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On 12 August 2021, the Ministry of Commerce issued Prakas No. 0169 on the Usage of Words to Identify the Legal Forms of the Companies. The purpose of this Prakas is to set out the usage of the words to identify the legal forms of the companies to be placed at the end or below each company’s name by using the words or abbreviations thereof as described below:

- the name of a Private Limited Company shall have the words “Private Limited Company” or abbreviation “LTD.” at the end or below its name;
- the name of a Public Limited Company shall have the words “Public Limited Company” or abbreviation “PLC.” at the end of or below its name;
- the name of a Sole Proprietorship shall have the words “Sole Proprietorship” before its name;
- the name of a Local Branch shall have the name of the principal and the words “Local Branch” above or before its name;
- the name of Foreign Branch shall be the name of the principal and have the words “Foreign Branch” above or before its name;
- the name of a Commercial Representative Office or Commercial Relations Office shall be the name of the overseas principal and have the words “Foreign Commercial Representative Office or Foreign Commercial Relations Office” above or before its name;
- the name of a General Partnership shall have the words “General Partnership” or abbreviation “GP” at the end of or below its name; and
- the name of a Limited Partnership shall have the words “Limited Partnership” or abbreviation “LP” at the end of or below its name.

Further, a Private Limited Company or Public Limited Company may only use the word “Holding” or “Group” after the company’s if:

In the case of both words:

- it has at least three subsidiaries duly registered in Cambodia; and
- it holds at least 51% of the voting shares in each subsidiary.

In the case of the use of the word “Holding” only:

- its business objective is No. 642 (Activities of Holding Companies) and it provides its capital to its subsidiaries to run the business; and
- the principal does not directly operate any business activities.

For any information or questions related to this Prakas, please feel free to contact us.

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