

Amendment to the Public Offering of Securities Act

The amendment, which came into force on 3 June 2016, introduces a plethora of changes, including:

- (i) new rules on the disclosure of information of issuers on payments to government bodies in the Republic of Bulgaria, to national, regional and local bodies of an EU Member State or a third country, as well as any persons, controlled by such bodies;
- (ii) increase of the term, for which an issuer must make available its annual financial statement and its consolidated annual financial statement to the public, from 5 to 10 years;
- (iii) requirement that the annual financial statement contain a declaration by the auditor, who verified it, to the effect that:
 - the annual financial statement, prepared under applicable accounting standards, reflects truly and honestly the information on assets and liabilities, financial status and profits and losses of the issuer;
 - the information, concerning agreements with related persons, is duly published and disclosed in accordance with applicable accounting standards;
 - the information, concerning the material agreements of the public company for the respective accounting period, is promptly disclosed in the appendices to the annual financial statement;
- (iv) requirement that the issuer submit public notification of their financial status.