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## The information on implemented tax strategy of Echo Investment S.A. in 2022

Echo Investment S.A. ("Echo") is one of the largest Polish developers with extensive experience in the three main sectors of the real estate market: residential, retail as well as offices. Starting from 1996 Echo is listed on the Warsaw Stock Exchange.

Echo is a joint-stock company and a corporate income tax payer with its registered office in the Republic of Poland. As for the year 2022, as a part of its core business, Echo carried out construction of residential projects (housing projects). On the other hand, subsidiaries of Echo belonging to the Echo Investment S.A. Capital Group ("Echo Group") carried out (i) office projects, (ii) service and retail projects as well as (iii) residential projects.

Echo conducts its activities in an ethical manner, which is reflected in Echo Investment's Code of Conduct implemented in late-2016, and in Echo Investment's Sustainable Growth Report prepared in 2022 (available on the website <u>www.echo.com.pl</u>). In 2022 Echo began works on Environmental Social Governance (ESG) for Echo-Archicom 2030, which was officially implemented in March 2023. In its activity Echo emphasizes corporate responsibility as well as considers responsible governance and tax compliance as its business duty.

Echo complies with all of the provisions of Polish law, including all tax regulations. Echo's tax strategy reflects this principle and can be summarized as follows:

- 1. Echo's tax strategy relies on:
  - a) fulfilling all legal requirements, tax filing and settlement of tax liabilities according to Polish legislation as well as in line with the best knowledge of responsible persons and with their due diligence;
  - b) aiming at the application of available reliefs and incentives in accordance with public policy objectives;
  - c) exercising due care in identifying tax implications of complex business decisions, e.g. acquisitions of other entities;
  - d) compliance with tax risks governance procedures as well as on ensuring Management Board's supervision in matters of such compliance.
- 2. As part of Echo's corporate structure, there is a Tax and Transfer Pricing Team, responsible for the substantive supervision of Echo Group's compliance with tax and transfer pricing regulations. Human Resources Department is responsible for tax, social contributions and other public duties settlements related to Echo's employees.
- 3. Echo's internal corporate structure is designed to ensure that:
  - a) The Management Board has the proper knowledge and understands the importance of ensuring the accuracy of the tax settlements and the means to achieve it.
  - b) There is an ongoing dialogue between the Management Board and those responsible for managing financial and tax issues at Echo in terms of managing the tax risk.
  - c) Echo's business activity positively reflects the importance accuracy of tax settlements and fulfilment of all tax obligations.
- 4. When engaging in commercial activities Echo takes into account among others Polish tax provisions with regard to sustainable creation of values for Echo's shareholders. Every reorganization must have

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commercial and economic substance as well as must fully consider an influence on Echo's reputation and core objectives.

- 5. Given the scale of Echo's business activity and the amount of its tax liabilities, occasionally there may arise some risks related to the interpretation of tax law as a result of its complex nature. Echo proactively identifies, assesses, monitors and manages these risks to ensure that compliance with tax obligations remains in line with company's main objectives. Echo's tax risk management processes are designed to fulfil all tax obligations under the tax law as defined in Article 3 point 2 of Polish Tax Ordinance (consolidated text Journal of Laws from 2022, item 2651 as amended). In case any tax risk is identified, Echo takes measures to mitigate this risk, which is ensured by application of Echo's tax risk management procedures. Where significant uncertainties or complex issues arise in relation to a particular tax risk, Echo obtains the services provided by professional Tax Advisors.
- 6. Echo's management processes reflect the fiscal procedures implemented at Echo, such as:
  - a) Tax Policy;
  - b) Split Payment Mechanism Procedure;
  - c) Transfer Pricing Policy;
  - d) Procedure of avoiding non-compliance in regards to reporting obligations arising from the Mandatory Disclosure Regime (MDR).
- 7. Tax settlements issues are managed with the execution of abovementioned procedures and policies as well as through communication with tax authorities. In light of the above, Echo has identified no further need to expand forms of voluntary cooperation with the Polish tax authorities (in principle through the execution of the so-called cooperation agreement).
- 8. In response to the Article 27c section 2 of the Polish Corporate Income Tax Act (consolidated text Journal of Laws from 2022, item 2587 as amended), Echo states as follows:
  - a) In 2022 Echo was engaged in related party transactions involving loan agreements, guarantees/sureties agreements the value of which exceeded 5% of total book value of assets as included in the latest approved financial statements of Echo.

The Company declares that this document provides information on transactions with related parties which: i) individual value exceeded 5% of total book value of assets as included in the latest approved financial statements of Echo, and ii) total value calculated for the transactions of the same type exceeded 5% of total book value of assets as included in the latest approved financial statements of Echo.

- b) In 2022 Echo carried out restructuring transactions that could affect the amount of its tax liabilities or the tax liabilities of related parties within the meaning of Article 11a Section 1 Point 4 of the Polish CIT Act, such as the acquisition of shares in a capital company, disposals of shares in capital companies, disposal of rights and obligations in partnerships, decrease in contributions in a partnership, increase in share capital in subsidiary capital companies, liquidation of subsidiary partnerships and companies.
- c) In 2022 Echo applied for an individual tax ruling confirming (i) the possibility of entering into books and deducting VAT from invoices stored only in electronic form (Echo obtained confirmation of its approach as correct); (ii) the right to recognize the cost of interest on the loan taken out by Echo to finance the development projects and fees related to the provision of debt financing (if any) as tax deductible costs directly related to income from the sale of units in this development project obtaining confirmation of the Company's position as correct.
- d) In 2022 Echo did not report any tax schemes to the Head of the National Tax Administration (KAS) under the *Mandatory Disclosure Rules* as pursuant to Article 31y item 1 of the Law on Special

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Arrangements for Preventing, Counteracting and Combating COVID-19, Other Infectious Diseases and Crisis Situations Caused by Them (Journal of Laws from 2023, item 1327, as amended) the reporting deadlines for tax schemes do not begin, and those that have begun are suspended during the period from March 31, 2020 to the 30th day following the date of cancellation of the epidemic and epidemic emergency declared in connection with COVID-19. In connection with the cancellation of the COVID-19 epidemic emergency on July 1, 2023, information on schemes for the pandemic period was reported in 2023 and will be subject to the 2023 Tax Strategy.

e) In 2022 Echo did not make any tax settlements in states and territories applying harmful tax competition as set forth in regulations issued on the basis of Article 11j section 2 of the Polish CIT Act, Article 23v section 2 Personal Income Tax Act (consolidated text Journal of Laws from 2022, item 2637 as amended) and in the announcement of the Minister of Finance from 14 October 2022 regarding the announcement of a list of states and territories indicated in the European Union's list of jurisdictions uncooperative in tax matters adopted by the European Union Council, which were not indicated in a list of states and territories applying harmful tax competition issued on the basis of Personal Income Tax Act provisions and Corporate Income Tax Act provisions, as well as the day of adoption of this list by the European Union Council (Official Gazette of the Republic of Poland "Monitor Polski" from 2022, item 992).

Echo reviews its tax strategy on an ongoing basis taking into account all legislative and regulatory amendments.

The Company declares that for the purpose of providing information on the implementation of the tax strategy, no confidential information that could involve commercial, industrial, professional or process secrecy was disclosed.