



REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA
MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENERGY
MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMY
SPECIAL COMMISSION

**SPECIAL COMMISSION ON DEFINING THE CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES
FOR THE SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE MARKET OPERATOR'S
SHARE CAPITAL**

Whereas:

- Pursuant to Decision of Council of Ministers No. 243, dated 24.03.2020, “On State of Natural Disaster Declaration”, the state of natural disaster has been declared.
- World Health Organization has declared pandemic on a global level,
- The Preventive Measures Plan adopted by the Republic of Albania and many other countries for the purpose of containing the COVID-19 spread has affected many sectors of the economy,
- The participation in the competitive procedure *for the selection of Participants in the Market Operator's Share Capital*, requires that candidates willing to apply should submit the documentation demonstrating fulfillment of the defined criteria, and the preparation of documents for the purpose of participating in this procedure besides the willingness of these candidates, also requires interaction with state and judicial administrations, or other legal subjects,
- The situation at hand has brought about unusual and unpredictable circumstances, which are beyond the control of private and public legal subjects, thus resulting in serious difficulties as regards the fulfillment of legal obligations, such difficulties being unavoidable notwithstanding all proper care having been taken,
- In reference to the national official data of the state bodies responsible and the international information, it is not possible to determine the term when the preventative measures will be lifted.
- Taking into consideration the process of securing the competitive procedure documents by several participants who have recently expressed their official concerns as regards the difficulties at hand and the inability to prepare and submit their bids and related documents;

As regards the above, in accordance with the Competitive Procedure for the Selection of *Participants in the Market Operator's Share Capital*, Chapter II "Instructions to Participants in the Competitive Procedure for the Selection of Capital Market Operator Participants", Section 5, paragraph "Additional rights of the Commission", subparagraph 5.11/iv; **the Special Commission**, in view of the strict and binding measures, *suspends* the submission of documents from the participants and the procedure for the Selection of *Participants in the Market Operator's Share Capital* starting from 08.04.2020, as a proportional measure for safeguarding the best public interest.