



Jordan Investment Opportunities

Sector: Energy

Project: Oil and Oil Shale Exploration

Project Location: West-Central Jordan

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter: The Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources

Project Description:

- Undertake the whole supply chain of oil and gas operations (exploration, appraisal, development and production)

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type:

- Production sharing agreements, joint ventures, service contracts
- Execution period: 5-10 years
- The first step is to start with a 3-6 month MOU

Investment Size / Target Return: \$ 114 Million

Project: Jordan Petroleum Refinery Company Expansion

Project Location: Zarqa

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter:

- The Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources
- Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co. LTD

Project Description:

- Expand current crude oil processing capacity to 120,000 barrels per day
- Improve products' quality
- Convert surplus of heavy fuel oil into more valuable products like diesel, jet fuel and gasoline

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type:

- Project at an advanced planning stage
- Execution period: 5 years

Investment Size/ Target Return:

- \$ 1.6 Billion
- 22-24% expected IRR when using Arab light crude oil and 38% expected IRR when using Basra light crude

Sector: Energy

Project: Extraction of Shale Gas and Ghale Oil

Project Location: Al-Risha and Sarhan fields

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter: The Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources

Project Description:

- Explore Jordan's shale gas and oil by utilizing state-of-the-art technologies, including pad-drilling rigs, hydraulic fracking and production.

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type

- Execution period: 5-10 years

Investment Size / Target Return: \$ 300 Million

Project: The Iraqi Strategic Crude Oil Export Pipeline

Project Location: between Aqaba in Jordan and Haditha in Iraq

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter: The Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources

Project Description:

- The approximate length of the pipeline is 970 km; about 600 km inside Jordan territory
- One million barrel per day (bpd) capacity
- Five pumping stations
- 7 million barrels capacity storage tank in Aqaba

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type:

- 20-year build operate and transfer (BOT)
- Project at an advanced planning stage

Investment Size / Target Return:

- \$ 3 Billion for pipeline on Jordanian side

Sector: Transport

Project: Amman Queen Alia International Airport Tram

Project Location: between Amman station and QAIA

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter: The Ministry of Transport

Project Description:

- 35 km tram system to connect Amman area (Al Mahatta) with Queen Alia International Airport
- Consists of 3 parts and 2 stations, including Al Qasr - Um El Hiran / Al Laban Area

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type:

- PPP (2017-2022)

Investment Size / Target Return:

- \$ 190 Million

Project: Rehabilitate Marka (Amman Civil) Airport

Project Location: between Amman station and QAIA

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter: The Ministry of Transport

Project Description:

- The project will serve regular low-cost flights in addition to charter flights and offer aviation training
- The cost of operating Amman Civil Airport is 50% less than that of Queen Alia International Airport, which is a key advantage of the Amman Civil Airport as it results in reduced tariffs
- The airport's strategic location and the availability of public transportation to and from the airport are added advantages
- It is also possible to attract airlines to Amman Civil Airport mainly through renovating and improving the departures and arrivals terminals in order to increase the airport's capacity to host passengers up to 2 million passengers in the future

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type:

- BOT (2017-2022)

Investment Size / Target Return:

- \$ 110 Million
- IRR 18%-20%

Sector: Transport

Project: Tram in the City of Irbid

Project Location: Irbid City

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter: The Ministry of Transport

Project Description:

- Tram system will be part of a safe and sustainable urban transport infrastructure, as it will facilitate urban mobility and public transport
- This service will connect Amman Terminal in Irbid, the University of Science and Technology, and King Abdallah II hospital
- It will be an 18 hour service with 6 trams /hour
- Tram will be Diesel-based and use standard gauge

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type:

- BOT (2017-2020)

Investment size and target return:

- \$ 75-80 Million
- IRR 15%

Project: Amman Zarqa Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

Project Location: between Amman and Zarqa City

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter: The Ministry of Transport

Project Description:

- BRT will support Jordan's green transport policy and improve public transportation by offering a new mode of transport.
- The project will facilitate transport to the Hashemite University.
- Key components are operating the BRT and rolling stock investment

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type:

- PPP project with Infrastructure funding available through a Kuwaiti government grant

Investment Size / Target Return:

- \$ 50 Million
- IRR 16%

Sector: Transport

Project: BRT Amman- Salt

Project Location: Amman- Salt

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter: The Ministry of Transport

Project Description:

- BRT will support Jordan's green transport policy, and improve public transportation by offering a new mode of transport.
- BRT separate line: stations connecting Salt, Sweileh and Baqaa.
- support infrastructure for parking lots (salt, Sweileh and Balqaa)
- Infrastructure and rolling stock

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type:

- PPP (2017-2020)

Investment Size / Target Return:

- \$ 240 Million
- IRR 20%

Project: BRT Sweileh-eighth circle-seventh circle and Queen Alia International Airport

Project Location: Amman

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter: The Ministry of Transport

Project Description:

- 30 km BRT to support Jordan's green transport policy and improve public transportation by offering a new mode of transport.
- BRT Separate line: stations for Infrastructure connecting Salt, Sweileh and Baqaa.
- Infrastructure and rolling stock

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type:

- PPP (2017-2019)

Investment Size / Target Return:

- \$100 Million
- IRR 14%

Sector: Transport

Project: Municipal Bus Companies

Project Location: Irbid, Salt and Zarqa

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter:

- The Ministry of Transport
- Ministry of Municipals Affairs

Project Description:

- Establishment of state owned bus companies for the cities of Irbid, Salt and Zarqa as the core of urban mobility.
- Busses become an essential part of urban mobility, and introducing an eco-friendly, reliable, sustainable and safe mode of transport.

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type:

- PPP (2017-2020)

Investment Size / Target Return:

- \$ 65 Million
- \$50 m Busses (250 busses * \$200k), plus \$2m depots, plus \$10m stations (60 in total, plus \$3m workshops (one per city)
- IRR 15%

Project: Al Shouneh Airport

Project Location: Jordan Valley area

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter: The Ministry of Transport

Project Description:

- This Project aims to provide passengers and agricultural products with the needed transition from the Jordan Valley area to international markets

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type:

- BOT (2017-2020)

Investment size and target return:

- \$ 450 Million

Sector: Water

Project: Amman Non Revenue Water (NRW) Reduction

Project Location: Amman

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter: Ministry Of Water and Irrigation

Project Description:

- Reduce NRW ratio in Amman and generate annual savings through collateral increment in volume of billed water consumption via accurate metering and allocating saved water (reduced leakage) to other customers

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type:

- Management contract
- Four pilot areas selected to estimate total costs and benefits of NRW reduction in Amman (April-October 2014), based on assessment of commercial loss reduction and physical loss reduction. The study confirmed financial feasibility of NRW reduction

Investment Size / Target Return:

- \$ 80-100 Million based on early estimates; final figures will be determined once actual areas covered in Amman are identified
- IRR 15%

Project: Renewable Energy Generation to Reduce Electricity bill

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter: Ministry Of Water and Irrigation

Project Description:

- Install solar power generation units/ PV plants in five water facilities with the capacity of 3 MW each
- Associated with 2000 – 2100 kWh/m² of global horizontal irradiation

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type:

- PPP/ TBD
- 20 years of operation/lifetime of PV plant
- Proposed water facilities are connected to the medium-voltage distribution network.
- The PV plants can be connected to the distribution or transmission system with an independent connection

Investment Size / Target Return:

- \$ 60 Million

Sector: Water

Project: Mixed Industrial Waste Water Treatment Plant

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter: Ministry Of Water and Irrigation

Project Description:

- Construct an industrial waste water treatment plant at Hallabat area, near al-Akaider landfill
- Located 49 KM from Amman at Jordan's northern border with Syria, over 2000 dunums of land

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type:

- PPP/ BOT
- 15-25 years

Investment Size / Target Return:

- \$ 100 Million
- IRR 15%

Project: Photovoltaic plant

Project Location: Dhuleil Area

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter: Ministry Of Water and Irrigation

Project Description:

- 50MW Solar plant
- Located in Al Zarqa Governorate about 20 KM northeast of the capital Amman

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type:

- PPP/ BOT
- 20 years
- EPC Contract is expected to be signed with a duration of 3 years

Investment Size / Target Return:

- \$ 80-100 Million
- IRR 16%

Sector: Water

Project: Second Expansion of As-Samra Water Treatment Plant (WWTP)

Project Location: Bal'ama, Mafraq Area

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter: Ministry Of Water and Irrigation

Project Description:

- The proposed second expansion will be designed to increase the capacity in hydraulic flows and concentrations of biological oxygen demand (BOD5), and total suspended solids (TSS)
- Capacity forecasted at 100 to 145 thousand daily cubic meters
- Characterization of wastewater was evaluated in terms of measuring chemical oxygen demand (COD)

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type:

- PPP/ BOT
- 25 years
- EPC Contract is expected to be signed with a duration of 3 years

Investment Size / Target Return:

- \$ 200 Million
- IRR 15%

Sector: Infrastructure

Project: Land Dry Port

Project Location: Maan City

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter:

- Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority (ASEZA)
- Aqaba Development Corporation (ADC)

Project Description:

- 8 km east of Maan City; one of Jordan's major cities and transportation hubs in southern Jordan.
- The dry port project connects main cargo distribution facilities in Jordan through a railway network to ensure swift and efficient movement of containers traffic to and from Aqaba
- It will also serve the industrial park in Maan governorate
- It will connect several national and international roads among Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Iraq
- The dry port will comprise yards, administration buildings, and services

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type

- PPP

Investment Size / Target Return:

- \$ 100 Million

Project: New Aqaba Dry Dock

Project Location: Aqaba City

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter:

- Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority (ASEZA)
- Aqaba Development Corporation (ADC)

Project Description:

- A new dry dock for the maintenance and repair of ships, boats, and other water crafts. Presently, there are no dry docks in Jordan, hence a lack of "shipping facilities"
- The project targets ships that have their final destination at Jordanian ports, and those sailing through Jordanian territories.
- The project aims to serve large commercial shipping, passenger vessels, tug and barge, marine construction or mega Yachts
- The project aims to attract FDI, and create 200 to 300 jobs.

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type

- PPP/BOT

Investment Size / Target Return:

- \$ 35 Million
- ROI 16.3%

Sector: Infrastructure

Project: Aqaba Railway

Project Location: Aqaba City

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter:

- Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority (ASEZA)
- Aqaba Development Corporation (ADC)

Project Description:

- Part of the Jordan National Railway, this 28km project is considered an alignment running along Aqaba's back road
- The project starts from Wadi Elyoutom and is parallel to the coastal road passing by the Aqaba Container Terminal (ACT) towards the phosphate storage area, the Southern Industrial Zone (SIZ), and ending up at the new Southern Port
- The project will have two freight routes:
 - Amman to Maan to Aqaba, which provides freight services for Phosphate, Potash fertilizers, and containers. The annual capacity is 12 million tons.
 - Route 2: Aqaba to Maan to Amman, which provides freight services for loaded containers, general cargo, livestock, liquid bulk, grain, and others.
 - The annual capacity is 8 million tons

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type:

- PPP (2018-2021)

Investment Size / Target Return:

- \$ 280 million
- IRR 17%

Sector: Infrastructure

Project: King Hussein International Airport (KHIA) - Aqaba

Project Location: Aqaba City

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter:

- The Ministry of Transport
- Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority (ASEZA)
- Aqaba Development Corporation (ADC)

Project Description:

- KHIA is a 24-hour, all-weather airport with 3000 meter long and 45 meter wide runways
- Total airport land area is 24 thousand dunums with a quarter of the area reserved for further development
- KHIA has been declared an “Open Skies” facility with landing rights that are not restricted by conventional bilateral agreements
- There is growing interest in using the airport for regional freight delivery and distribution services, including sea-air movements
- Investment options can be divided into:
 - Logistics park that will comprise freight forwarders’ offices; centralized stocking of products; international warehousing and distribution of high value components and sensitive products such as fruits and flowers; and final product assembly
 - Airport Business Park that will comprise travel agents offices; car rental offices; airport supplies offices; insurance offices; other aviation-related businesses; and non-aviation businesses which are located near the airport
 - Aviation training and education establishments, including training for pilots, airport engineers and technical personnel; among others
 - Hotels and recreational zone comprising hotels and entertainment facilities
 - Real estate development zone comprising residential housing ; service apartments; and retail and catering businesses ; and a shopping plaza.
 - Airport functional areas, including aircraft maneuvering area; terminal area airside; terminal area landside; cargo areas; general aviation and military aviation area; royal pavilion area; support facility areas; aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) areas; free trade zone; and commercial areas

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type

- PPP/ BOT, facility management, commercialization and operation lease.
- ASEZA, ADC and Aqaba Airports Company, Royal Jordanian and Ayla are interested to partner up to 50% in the project
- 2017-2022

Investment Size / Target Return:

- \$ (70-280) Million based on investment option(s)
- IRR 18- 21%

Sector: Infrastructure

Project: Municipal Solid Waste to Energy Facility

Project Location: Amman City

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter: Greater Municipality of Amman (GAM)

Project Description:

- The Project is expected to recover materials as recyclables and compost, and energy from non-recycled waste as fuel known as refuse derived fuel “RDF”, liquid fuels, electricity and/or steam

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type

- BOT through a long-term agreement (service contract)
- GAM to invite interested and qualified companies to submit proposals for a BOT contract

Investment Size / Target Return:

- \$ 120-300 Million depending on the energy options

Project: Amman Metro

Project Location: Amman City

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter: Greater Municipality of Amman (GAM)

Project Description:

- Amman metro underground system to connect the north and south of Amman, 12 km from the customs circle to the sports city
- proposed management system for cost recovery

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type

- PPP/BOT

Investment Size / Target Return:

- \$ 2.8 Billion
- ROI 16.3%

Sector: Tourism

Project: Aqaba High Lake Resort

Project Location: Aqaba City

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter:

- Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority (ASEZA)
- Aqaba Development Corporation (ADC)

Project Description:

- Establishment of a mega resort on 650 thousand meters sq. of land north of Aqaba's coast, near Marsa Zayed project
- The main attraction is the lake on top of the mountain spanning 100 thousand squared meters and 4 meters deep
- The project is proposed to also include hotels, coffee shops, restaurants, commercial & recreational facilities, a beach club, lagoons, water sports and fishing facilities, residential villas and apartments, in addition to utilities to serve the project's main functions

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type:

- Full ownership, PPP, or development and sale
- ASEZA/ through ADC is willing to partner with investors; ADC to provide infrastructure such as roads, turbines, pumps, and the lake

Investment Size / Target Return:

- \$ 1 Billion

Project: Sports City

Project Location: Aqaba City

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter:

- Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority (ASEZA)
- Aqaba Development Corporation (ADC)

Project Description:

- A multi-venue sports complex that will serve the local community and host international teams
- The Sport city can provide a mix of activities for up to 3000 users
- Facilities include sport venues, hotels, restaurants, cafés, a closed sport hall, parking, and green open spaces where people can train, exercise and entertain
- Proposed for the Northern region of Aqaba and will be on a plot of land with an area of 85 thousand meters squared

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type:

- PPP/BOT
- ASEZA through ADC can partner with investors

Investment Size / Target Return:

- \$ 2.8 Billion
- ROI 9.5%

Sector: Tourism

Project: Resort and Recreation District

Project Location: Dead Sea

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter:

- Jordan Free and Development Zones Group

Project Description:

- This District is aspired to include large scale resort and recreational projects in addition to high-end 5/6 star hotels.
- Recreational facilities are expected to include mega entertainment projects and entertainment parks.
- The golf course is envisaged to be a sustainable signature golf course marked uniquely by its location in the lowest point on earth.
- Total rooms are expected to be 4,080 and 3,248 residential units. total land is 7,000 Dunums

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type:

- Equity ownership, lease with option to buy; lease could be long term up to 90 years; revenue-sharing arrangements; BOT is also considered
- 3-5 years to execute each investment opportunity within the project

Investment Size / Target Return:

- \$ 3.5 Billion
- IRR 15%

Project: South Zara District

Project Location: Dead Sea

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter:

- Jordan Free and Development Zones Group

Project Description:

- Creating an international leisure and wellness hub at the heart of the Dead Sea – the largest natural spa in the world
- Providing an unparalleled hospitality opportunity enabled through innovative touristic solutions for all tourists segments.
- Land Area 246,987 meters squared

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type:

- Equity ownership lease with option to buy; lease could be long term up to 90 years; revenue-sharing arrangements; BOT is also considered
- 5-7 years to execute each investment opportunity within the project

Investment Size / Target Return:

- \$ 198 Million
- IRR 15 -17%

Sector: Tourism

Project: The Corniche District

Project Location: Dead Sea

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter:

- Jordan Free and Development Zones Group

Project Description:

- Includes 3 and 4 stars hotels and apartments
- Located along the northern part of the Dead Sea over a 2.1 km strip
- Projected 3479 rooms and 1325 hotel apartments

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type:

- Equity ownership, lease with option to buy; lease could be long term up to 90 years; revenue-sharing arrangements; BOT is also considered
- 3-5 years to execute each investment opportunity within the project

Investment Size / Target Return:

- \$ 422 Million
- IRR 15%

Sector: Tourism

Project: Dead Sea Eastern District

Project Location: Dead Sea

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter:

- Jordan Free and Development Zones Group

Project Description:

- The Eastern District includes four areas:
 - **Hotels District**, which is in line with the Dead Sea Master Plan aspirations for the Hotel District to be dedicated for medium size hotel and mixed use projects on the eastern side of the Dead Sea High Way. Land area is 157 thousand meters sq.
 - **Convention Center District**, which is in line with the Dead Sea Master Plan aspirations for the Convention District to be supported by additional mixed use activities and hotel keys. Land area is 93 thousand meters sq.
 - **Amman Beach District**, which is in line with the Dead Sea Master Plan aspirations for the Amman Public Beach District to include additional hotel developments of medium size to serve local and international tourism. Land area is 78 thousand meters sq.
 - **Porto District**, which is in line with the Dead Sea Master Plan aspirations for the Amman Public Beach District to include additional hotel developments and mixed use activities of medium size to serve local and international tourism. Land area is 69 thousand meters sq.

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type:

- Equity ownership, lease with option to buy; lease could be long term up to 90 years; revenue-sharing arrangements; BOT is also considered
- 3-5 years to execute each investment opportunity within the project

Investment Size / Target Return:

- Total Cost \$ 457 Million includes:
 - Hotels District (\$ 157 million)
 - Convention Center District (\$ 141 million)
 - Amman Beach District (\$ 92)
 - Porto District (\$ 67 million)
- IRR 15%-17%

Sector: Industrial

Project: Ceramic Tiles

Project Location: Ma'an City

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter:

- Ma'an Development Company

Project Description:

- Produce wall and floor tiles for residential and commercial real estate units
- Estimated to occupy land area of 20,000 square meters and a built up area of 10,000 square meters

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type:

- Equity ownership

Investment Size / Target Return:

- \$ 64 Million
- Payback Period 9th Year
- IRR 21-23%

Project: Fertilizers Plan

Project Location: Ma'an City

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter:

- Ma'an Development Company

Project Description:

- Produce granular NPK and Powder NPK fertilizers products that are used by the agricultural industry
- Maximum Annual Capacity of 18,000 Tons of Powder NPK and 50,000 Tons of Granular NPK
- Estimated to occupy land area of 20,000 square meters and a built up area of 10,000 square meters

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type:

- Equity ownership

Investment Size / Target Return:

- \$ 37.6 Million
- Payback Period 7th year
- IRR 21-23%

Sector: Industrial

Project: Float Glass Factory

Project Location: Ma'an City

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter:

- Ma'an Development Company

Project Description:

- Produce High Quality Float
- Estimated to occupy total land area of around 103,000 square meters
- Built –up area is assumed to occupy around 50% of the land, at 51,000 Meter Square

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type:

- Equity ownership

Investment Size / Target Return:

- \$ 150 Million
- Payback Period 8th Year
- IRR 15-19%

Project: Silicon Wafer Photovoltaic

Project Location: Ma'an City

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter:

- Ma'an Development Company

Project Description:

- Produce PV Wafers from the Available Silica Sand with Low Impurities Found In MDA.
- The Proposed Plant Would Have An Initial Annual Capacity Of 35MW Of PV Modules For The First Two years, which will then Be Expanded To Reach 50MW In Year 5
- Estimated to occupy total land area of around 16,800 square meters

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type:

- Equity ownership

Investment Size / Target Return:

- \$ 11.5 Million
- Payback Period 8th year
- IRR 22-23%

Sector: Industrial

Project: Food Grade Phosphoric Acid

Project Location: Ma'an City

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter:

- Ma'an Development Company

Project Description:

- The Production of Pure, Food Grade Phosphoric Acid (61% P2O5) Using Fertilizer Grade Phosphoric Acid (54% P2O5) Supplied From Indo Jordan Chemicals Company (IJCC)
- The Products target export markets in India, China and Other Asian Countries
- Estimated to occupy land area of 50,000 square meters and a built up area of 25,000 square meters

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type:

- Equity ownership

Investment Size / Target Return:

- \$ 70 Million
- Payback Period 9th Year
- IRR 15-17%

Project: Glass Container Factory

Project Location: Ma'an City

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter:

- Ma'an Development Company

Project Description:

- Lack of available local and regional suppliers with the increasing demand for glass containers in recent years are motivating factors for this facility
- Estimated to occupy land area of 35,000 square meters and a built up area of 10,000 - 12,500 square meters

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type:

- Equity ownership

Investment Size / Target Return:

- \$ 21 Million
- Payback Period 7th year
- IRR 14-15%

Sector: Health

Project: Modern Aqaba Hospital

Project Location: Aqaba City

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter:

- Ministry of Health
- Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority (ASEZA)

Project Description:

- Establish state-of-the-art hospital in Aqaba accommodating 100 beds located 2KMs from Aqaba city center
- The approximate total built up area is 27,000 square meters

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type:

- Development and ownership transfer basis

Investment Size / Target Return:

- \$ 99 Million

Project: Catering, laundry and Cleaning Services

Project Location: All governorates

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter:

- Ministry of Health

Project Description:

- Provide hotel services such as the catering, laundry and cleaning to all MOH hospitals, specialized centers and nursing colleges and institutes.

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type:

- TBD

Investment Size / Target Return:

- \$ 50 Million

Project: Hospital in the Western Region of Amman

Project Location: Amman City

Lead Agency/ Project Promoter:

- Ministry of Health

Project Description:

- Establish state-of-the-art hospital accommodating 250 beds in Amman with a total built up area of 43,000 square meters

Actions Required/ Implementation Arrangements/ Contract Type:

- TBD

Investment Size / Target Return:

- \$ 73 Million without the cost of the land



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Investment Law No. 30 for the Year 2014

Article (1) This Law shall be called as the “Investment Law of 2014” and shall be in effect as of being published in the Official Gazette.

Article (2) The following words and expressions, wherever mentioned in this Law, shall have the meanings hereunder assigned to them, unless the context otherwise indicates:

Council : the Investment Council

Commission : the Investment Commission

Chairman : the Chairman of the Commission

Technical Committee : Technical Committee formed pursuant to the provisions of this Law

Investment Window: Investment Window established in the Commission pursuant to the provisions of this Law

Economic Activity : Any industrial, agricultural, touristic, media, vocational or service activity including Information Technology.

Investor : Natural or juridical person that practices an economic activity in the Kingdom pursuant to the provisions of this Law

License : Any authorization, consent, permit, approval, permission or license issued by the official body to any person allowing him/her to engage in a specific economic activity

Official entity: Competent authority for the issuance of the license

Authorized Representative : The officer duly delegated by the Official Body to work at the Investment Window.

Licensing Guide : The Guide prepared by the Commission pursuant to provisions of this Law which contains provisions, requirements, procedures and period for granting the License.

Development Zone : Any area falling within the customs territory of the Kingdom to be declared as a Development Zone pursuant to the provisions of this Law

Free Zone : Part of the Kingdom's territories which are defined and fenced by a separating barrier designated for practice economic and commercial activities including the storage of commodities and shall be considered to be outside the customs range and the commodities and economic activities

therein shall be treated for the purposes of implementation the provisions of this Law as outside the Kingdom.

Master Developer : The Body that manages and develops any development area or free zone under provisions of this Law.

Registered Enterprise:

The person who is registered with the Commission to exercise economic activity in the development zones or Free Zones pursuant to the provisions of this Law

Article (3)

The provisions of this Law shall not apply to Aqaba Special Economic Zone

Chapter One

Incentives and advantages Outside the Development Zones and Free Zones

Article (4)

a) The provisions of this article shall not apply to the registered enterprises in the development zones and free zones.

b) By virtue of provisions of this Law, the Cabinet shall issue a regulation that contains the following tables including their implementation and amendment conditions and the provisions related to the Technical Committee stated in Article (6) of this Law.

- 1. Table No. (1/A) relating to the production inputs necessary for practicing the economic, industrial or vocational activities which are exempted from customs duties, and are subject to the applicable general sales Tax Law in case they were imported or purchased locally, provided that the Income and Sales Tax Department shall refund this paid tax within thirty (30) days from the date of submission of a written refund request thereof. If the Income and Sales Tax Department fails refund such tax within this period, then it pay a (9%) interest on any annual basis .**
- 2. Table No. (1/B) relating to production inputs, and table-No. (1/C) relating to production requirements and fixed**

assets, and table No. (1/D) relating to dual use production requirements and fixed Assets necessary for practicing the industrial or vocational economic activities which are exempted from custom duties, and reduce the general percentage provided in the general sales tax to (zero percent) when imported or purchased locally, provided that the beneficiary party is registered with the Income and Sales Tax Department.

3. Table No. (2) relating to services which are subject to general sales tax in accordance with the provisions of the applicable General Sales Tax Law General Sales in case they were imported or purchased locally, provided that the Income and Sales Tax Department shall refund this paid tax within thirty (30) days from the date of submission of a written refund request thereof. If the Income and Sales Tax Department fails to refund such tax within the said period, then it shall pay a (9%) interest on an annual basis.
4. Table No. (3) in relating to the commodities necessary for the below mentioned economic activities which are exempted from custom duties and are subject to (zero percent) general sales tax when imported or purchased locally, namely:
 1. Agriculture and livestock
 2. Hospitals and specialized medical centers.
 3. Hotels and tourist facilities
 4. Entertainment and tourist recreation facilities.
 5. call centers.
 6. Scientific research centers and scientific laboratories.

7. Artistic and media production.
8. Conference and exhibition centers.
9. Transport and/or distribution and/or extraction of water, gas and oil derivatives by using pipelines.
10. Air transport, sea transport and railways.

Article (5)

Notwithstanding what is stated in the applicable income Tax Law the income tax payable in the less developed regions of the Kingdom on the industrial, economic and vocational activities as well as the economic activities mentioned in sub-article (4) of para (b) of Article (4) of this Law shall reduced not less than (30%) and provisions relating thereto shall be specified pursuant to a regulation issued for that purpose, specifying the following:

- a- The regions which enjoy income tax reduction and the category of each region in accordance with the level of economic development thereto.
- b- The economic activities that are excluded from benefiting from income tax reduction.
- c- The percentage of reduction enjoyed by the economic activity according to the region in which the activity is exercised.
- d- Basis, criteria and conditions of enjoyment of income tax reduction.
- e- Duration of enjoyment income tax reduction.
- f- Basis, criteria and proceedings of extending the duration of enjoyment of income tax reduction.

Article (6)

In addition to what is stated in the provisions of para (b) of Article (4), the regulation shall include the following:

a- Basis of formation of the Technical Committee and all matters related therewith as well as the standards to be observed.

b- Basis, by which the economic activities will benefit from the advantages and exemptions provided for under to Article (5), table (1/D) and table No. (3) set out in Article (4) of this Law, including the basis of enjoyment of exemptions once again in case of expanding, developing or modernization of the economic activity as well as the procedures to be followed by the Technical Committee with respect to the applications submitted by the economic activities.

Article (7)

Should it be discovered that any of the commodities or services listed within the tables referred to under paragraph (b) of Article (4) of this Law, have been disposed of or used or benefited from ,for a purpose other than the one for which it was exempted from the fees and taxes or subjected due thereto to the general sales tax at the rate of (zero percent), or the paid tax was refunded , then the penalties stated for in the applicable legislations shall be imposed upon the violating economic activity.

Article (8)

a- Upon recommendation of the Council, the Cabinet may, grant any additional advantages, exemptions or incentives to any economic activities, including small and medium enter-

prises, or any economic activities in a specific geographic area in the Kingdom, provided that the decision determine the conditions and procedures of their grant and to be published in the Official Gazette.

b- Upon recommendation of the Council, the Cabinet may, grant any advantages, exemptions or incentives for companies resulting from any merger within any economic activity provided that the decision should determine conditions and procedures of their grant and to be published in the official gazette.

Article (9)

a- Subject to the provisions of this Law, economic activities that enjoy advantages, customs or tax exemptions pursuant to any legislations preceding investment legislation and any decisions issued according thereto that are in effect prior to the entry into force of this Law shall remain benefiting from such exemptions and advantages until the end of the duration for which such exemption was granted according to that legislation under the conditions provided thereof.

The economic activities which have enjoyed incentives connected to the income tax pursuant to previous legislations shall not benefit from the incentives and advantages provided under Article (5) of this Law. For this purpose, the Commission shall exercise the duties of the competent bodies and committees pursuant to such legislation.

b- 1) If a project has obtained advantages and exemptions from income tax pursuant to previous legislations, and it has not yet commenced its actual work or actual production, then, as a

condition for applying the provision of para (a) of this Article, it shall commence actual work or production within two years from the date of entry into force of this Law under the penalty of losing the right in such advantages and incentives.

2) The investor may transfer the ownership of the project which is subject to the provision of para (a) hereof to any other investor. Therefore, before completion of the necessary procedures for this purpose should notify the Commission in advance thereof. In this case, the project shall continue to benefit from the granted exemptions and advantages granted thereto with respect to the income tax until the expiry of its period and under the specified conditions pursuant to the previous legislations provided the new investor shall substitute the previous investor in the rights and obligations under the provisions of this Law.

Article (10)

subject to the provisions of any other legislation:

a- Any Non-Jordanian person shall have the right to invest in the Kingdom through possession, partnership or sharing according to the basis and conditions set out pursuant to a regulation issued for this purpose provided that the economic activities and the percentage within which the non-Jordanian investor may participate or share.

b- subject to the provisions of para (a) hereof the non-Jordanian investor shall be treated as the Jordanian investor.

Chapter Two

Incentives and Advantages Within the Development and Free Zones

Article (11)

a- Notwithstanding the provisions of the Income Tax Law in force, the income tax shall be at the rate of (5%) of the income of the registered enterprise taxable income which is generated from its economic activity within the development zone.

b- Notwithstanding the provisions of the Income Tax Law in force, the income tax shall be at the rate of (5%) of the income of the Registered Enterprise's taxable income which is generated from its economic activity in the industrial sector.

c- Upon recommendation of the Council, the Cabinet, may exclude from the provisions of this article any of the development zones that has been originally an industrial city pursuant to the Jordan Industrial Estates Corporation Law No. (59) of 1985, and the Special Industrial Estates Establishment Regulation No. (117) of 2004.

d- The registered enterprise shall benefit from any applicable tax exemptions in the Kingdom relating to exports of commodities and services outside the Kingdom.

e- The provisions stated under paragraphs (a and b) hereof shall not apply to income generated from banks and telecommunication companies which hold individual licenses, as well as the financial brokerage companies and financial companies including companies carrying on money exchange, financing, financial leasing business, consultation, financial and tax audit companies, all forms of transport (such as marine transport,

railways, overland freight transport), insurance and reinsurance companies, basic mining and extraction industries, generation and distribution of electricity, transport and/or distribution and/or extraction of water, gas, and oil derivatives through the use of pipelines.

Article (12)

a- The general sales tax provided for under the General Sales Tax Law on commodities and services which the registered enterprise purchases or imports for the purposes of exercising its economic activity within the development areas shall be reduced to (zero) percent the registered enterprise shall not be obliged to submit any guarantee to the Income and Sales Tax Department in this regard.

b- The suppliers of goods registered in accordance with the General Sales Tax Law in the Kingdom shall have the right to ask for refunding the previously paid general sales tax on the commodities sold to the registered enterprises in the development zone.

c- The commodities and services originated in the development zone and sold to the rest of the Kingdom's areas shall be subject to the general sales tax.

d- A 7% sales tax shall be collected from value of sale of services to be determined in accordance with the regulation issued for this purpose when being sold for consumption within the development zone.

e- The sales of commodities are subject to the special tax including vehicles, tobacco and by-products thereof, alcohol beverages, liquor and beer when being sold for consumption in the development zone shall be subject to the sales tax and custom duties that are charged in the Kingdom.

f- The commodities consumed within the development or free zones shall be subject to the general sales tax unless being consumed for the purpose of the registered enterprises exercise of its economic activities.

g- Notwithstanding what is stated in para (e) hereof, the forklifts and vehicles prepared for transport of ten persons and more including the driver and sold to the registered enterprise for the purpose of transporting workers from and to the Enterprise's facilities in the development or free zones shall be exempted from sales tax, and the basis of such exemption and conditions shall be organized pursuant to the regulation issued for this purpose.

h- The provisions, proceedings, basis of control and method of collection of sales tax and refunding it in the development zones provided for in this article shall be determined pursuant to the regulation issued for this purpose.

i- If it is found that part or whole of the commodities or services mentioned in this article were sold, assigned or disposed contrary to the provisions of this article, or used in other than the economic activity or in purposes other than those for which the exemption was granted, then the registered enterprise has to pay the realized taxes and fees in accordance with the provisions of legislations in force in addition to the fines stated for in such legislations.

j- The services performed by registered enterprises in the free zones shall be subject to sales tax at the ratio of (zero percent) upon selling them for consumption in the free zone.

Article (13)

a- Subject to the provisions of Articles (11) and (12) of this Law, the registered enterprises which exercise economic activity in the development zone shall enjoy exemption of materials, equipment, machines, supplies, and building materials used in building, constructing, preparing and furnishing all types of projects established by the enterprises in the development zone, including spare parts required for continued maintenance thereof , and goods imported into the development zone for carrying on the economic activity or exported therefrom outside the Kingdom from customs duties excluding export fees , service fees and payable wages according to the legislations in force .

b- 1 – Subject to the provisions of paragraph (e) of Article (12) of this Law, the commodities produced or manufactured in the development zones which fulfill the Jordanian origin conditions shall not be subject to customs duties other fees and taxes when placed for consumption in the local market.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of clause (1) of this paragraph, the commodities produced or processed in the development zones which do not meet the Jordanian origin requirements, tobacco and its by-products, alcoholic beverages, liquors, beer and free zones products upon placing them for local consumption shall be subject to customs duties, fees and other taxes within the limits of the foreign costs and expenses in accordance with the provisions of the legislations in force.

c- The Cabinet shall issue a regulation comprising the conditions and proceedings for applying the provisions of this ar-

ticle, including the basis for calculating the foreign value and percentage of expenses and costs, method of calculating its fees and settlement thereof upon its clearance for the purpose of placing it for local consumption.

Article (14)

The registered enterprise which carry on economic activity in the free zone shall enjoy the following:

a- Exemption from income tax on profits generated from the following activities:

- 1- Exporting of goods or services outside the Kingdom.
- 2- Transit trade.
- 3- sale and assignment of commodities within the boundaries of the free zones.
- 4- Providing and supplying the services within the free zone.

b- exemption from income tax on salaries and allowances of non-Jordanian employees working in the projects established in the free zone .

c- exemption from custom duty and all taxes and fees on goods exported from the free zone for none domestic market and on the goods imported to it including the materials, equipment, machines, supplies, building materials used in the building, constructing, preparing and furnishing all types of projects established by such enterprise in the free zone including the spare parts required for its continued maintenance, all taxes and payable fees.

d- Exemption of buildings and constructions constructed in the free zone from licensing fees , building and land taxes as well

as paving , revenues, organization and improvement.

e- Permission to transfer the foreign currencies and generated profits from it the free zone in accordance with the provisions of legislations in force.

f- exporting machines, equipment, materials, commodities and supplies required to establish any project therein , operate or expand it as well as the profits generated from it outside the Kingdom in accordance with the provisions of legislations in force.

Chapter Three

Investment Window and Licensing

Article (15)

a- Notwithstanding the provisions of any other legislation, an Investment Window shall be established in the Commission, aiming at providing one stop service for licensing the economic activities in the Kingdom; review the licensing and simplifying the procedures provided that the Commission establishes a system which enables providing services and responding electronically to investor queries .

b- The Cabinet shall issue the necessary regulations and decisions for regulating the work of the Investment Window including identifying the economic sectors or activities covered by the services of this Window including the work of its staff.

Article (16)

a- The competent official bodies that are responsible for licensing the economic activities covered by the services of the Investment Window shall nominate its original and alternative representatives delegated to the Investment Window within fifteen days from the date of receiving a letter from the Commission in this regard.

b- Notwithstanding what is provided in any other legislation, the Authorized Representative shall have the power to issue the license in accordance with the legislations in force which is applied by the official authority he/she represents, for this purpose, he/she shall exercise the authorities of the competent

authority for the issuance of the license stated in such legislations as well as take the actions necessary in this regard.

c- Notwithstanding what is provided in any other legislation, the investor shall be granted through the Investment Window a three years profession license in accordance with the requirements stated in the legislations in force if he submits an application thereof provided that the established fees are collected .

Article (17)

a- The Commission shall, within six months of the effective date of this law , prepare a licensing guide comprising the conditions, proceedings, requirements and legal periods for the issuance of the license in accordance with the legislations in force which applied by the official authorities in accordance with the adopted form in the Commission for this purpose, and provided that the guide is published on the Commission's website. The official authorities shall provide the Commission with the required data that is necessary for the preparation of the license guide within fifteen working days from the date of its receipt of a request from the Commission thereof.

b- The Commission shall present a draft licensing guide to the official bodies for review and provide its comments. If no comments are provided within thirty (30) days of receipt of the above draft guide, this shall be deemed as approval of its contents. The guide shall be the basic reference for the conditions, procedures, requirements and periods for the issuance of licenses for economic activities and the official bodies and their authorized representatives shall adhere to what is provided therein.

c- The Commission shall review the licensing guide annually and whenever the need arises and update its particulars in light of the amendments to governing ,legislation, provided that any amendment or update which occur therein be done by following the same procedure stated in this article in order to adopt them.

Article (18)

a- The Authorized Representative undertakes to issue his decision regarding the license in accordance with the requirements, conditions, procedures, legal requirements and periods provided for in the Licensing Guide. In cases where no specific period is determined for issuance of a decision regarding the license in the Guide, then the period for the issue of same shall not exceed (30) working days from the date of completion of the legal requirements specified stated in the Licensing Guide.

b- In case where the issue of the license calls for referring the issue to any committee or party to undertake any inspection or any other action, and where the legislation in question does not determine the period of time for issuing its decision or recommendation, then such decision or recommendation must be issued during the period set out under para (a) .of this article.

c- If the authorized representative refuses to grant the license, then the refusal decision must be in writing and justified and he shall notify the license applicant of his decision within a period not exceeding three working days from the date of its issuance.

d- If the authorized representative refuses to grant the license, or in case the decision of the authorized representative is not issued within the time periods provided for under para (a) of

this article, the license applicant may submit an objection to the Chairman within 60 days. Should the efforts to settle the issue of objection fall within fifteen days, then the Chairman shall refer the objection to the government committee formed pursuant to para (f) of this article.

e- 1- The Governmental committee should issue its decision within (30) days from the date of referring the objection to it and its decision shall be appealable before the Supreme Court of Justice.

2- The Authorized Representative should adhere with the decision of the governmental committee and implement the purport thereof .

3- The objection submitted by the license applicant shall cease forcibility of the legal period due to abetment of his right to contest the decision of the authorized representative stated in the legislations in force from the date of submission of the objection and for a period of (30) days.

f- The Cabinet shall form a permanent governmental committee to review the objections on granting licenses in accordance with the provisions of this Law pursuant to a regulation issued for this purpose.

Chapter Four

The Council and the Commission

Article (19)

A. A Council called the (Investment Council) It shall be chaired by the Prime Minste and include the following members:

- 1. Minister of Industry, Trade and Supplies**
- 2. Minister of Finance**
- 3. Minister of Labor**
- 4. Minister of Planning and International Cooperation**
- 5. Chairman of the Investment Commission**
- 6. Central Bank Governor.**
- 7. Chairman of Jordan Chamber of Industry**
- 8. Chairman of Jordan Chamber of Commerce**
- 9. Four qualified and experienced representatives of the private sector to be appointed by a resolution of Cabinet upon recommendation of the Prime Minister for a two years term, renewable once and the membership of any one of them may be terminated by appointing a replacement for him for the remaining period of his membership in the same method.**

b- The Council shall assume the following functions and authorities:

- 1. Submit recommendations to the Cabinet as to legislation drafts national strategies and policies related to investment.**
- 2. Ratify the Commission's annual plans and make the necessary recommendations to it as well as appoint an audit**

and determine his fees.

3. Study the obstacles facing the economic activities, outline the remedial courses thereof and direct the Commission towards the appropriate mechanisms thereto.
4. Oversee and supervise the Commission's work and follow up the implementation of the relevant plans and programs related to investment.
5. Ratify the Commission's closing financial statements and present them to the Cabinet for ratification.

c- The Council shall convene at least once every three months, by an invitation from its Chairman or his Deputy in case of his absence. Its meeting shall be legal if attended by the majority of its members, provided that the Chairman or his Deputy is amongst them. The Council decisions shall be taken by majority of votes of its members and in the votes are equal, the side supported by the meeting Chairperson vote will prevail.

d- The Chairman of the Council shall appoint from the Council members, a deputy Chairman and the Secretary General of the Commission shall be the Secretary of the Council.

Article (20)

a- A commission called the (Investment Commission) shall be formed. This commission will have a juridical personality and it is financially and administratively independent, and may, in this capacity, acquire movable and immovable and may carry out all legal acts necessary to achieve its objectives including conclusion of contracts, acceptance of aids, grants and donations. The Commission shall have the right to litigate and

may be represented in legal proceedings by the Civil Attorney General or any Attorney-At-Law it appoints for this purpose

b- The headquarters of the Commission shall be in Amman, and it may establish branches within the Kingdom or outside.

c- Notwithstanding the provisions provided in any other legislation, the Commission shall report to the Prime Minister.

Article (21)

a- The Commission aims to attract, encourage, promote domestic and foreign investment as well as ensuring sustainable attractive investment climate, activate economic movements; enhance confidence, develop and organize the investment environment as well as increase exports.

b- To achieve its goals, the Commission assume the following duties and powers:

1. Regulate and develop special provisions governing the development and free zones in the Kingdom and place them in the service of the national economy as well as monitor their application thereof.
2. Formulate plans and programs to stimulate, promote and implement domestic and foreign investments .
3. Identify investment opportunities in the Kingdom, provide information and data to investors, issue and prepare guides and special studies pertaining thereto.
4. Establish trade centers, representation offices, hold exhibitions, open markets and organize trade missions for the object of promoting national products as well as marketing, development of national exports and promote investment.

5. Take the appropriate decisions with respect to the requests from private and public institutions be they local or foreign for holding commercial and industrial exhibitions in the Kingdom and supervising them, provided the Chairman determine -in accordance with instructions issued for this purpose -the special the conditions, controls, and provisions in this regard.

Article (22)

a- The Commission shall be managed and supervised by a chairman to be appointed by the Cabinet upon recommendation of the Prime Minister. for a four year term, renewable once, and the resolution of his appointment shall determine his rights and all of his privileges as well as the method of termination of his service provided that the appointment decision be girded by the Royal Decree.

b- A Secretary General of the Commission shall be appointed by a resolution of the Cabinet upon recommendation of the Chairman in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Service Bylaw.

c- The Chairman shall represent the Commission before third parties.

Article (23)

The Chairman shall take the following oath before the Prime Minister prior to assuming his duties:

«I swear by the Almighty God to be loyal to the King and Country; to respect the laws and regulations in force and perform the

functions and duties entrusted to me with honesty and loyalty».

Article (24)

a- The Chairman shall assume all the authorities vested in the Commission pursuant to the provisions of this Law, including the following:

- 1. Manage, follow up activities of the Commission and implement the decisions and recommendations of the Council.**
- 2. Prepare the Commission's draft annual budget to duly proceed in the proceedings of its approval.**
- 3. Prepare the draft legislations necessary for the Commission's work and present it to the Council.**
- 4. Prepare the annual report, on the commission's activities and closing financial statements for the year ended and submit it to the Council for its approval.**
- 5. Submit recommendation to the Cabinet for the expropriation of lands and property necessary for the Commission's activities in accordance with the provisions of the Expropriation Law.**
- 6. Conclude contracts, agreements and memorandums of understanding with third parties.**

b- The chairman may delegate any of his powers provided for in this law and the regulations and instructions issued pursuant thereto to the Commission's General Secretary and may also delegate any of such powers to any of the Commission's staff. The delegation must be in writing and specific.

Article (25)

a- The Chairman , Secretary General, Directors and their spouses as well as their first-degree relatives are prohibited from having commercial interest with the master developer or the registered enterprise operating within the development or free zones during the period of their work in the Commission and for a period of two years after the termination thereof. Also, they are prohibited from selling and buying lands within the development or free zones.

b- The Chairman , Secretary General and directors are required to submit a written declaration upon their appointment and prior to assuming their duties asserting the none existence of any benefit to them or any business activity of what has been mentioned under para (a) of this Article under the penalty of legal accountability and termination of service of any of them from the Commission.

Article (26)

a- The financial resources of the Commission consists of the following:

1. Annual amounts allocated to it in the general budget.
2. Fees, taxes, service charges, revenues and fines determined in accordance with the provisions of this Law and regulations issued pursuant thereto.
3. Aids, donations and grants received by it provided they are approved by the Cabinet if they are from a non-Jordanian source.
4. Any other revenues approved by the Cabinet.

b- The Commission shall have an independent budget and its activities shall be subject to the control of the Audit Bureau.

Article (27)

a- The funds and rights of the Commission shall be considered as a public funds and are collected in accordance with the state-owned-funds collection law. For this purpose, the Chairman shall exercise the powers of the Administrative Governor or the State- Owned Collection Committee provided for under that Law.

b- The Commission shall enjoy all the exemptions and facilities granted to Governmental Ministries and Departments.

Chapter Five
Regulatory Provisions for the Development Zones
and Free Zones

Article (28)

a- The Development Zone or Free Zone shall be established by a resolution of the Cabinet upon recommendation of the Council. The borders thereof shall be determined, adjusted or justifiably canceled in the same method subject to keeping up the acquired rights in case of constraint or revocation and these decisions shall be published in the Official Gazette and the criteria, conditions, and required proceedings shall be determined by a Regulation issued for this purpose.

b- free zone established in accordance with the provisions of para (a) hereof may be within the development zone.

c- Any existing industrial facility within the free zone may ap-

ply for excluding it from the provisions of legislations, applied within the free zone provided it is subject to the provisions of the legislations applied in the Kingdom.

Article (29)

a- Notwithstanding the provisions of any other legislation, any registered enterprise in the development zone and free zone may perform the economic activity for which it was licensed in accordance with the provisions of this Law and the regulations issued pursuant thereto, as well as the contract concluded with the main developer, excluding what has been prohibited or restricted in accordance with a regulation issued for this purpose.

b- The master developer - and the registered enterprise in the development zone and free zone shall enjoy all rights necessary for carrying on the economic activity, including:

1. Carry out all acts relating to the sale, purchase, lease, leasing out, managing and transfer of ownership of any land or facilities within the boundaries of the development zones and free zones in a manner complying with the provisions of this Law provided it does not contradict with the legislations regulating land ownership in the Kingdom.
2. All incentives and exemptions decided pursuant to the provisions of this Law and the regulations and instructions issued pursuant thereto, without the need to take any other action of any kind whatsoever so as to enjoy such facilities and exemptions.

3. **Conclude contracts with employees and workers in accordance with the provisions of this Law as well as the regulations and instructions issued pursuant thereto.**

Article (30)

a- The Import and Export Law in force shall be applied in the Development Zone; and for this purpose, the Chairman shall exercise the powers of the Minister provided for therein.

b- The license granted pursuant to the provisions of this Law and the regulations issued pursuant thereto for exercising the economic activity in the development zone or free zone shall be considered profession license.

c- Notwithstanding the provisions of this Law or in any other legislation, no restrictions on the percentage of the foreign capital shall be applied in the development zone or free zone.

Article (31)

a- The basis for granting residence to investors and members of their families and workers in the management of projects established therein shall be determined pursuant to a regulation issued for this purpose.

b- Special basis , conditions and procedures relating to work and workers shall apply in the development zone and free zone that are determined pursuant to the regulation referred to under para (a) of this article, provided that the regulation should consider the percentage of working Jordanians and development of governorates.

Article (32)

Upon establishment of the development zone or free zone according to the provisions of this Law, the lands owned by the public Treasury shall be transferred to the Commission.

Article (33)

A- The Commission may lease any lands registered in its name inside the Development Area or the Free Zone to the Main Developer of that area. However, the Commission may sell such lands to the Main Developer as per the development agreement approved by the Cabinet for the compensation determined by it.

b- 1- Subject to provisions of Para (A) of this Article under no circumstances, the lands allocated for the public interest may not be sold to the Main Developer, and it shall develop such lands as specified in the development agreement.

for public benefit to the master developer who shall develop it as specified in the development agreement

2- If the master developer fails to complete the development works in the development zone or the free zone, the Commission shall be entitled to ask the Main Developer to pay a fine of 5% of the market value of the lands that have not been developed for each year of delay according to timetable set out in the development agreement.

c- Subject to provisions of Para (A) of this Article the main developer may sell or lease the lands in the development zone or free Zone to the registered enterprise in that zone or to the official or public institution or parties that run public utilities or provide infrastructure services to the area provided that

such a sale be made with the approval of the Cabinet upon recommendation of the Commission in the lands which was previously owned by the Commission and transferred to the main developer provided that it does not contradict with the legislation governing land ownership in the Kingdom.

d- Notwithstanding what is provided in any other legislation, the period of lease in the development zones and free zones with respect to contracts concluded between the Commission and the master developer and between the master developer and the registered enterprise up to (30) calendar years renewable automatically for a similar period provided that the two parties may renew it up to an additional (30) years with the approval of the Cabinet.

e- Notwithstanding the provisions in any other legislation, the promise of sale contracts as to the lands all in the development zones shall be authenticated by the Land and Survey Department provided a charge of one per thousand of the value of such contracts be paid by the buyer.

Article (34)

a- The master developer undertakes to complete the necessary licensing procedures as a registered enterprise in accordance with the provisions of this Law subsequent to declaring the development zone or free zone where the master developer carries out of all works of such area as well as its management, financing and development including the establishment of the required facilities and services for this purpose, management, development and maintenance including the roads, electricity,

water, telecommunications and waste water.

b- Notwithstanding what is provided in any other legislation, the provisions and procedures for the commission's recovery of the public treasury's land whose ownership was transferred to the master developer as well as all other issues related to the master developer's recovery of lands whose ownership was transferred to the registered enterprise shall be regulated pursuant to a regulation issued for this purpose.

Article (35)

a- The development zones and free zones existed prior to the enforceability of the provisions of this law shall be considered development or free zones that are established by virtue of its provisions, provided that their conditions to be rectified according to provisions of this Law.

b- The development companies which have commenced their business prior to the enforceability of the provisions of this law in the development zones or free zones provided for under para (a) hereof into force shall be considered a master developer for the intents of this Law provided their situations be rectified according to the provisions thereof without prejudice to their acquired rights.

c- All parties which have commenced their business prior to the enforceability of the provisions of this law into force within the boundaries of the development zones or free zones provided for under para (a) of this Article shall be considered registered enterprises pursuant to the provisions of this Law provided that their situations are rectified according to the provisions thereof without prejudice to their acquired rights.

d- All existing and licensed buildings and facilities according to the provisions of the Jordanian Industrial Estates Corporation Law No. (59) for the year 1985 shall be exempted from building and land taxes, licensing fees, asphaltting, planning and improvement revenues.

Article (36)

Notwithstanding the provisions stated in any other legislation, the Commission shall exercise, within the boundaries of the development zone or the free zone, the following functions:

a- The Investment Council will exercise the authorities of the Higher Regulatory Council and form committees under the chairmanship of the Chairman of the Commission and the functions and authorities of the district and local committees.

b- The Commission shall exercise the authorities of the municipal council and other parties provided for in the legislations in force and the Chairman of the Commission shall also exercise the authorities of the head of municipal council.

c- preserve the environment, water resources, natural resources and biological diversity in line with the Environment Law, and the regulations and instructions issued pursuant thereto in coordination with the concerned parties.

d- Any other functions which the Cabinet deems to entrust thereto.

Article (37)

A- The Commission may, with the approval of Cabinet assign any of its authorities provided for in this Law and the regulations and instructions pursuant thereto and linked to the development zones or free zones to any official party or a government wholly owned company, to perform them pursuant to its special legislations, provided that such is made according to the arrangements and proceedings decided by the Commission.

B- The Chairman may, with the Councils approval, entrust any of the functions provided for under this Law and linked to the management of the private affairs in a specific development zone or free zone as well as developing and organizing it to the master developer for such zone.

Article (38)

The Commission shall assume all affairs and the powers related to the development zones and free zones including the following:

a- Register the person who wishes to exercise the economic activity in the development zone in accordance with the provisions of this Law.

b- Establish and register the person in the free zone to exercise the economic activity within the free zone or outside of Kingdom in accordance with the provisions of this Law and the regulation issued for this purpose.

c- Issue all types of licenses and certificates related to the exercise of economic activities in the development and free zone in accordance with the provisions of this Law and the regulations

and instructions issued pursuant thereto.

d- Collect fees, taxes, revenues and fines levied in accordance with the provisions of this Law and the regulations issued pursuant thereto, or pursuant to the legislations in force in the development zones or free zones and determine the services consideration and method of collection thereof excluding customs duties and income and sales taxes.

e- Expropriate the lands and real estates necessary for developing the development zones and free zones according to the provisions of the Expropriation Law.

Article (39)

a- For the purposes of implementing the provisions of this Law, the Chairman and the employee authorized in writing by the Commission according to the established authorities shall be considered a member of the judicial police. The authorized employee has the right to record any violation to the provisions of this Law and the regulations issued pursuant thereto and to inspect within the development zone or the free zone and may, for this purpose, enter into any place, examine the documents, review all documents, records and electronic data.

b- Any employee in the Commission holding the capacity of a judicial police shall observe the internal regulations of the registered enterprise and its measures of safety and protection from sensitive materials or dealings upon entering into the registered enterprises for the purpose of conducting investigations in any violations committed contrary to the provisions of this Law and the regulations and instructions issued pursuant to it.

Article (40)

a- The Commission has the right to sell, destroy confiscate, take ownership of the materials and goods that are abandoned or left unclaimed in the development zone or free zone provided that the basis, rules and procedures related thereto be set out pursuant to instructions issued by the Commission and published in the official gazette.

b- The Commission may assign the master developer to implement any of the provisions provided in para (a) of this article.

Chapter Six General Provisions

Article (41)

a- The definition of «Foreign Capital» shall mean , for the purposes of this Law, any cash or in-kind funds or rights with financial value invested by a non-Jordanian in the Kingdom including:

- 1. The amounts transferred by him into Jordan.**
- 2. The imported in-kind assets.**
- 3. The corporate rights owned or licensed for his use in his economic activity.**
- 4. The profits, revenues and reserves resulting from a foreign capital investment in his economic activity, and which are used to increase the capital, be invested in another economic activity, revenues of liquidation of his investment or sale of his economic activity interest, shares therein or disposal thereof.**
- 5. The share in his economic activity resulting from the capi-**

talization and exchange of debts due to the investor within the percentage specified in the regulations issued pursuant to the provisions of this law.

b- The non-Jordanian investor has the right to:

1. Take out all or part of the foreign capital in a convertible currency according to the legislations in force.
2. Transfer his generated revenues and profits of his investment to outside the Kingdom.
3. Liquidate his investment, sell his economic activity, his interest therein, his shares or dispose thereof provided he fulfills his obligations upon him to third parties or to the official authorities under the legislations in force.
4. Manage his economic activity in the manner he deems appropriate and by the persons he chooses and the concerned authorities should provide the necessary facilities for this purpose.

c- For the purposes of implementation the provisions of this Law, the non-Jordanian investor shall receive the same treatment of the Jordanian Investor.

d- The non-Jordanian workers in any economic activity may transfer their salaries and compensations outside the Kingdom according to the legislations in force.

Article (42)

No economic activity may be expropriated nor be subjected to any procedures that lead to this end unless the expropriation is made for the prerequisites of the public interest provided an equitable compensation is paid to the investor by a convertible currency without delay.

Article (43)

The investment disputes between the Governmental parties and the investor will be settled amicably within a maximum period of six months, otherwise the two parties to the dispute may resort to the Jordanian courts, settle disputes according to the Jordanian Arbitration Law or resort to alternative means for resolving disputes by mutual agreement of both parties.

Article (44)

The provisions of this law shall prevail. when its conflict with any provision in the legislations in force.

Article (45)

Without prejudice to any severer penalty provided for in any other legislation, whoever violates any of the provisions of this Law and the regulations issued pursuant thereto will be penalized by a minimum fine of (500) five hundred Dinars and not more than (10000) ten thousand Dinars, together with obligating the violator with compensation and removal of the damage arising from the violation. The Commission may remove the damages at the expense of the violator if he refrains from doing so.

Article (46)

The Cabinet shall issue the necessary regulations for the implementation of the provisions of this Law.

Article (47)

a- Subject to provisions of Para (h) of this Article the Invest-

ment Promotion Law No. 16 of 1995 and the regulations and instructions issued pursuant thereto shall be repealed, and for the purposes of this Law the term (Investment Promotion Law) where ever provided in any other legislation in force shall mean the (Investment Law).

b- Subject to provisions of Para (h) of this Article the Investment Law No. 68 of 2003 and the regulations and instructions issued pursuant thereto shall be repealed provided that the decisions issued pursuant thereto shall remain in effect until being canceled, amended or replaced.

c- The development zones and free zones Law No. 2 of 2008 shall be repealed provided that the regulations, instructions and decisions issued pursuant thereto shall remain in effect until being canceled, amended or replaced in accordance with provisions of this Law.

d- The provisional Investment Promotion Law No. 67 of 2003 shall be repealed.

e- The provisional Development of the Investment Environment and Economic Activities Law No. 71 of 2003 shall be repealed.

f- The texts of paragraphs,(e) and (f) and (g) of Article (5) of the Economic Projects Development Law No (33) of (2008) shall be repealed.

g- The text of item sub-clause (5) of para (b) of Article (4) and Article (5) of the Industry and Trade Law No. 18 of 1998 shall be repealed.

h- The provisions provided for in the Investment Promotion Law No. (16) of 1995, provisional Investment Law No. (68)

of 2003 and the regulations and instructions issued pursuant thereto which pertain to the sectors, incentives, exemptions and the provided for in these legislations, including the provisions relating to the Investment Incentives Committee remain in effect until the Cabinet issues the regulation referred to in para (b) of Article (4) of this Law and published in the official gazette, provided the period for the issuance of the regulation may not exceed six months of the effective date of this Law, for this purpose, the Chairman will chair the Investment Incentive Committee.

Article (48)

The Prime Minister and Ministers shall be responsible for the implementation of the provisions of this Law.