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### KASE launches KASE Private Market platform

Kazakhstan Stock Exchanges (hereinafter – KASE or Exchange) announces the launch of KASE Private Market platform since June 15, 2018.

The KASE Private Market platform is meant to provide small and medium-sized enterprises (hereinafter – SME) registered as limited liability partnerships (hereinafter – LLP) with an alternative funding source without getting status of a public company. The rules of the Platform establish the due requirements for disclosing information about LLP and the mechanism of settling deals with LLPs stakes, which provides investors with the convenient and safe instruments for direct investments.

The LLPs that meet the following main criteria will have access to the KASE Private Market:

- revenue from the sale of goods (works, services) for at least last two complete fiscal years;
- financial statements in accordance with international accounting standards;
- financial statements audited by one of the organizations acknowledged by the Exchange.

"The Floor will provide SMEs with the access to KASE and allow to raise funding via the exchange's infrastructure, which provides the appropriate transparency for potential investors", – said Kairat Turmagambetov the KASE Managing director for business development.

Entrepreneurs, stock market participants as well as private equity funds encouraged the initiative on creation of the special platform on KASE at the Round table "Development of the Private equity market" held on December 12, 2017.

Timur Beguliev Deputy Chairman of the Management Board of Kazyna Capital Management said that initiation of the Floor is an important event while absence of such an important component of the stock market prevented the development of the private equity in Kazakhstan. "This happens because private equity funds in Kazakhstan invest mainly in LLPs", – said Timur Beguliev.

KASE Private Market gives investors new opportunities in advanced projects by means of trading LLPs stakes and diversification of their investment portfolios. The new platform also gives private equity funds good change to attract private investors both during raising funds as well as at secession from the project.

Terms and procedures for admission of the new instruments – stakes of LLPs – to KASE Private Market, trading and settlements terms, the fees payable by the authorized participants as well as fees payment terms are regulated by the Exchange's internal documents:

- Rules of financial instruments admission to KASE Private Market platform;
- Regulations on trading and settlements on KASE Private Market platform;
- Price Policy Regulations on KASE Private Market platform.

The listed documents have been approved by the Board of directors of KASE in June 13, 2018 and set in effect since June 15, 2018.

### **For reference**

**Kazakhstan Stock Exchange (KASE)** is the leading stock exchange in the Central Asian region and the only exchange in Kazakhstan carrying out its activities in the financial market. It is a universal trading platform for repo market instruments, foreign currencies, government and corporate securities, bonds of international financial institutions as well as derivatives.

KASE is the member of the World Federation of Exchanges (WFE), the Federation of Euro-Asian Stock Exchanges (FEAS) and other international and local professional associations. In 2015, KASE joined the UN Sustainable Stock Exchanges initiative. KASE ranks second among the CIS exchanges on the volume of trading in securities, and it also ranks sixth on equity market capitalization among FEAS stock exchanges.

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