



# VIETNAM INVESTMENT Updates on New Investment / Enterprise Law (July 2015) Easier Market Entry and Effective Company Management

# Hong Kong Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015

With the introduction of New Enterprise Law / New Investment Law taking effect from 1 July 2015, Vietnam continues swiftly along the road of economic liberalization. Many business sectors under Vietnam's WTO commitment also see local equity condition lifted at the end of 2014. And with AEC 2015 just around the corner and TPP not far in the horizon, we are witnessing the opening of a new floodgate of foreign investment into Vietnam!

The New Enterprise / Investment Law tackles significant inconsistencies and bottleneck existing in the old laws, and paved the way for a system of company administration and governance which is somewhat similar to that practiced in Singapore.

### Key Points - New Enterprise Law / New Investment Law

- Clear definition of "foreign-invested" enterprises
- Simplification of application process for Investment Registration Certificate (IRC)
- Requirement of Enterprise Registration Certificate (ERC) for all enterprises
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### **Business Implications**

- M&A / Joint venture of Vietnamese enterprises up to 51% (Vietnamese) – 49% (Foreign) greatly facilitated
- Simpler investment registration processes and clearer compliance procedures facilitates easier start-up and administration
- Enhanced governance and internal control with multiple seals and legal representatives.

The speaker shall compare and contrast the provisions of the new laws versus the old laws, and provide a Hong Kong comparison of similar issues relating to company secretarial and administrative procedures.

# Who Should Attend

- General Directors, CEOs and Directors of companies with Vietnamese operations
- CFO, Financial controllers and chief accountants
- Corporate affairs, legal and company secretarial officers

# **Speaker / Consultant**

# Lim Chor Ghee

General Director / CEO Tricor Vietnam Co., Ltd

Based in Vietnam since 2007, Chor Ghee has supported many foreign companies in entering Vietnam

through M&A and new investment licensing application, as well as providing taxation, financial management and business advisory support for multinational clients. He has successfully developed an advisory and accountancy practice that has since March 2014 been merged into Tricor Vietnam Co., Ltd. Tricor Global is a global provider of integrated Business, Corporate and Investor Services.

Prior to starting his business ventures in Vietnam, Chor Ghee worked in professional practice and commerce. He started his accounting and advisory career with Coopers & Lybrand / Price Waterhouse in Kuala Lumpur from 1993-1996. He then joined Star Cruises Limited (Hong Konglisted hospitality and leisure group) as an accountant and left as the Group's Vice President (Legal and Corporate Affairs) in 2002. During his tenure, he managed legal, taxation, and corporate affairs for the group's business operations that spanned more than 15 countries.

Professionally Chor Ghee is a member of the CPA Australia, Malaysian Institute of Accountants and Chartered Institute of Taxation. He holds several postgraduate academic qualifications from distinguished universities in Australia and UK.

# **Supporting Organizations**



Tricor Group ("Tricor"), a member of The Bank of East Asia Group, is a global provider of integrated Business, Corporate and Investor Services. As a business

enabler, Tricor provides outsourced expertise in corporate administration, compliance and business support functions that allows clients to concentrate on what they do best - Building Business.

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Tricor professionals are experts in market entry, compliance services and advisory functions. Our specialists in Vietnam provide a comprehensive range of services including:

- Vietnam Market Entry & Business Advisory
- Investment Certificate licensing and company formation, corporate secretarial and administrative services
- Representative Office / Project Office set up and compliance support
- Advisory on loan registration and profit repatriation

- Accounting and book-keeping (IFRS and VAS)
- Tax advisory and compliance services
- Mobility and expatriation services (work permit, residence visa and expatriate tax planning)
- Payroll outsourcing and Human Resources Consulting
- Treasury management
- Financial and tax due diligence

Tricor Vietnam and its strategic alliance partner maintain offices in Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi.

Tricor Group has built its reputation and professional expertise through the acquisition of certain practices from major international accounting and professional firms globally, as well as through organic growth and development.

Tricor Group's client portfolio includes substantial number of companies listed on the stock exchanges in Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia, including many Fortune 500 and other multinational companies operating across international markets.

# Event Organizer PELIGO Advanced Learning Academy

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# **≱indochinalink**

Your business and investment link to the Mekong region

Indochina Link derives it synergies from the alliance of regional business advisors, lawyers, accountants and entrepreneurs who are committed to intensifying business and investment link in the Indochina region.

Our alliance members are strong believers of further economic integration in the greater Mekong region. We see vast opportunities offered in this region of abundant natural resources and dynamic population that complements the economic and financial clout of vibrant East Asian economies.

The alliance was incepted in Vietnam in 2007. We have organized many Indochina investment and "doing business" conferences and workshops in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Ho Chi Minh City, Jakarta and Bangkok. Indochina Link has spearheaded many study tours and business exchanges, and has worked with trade promotion institutions and professional bodies for exchanges in the region.

We publish "doing business" information, and with the growing cross border investment and M&A activities in Indochina, we offer business intelligence, market feasibility studies and market research reports. Working closely with our alliance members in Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand and Laos, we also offer a full suite of professional services ranging from valuation, due diligence, structuring, tax planning and accounting.

# **Registration Details**

Early Birds! Pay By 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2015 HKD 2,300 per person (10% discount for groups of 3)

### **Normal Price**

HKD 2,800 per person (10% discount for groups of 3)

(Half Day Workshop - Morning coffee / refreshment provided)

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### Notes:

Confirmation of attendance is subject to receipt of full payment. No cancellation will be entertained after confirmation, but substitutes are allowed.

### **Our Track Record**

- Vietnam Investment Easier Market Entry and Effective Company Management with New Investment / Enterprise Law (w.e.f July 2015) Singapore – 31 August 2015 Kuala Lumpur – 31 July 2015 Bangkok – 5 June 2015
- VIETNAM Market Access, Investment Regulations and Tax Updates Singapore - Wed 15 April 2015
- VIETNAM Attractive Business Sectors (Updates), Market Analysis, Market Entry Strategies and Managing Regulatory / Business Issues Singapore - Thursday 30 October 2014

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- VIETNAM Doing Business and Tax Updates Bangkok 30 May 2014
- VIETNAM Acquiring Business and Investment Updates Shanghai – 14 April 2014
- VIETNAM Setting Up and Acquiring Businesses (with Tax Updates) Singapore 14 March 2014 Kuala Lumpur 28 March 2014
- VIETNAM Investment and Tax Updates Taipei ROC 30 October 2013
- VIETNAM Acquisition and Structuring of Businesses Kuala Lumpur 28 Aug 2013 Singapore 29 Aug 2013
- VIETNAM: Practical Strategies for Market Entry in Trading, Distribution and Retailing -Opportunities in Challenging Times Singapore 28 May 2013 Kuala Lumpur 20 May 2013
- VIETNAM M&A Acquiring Business: Due Diligence, Structuring and Valuation Singapore 22 Oct 2012 Kuala Lumpur 23 Oct 2012

- Vietnam Investment Updates Setting Up and Acquiring Business
   23<sup>rd</sup> August 2012, Singapore
   13<sup>th</sup> August 2012, Kuala Lumpur
- Trading and Distribution Business in Vietnam: Successful Strategies for Market Entry And Protecting Your Investment 16<sup>th</sup> July 2012, Ho Chi Minh City
- VIETNAM: Acquisition of Business-Legal, Tax and Practical Considerations 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012 Singapore 20<sup>th</sup> April 2012 Kuala Lumpur 13<sup>th</sup> March 2012 Ho Chi Minh City
- VIETNAM: Practical Strategies for Market Entry In Trading and Distribution 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2012 Bangkok 9<sup>th</sup> March 2012 Singapore
- VIETNAM: Acquisition of Business-Legal, Tax and Practical Considerations 21st November 2011 Singapore 23 November 2011 Kuala Lumpur
- Vietnam International Tax Planning Masterclass 12<sup>th</sup> October 2011 Jakarta

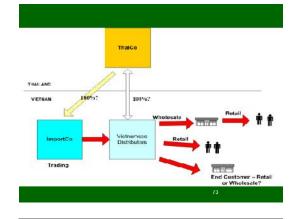
.....And many other workshops in the region on Vietnam investment since 2006.....

### Other activities:

- In-house "Working and Living in Vietnam" induction workshops targeted at senior managers and managers of major multinational corporations
- High level forum on investing and doing business in Vietnam (legal, government, business practices and working culture) for major multinational corporations during its off-site meetings for its board of directors and senior management members
- Vietnam Business Tour from Malaysia / Taiwan – guided business tour for professional networking, business matching, industry visits, information brokering and investment consultancy
- Lead organizer for Multimedia Development Corporation (MDeC) for "MSC Malaysia Go Vietnam" Program in 2010 – professional networking and business matching, facilitated business tour and investment consultancy
- M&A facilitation seminars for Multimedia Development Corporation (MDeC) for MSC

companies investing overseas through acquisition

### Featured case studies / slides in Vietnam workshops



### Capital Structure

- Under Investment Law, NO minimum capital requirement. Capital requirement is based on policy directions for investment sectors
- Investment capital = Charter Capital + Loan Capital

   Investment capital: The permitted size of the investment, capital and other funds (including lean) that the investor will use to carry out the project
  - Charter capital: "Paid Up" capital (committed capital)
    Loan capital = permitted but not committed
- Long term loan could not be incurred in excess of the
- stated loan capital (in the Investment Certificate)

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#### Investment Forms Available

- Representative Office
- Equity Joint Venture Company (Foreign % -Vietnamese %)
- 100% Foreign Owned Company (with trading
- scope)
- 100% Foreign Owned Company (with distribution
- Scope)
  Add trading scope to existing Investment Certificate
- Add distribution scope to existing Investment Certificate
- Acquisition of equity in a company with trading / distribution license

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0830 - 0900	Registration		
0900 – 1030	<ul> <li>Setting Up Investment / Business</li> <li>Clear definition of "foreign-invested" enterprises</li> <li>Simplification of application process for Investment Registration Certificate (IRC)</li> <li>Requirement of Enterprise Registration Certificate (ERC) for all enterprises</li> <li>Relaxation of including business lines / scope in the Enterprise Registration Certificate</li> <li>Case study and discussions</li> </ul>		
1030 - 1045	Coffee Break		
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Afternoon (230pm onwards)	Private Consultation Tricor Hong Kong office (Hopewell Centre) By prior appointment only		