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KASE launches "Green office" project

Kazakhstan Stock Exchange JSC (KASE, Exchange) launched the Green Office program as part of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Policy adopted by the Exchange in 2020.

The Green Office, based on international principles of eco-standards for the offices of various organizations, demonstrates the Exchange's environmental responsibility and aims to reduce the negative impact of its activities on the environment through the rational use and saving of both natural and financial resources, creating comfortable and safe conditions for the work of employees, etc.

The Green Office program implies an integrated approach to managing an organization and includes a number of technical, motivational and educational activities based on the generally accepted principles of the three R:

- Reduction – reasonable consumption of energy (water, electricity, etc.);
- Refinement – reuse of office materials (paper, etc.);
- Replacement – environmentally responsible procurement and purchase of goods and services that minimize the impact on the environment, promoting alternative and/or efficient use of transport.

In order to implement the "Green Office" program, the Exchange plans to form a group of eco-activists from among the Exchange employees – KASE GREEN. The KASE GREEN group will contribute to the formation of an ecological culture among colleagues: introduce separate waste collection at the Exchange, apply the principles of economical consumption (reduce the use of resources), formulate proposals in the field of procurement, conduct internal information and training events.

The Exchange consistently promotes best international practice in sustainable development. In 2015, KASE joined the UN Sustainable Stock Exchanges Initiative and committed itself to develop a Methodology for reporting on environmental sustainability, social responsibility and corporate governance criteria, or in short – ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance).

In 2016, the Exchange introduced this methodology, which in 2018, together with the International Finance Corporation (IFC), was updated taking into account the specifics of various sectors of the economy, in particular, the oil and gas sector and the financial services sector.

In addition, in 2021, KASE developed and began to implement the ESG Promotion Action Plan, which is aimed at developing these criteria on the Exchange, as well as among issuers and investors. In this regard, KASE regularly, together with partners (Expert RA, PwC, Bloomberg), conducts training events (currently, online) for the business community on sustainable development, promoting ESG criteria and the principles of responsible investment.

For reference

Kazakhstan Stock Exchange (KASE) is a leading stock exchange in the Central Asian region. KASE occupies the second place among the CIS exchanges in terms of securities trading volume, and the sixth rank in terms of the equity market capitalization among the FEAS exchanges.

It is a universal trading platform for corporate and government securities, bonds of international financial institutions, foreign currencies, transactions of the money market – repo and swap, as well as derivatives. KASE is a member of the World Federation of Exchanges (WFE), the Federation of Euro-

Asian Stock Exchanges (FEAS) and other international and local professional associations, as well as a participant of the UN's "Sustainable Stock Exchanges" initiative.

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