

Notice on Countrywide Lockdown

In order to combat the possible outbreak of the coronavirus (“COVID-19”), the Government of Nepal (“GON”), on March 23, 2020, pursuant to the authority under the Infectious Disease Act 2020 (1963), issued an Order to enforce a week-long countrywide lockdown effective from March 24, 2020 till March 31, 2020. As per the Order, except for essential tasks such as purchase of medicines and foodstuffs, individuals are restrained from going out of their house. Similarly, except for emergency vehicles or vehicles holding a special permit, all vehicle movements and domestic commercial flights have been suspended. Further, the GON has directed all private sectors, except for those providing emergency supplies or services, to grant a leave to their employees.

Earlier through a Press Release dated March 22, 2020, the GON had notified that in view to control the COVID-19 outbreak, except for essential services, all other services provided by public and private organizations throughout the country shall remain suspended from March 22, 2020 till April 3, 2020. As a result of the Press Release, services provided by the agencies of the GON such as Company Registrar Office, Department of Industries (Intellectual Property Office) shall remain suspended until April 3, 2020. All the deadlines which fall within this period shall be extended until the services have resumed normal.

The Supreme Court of Nepal also, vide a Press Release dated March 20, 2020, notified that Court services, except for hearing on matter pertaining to individual liberty and other essential matters, shall remain suspended till April 3, 2020.

Amid the global impact caused by COVID-19, we are concerned for the health and well-being of our staff and their families, as well as our clients and their families.

As per the GON direction, we have implemented ‘work from home’ alternative for our lawyers and staffs. Our lawyers are fully equipped to work from home having remote access to our systems. Each lawyer and staff can be contacted at any time via email or mobile phones, teleconferencing and video-conferencing as usual.

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