



**REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

DECREE

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ON

SERVICE FEES FOR SERVICES TO STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS

Pursuant to Article 100 of the Constitution and point 2 of Article 16 of Law no. 55/2015, “On Strategic Investments in the Republic of Albania” on the proposal of the Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Trade and Entrepreneurship, the Council of Ministers,

DECIDED:

- 1.** The services in favor of strategic projects and investors shall be provided by the Albanian Investment Development Agency, which shall perform the role of “a single window” and shall be responsible for the delivery of one stop shop services for strategic projects against application of relevant fees.
- 2.** The fees that shall be applied for services to strategic investors and investments are the following:
 - a) Administrative service and cost fees;
 - b) Strategic investment procedure management fees.
- 3.** The administrative cost and service fee has been designed as a fee to cover the costs and services related to all the services the Agency shall provide from the moment when an application is submitted to the moment when a decision is made by the Strategic Investment Committee whether to grant the status of “Strategic investor/investment—assisted procedure” or “Strategic investment/investor—special procedure”.

These services shall include, but shall not be limited to:

- a) the information exchange;
- b) the postal communications;
- c) the copies of written and/or electronic acts the Agency receives or transmits to an investor and the Government bodies involved in strategic investment procedures.

- d) The review and verification of the documentation submitted by an interested investor;
- e) the preliminary assessment of an investor's profile, including an examination of its financial declarations, managerial structure, ownership, market position and previous experiences;
- f) the technical, financial and strategic assessment of a strategic investment project, its strategic potential, operational risk and project execution action plan;
- g) the assessment, evaluation, information coordination, land consolidation, and representation of an investor in its relations with Government authorities;
- h) the preliminary support for a potentially strategic project, including assistance provided to an investor in the collection of information of technical, legal and administrative nature required for the development, design and implementation of the investment;
- i) the services related to negotiating, concluding, and signing an agreement with an investor.

4. The administrative cost and service fee shall have a fixed cost of 70,000 ALL. The fee shall be paid by an interested entity when applying for the strategic investment actions and procedures with the Agency.

5. The strategic investment procedure management fee covers all the support services the Agency provides in the strategic investment procedures after the status of "Strategic investor/investment—assisted procedure" or "Strategic investment/investor—special procedure" has been granted.

These services shall cover but not be limited to:

- a) taking of preparatory actions, preparation of documents and administrative application under expedited procedure, including the necessary documents accompanying the application;
- b) priority handling of the documentation preparation, provision of opinions and follow-up of procedures;
- c) land consolidation actions, which aim at ensuring the planned readjustment and restructuring of plots of land and their ownership. Such actions may include any changes in the form, ownership, legal regime and utilization of land or their combination;
- d) the preparation and provision of support programmes;
- e) the actions in relation to the implementation of procedures for providing support with assistive infrastructure;
- f) the provision of access to state-owned immovable property for the purposes of developing and executing strategic investment projects.
- g) the sending of an investor's licence/permit/authorisation application file to the competent public bodies.
- h) the support actions related to expropriation of immovable property owned by private persons, to enable the development and execution of strategic investment projects;
- i) all the actions for preparing and submitting for approval to the Parliament of the relevant strategic investment contracts in compliance with the instances and procedures laid down in the legislation in force.

6. The strategic investment procedure management fee shall be a fixed fee of 15,000 ALL. The fee shall be paid by an interested entity within 15 days from the date of having received notification of approval of the status of “Strategic investor/investment—assisted procedure” or “Strategic investment/investor—special procedure”.
7. The fees laid down in this decree shall not include the other fees or expenses applicable under the legislation in force in relation to the granting of permits, licences or authorisations, the costs of which shall be covered by the investors and shall be paid together with the payment of services fees.
8. The fees specified in this decree shall not apply for services provided by the Agency in its preliminary support for a strategic project, in the cases when the proposer is a state body.
9. The revenues collected from the fees for services to strategic investors and projects shall be administered by the Agency and shall be part of its budget.
10. The Albanian Investment Development Fund shall be responsible for the implementation of this decree.

This decree shall become effective following its publication in the “Official Gazette”.

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