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Kuwait rolls out MNE top-up tax

In line with the New Kuwait 2035 vision to diversify the sources of income and achieve financial sustainability, the Ministry of Finance announced the issuance of Ministerial Resolution No. 55/2025 on the executive regulations of Decree-Law No. 157/2024 concerning the Multinational Entity Group (MNEs) Tax. This includes the implementation of a supplementary Domestic Minimum Top-up Tax (DMTT), in accordance with the requirements of the second pillar of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). The Ministry of Finance stated that the new regulations aim to clarify and interpret the law's provisions, define procedures and implementation mechanisms, enhance transparency, and provide stakeholders with a clear understanding, in line with international policies and standards in this field.

Major boost in power output as Kuwait revives energy projects

The Ministry of Electricity, Water and Renewable Energy is currently taking steps to produce around 8,350 megawatts through three major energy production projects by 2030. This is achieved by removing administrative and financial obstacles to the implementation of projects related to the production of traditional and renewable energy, which have been included in plans of the ministry for more than 10 years. However, bureaucracy and lack of budget have prevented the implementation of these projects in previous years. the ministry is currently issuing a tender to select a consultant for the supply, installation, operation and maintenance of the 3,600-megawatt combined cycle gas turbine unit at the Nuwaiseeb plant.

Kuwait extends bid deadlines for projects worth $1.57bn

State-owned upstream operator Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) has extended the bid deadlines for four strategic oil projects worth a total of $1.57bn. The first contract, estimated to be worth KD292m ($951m), is focused on developing a separation facility in the NK SA/BA Area, close to Gathering Centre 23 (GC-23) and GC-24. The scope of the contract also includes a new injection facility at GC-31 and effluent water injection networks in north Kuwait. The project's latest bid deadline has been set for 22 July. The second contract is to develop the planned Mutriba remote boosting facility in northwest Kuwait. It was originally tendered earlier this year with a

bid submission deadline of 29 June. The deadline has now been extended to 27 July 2025. The project has an estimated budget of about KD130m ($420m).

Kuwait Ministry of Electricity and Water requests more time for Subiya Power Plant tender

Kuwait's Central Agency for Public Tenders (CAPT) has announced the postponement of the bid opening for the project to supply, install, operate and maintain combined-cycle gas turbine units aimed at increasing electrical output by 900 megawatts at the Subiya Power and Water Distillation Plant (Phase IV). The bid opening has been rescheduled to July 22, 2025 at the request of the Ministry of Electricity, Water and Renewable Energy (MWRE), the main beneficiary of the project. The ministry formally requested the postponement, second such request, citing several reasons, mainly the need for bidding companies to obtain proposals from the primary manufacturers of gas turbines, steam turbines and steam boilers; in addition to the sheer scope and complexity of the project; hence, the need for more preparation time.

KOC eyes green economy with net-zero goal by 2050

Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) is conducting a comprehensive study on the green economy as part of its efforts to transition to clean energy and support the national goal of achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. The study focuses on three key areas: the production of green hydrogen using renewable energy, the expansion of carbon capture centers, and the underground storage of carbon dioxide. This is one of several practical measures that KOC is pursuing to align its operations with global sustainability targets.

Kuwait retains WCO audit seat until 2026

Kuwait's membership in the World Customs Organization (WCO) Audit Committee was voted on for an additional year, until July 2026. This came during Kuwait's participation, represented by Kuwait's General Administration of Customs, in the 145th/146th WCO Council meeting held in Brussels, Belgium, from 26-28 June 2025. The achievement came in recognition of Kuwait's efforts in digital transformation and enhancing transparency and customs governance.

AIIB membership opens new financing path for Kuwait

Kuwait has officially joined the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) as a full member, becoming the 111th country to join the China-founded multilateral lender. The announcement was made during the bank's 10th annual meeting, held in Beijing from 24-26 June 2025 where Kuwait was represented by the Director of Kuwait's

Department of International Economic Cooperation. The move is seen as a strategic milestone, aligning Kuwait's development financing agenda with one of the world's fastest-growing multilateral banks focused on sustainable infrastructure, energy, and digital connectivity. Kuwait's participation was formalized through Decree No 66 of 2025, ratified in early May 2025.

Cabinet approves civil aviation body rebrand

The Kuwaiti Cabinet approved a draft decree-law renaming Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) as "Public Authority for Civil Aviation". The move was decided during the Cabinet's customary weekly meeting, held at Bayan Palace. The Cabinet also approved a draft decree-law replacing Article (58 bis) of Law No. (31)/1970 amending some provisions of Penal Code No. (16)/1960, which stipulates that any civil servant who deliberately declines to implement a court ruling after 90 days of notification shall be punished with imprisonment for two years and a fine of KD 3,000-KD20,000 or by either.

Kuwait extends deadline for Jurassic oil project

State-owned upstream operator Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) has extended the bid deadline for its planned project to develop Jurassic Light Oil (JLO) export facilities and upgrade the existing export network. The main contract bid submission date for the project, which is understood to have a budget of KD175m ($569m), has been changed to 15 July 2025. The previous bid deadline was 24 June 2025. The project was originally tendered in November last year with a bid deadline of 1 December 2024. Other recent deadlines have included 27 May, 27 April and 6 April. In an announcement in April this year, the list of prequalified bidders was made up of 15 companies which also included Indian company Larsen & Toubro.

With Regards,

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