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NATIONAL PAYMENT SYSTEMS DIRECTIVES ON ELECTRONIC MONEY ISSUANCE GAZETTE NO. 958 OF 2023

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The digital financial space is an intricate web, riddled with ever-evolving complexities that can bewilder even the most experienced and sophisticated economies if appropriate measures are not put in place.

On 14 July 2023, the Bank of Zambia in exercise of its responsibility of regulating, overseeing and maintaining an efficient and safe payment system in Zambia issued the National Payments Systems Directive on Electronic Money Issuance, 2023 (the “**E-money Directives 2023**”) which repeals and replaces the National Payments Systems Directive on Electronic Money Issuance, 2018.

The E-money Directives 2023 seek to create an enabling regulatory environment that will promote convenient, efficient and safe digital payments. The E-money Directives 2023 prescribe the safeguards and control measures required to mitigate the risks associated with e-money business and consequently enhance consumer protection. They further outline the broad principles and minimum standards to be observed by E-money Institutions in relation to their operations as e-money issuers in order to promote safety and soundness as well as to enhance consumer confidence in the usage of E-money and digital financial services.

It is exciting to see the inclusion of guidelines that speak to cyber security and data protection mechanisms among other new provisions in the E-money Directives 2023. This is part of the safeguards designed to deal with the ever-growing complexities of digital financial services. It is therefore essential for all E-money Institutions to appraise themselves with

the compliance requirements under the E-money Directives 2023.

We hope you found this alert useful. Please contact our Banking and Finance Partner and Associate, Lupiya Simusokwe at LSimusokwe@corpus.co.zm and Sankanaji Mubanga-Chilufya at SMubanga@corpus.co.zm respectively, if you have any questions relating to the E-money Directives 2023.



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