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Non-Governmental Organizations

## MOI Warns Local Associations and NGOs on Compliance with Law

On 4 July 2017, the Ministry of Interior (“MOI”) issued a Notice on the Fulfillment of Obligations of Local Associations and Non-Governmental Organizations (“Notice”), noting that while some of the local associations and non-governmental organizations (“NGOs”) have fulfilled their obligations prescribed under the Law on the Associations and Non-Governmental Organizations promulgated by the Royal Kram No. NS/RKM/0815.010 dated 12 August 2015 (“LANGO”), some have yet to fulfill their obligations and have acted in contrary to their statutes. Hence, the Notice aims to ensure the participation of the local associations and NGOs in implementing and focusing on the obligations imposed by Article 10 and Article 25 of the LANGO.

The Notice urges the local associations and NGOs to participate as follows:

- The local associations and NGOs shall notify the MOI and the Ministry of Economy and Finance (“MEF”) in writing of all of their bank accounts, to be opened or opened for their operations in any bank in the Kingdom of Cambodia as stated in Article 10 of the LANGO, **no later than the end of September 2017**.
- The local associations and NGOs shall notify the MOI **within 15 days** from the date of any of the following changes in the local association and NGO:
  - o the statutes or by-laws;
  - o the office address or location;
  - o the chairman or executive director; or
  - o the information of the bank account.
- The local associations and NGOs shall submit their annual financial report and their annual report on their activities to the MOI and MEF **by the end of February of the following year** in accordance with Article 25 of the LANGO.
- In the event that the local associations and NGOs receive any financial support from donors, they shall submit to the MOI and MEF a copy of the reports mentioned in the above paragraph, as well as project plans and financing agreement, **no later than 30 days** from the date of the submission of those reports to the donors. The local associations and NGOs shall keep those reports at their office for at least 5 years.
- For the above reports for financial year 2016, the local associations and NGOs shall submit such reports to the MOI and MEF in accordance with Article 25 of the LANGO, **no later than the end of September 2017**.

Failure to comply with the conditions stated above will subject the local associations and NGOs to measures set forth in the LANGO.

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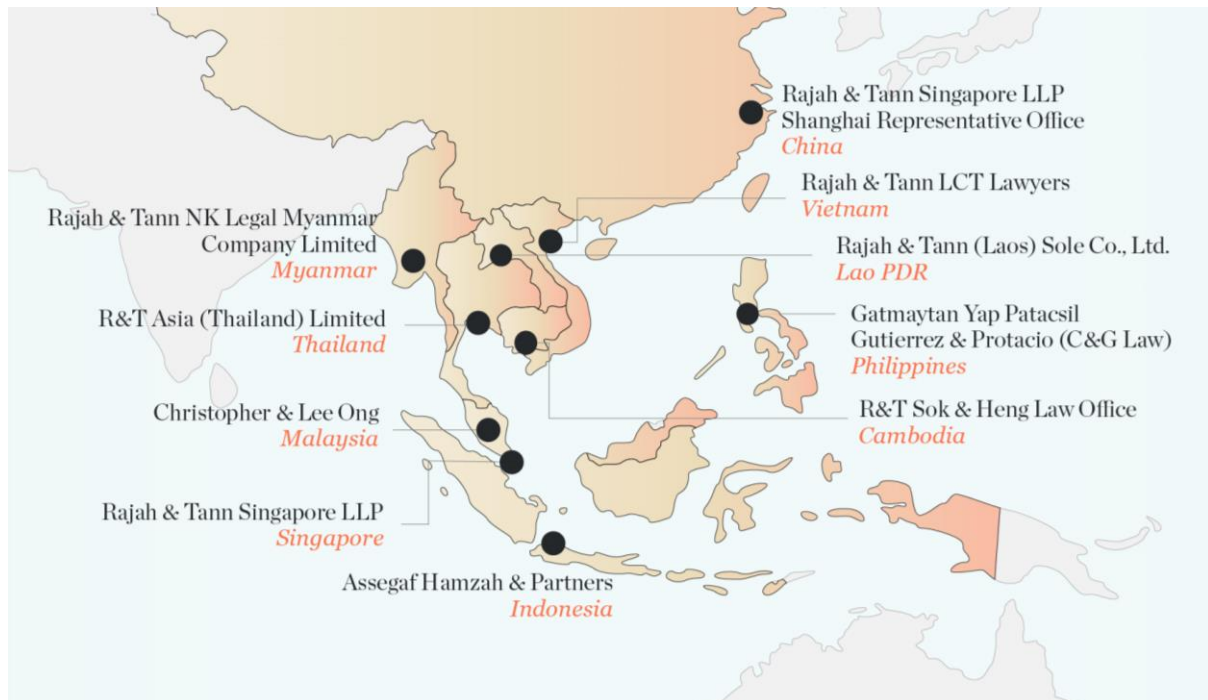
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