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❖ Latest @ ICSI

Feedback on Company Forms in MCA21-V3 Portal

As you are aware, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs w.e.f. August 31, 2022 migrated filing of 9 Company Forms from MCA 21 V2 to V3 Portal.

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs w.e.f. January 23, 2023, has launched second set of Company Forms covering 56 forms on MCA21-V3 Portal for filing purposes. The list of all 56 Company Forms is available on MCA website.

The Institute of Company Secretaries of India, in its attempt to further facilitate the stakeholders and ensure smooth transition and implementation, is sharing your feedback to the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on regular basis. Such feedback is constantly and closely monitored by MCA at all levels for timely resolution.

We request you to share your inputs/issues/suggestions on filing of Company Forms in MCA V3 at the link given below:

<https://forms.gle/m5NGoCbt4TibuD196>

We thank you for your continued support and hope for association in the future as well.

❖ Information Technology and Automation News

AI-generated image: This Google Search tool helps detect synthetic photos (May 16, 2023)

Artificial intelligence synthesis models are being used to create fake images, which are circulating on the internet. Because of this, it has become difficult to differentiate AI-generated images from the real ones. In a blog post, Google mentioned that a 2022 study conducted by Poynter showed that 62 per cent of internet users are of the opinion that they come across fake news and misinformation on a daily or weekly basis.

At Google I/O 2023, Google announced new features that will help users detect AI-generated fake images in search results. These new features will seek to identify the origins of an image and label other AI-generated images in search results in an effort to curb the spread of disinformation.

For details:

https://www.business-standard.com/technology/tech-news/ai-generated-image-this-google-search-tool-helps-detect-synthetic-photos-123051600234_1.html

❖ **Securities Laws and Capital Market**

- **SEBI looks to expand QIB definition; universities, urban local bodies may be able to invest in debt market (May 16, 2023)**

Higher educational institutions, urban local bodies and Micro Units Development & Refinance Agency (MUDRA) may be able to invest in debt securities as Qualified Institutional Buyer (QIB), if the consultation paper put out by the market regulator goes through. These institutions may need to self-certify that they have the expertise to evaluate the investments and may need to hire outside experts to help with the evaluation, though the entity will be responsible for the investment. SEBI has invited suggestions for a consultation paper to expand the definition of qualified institutional buyer (QIB) in the debt market, to bring in more categories of investors and lower the cost of fund-raising.

For details:

<https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/markets/sebi-looks-to-expand-qib-definition-universities-urban-local-bodies-may-be-able-to-invest-in-debt-market-10599511.html>

- **SEBI proposes special rights to certain unitholders of REITs and InvITs (May 16, 2023)**

The market regulator has proposed special rights to certain unitholders of Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) and Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs), in a consultation paper released on May 16, 2023. Under the current regulations, no unitholder of these trusts can enjoy superior voting rights. But certain REITs and InvITs allow investors who own a certain percentage of units to nominate directors on the board of the manager/investment manager of these trusts. REITs and InvITs are initiated and set up by sponsors, managed by investment managers, and have trustees who ensure that the unitholders' interests are taken care of. While these trusts are not meant to give special privileges to any category of unitholders, they do so—through offer documents or placement memorandum-- to inspire confidence among large institutional investors or investors with a significant minority interest. Recognising this practical necessity, SEBI has suggested that such privileges should not be restricted to large institutional investors but should be open to other investors as well. Therefore, they have invited comments on whether special rights such as the right to nominate directors on the Board of Manager/Investment Manager of REIT/InvIT should be allowed and, if yes, what should be a percentage of units should the investors hold to have a say in the constitution of the board or in the running of the trusts.

For details:

<https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/markets/sebi-proposes-special-rights-to-certain-unitholders-of-reits-and-invits-10600401.html>

❖ **Banking**

• **IDBI Bank data room to open for bidders soon (May 17, 2023)**

The data room of IDBI Bank, which is on the block, will be opened to shortlisted bidders by next month and the financial bids are expected by September, according to official sources. The Government has got multiple Expressions of Interest (EoI) including from banks and these are currently being vetted by the Reserve Bank of India.

For details:

<https://www.financialexpress.com/industry/banking-finance/idbi-bank-data-room-to-open-for-bidders-soon/3090350/>

• **Banks request RBI for more time to implement new ECL-based loan loss provisioning norms (May 17, 2023)**

Lenders have sought a one-year extension from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for implementation of the Expected Credit Loss (ECL)-based loan loss provisioning framework. In January this year, the RBI came out with a draft guidelines proposing adoption of expected credit loss approach for credit impairment. It said the banks will be given a one year period after the final guidelines are released for implementation of expected credit loss approach for loss provisioning.

For details:

<https://indianexpress.com/article/business/banking-and-finance/banks-request-rbi-for-more-time-to-implement-new-ecl-based-loan-loss-provisioning-norms-8613283/>

• **Russian firms investing rupee surplus in govt. bonds (May 17, 2023)**

Russian banks and companies that have trade surpluses with Indian lenders are using those funds to invest in government bonds, according to Sunil Mehta, Chairman of the Indian Banking Association (IBA). "The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has opened the window for investing in government bonds with whatever trade surplus they have," Mehta said on the sidelines of the Fintech Festival India event. Initially, the Russian entities are investing in short-duration bonds.

For details:

<https://www.financialexpress.com/industry/banking-finance/russian-firms-investing-rupee-surplus-in-govt-bonds/3090414/>

❖ **Competition Law**

Govt appoints Ravneet Kaur as CCI Chairperson (May 16, 2023)

The government has appointed Ravneet Kaur as the Chairperson of the Competition Commission of India (CCI), according to an official order. There has been no full-time Chairperson for the competition regulator since Ashok Kumar Gupta demitted office in October 2022. The appointment of Ravneet Kaur, a 1988 Punjab cadre IAS officer, will be for a period of five years from the date of assuming charge or till the date of attaining the age of 65 years or until further orders, whichever is the earliest, as per the order dated May 15.

For details:

<https://indianexpress.com/article/business/companies/govt-appoints-ravneet-kaur-as-cci-chairperson-8611672/>

❖ **Market Watch**

Stock Market Indices as on 17.05.2023	
S & P BSE Sensex	61560.64 (-371.83)
Nifty 50	18181.75 (-104.75)

Foreign Exchange Rates as on 16.05.2023 <i>(https://www.geojit.com/currency-futures)</i>			
INR / 1 USD	INR / 1 EUR	INR / 1 GBP	INR / 1 JPY
82.26	89.41	102.80	0.60

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