

Tax Alert: March 2020

Postponement of tax filing and payment obligations for three months



As part of the massive efforts to mitigate the impact of the COVID -19 pandemic on the economic activities of the Kingdom, the Government of Saudi Arabia has announced several measures targeted specifically at taxpayers that are designed to ease filing and payment requirements for a limited period.

The General Authority for Zakat and Tax (GAZT) introduced a general postponement of tax filing and associated payment obligations for registered taxpayers of three months for the following taxes: Zakat, income tax, withholding tax, Value Added Tax and Excise tax for filings and payments due in the period from 18 March to 30 June 2020 as follows:

- **Tax/Zakat:** return filing dates will be postponed until 31 July for taxpayers with a December year end, certificates will be issued without restrictions for the year 2019.
- **VAT:** return filing dates will be postponed until 30 June, 31 July, 31 August, 30 September for the February, March, April and May VAT periods.
- **Excise:** payments due on goods imported during the postponement period can be delayed but the importer must submit monthly temporary returns to GAZT.
- **WHT:** filing dates for submission of returns are now 10 July, August and September for the March, April and May periods.
- **Delay penalties:** taxpayers are exempted from delay penalties for the submission of returns and the associated payments for all taxes mentioned above that fall due within the period starting from 18 March to 30 June 2020.
- **Payments suspended:** payments due such as delay and amendments penalties are suspended.
- **Refund payments:** refunds due to taxpayers are to be expedited.

We shall be sharing further detailed updates on these measures with you in the coming days and weeks. In the meantime, if you require further information or assistance, please contact us.

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