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REGIONAL ROUND-UP 2020: INDONESIA



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Introduction



Throughout the year, we have been keeping you up to date on noteworthy developments across the region with our Regional Round-up Publications. As we enter 2021, we are pleased to share with you our inaugural year-in-review edition of the Regional Round-up for our Regional Offices in the Rajah & Tann Asia network.

In each jurisdiction, we recount the milestones in the path that has been travelled in 2020, as well as consider the terrain of the road that lies ahead in 2021. In the "Looking Back: 2020" section, we take stock of the past year and highlight the key legal and regulatory developments affecting each jurisdiction in 2020. In the "Gazing Into: 2021" section, we look ahead to some key areas of development that you should take note of in the year to come, referencing the legal and business trends shaping up potential legislative and regulatory changes in each jurisdiction.

We hope that this year-in-review edition of the Regional Round-up provide some perspective and insight into the legal landscape of the jurisdictions across the region. As always, please feel free to contact our lawyers in our Regional Offices if you have any queries or for further discussions.

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Looking Back: 2020

The first half of 2020 saw unprecedented impact to countries around the world, including Indonesia, due to the **COVID-19 pandemic**. Various measures and relief were introduced not only to alleviate pressure, but also to ensure continuous operation. In the **capital markets sector**, the Financial Services Authority ("**OJK**") embraced technology by allowing electronic submission of reports and disclosure and the holding of a virtual general meeting of shareholders ("**virtual GMS**").



2020 also saw extraordinary growth to Indonesia's **e-commerce industry**. In late 2019, the Government started to regulate this industry by enacting the E-Commerce Regulation (Government Regulation No. 80 of 2019), and in 2020, the Government introduced more regulatory measures, including mandatory registration and licensing.

On the **natural resources** front, the Government amended Indonesia's Mining Law. The amendment touched on a host of key issues, including centralisation of authorities and conversion and transfer of mining licenses.

Finally, the second half of 2020 was a milestone in Indonesia's legal landscape as the Government enacted Law No. 11 of 2020 on Job Creation, commonly known as the **Omnibus Law**. The Omnibus Law affects 78 laws, covering various matters from employment, land, and ease of doing business, to name a few.

Summaries of the key developments relating to the above areas are provided below.

Electronic Submission and Virtual GMS

In light of the pandemic, OJK now allows electronic submission of certain reports, information, and documents. Click here for more information. OJK also introduced procedures to hold a virtual GMS, but companies should note that they are still required to hold a scaled-back physical GMS attended by representatives of the management and certain supporting professionals such as the company's auditor and the Securities Administration Bureau. Click here for more information.



E-Commerce

Local electronic system operators and e-commerce merchants and providers are now required to register themselves and obtain licenses, respectively. Electronic system operators must also obtain an IT security certificate. For merchants and providers, the type of license that must be obtained will depend on the service provided. Meanwhile, foreign operators, merchants, and providers may be required to register or obtain a license depending on their customer base, transaction volume, and marketing efforts in Indonesia. Click here and here and here for more information.

Amendment to the Mining Law

A key theme seen in Indonesia's Mining Law is the centralisation of authority, as mining licenses now can only be issued by the central government through the Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources. In addition, the amendment introduced several new licenses under the Mining Law regime and prohibited the encumbrance of mining licenses and mining commodities as securities for loan or financing. Click here for more information.

Omnibus Law

Affecting 78 laws and hundreds of regulations, the Omnibus Law seeks to improve Indonesia's investment ecosystem and create job opportunities. Some areas, like employment and land, were drastically amended, while others, like energy and mineral resources, remained largely untouched. The Omnibus Law requires the Government to enact implementing regulations by February 2021. Click here for a compilation of our latest updates on the Omnibus Law.



Gazing Into: 2021

Following the enactment of the **Omnibus Law**, Government currently is preparing implementing regulations in the form of regulations government presidential and regulations. As of November 2020, there are 44 drafts in circulation, consisting of 40 government regulations and four presidential regulations. These drafts are publicly available, and relevant stakeholders and the public are invited to give their input.

In addition, the Government will also be adjusting some existing regulations to ensure that they conform to the Omnibus Law.

On the **capital markets** front, certain major Indonesian unicorns have begun planning and gearing up for an IPO. Click here to read more.



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