Debt | 17.3.1 loan instalments deferral | <p>QCB Circular No. 5 of 2020 was addressed to all banks operating in Qatar obliging them to defer any payments including interest due on loans granted to the affected sectors for a period of 6 months starting from 16 March 2020.</p> <p>The Circular also provided banks with 0% interest loans through REPO transactions, worth up to QAR 50 million in order to facilitate banks with liquidity needed to adhere to the deferral decision, in addition to granting affected companies with new loans with an interest rate not exceeding 1.5%. Such preferred interest rates on new loans to be revisited by banks after 6 months from 16 March 2020 or at the end of the REPO facilities, whichever is earlier.</p> <p>QCB has also addressed a similar circular to the financing companies in Qatar obliging such companies to defer any instalments including interests due on loans granted to the affected sectors, without incurring any additional fees, charges or interests.</p> <p>The QCB does not specify which sectors qualify for relief and no further clarification has been published.</p> |
| | | 17.4 Mixed | 17.4.1 National Guarantee Program | <p>The National Guarantee Program will provide loan guarantees worth up to QAR 3 billion for Qatari companies affected by the Corona Pandemic. The terms of the National Guarantee Program are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The loans provided by local banks are to finance the staff payroll and rental payments for a period of three months (April, May and June 2020) on a monthly pro-rata basis. •Eligible companies are 100% privately owned companies duly registered in Qatar and holding a valid commercial license issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry with a minimum of 10% Qatari national ownership, excluding real estate, contracting and construction companies. •The maximum finance allowed for each qualifying company per month is QAR 2.5 million for the period of three months. The application will be assessed by the local banks on a case by case basis and based on the (i) actual amounts of rental payments and (ii) employees' salaries at a cap of QAR 10,000 per employee. •The loan guarantees issued by QDB will be for a period of up to 3 years to cover the financing with a grace period of up to 1 year. |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The eligible companies will only be obliged to provide personal guarantees and personal cheques by any shareholder holding 10% or more of the company's issued share capital as collateral for the financing as per the Qatar Central Bank's regulations. •Local banks will charge no fees or other charges on such loans. |
| | | 17.5 Tax reliefs | 17.5.1 Filing of tax returns (Qatar) | The General Tax Authority has announced that due to the Corona Pandemic, the filing of tax returns has been postponed until 30 June 2020. |
| | | | 17.5.2 Filing of tax returns (Qatar Financial Centre "QFC") | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QFC has announced an extension to the tax filing deadlines. • Also, the QFC has reduced the rate of charge due on late payment of tax to 0% from the period from 1 March 2020 to 31 August 2020. |

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| 18 | Saudi Arabia | 18.1 Equity | 18.1.1 N/A | |
| | | | 18.1.2 N/A | |
| | | 18.2 Mezzanine | 18.2.1 N/A | |
| | | | 18.2.2 N/A | |
| | | 18.3 Debt | 18.3.1 N/A | |
| | | | 18.3.2 N/A | |
| | | 18.4 Mixed | Healthcare- related measures | Free treatment from Coronavirus for all citizens and residents. |
| | | | Healthcare- related measures | 50 billion riyals to support the health sector. |
| | | Mixed | General Information | A trillion dollars for the poorest countries. |
| | | Mixed | General Information | Aid for injured Saudis abroad. |
| | | Mixed | General Information | Aid for Saudis working abroad . |
| | | Mixed | Employment-related measures | Saudi Government to pay 60% of the salaries of Saudi employees working in the private sector for a period of 3 months with a ceiling of USD 2.39 billion. |
| | | Mixed | Employment-related measures | The Directorate General of Passports has begun to renew residency permits for all expatriate employees free of charge, for a period of 3 months if they were to expire between March and June 2020. It will also enable employers to refund fees of unused work visas. |
| | | Mixed | Employment-related measures | Allowing the employer and employee to agree within 6 months on either reducing the employee's wage to adjust with the actual work hours, or granting the employee a local leave to be deducted from his/her deserved annual vacation, or granting him/her an exceptional leave. The termination is further not legitimate once it became evident that the employer has benefited from any government subsidy to deal with this situation. |
| | | Mixed | Employment-related measures | The Ministry also allows a temporary benefit from the services of off-labor-market expatriates through the "Ajeer" portal as an alternative to recruiting from abroad, as the Ministry aims through this decision to protect workers during such circumstances from being terminated or losing their contractual benefits. The portal will soon offer the businesses to publish names of their excess workers. |
| | | Mixed | Employment-related measures | Employers can facilitate the return of their expatriate employees to their homelands, by submitting an application to the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development an application (one application is allowed every 14 days and can include multiple names). |

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| | | Mixed | Employment-related measures | Human Resource Development Fund has allocated SAR 5.3bn to support private sector enterprises to hire and train nationals. |
| | | Mixed | Economic stimulus measures | Saudi Arabia announced a stimulus package, including SAR 50 billion (USD 13.3 billion) for SMEs. Under Saudi Arabia's programme, SAR 30 billion will be allocated for banks and financing companies to delay loan payments due from SMEs for 6 months. The package will provide SAR 13.2 billion to SMEs through bank loans to help them to continue operations and support growth. SMEs will also get relief from finance costs through a SAR 6 billion loan guarantee programme. |
| | | Mixed | Other measures and sources | Saudi Arabia announced \$18.6 billion in fiscal initiatives. These include an exemption from the expat levy, extending for 3 months without charge. |
| | | Mixed | Other measures and sources | SMEs that has 9 employees or less are exempted from paying expat levy for a period of 3 years for 2-4 expatriates. |
| | | Mixed | Other measures and sources | Postponing the payment of commercial registration fees to more than 116,000 commercial records. |
| | | Mixed | Other measures and sources | 25% reduction of expat levy for operational factories until end of year. |
| | | Mixed | Other measures and sources | Postponing and restructuring the payment of loans installments for large and small factories small projects and medical projects due in 2020. |
| | | Mixed | Other measures and sources | Social Development Bank has issued a SAR 13bn initiative to support citizens, families and small establishments to cope with COVID-19 economical impact. |
| | | Mixed | Other measures and sources | Announced a 50 billion riyals (\$13.3 billion) allocation to ensure that government dues to the private sector are paid in a timely manner. |
| | | Mixed | Other measures and sources | Approved a 30% discount for 2 months on utility bills for the commercial, industrial and agricultural sector. |
| | | Mixed | Tax | The General Authority for Zakat and Tax (GAZT) introduced a general extension of 3 months for filing tax returns and payment of the related taxes for registered taxpayers. The extensions apply for Zakat, income tax, withholding tax, value added tax (VAT), and excise tax due for the period from 18 March to 30 June 2020. |
| | | 18.5 Tax reliefs | 18.5.1 N/A | N/A |
| | | | 18.5.2 N/A | N/A |

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| 19 | Singapore | 19.1 Debt | 19.1.1 Temporary Bridging Loan Program ("TBLP") | <p>The TBLP provides eligible enterprises access to working capital for business needs, by allowing them to borrow up to SGD 5 million with a capped interest rate of 5% from participating financial institutions. The Singapore Government will provide 90% risk-share on these loans for new applications initiated from 8 April 2020 until 31 March 2021.</p> <p>To be eligible for TBLP, the enterprise must be an ACRA registered sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability partnership or company which is physically present in Singapore and have at least 30% local equity held directly or indirectly by Singapore citizens and/or Permanent Residents, determined by the ultimate individual ownership. The approval of the loan is subject to assessment of relevant participating financial institutions.</p> |
| | | | 19.1.2 Enterprise Financing Scheme - Trade Loan ("EFS-TL") | <p>The EFS-TL provides eligible enterprises access to credit for financing trade needs, by allowing them to borrow up to SGD 10 million from participating financial institutions, subject to overall loan exposure limit of SGD 50 million per borrower group across all areas. The Singapore Government will provide 90% risk-share on such loans.</p> <p>To be eligible for the EFS-TL, the enterprise must be registered with ACRA as a company, business or firm and operating in Singapore, have a minimum of 30% local shareholding and a maximum borrower group revenue cap of SGD 500 million for all enterprises.</p> |
| | | | 19.1.3 Enterprise Financing Scheme - SME Working Capital Loan ("EFS-WCL") | <p>The EFS-WCL provides eligible small and medium enterprises (being a company with a group revenue of up to SGD 100 million or maximum employment of 200 employees) with access to working capital to finance operational cashflow needs, by allowing them to borrow up to SGD 1 million from participating financial institutions, subject to an overall loan exposure limit of SGD 50 million per borrower group across all areas. The Singapore Government will provide 90% risk-share on these loans. The maximum repayment period for a EFS-WCL loan is 5 years.</p> <p>To be eligible for the EFS-WCL, the enterprise must be an ACRA registered sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability partnership or company that is physically present in Singapore and have at least 30% local equity held directly or indirectly by Singapore citizens and/or Permanent Residents, determined by the ultimate individual ownership. In addition, the enterprise is subject to a maximum group revenue cap of SGD 100 million or a maximum employment of 200 employees, and there is a maximum borrower group (including corporate shareholders that hold more than 50% of the total shareholding of the applicant company, and all parent companies and subsidiaries of such corporate shareholders) revenue cap of SGD 500 million.</p> |
| | | | 19.1.4 Loan Insurance Scheme ("LIS") | <p>The LIS enables eligible enterprises to secure short-term trade financing loans from participating financial institutions, which are insured by commercial insurers who will co-share loan defaults with participating financial institutions in the event of enterprise insolvency. The Singapore Government will subsidise up to 80% of the insurance premium until 31 March 2021. Enterprises can apply for the LIS for the following purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventory/ stock financing facility; |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structured pre-delivery working capital; • Factoring/ bill or invoice or accounts receivable discounting with recourse; • Overseas Working Capital Loan; and • Banker's Guarantee. <p>To be eligible for the LIS, the enterprise must be an ACRA registered sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability partnership or company that is physically present in Singapore and have at least 30% local equity held directly or indirectly by Singapore citizens and/or Permanent Residents, determined by the ultimate individual ownership. In addition, applicants are subject to a maximum group revenue cap of SGD 100 million or a maximum employment of 200 employees.</p> |
| | | 19.2 Tax reliefs | 19.2.1 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020 (the "Act") | <p>The Act offers temporary relief to contractual parties' who are unable to perform contractual obligations due to COVID-19 and to financially distressed businesses and individuals. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contracting parties to the following types of contracts will be, <i>inter alia</i>, prohibited from commencing court or insolvency proceedings against other contracting parties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Leases or licences for non-residential immovable property; ○ Construction contracts or construction supply contracts; ○ Performance bonds that are granted pursuant to a construction contract or construction supply contract; ○ Certain hire-purchase agreements or conditional sales agreements; ○ Contracts for the provision of goods and services for events; ○ Certain contracts for the international carriage of passengers by sea or land, the provision of goods or services for visitors to Singapore, domestic tourists or outbound tourists, or the promotion of tourism; and ○ Certain loan facilities granted by a bank or a finance company. • The monetary thresholds for bankruptcy and insolvency has been temporarily raised. For individuals, the monetary threshold for bankruptcy will be raised from SGD 15,000 to SGD 60,000; for companies and partnerships, from SGD 10,000 to SGD 100,000. Moreover, the statutory period to respond to demands from creditors has been extended. |
| | | | 19.2.2 Foreign Worker | The FWL provides FWL waivers and a FWL Rebate of SGD 750 for each Work Permit and S-Pass holder employee |

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| | | | Levy ("FWL") | for the months of April and May 2020 to employers that hire such foreign workers to reduce labour costs for such employers and relieve the pressures on their cashflow. |
| | | | 19.2.3 Jobs Support Scheme ("JSS") | <p>Under the JSS, the Singapore Government co-funds a portion of the gross monthly wages paid to each Singaporean and Permanent Resident employee for 9 months. In this regard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In April and May 2020, the Government paid 75% for the first SGD 4,600 of gross monthly wages of every local worker in employment. Wage support past May 2020 will be 75% for businesses in the aviation and tourism sector, 50% for businesses in food services, and 25% for all other sectors. <p>All employers who have made CPF contributions for their local employees will qualify for the payout.</p> |
| | | | 19.2.4 Income tax deferrals | <p>Deferments have been granted for income tax payments for individuals and companies for certain months of 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All companies with Corporate Income Tax payments due in the months of April, May, and June 2020 will be granted an automatic three-month deferment of these payments. The Corporate Income Tax payments that are deferred from April, May and June 2020 will be collected in July, August and September 2020 respectively. Income tax payments for individuals due in May, June and July 2020 will be deferred automatically for 3 months to August, September and October 2020 respectively. This means that there will be no income tax payments in May, June and July 2020. |
| | | | 19.2.5 Property tax measures | <p>First, a 1-month rental waiver has been granted to industrial, office and agricultural tenants of Singapore's government agencies. Further, stallholders in hawker centres managed by the National Environment Agency ("NEA") or NEA-appointed operators will continue to receive 3 months of rental waivers, while commercial tenants will continue to receive 2 months of rental waivers.</p> <p>Secondly, the Act imposes an obligation on non-commercial property owners to pass on the Property Tax Rebate in full to tenants in a timely manner and without imposing conditions. In this regard, the Property Tax Rebate aims to help businesses deal with the impact of COVID-19 by providing a property tax rebate of up to 100% for non-residential properties. For most properties, this rebate is expected to equate to slightly more than one month of rent.</p> |
| | | | 19.2.6 Work-Life Grant ("WLG") | <p>The WLG is a grant which aims to incentivise businesses to implement and sustain flexible work arrangements ("FWAs") for their employees by providing businesses with funding support, which is expected to be used to provide employees with greater autonomy over their working schedule and improve job satisfaction, such as buying laptops, software and related equipment for telecommuting. There are 2 components to the WLG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The FWA Incentive, which provides a grant of SGD 2,000 for every local employee per year for two consecu- |

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| | | | | <p>tive years, capped at SGD 70,000 per business. Businesses will be eligible to receive the FWA Incentive if the employee adopts work-from-home arrangements/staggered hours arrangements daily for at least one month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Job Sharing Incentive, which provides a grant of SGD 3,500 per local Professionals-, Managers-, Executives- and Technicians- level employee per year for 2 consecutive years, capped at SGD 35,000 per business. To be eligible, the business must have put in place a formal job sharing arrangement, in which 2 or more employees share the same job, but work at different times. Further, the Job Sharing Incentive only applies to full-time PMET employees, who receive a gross monthly salary of at least SGD 3,600 before the job sharing arrangement, and have adopted the FWAs for a continuous period of 6 months. <p>All local businesses can apply for the WLG if they are legally registered or incorporated in Singapore, including societies and non-profit organisations.</p> |
| | | | 19.2.7 Self-Employed Person Income Relief Scheme ("SIRS") | <p>The SIRS provides direct cash assistance to all Singaporean self-employed persons aged 21 (as at 31 December 2020) and above who (a) currently receive Workfare payouts annually; or (b) meet the following eligibility criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Started work as an SEP on or before 25 March 2020; Has a Net Trade Income of SGD 100,000 or less; Has an employment income of not more than SGD 2,300 per month; Lives in a property with an annual value of SGD 21,000 or less (covers all public housing and some private properties); Does not own two or more properties; and For married Singaporean self-employed persons, the following additional criteria apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The individual and spouse together do not own two or more properties; and The Assessable Income of his/her spouse does not exceed SGD 70,000. |
| | | | 19.2.8 COVID-19 Support Grant | <p>The COVID-19 Support Grant is a cash grant of SGD 800 per month for 3 months, available to to all Singaporean citizens and Permanent Residents aged 16 years and above who have lost their jobs due to COVID-19, and meet the following eligibility criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Were previously employed as full-time/part-time permanent or contract staff; Had a monthly household income of not more than SGD 10,000, or per capita household income of not more than SGD3,100 per month prior to unemployment; |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Live in a property with an annual value of under SGD 21,000; and Are not currently receiving ComCare assistance. |
| | | | 19.2.9 Temporary Relief Fund | <p>The Temporary Relief Fund is available to individuals whose livelihoods were affected by COVID-19 and require urgent help. The fund consists of a one-off cash payment of SGD 500, and applies to all Singaporean citizens and Permanent Residents aged 16 years and above, who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lost their jobs or faced a personal income loss of at least 30% due to COVID-19; Have or had a household income of SGD 10,000 and below, or per capita household income of SGD 3,100 and below, before their employment or income was affected; and Are not currently receiving ComCare assistance. |
| | | | 19.2.10 Solidarity Payment | <p>In February 2020, the Singapore Government announced payouts of between SGD 100 and SGD 300 for every adult Singaporean. This was subsequently tripled to between SGD 300 and SGD 900 in March, with payouts due to be distributed from August to September. The Solidarity Payment is the latest support measure announced to help households cope with the impact of COVID-19, under which all Singaporeans aged 21 and above will receive a one-off payout of SGD 600 in April 2020. Accordingly, all adult Singaporeans will receive SGD 600 in April 2020, and those who qualify for the higher tiers will receive a further SGD 300 or SGD 600 in June 2020 (brought forward from August to September 2020).</p> |

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| 20 | Taiwan | 20.1 Equity | 20.1.1 N/A | |
| | | 20.2 Mezzanine | 20.2.1 N/A | |
| | | | 20.2.2 N/A | |
| | | 20.3 Debt | 20.3.1 Capital Relief – Government as Guarantor | Central Government provides: Guarantee Special NT 10 Billion; Bank Notes NT 100 Billion; Full Guarantee 80%-100% Applicable Subject: 1. Legally registered company, business, limited partnership, taxation entity, and small-scale businesses that were affected by COVID-19. 2. Starting January 2020, the average revenue (turnover) of any consecutive 2 months has decreased by 15% from the second half or the same period of 2019. ■ Extension of existing loan: Maintain the original guarantee percentage. ■ Operating capital loan (Limited to salary and rent; No pay cuts and layoff): 100% Guarantee. ■ Capital relief loan: 80%-90% Guarantee. 3. Apply with any banks where the business locates. |
| | | | 20.3.2 Low interest loan – Interest is subsidized | Limited to small or medium size businesses Applicable Subject: 1. Same as above. ■ Extension of existing loan: 0.81%, up to 1 year, up to NT 220,000 per business. ■ Operating capital loan: 1.845%, up to 6 months, up to NT 55000 per business. ■ Capital relief loan: 0.845%, up to 1 year, up to NT 220,000 per business. 2. Apply with any banks where the business locates. |
| | | 20.4 Mixed | 20.4.1 Subsidized Reliefs | Limited to small or medium size businesses Applicable Subject: |

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| | | | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Starting January 2020, the average revenue (turnover) of any consecutive 2 months has decreased by 15% from the second half or the same period of 2019. Application must approve by competent authorities, its agencies, or financial institutions. Types of reliefs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing loan subsidized or exempted Operating capital subsidized Relief capital loan subsidized |
| | | | 20.4.2 Natural Gas Fee Reduction | <p>May apply by any businesses</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Natural gas price reduces NT 5; Gas barrels reduce NT 5 per kg. Calculated on the basis of 20 kg per barrel of gas, the current price is about NT 700 per barrel, which can be reduced by NT 100 to NT 600. |
| | | | 20.4.3 Water & Electricity Fee Discount | <p>Starting from January 2020, any business and its average revenue (turnover) of any consecutive 2 months has decreased by 15% from the same period of 2019.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Water: 5% discount per month, up to NT 5,000 per month. Low energy consumption users (regular business users): 10% discount per month, up to NT 100,000 per month. High energy consumption users: (Large industrial and commercial electricity user): May adjust the contracted electric usage capacity, reduce basic electricity fee, restoration of the original contract within 2 years exempt from power supply equipment maintenance fee. |
| | | | 20.4.4 Labor & Employment Insurance and Pension Postponement Assistance | <p>Insured (Withhold) entities and professional trade/labor union workers that meets the followings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The workers reported to the municipal (county) authorities for reduction of work due to business severely affected by COVID-19; Meet the requirements of Article 9, Paragraph 3 of the "Special Act for Prevention, Relief and Revitalization Measures for Severe Pneumonia with Novel Pathogens," and is an insured of either an affected industry, enterprise, or relevant professional trade/labor union that is approved by the competent central authorities. Application period: 2020.04.01 ~ 2020.09.30 From 2020 Feb to July, 6 months of labor and employment insurance premiums and labor pensions are calculated from the expiration date of the grace (limitation) period, and payment may be postponed for 6 months. <p>Apply with Bureau of Labor Insurance</p> |
| | | | 20.4.4 Working environment improvement | <p>Prioritize subsidies for enterprises affected by the epidemic</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Subsidize small and medium size businesses to purchase new machinery and improve existing machinery safe- |

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| | | | subsidies | <p>ty facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Subsidies for purchasing machinery safety devices and other facilities ■ Application Date: Current – 2021.10.13 ■ Apply with Metal Industries Research and Development Centre <p>2. Subsidies for business entities or institutions to improve procedural safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Subsidies for improvement on production procedure and safety and hygiene equipment ■ Application Date: 2020.03.06 – 2021.11.15 ■ Apply with Occupational Safety and Health Administration: Occupational Safety Department <p>3. Subsidies for business entities or institutions to improve the working environment and promote the physical and mental health of workers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Subsidies for promote workers' physical and mental health ■ Application Date: 2020.03.18 – 2021.10.20 ■ Apply with entrusted agencies of Occupational Safety and Health Administration <p>4. Subsidies for rubber product manufacturing industry to improve the safety and health working environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Subsidies for improve working environment of rubber products manufacturing industry ■ Application Date: Before 2020.09.03 ■ Apply with Occupational Safety and Health Administration: Labor Health Service Integrated Management Unit |
| | | 20.5 Tax reliefs | 20.5.1 Corporate Tax Incentives | <p>Applicable Subject:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Institutions (organizations), entities, schools, legal persons, NGOs Contents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Corporate tax incentives for paying employees' pay quarantined leave. ■ No application needed. ■ Only need to submit relevant documentation of proof when filing tax declaration. ■ May deduct up to 200% of the salary paid from the income tax income of the current calendar year. |
| | | | 20.5.2 Business Income Tax Deduction | <p>Available for Profit-seeking business decrease in operating revenue due to COVID-19</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If there is a loss in the current calendar year, it can be deducted within the next 10 years in accordance with Article 39 of the Income Tax Act to reduce the relevant annual tax payable. |
| | | | 20.5.3 Business Tax Reduction | <p>Only for businesses that have applied for audit and verification on revenue by the National Taxation Bureau of the municipal (county) government.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> File application with the National Taxation Bureau located where the business resides. Determined and approved by the National Taxation Bureau on its own initiative, and may also be applied by the |

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| 21 | Thailand | 21.1 Equity | 21.1.1 SSF Investment for the personal income tax allowance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligibility / Conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals investing in a Super Saving Fund (SSF) with a policy to invest at least 65% of its net assets value in shares listed on the Stock Exchange of Thailand, during the period from 1 April to 30 June 2020. The investment units in the fund will be held for at least 10 years. This allowance will be in addition to the SSF allowance threshold (30% of the total income, capped at THB 200,000) and will not be included in the retirement saving fund threshold of THB 500,000. Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deduction on the actual investment amount, capped at THB 200,000, as an allowance for personal income tax purposes. |
| | | 21.2 Mez-zanine | 21.2.1 Cutting Interest Rates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bank of Thailand (BOT) cut its key interest rate by 25 basis points to a record low of 0.75%. |
| | | | 21.2.2 Assistance from State-owned Financial Institutions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State-owned financial institutions are agreeing to Government requests for debt relief for struggling business operators. |
| | | | 21.2.3 Financial Aid | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In April, the Thai Government announced a third economic stimulus package in the region of THB 1.9 trillion baht aiming to relieve COVID-19 impacts on Thai businesses by way of 3 emergency decrees. The first decree enables the transfer of THB 80-100 billion to the central budget for use as stimulus funds. The second will permit the Bank of Thailand to use up THB 900 billion baht to boost the economy. The third decree allows the Finance Ministry to borrow up to THB 1 trillion of which THB 600 billion will be used for cash handouts and public health and THB 400 billion will be spent on economic recovery measures (in addition, there will be another THB 80-100 billion available after reorganization of the budgets of government authorities). Commercial banks in Thailand will provide THB 123 billion of low-interest, no-fee loans to tourism-related businesses. |
| | | | 21.2.4 Facility for Mu- | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BOT has set up a special facility which will ease liquidity for mutual funds through commercial banks |

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| | | | tual Fund Liquidity | <p>that purchase investment units of high-quality money market funds or daily fixed income funds impacted by the decreased market liquidity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ These mutual funds will be able to use the underlying units as collateral for liquidity. The facility will remain open until the market condition returns to normal. ○ BOT's preliminary estimate of eligible mutual funds is approximately THB 1 trillion. |
| | | | 21.2.5 BOT guidelines for minimum assistance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOT issues Guidelines for minimum assistance financial institutions must offer to debtors to ease financial burden. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Credit Card Loans and revolving loans: Minimum amount due on credit cards and revolving loans under the guideline will be cut to 5% until 2021 from 10%, rising to 8% in 2022. The rate returns to a 10% minimum due in 2023. ○ Borrowers are also allowed to refinance their unsecured loans into longer-term loans with lower interest rates. ○ Credit card rates are capped at 20% annual interest ○ Credit card rates are capped at 20% annual interest. ○ For Hire-Purchase of Motorcycles or Automobiles: Lenders are required to offer either a three-month grace period for principal and interest or six-month debt suspension for principal ○ Mortgages and SME Loans: A three month debt suspension and cutting of interest rates on a case-by-case basis. |
| | | 21.3 Debt | 21.3.1 Exemption from income tax in case of debt forgiveness | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Exemption from corporate income tax and personal income tax for the debtors on income arising from the release of debt by the creditors. |
| | | | 21.3.2 Exemption from taxes due to debt restructuring. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exemption from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Personal income tax; ○ Corporate income tax; ○ Value added tax; ○ Specific business tax; and |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stamp duty on income derived from the transfer of properties, sale of goods, provision of services and execution of instruments due to debt restructuring. |
| | | | 21.3.3 Bad debt written-off rules relaxation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write-offs of bad debts related to debt restructuring can be treated as deductible expenses for tax purposes, regardless of whether they meet the criteria in the current regulations of the Revenue Department dealing with bad debt write-offs. |
| | | 21.4 Mixed | 21.4.1 Moratorium on debt repayments | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Thai Bankers' Association announced a 1 year moratorium for COVID-19 impacted borrowers as part of a relief package. |
| | | | 21.4.2 Reduction of immovable transfer fee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligibility / Conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immovable property transfers due to a prescribed debt restructuring. Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction of transfer fees on transfer of immovable properties from 2% to 0.01% Mortgage registration, transfer, and transaction fees for real estate under the Land Code are also reduced to 0.01 per cent from the date on which the regulation is published in the Royal Gazette until December 31, 2021. |
| | | | 21.4.3 Extension of deadline for filing an application to exercise corporate income tax exemption rights and benefits under Section 31 of the Investment Promotion Act | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligibility / Conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoted companies under the Investment Promotion Act. Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extension of the original deadline between March and July 2020 to 31 July 2020 or not less than 30 days prior to the due date for filing annual corporate income tax return. |
| | | | 21.4.4 Extension for holding annual general meeting deadlines | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligibility / Conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A limited company/ public limited company/ chamber of commerce / trade associations are required to submit the following documents to the DBD: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter stating the necessity of a postponement of holding of annual general meeting; |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updated list of shareholders (Within 14 days for BOJ.5 and 1 month for BOJ.006); and ○ Audited financial statements (within 1 month from AGM date). • Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The original required deadline was within 120 days from the end of fiscal year is now extended for the unspecified period of time. |
| | | | 21.4.5 Extension of financial statement submission deadline | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility / Conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Limited company ○ Foreign company operating business in Thailand ○ Joint venture ○ Registered partnership. • Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For entities having an accounting period ending 31 October to 31 March 2020, the audited financial statement can be submitted within 31 August 2020. |
| | | 21.5 Tax Re- liefs | 21.5.1 Withholding tax (WHT) deduction | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility / Conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Company or juristic partnership's certain payments paid to company or juristic partnership only. • Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WHT imposed on payment for services, hire of work, commissions and liberal professional fees will be reduced from 3% to 1.5% for the payments made from 1 April to 30 September 2020. ○ WHT will subsequently be reduced to 2% from 1 October 2020 to 31 December 2021 if the payment is made via e-Withholding Tax system. |
| | | | 21.5.2 Extensions of Corporate Income Tax (CIT) filing deadlines | <p><u>Annual Filing: PND.50</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility / Conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Companies or juristic partnerships that are not listed on the Stock Exchange of Thailand that have PND.50 filing due between <u>April and August 2020</u>. • Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Deadline extension for paper filing is 31 August 2020. |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Deadline extension for online filing of PND.50 that are due between 24 August and 31 August 2020 would also be entitled to additional eight day tax filing extension. |
| | | | | <p><u>Half-year Filing: PND.51</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility / Conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Companies or juristic partnerships that are not listed on the Stock Exchange of Thailand that have PND.51 filing due between <u>April and September 2020</u>. • Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Deadline extension for paper filing is 30 September 2020. ○ Deadline extension for online filing of PND.51 that are due between 23 September and 30 September 2020 would be entitled to additional eight day tax filing extension. |
| | | | 21.5.3 Extension of Transfer Pricing Disclosure Form | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility / Conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Companies or juristic partnerships that are not listed on the Stock Exchange of Thailand that have Disclosure Form filing due between <u>April and August 2020</u>. • Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Deadline extension for paper filing is 31 August 2020. |
| | | | 21.5.4 Extensions of specific business tax returns (PT.40) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility / Conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Excludes specific business tax on the sale of immovable property in a commercial or profitable manner according to Section 91/2 (6) of the Revenue Code. • Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Revised deadline of 1 June 2020 for returns of fiscal month during March – April 2020 having first deadline extension on 23 May 2020. ○ Revised deadline of 30 June 2020 for returns of fiscal month in May 2020. ○ Revised deadline of 31 July 2020 for returns of fiscal month in June 2020. |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Revised deadline of 31 August 2020 for returns of fiscal month in July 2020. ○ Revised deadline of 30 September 2020 for returns of fiscal month in August 2020. |
| | | | 21.5.5 Extensions of WHT returns (PND.1, 2, 3, 53 and 54) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility / Conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Business operators • Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Revised deadline of 1 June 2020 for returns of fiscal month during March – April 2020 having first deadline extension on 15 May 2020. ○ Revised deadline of 30 June 2020 for returns of fiscal month in May 2020. ○ Revised deadline of 31 July 2020 for returns of fiscal month in June 2020. ○ Revised deadline of 31 August 2020 for returns of fiscal month in July 2020. ○ Revised deadline of 30 September 2020 for returns of fiscal month in August 2020. |
| | | | 21.5.6 Extensions of Monthly Value Added Tax (VAT) returns | <p><u>PP.30: VAT from from domestic sales of goods and provisions of service</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility / Conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ VAT operator / business operators • Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Revised deadline of 1 June 2020 for returns of fiscal month during March – April 2020 having first deadline extension on 23 May 2020. ○ Revised deadline of 30 June 2020 for returns of fiscal month in May 2020. ○ Revised deadline of 31 July 2020 for returns of fiscal month in June 2020. ○ Revised deadline of 31 August 2020 for returns of fiscal month in July 2020. ○ Revised deadline of 30 September 2020 for returns of fiscal month in August 2020. |

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| | | | | <p><u>PP.36: VAT from service fees paid to overseas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility / Conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ VAT operator / business operators • Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Revised deadline of 1 June 2020 for returns of fiscal month during March – April 2020 having first deadline extension on 23 May 2020. ○ Revised deadline of 30 June 2020 for returns of fiscal month in May 2020. ○ Revised deadline of 31 July 2020 for returns of fiscal month in June 2020. ○ Revised deadline of 31 August 2020 for returns of fiscal month in July 2020. ○ Revised deadline of 30 September 2020 for returns of fiscal month in August 2020. |
| | | | 21.5.7 Extensions of stamp duty payment in | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stamp duty (Form OS. 4, OS. 4 Gor and OS. 4 Khor) to be filed within 1 April 2020 to 15 May 2020 are extended to 15 May 2020 respectively. |
| | | | 21.5.7 Extensions of personal income tax filing deadline | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility / Conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Individual taxpayers • Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The filing deadline for personal income tax returns (PND.90/91) is further extended from a previously extended deadline of 30 June 2020 to the new deadline date of 31 August 2020. |
| | | | 21.5.8 SMEs salary costs deduction | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility / Conditions <p>SMEs having the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1) The SME's annual revenue does not exceed THB 500 million ○ 2) The total number of employees does not exceed 200 persons ○ 3) The salaries eligible for the 300% deduction do not exceed THB 15,000 per month per employee ○ 4) Employees must be insured under the social security fund ○ 5) The number of insured employees in the said period should not be lower than the number of in- |

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| | | | | <p>sured employees as at 31 December 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The SMEs employers can deduct 300% of eligible salary costs paid to employees in the period from April to July 2020 for corporate income tax purposes. |

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| 22 | United Arab Emirates | 22.1 Equity | Market Maker Fund | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a package of economic incentives, especially allocating AED 1 Billion to establish a market maker fund • Purpose of the Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ to provide liquidity and find a continuous balance between supply and demand ○ On equities, it would enhance the competitiveness of the markets as it provides one of the requirements to upgrade the financial markets to developed markets. ○ Aimed to also attract more capital and investors from inside and outside the country and revive the capital market industry • Method <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The investment shall reduce sharp fluctuations in stock trading values and financial market indicators, by providing hedging tools while markets decline, as well as achieving returns in Investing in stocks, bonds and other instruments. |
| | | 22.2 Mezzanine | N/A | |
| | | 22.3 Debt | 22.3.1 AED 3 Billion SME credit guarantee scheme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Abu Dhabi's department of finance has joined hands with Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank, Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank and First Abu Dhabi Bank to soften the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on smaller business. • Purpose of the Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Designed to stimulate financing by local banks and enable SMEs to navigate the current market environment. ○ The pact provides SMEs with wider access to renewable financing options for working capital loans for a three-month duration and term loans for a up to four-year duration to support further investment in Abu Dhabi. • Entitled Companies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The scheme is available to all SMEs that are registered, operating and headquartered in the emirate. |
| | | | 22.3.2 Bid Bond Sus- | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of the Ghadan 21 initiative |

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| | | | pension | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bid bonds have been suspended until further notice. ○ Exemption introduced for start-ups from performance guarantees for projects up to AED 50 million. |
| | | 22.4 Mixed | Targeted Economic Support Scheme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary relief <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This scheme aims to provide temporary relief from the payments of principal and interest in respect of outstanding loans for all private sector companies affected by COVID-19. • AED 50 billion fund for banks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scheme also includes a AED 50 billion fund distributed through 0% interest collateralised loans for banks operating in the UAE. ○ Designed to encourage banks to lend more freely to corporate customers. ○ AED 50 billion has been freed up from banks' capital buffers to encourage further lending to private sector businesses in need of credit during this period. |
| | | 22.5 Other Reliefs | 22.5.1 Federal Government and Free Zone Measures | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Federal Government Measures <p>Dubai</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Freezing the 2.5% market fees for all facilities operating in Dubai for 3 months. ○ Cancellation of the 25% down payment required for requesting instalment-based payment of government fees for obtaining or renewing licences. ○ Permission to renew commercial licences without mandatory renewal of lease contracts. ○ Exemption of companies from permits for new sales and offers. ○ 10% reduction of water and electricity bills, including residential and commercial bills, for 3 months. ○ A refund of 20% of the customs fee imposed on imported products sold in Dubai. ○ A 90% reduction of fees imposed on submission of customs documents. ○ Reduction of "municipality fees" imposed on sales at hotels from 7% to 3.5%. ○ A freeze on "fees" charged for the sale of tickets, issuance of permits and other government fees related to entertainment and business events. ○ Refund of bank guarantees or cash required to be paid by existing customs clearance companies. ○ Cancellation of the AED 50,000 bank guarantee or cash requirement in order to undertake customs clearance activities. |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cancellation of bank guarantees required to be submitted before resolution of customs-related grievances. ○ Exemptions from fees charged to companies for postponement and cancellation of tourism and sports events scheduled for 2020. ○ Freeze on the fees for classification/rating of hotels. <p>Abu Dhabi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suspension of individual or commercial real estate registration fees. ○ The Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank is offering to defer loan instalments and waive interest for up to 6 months for individuals or business owners, subject to approval. ○ Reduction of industrial land leasing fees by 25% on new contracts. ○ Waiver of certain commercial and industrial penalties. ○ Suspension of tourism and municipality fees for the tourism and entertainment sectors until the end of 2020. ○ Rebate of up to 20% on rental values for restaurants, tourism and entertainment sectors ○ Exemption for commercial vehicles from annual registration fees until the end of 2020. ○ Exemption for all vehicles from road toll tariffs until the end of 2020. ○ Exempting all commercial and industrial activities from Tawtheeq fees during 2020. <p>Free Zone Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 100% waiver on Commercial Licence renewal fees (with the exception of SPVs and foundations licences) until 25 March 2021. ○ 100% waiver on Business Activity renewal fees until 25 March 2021. 100% waiver on Data Protection renewal fees until 25 March 2021. ○ 100% waiver on new Temporary Work Permit issuances, renewal and late application fees until 25 March 2021. ○ 100% waiver on annual Funds fees until 31 December 2020. ○ 100% refund of annual Funds fees already paid by FSRA-regulated entities for 2020. |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 50% refund of Supervision fees already paid by FSRA-regulated entities for 2020. ○ 50% waiver on any new FSRA Supervision fees to be collected until 31 December 2020. ○ Deferral of rental payments and service charges for office tenants at ADGM Square on Al Maryah Island for 2020. ○ Amendment to Commercial Licensing Regulations to add the schedule of fees to the regulations and cover the possible reduction or waiver of fees by the Registrar as deemed necessary due to exceptional circumstances. ○ Amendment to Data Protection Regulations to cover the reduction or waiver of fees by the Registrar wherever deemed necessary as a result of exceptional circumstances. ○ Exemption from registration fees and share capital amount for setting up a company (AED 13,520 reduced from total payable charges). |

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| 23 | Vietnam | 23.1 Equity | N/A | |
| | | 23.2 Mez-zanine | N/A | |
| | | 23.3 Debt | N/A | |
| | | 23.4 Mixed | 23.4.1 Small Business- es Support – Loans and Forgiveness | <p>The State Bank of Vietnam issued Circular No. 01/2020/TT-NHNN dated 13 March 2020 (“Circular 01”) on instructing credit institutions and branches of foreign banks to restructure loan repayment schedules, waive and reduce interest rates and maintain debt classifications to support the customers who are affected by the Covid-19 epidemic, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Debt repayment restructuring: The Circular 01 stipulates that debts subject to rescheduling are the outstanding amounts of principal and/or interest that fully satisfy the following conditions: (i) Arising from lending activities, financial leasing; (ii) The obligation to repay the principals and/or interest arising between 23 January 2020 and the following day after 3 months from the date the Prime Minister announces the end of the Covid-19 epidemic; (iii) Customers who are unable to pay the debts and/or interest in due time because of decreases in revenues and incomes caused by the impacts of Covid-19 epidemic. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The debt mentioned above shall be rescheduled in following conditions: (i) the unpaid debt is undue or up to 10 days overdue according to loan/finance lease agreements; (ii) the debt is overdue (except for the cases mentioned in condition (i) during the period from 23 January 2020 to the 16th day from the effective date of this Circular 01, which is 13 March 2020. – The credit institutions and the branches of foreign banks shall be responsible for providing specific guidance on the criteria to determine the outstanding debts of customers affected by Covid-19 epidemic; and must follow rules as: (i) the debt violate regulations of law shall not be rescheduled, (ii) the debt shall not be deferred for more than 12 months from the initial repayment deadline according to the loan/finance lease agreements. ▪ The waiver and reduction of interest and fees: the credit institutions and the foreign banks branches will decide on waiving and reducing their interest and fees according to their internal regulations for the outstanding loans arising from credit extension operations (except for activities of buying and investing in corporate bonds), with the obligation to repay the principals and/or interest being due between 23 January 2020 and the following day after 3 months from the date the Prime Minister of Vietnam announces the end of the Covid-19 epidemic, and customers who are unable to pay their debts and/or interest in due time because of declines in revenues and incomes caused by the impacts of Covid-19 epidemic. ▪ On maintaining the debt classifications: the credit institutions and the foreign bank branches are entitled to |

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| | | | | maintain the classified debt groups in accordance with the provisions of the State Bank of Vietnam at the closest time to 23 January 2020 with regard to the debt balances subject to loan repayment rescheduling, interest & fee waiver and reduction; also, they are requested to conduct debt classifications, set up risk provisions in line with the restructured terms in accordance with the legal provisions on debt classification, setting up and using risk provisions in order to address risks in the operations of the credit institutions and the foreign bank branches; however the adjustment principles shall not be applied to the debt groups with higher risk levels. |
| | | | 23.4.2 Businesses Support – Other Financial Support | <p>Decree 41/2020/ND-CP issued by the Government of Vietnam dated 8 April 2020 on extending the deadline of tax and land rental fee payment for the enterprises, individuals and shareholders that are affected by Covid-19 (“Decree 41”). Tax payers who subject to the extended deadline for tax and land rental fee payment shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Enterprises which have production activities in the industry of agriculture, forestry and aquaculture; food production and processing; textile; costume production; production of leather and related products; production of wood and of products of wood and cork, except for furniture; production of products of straw and plaiting materials; production of paper and paper products; production of rubber and plastics products; production of other non-metallic mineral products; production of basic metals; machining; treatment and coating of metals; manufacturing of electronic products, computer and optical products; manufacturing automobiles and other motor vehicle; production of furniture; construction; ▪ Enterprises which have business activities of transportation and storage; accommodation and catering services; education and training; health services and social support services; real estate activities; labour service and employment activities; travel agency, tour operator and support services related to advertising and organizing tours; art, entertainment and creation; libraries, archives, museum, and other cultural activities; sport, recreation; cinema; ▪ Enterprises which manufacture products belonged to the list of prioritized supporting industries; manufacturing of key mechanical products; ▪ Small and micro enterprises; and ▪ Credit institutions and branches of foreign banks which provide supports to their customers in accordance with the instruction of State Bank of Vietnam during the COVID-19 epidemic. <p>According to Decree 41, land rental payment: payment deadlines are extended by 5 months from 31 May 2020 for the first land rental fee payments of 2020 due from taxpayers who lease land directly from the Government, pay land rental fees on an annual basis and engage in the eligible business activities described above.</p> <p>Decree 42/NQ-CP issued by the Government of Vietnam dated 9 April 2020 on support measuras for citizens who are</p> |

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| | | | | <p>impacted due to Covid-19 have had following available aid packages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vietnam Bank for Social Policies will grant free interest loans to employers (with maximum duration of 12 months) the maximum amount of 50% regional minimum salary/month/employee for settling salary for employee who are suspended from work in the period from April to June 2020, provided that the employers have paid their employees 50% of the salary; ▪ Financial support of VND 1 million/month for the business household with revenue less than VND 100 million/year and must temporarily close the business as from 1 April 2020 but not exceeding 3 months. <p>Decree 860/BHXH-BT issued by the Vietnam Social Security dated 17 March 2020 and the Official Letter 245/TLD issued by Vietnam General Confederation of Labor dated 18 March 2020 have regulated on suspension of retirement and survivorship funds and Trade Union Fee for enterprises in difficulty due to Covid-19. Accordingly, the suspension is applicable to enterprises in service of passenger transport, tourism, accommodation, restaurant and other special industries experiencing difficulties due to Covid-19, in which the enterprises must fall under either following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Enterprises cannot provide work for employees, in which the number of employees who are subject to social insurance contribution must temporarily suspend working from 50% or more of the total number of employees present before suspending production and business; or ▪ Enterprises suffer losses greater than 50% of the total value of assets due to Covid-19 excluding land value. <p>The enterprises are eligible to suspend the contribution until June 2020, or December 2020 if the pandemic shall not be improved without having to pay interest on late payments.</p> <p>Other than that, Directive 11/CT-TTg issued by the Prime Minister of Vietnam dated 4 March 2020 has imposed some notable financial supports for medium and large business as follows will be applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Ministry of Transportation of Vietnam shall, in coordination with related authorities, will direct and guide the businesses to cut down administrative procedures and logistics cost; ▪ Tax and custom authorities will consider not organizing periodic inspections in 2020 for enterprises not showing signs of violation; ▪ Not implementing an increase in prices in the first and second quarters of 2020 for goods that are inputs to production of enterprises with prices set by the State in the field of management. |
| | | | 23.4.3 Businesses Support - Conditions | <p>Required procedures to avail of the tax deferrals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A written notification request (in the prescribed form attached to Decree 41 – most items are in a “tick the |

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| | | | Imposed for Accepting Support | <p>box" format) must be submitted to the local tax department following the statutory tax filing timelines, but no later than 30 July 2020. The request submission should cover all types of taxes and land rental fees for the entirety of the eligible period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The notification request is on a self-assessment basis. The local tax department will only respond to taxpayers if it finds sufficient grounds to determine that the taxpayers do not qualify for deferred payments during the extended period. In such an event, the local tax department will decline the taxpayer's payment extension request and demand payment of taxes, land rental fees and late payment interest where applicable. ▪ If re-assessment of the payment extension is made in a future tax audit, penalties will apply in addition to late payment interest. |
| | | 23.5 Tax reliefs | 23.5.1 VAT, CIT and PIT | <p>Decree 41: Deferral of value added tax ("VAT"), corporate income tax ("CIT"), personal income tax ("PIT") and land rental fee payments to support enterprises, individuals and household businesses.</p> <p>This applies to manufacturing and construction, services, manufacturing supporting industry products listed as a development priority; manufacturing of key mechanical products, small and micro enterprises, credit institutions, branches of foreign banks providing support to their corporate and individual clients impacted.</p> |

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Abbreviations / Definitions:

AED - United Arab Emirates dirham, the currency of the United Arab Emirates.

AUD - Australian dollar, the currency of Australia.

BDT - Bangladeshi taka, the currency of Bangladesh.

BHD - Bahraini dinar, the currency of Bahrain.

HK\$ - Hong Kong dollar, the official currency of Hong Kong.

INR - Indian rupee, the official currency of India.

JOD - Jordanian dinar, the national currency of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

JPY - Japanese yen, the official currency of Japan.

KD - Kuwaiti dinar, the currency of Kuwait.

MMK - Myanmar kyat, the currency of Myanmar.

NT - New Taiwan dollar, the official currency of Taiwan.

NZ \$ - New Zealand dollar, the official currency of New Zealand.

OMR - Omani rial, the currency of Oman.

Peso - Philippine peso, the official currency of Philippines.

QAR - Qatari riyal, the currency of the State of Qatar.

RM - Malaysian ringgit, the currency of Malaysia.

Rs. - Pakistani rupee, the official currency of Pakistan.

SGD - Singapore dollar, the official currency of Singapore.

SME - Small and Medium Enterprises.

THB - Thai baht, the official currency of Thailand.

US\$/ USD/ \$ - United States dollar, the official currency of the United States.

VND - Vietnamese dong, the currency of Vietnam.

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