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Act 25

The Stamp Duty (Amendment) Act

2020

THE STAMP DUTY (AMENDMENT) ACT

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An Act to amend the Stamp Duty Act, 2014, Act 13 of 2014 to provide for the payment of stamp duty on professional licences or certificates, to revise the rate of stamp duty on debentures, mortgages and loans; and to clarify the requirements for incentives on strategic investments projects.

DATE OF ASSENT: 7th June, 2020

Date of Commencement: 1st July, 2020

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament as follows—

1. Commencement

This Act shall be deemed to have come into force on 1st July, 2020.

2. Amendment of Stamp Duty Act, 2014

The Stamp Duty Act, 2014 is amended in the Schedule —

(a) by substituting for item 27 the following—

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27	DEBENTURE - whether a mortgage	NIL
	debenture or not, being of a marketable	
	security - of the total value.	

(b) by substituting for item 30 the following—

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20	EQUITABLE MORTGAGE - of the total	NHI
30	value	NIL

(c) by substituting for item 33 the following—

	FURTHER CHARGE - any instrument	
33	imposing a further charge on mortgaged	NIL
	property - of the total value	

(d) by substituting for item 37 the following—

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	37	INSTRUMENT- for any loan	NIL

- (e) by substituting for item 60A(b)(i) the following—
 - "(i) a minimum investment capital of ten million United States Dollars in the case of a foreigner or three hundred thousand United States Dollars in the case of a citizen; or one hundred fifty thousand United States Dollars, for a citizen whose investment is placed up country;";
- (f) in item 60A (b) (ii) by inserting immediately after the words "commercial farming" the words, "tyres, footwear, mattresses or toothpaste";
- (g) by substituting for item 60A (b) (iv) the following—
 - "(iv) employs at least seventy percent of its employees, being citizens earning an aggregate wage of at least seventy percent of the total wage bill"; and
- (h) by inserting immediately after item 63 the following—

"63A	Professional licence	100,000/="
	or certificate	