



19 December 2017

## NOTICE TO ALL TENANTS

### RE: UAE IMPLEMENTATION OF VALUE ADDED TAX ("VAT")

We are writing with respect to the implementation of VAT in the UAE effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 (the "**VAT Commencement Date**"), which will also be applicable in the Dubai International Financial Centre ("**DIFC**").

In accordance with UAE Federal Law 8 of 2017 on Value Added Tax (the "**VAT Law**") and Cabinet Decision No 52 of 2017 issued in respect of the VAT Law (the "**Regulations**") VAT will also be chargeable on rental payments made in respect of commercial leases in the DIFC, as well as on related utility charges, community fees and service charges.

Also, Article 70 of the Regulations contains transitional rules relating to VAT for contracts and/or services which span the VAT Commencement Date, pursuant to which a supplier may give notice to charge VAT where certain conditions are complied with.

Accordingly and to avoid any doubt about the ability of DIFC Investments ("**DIFCI**") to charge VAT (and without prejudice to its ability to charge VAT in accordance with the lease agreement concluded with you), we hereby give you notice pursuant to Article 70(7) of the Regulations and request your confirmation:

- (i) that you are registered for VAT at the VAT Commencement Date and, if so, to provide us with the details of your Tax Registration Number ("**TRN**") assigned to you by the Federal Tax Authority ("**FTA**"); and
- (ii) the extent to which you will be entitled to recover any VAT paid on any goods or services supplied to you by DIFCI.

**In order to provide the information requested above, you will need to log into the DIFC Client Portal to update your information on the portal.**

Accordingly, DIFCI will be issuing invoices for rental, DIFC community fees, any utility charges and service charges, whichever is applicable in your case, inclusive of VAT effective from the VAT Commencement Date onwards and all invoices issued thereafter will reflect the VAT so charged.

If you are indeed entitled to recover the VAT paid to DIFCI in the above regard, **you must officially submit the information requested above to DIFCI before 31 December 2017** in order to be provided with a full VAT invoice in January 2018.

Please also note for your records that DIFCI's Tax Identification Number ("**TIN**") assigned by the FTA is **1000276483000VG**. Given that the TIN has been assigned a temporary status by the FTA, we shall inform you as soon as is reasonably practicable if this number changes in the future.

Also note that in the event that the lease is terminated early for whatever reason DIFCI will be unable to reimburse any VAT paid by you in advance.

Should you have any queries or require further explanation please do not hesitate to contact us at [info@difc.ae](mailto:info@difc.ae).

Yours sincerely

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