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EXTENSION FOR FILING OF ANNUAL RETURNS DEADLINE

In the wake of the increasing number of Coronavirus Pandemic cases in the Country, the Registrar-General's Department (RGD), wishes to inform the Business Community and the General Public that it is **extending the deadline for the filing of Annual Returns for Companies Limited by Shares, Limited by Guarantee, External Companies and Renewal of Partnerships** from **April 30th, 2020 to June 30th, 2020** for all Companies whose Financial Year ended by 31st December, 2019.

All other Companies whose Financial Year ended any time before 30th June, 2019 are expected to file by 31st December 2020.

The extension has become necessary due to the current protocol of not to having more than 25 people at the Front Office and most currently, due to the lockdown declared by the President for the next two weeks.

Companies who do not take advantage of the extended period, however, would be made to pay an **increased flat penalty rate of GHS 450 for non-compliance effective Monday JULY 6, 2020.**

We wish to re-iterate that the filing of Annual Returns is mandatory as stated in Section 126 (1 & 2) of the Companies Act, 2019, (Act 992), **“that a Company shall at least once in every year deliver to the Registrar for registration an Annual Return including particulars of every member of the Company and every beneficial owner of that Company in the form and relating to matters prescribed in the Fifth Schedule.**

Under section 6(1) of the Incorporated Private Partnerships Act, 1962, **once every year the Partners shall deliver to the Registrar of Partnerships a statement in the prescribed Form renewing the Partnership”.**

Furthermore, per section 5A(2) of Act 151, Sole Proprietorships are required to renew their Business Names once in every year or shall be deemed to have lapsed whereupon the Registrar may take the Business Name off the Register. To be in good standing in our database and prevent being taken off the Register, Business Names would have to pay for the number of years they have not renewed up to date **BUT are not expected to pay any penalty.**

All Businesses who wish to be in good standing in our Register for Business purposes should make every effort to comply timeously with these directives.

All payments should be made at the Department’s on-site Bank, Fidelity Bank Limited and NOT to any individual or any Mobile Money Number

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