# WFC Single Disclosure Report 2019

# AGC answers

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# **General information**

1 G01Q001

Please indicate the full name of the responding institution:

PFMI: Annex A - CSD disclosure template [CSD name] AGC: 0a

Central Securites Depository AD Skopje

2 G01Q002 Registered address:

PFMI: n/a AGC: 0c

bul. Kuzman Josifovski Pitu 1 1000 Skopje

3 G01Q003 Country of registered address:

PFMI: n/a AGC: 0d

Republic of Macedonia

4 G01Q004 Official website of the respondent institution:

PFMI: Annex A - CSD disclosure template [website] AGC: n/a

www.cdhv.mk

5 G01Q005

The date of this disclosure is:

PFMI: Annex A - CSD disclosure template [date] AGC: n/a

31/10/2018

6 G01Q006

The WFC, the AGC, CPMI and IOSCO encourage respondents to make their disclosure reports publicly

available. Do you agree to make your response publicly available?

PFMI: n/a AGC: 99

Yes, my response will be public, but only for my answers to AGC questions. [A2]

| 7 G01Q007<br>How will you be making your answers publicly available? |  |
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| PFMI: n/a<br>AGC: 99a  |  |
| ✓ Website  |  |
| Upon request   |  |
| OTHER:   |  |
| AGC: 99a Vebsite Upon request  |  |

8 G01Q008 This disclosure can also be found at the following web address(es):

PFMI: Annex A - CSD disclosure template [website URL] AGC: 99b

www.cdhv.mk

9 G01Q009 First and Last Name of the contact person:

PFMI: Annex A - CSD disclosure template [contact details] AGC: 99c

Sofija Vidovic

10 G01Q009A Disclosure submission authorisation

I hereby certify that I am authorised to submit this disclosure report on behalf of my institution.

11 G01Q010 Email address of the contact person:

PFMI: Annex A - CSD disclosure template [contact details] AGC: 99h

vidoviks@cdhv.mk

12 G01Q011 Telephone number (please include the international country code):

PFMI: n/a AGC: 99e ++ 389 2 3299 814

13 G01Q012 How do you prefer to be contacted?

PFMI: n/a AGC: 99d

Fax

Telephone

mail/air courier

🗸 e-mail

14 G01Q013 Fax number

PFMI: n/a AGC: 99f

++ 389 2 3227 781

## 15 G01Q014

What is the preferred street address for mailing requests?

PFMI: n/a AGC: 99g

bul .Kuzman Josifovski Pitu 1 1000 Skopje, Macedonia

16 G01Q015 Please list the jurisdiction(s) in which the CSD operates:

PFMI: Annex A - CSD disclosure template [list jurisdictions] AGC: n/a

Republic of North Macedonia

#### 17 G01Q016

Please list the authority(ies) regulating, supervising or overseeing the CSD:

PFMI: Annex A - CSD disclosure template [list authorities] AGC: n/a

Securities Exchange Commission of the Republic of Macedonia

#### 18 G01Q017

Executive summary (This section should summarise the key points from the disclosure framework. including a brief overview of the CSD, its participants, its legal and regulatory framework, its primary risks, and its key risk management and other relevant practices.)

#### PFMI: I. AGC: n/a

Central Security Depository is a company that has been one of the institutional pillars of the capital market in the Republic of Macedonia for more than a decade, and it provides ongoing contribution to the capital market stability and development CSD is a joint stock company, 100% privately owned, established as a company for maintaining a register of securities and holders of securities, settlement of trade transactions and execution of non-trade transfers of securities. Data on shareholder capital and ownership structure can be seen in the following link. http://cdhv.mk/lssuer\_table.aspx? LEID=05554705&Ing=2 Presently, CSD is the only depository institution for securities operating in the Republic of Macedonia, on the basis of a license issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission of the Republic of Macedonia. CSD has a sophisticated software that supports the performance of its functions as specified in the law. This software is owned by the Depository, and its maintenance and upgrades are regularly carried out by a team of dedicated professionals employed by CSD. Under the Law on Securities, only banks, brokerage houses, insurance companies or investment funds can be Depository shareholders. CSD acts as a self-regulating organization in accordance with the law and adopts rules that are mandatory for its members. Members of the CSD can be brokerage houses, banks or subsidiaries of a foreign brokerage house, with permission to work given by SEC. Depository adopts Rules of Conduct and Discipline, which closely regulate the implementation of the Depository acts by its members. The Rules of Conduct and Discipline set grounds for the authorities of the Depository to take measures and/or temporarily or permanently suspend the right of Depository's members to take part in the work if the member fails to comply with the regulations or fails to meet the obligations arising from the securities transactions.

## 19 G01Q018

Summary of major changes since the last update of the disclosure (This section should summarise the major changes to the CSD's organisation, services, design, rules, markets served and regulatory environment since its last disclosure. The CSD should note the sections in its disclosure where such changes are reflected.)

PFMI: II. AGC: n/a

#### 20 G01Q019

General description of the CSD and the markets it serves (This section should provide basic, concise descriptions of the services offered and functions performed by the CSD? It should also provide an overview of the markets the CSD serves and the role it fulfils within those markets. Further, the section should include basic data and performance statistics on its services and operations. A CSD should provide, for example, basic volume and value statistics by product type, average aggregate intraday exposures of the CSD to its participants, and statistics on the CSD's operational reliability.)

PFMI: III.1. AGC: n/a

#### 21 G01Q020

General organisation of the CSD (This section should provide an overview of the organisational and governance structure of the CSD? including a description of the CSD's governance policies, governance structure and management structure.)

PFMI: III.2 AGC: n/a

## 22 G01Q021

Legal and regulatory framework (This section should provide an overview of the CSD's legal and regulatory framework, including the legal and ownership structure of the CSD, the legal basis for each material aspect of the CSD's activities, and the regulatory, supervisory and oversight framework for the

CSD.)

PFMI: III.3 AGC: n/a

Private Company

# 23 G01Q022

System design and operations (This section should explain the CSD's design and operations. It should include a clear description of the typical lifecycle of the transaction process. The information should highlight how the CSD processes a transaction, including the timeline of events, the validation and checks to which a transaction is subjected, and the responsibilities of the parties involved.)

PFMI: III.4 AGC: n/a

24 G01Q023 filecount - Add relevant appendices for this group.

PFMI: n/a AGC: n/a

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25 G01Q024 I am submitting up-to-date information in response to:

The AGC questions and a report with only AGC answers will be generated

The PFMI questions and a report with only PFMI answers will be generated

Both the AGC and PFMI questions and a report with answers to both questionnaires will be generated

# Legal Basis (PFMI Principle 1)

27 G02Q002 Under what regulation or statute is the CSD established and governed?

PFMI: n/a AGC: 7

Law on Securities of the Republic of Macedonia, decision 07-3961/1 from October 26,2005 National Gazzete 95/2005 Statute of CSD, 10 October 2001

28 G02Q003 Is the regulation or statute electronically available?

PFMI: n/a AGC: 7a Yes [Y]

29 G02Q004 If regulation or statute is electronically available, please supply web address(es) here or upload document(s).

PFMI: n/a AGC: 7b

Link to website: www.cdhv.mk (Statute), www.sec.gov.mk (Securities Law)

30 G02Q005 filecount - Please supply document(s) here: *PFMI: n/a AGC: 7c* 

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## Governance and ownership (PFMI Principle 2)

45 G03Q002 What type of legal entity is the institution?

PFMI: n/a AGC: 3

Public Company

Private Company

Central Bank (or part thereof)

Stock Exchange (or part thereof)

OTHER:

46 G03Q003 Is the institution operated as a "for profit" or a "not for profit" organization?" *PFMI: n/a* 

AGC: 4

For profit [A01]

# 47 G03Q004

Please provide the names of the owners and their ownership interest percentages.

PFMI: n/a AGC: 5

SPARKASE BANKA MAKEDONIJA 19,98% KOMERCIJALNA BANKA 15% EUROSTANDARD BANKA 14,83% TTK BANKA 9,98% NLB BANKA 9,033% STOPANSKA BANKA SKOPJE 7,03% HALK BANKA

5,03% OTHER SHAREHOLDERS 19,1%

48 G03Q005 What is the date of establishment of the CSD?

PFMI: n/a AGC: 6a

10/10/2001

49 G03Q006 What is the date that the CSD's operations began?

PFMI: n/a AGC: 6b

26/11/2001

50 G03Q007

Are participants required to contribute capital to the CSD that would result in ownership of the CSD?

PFMI: n/a AGC: 18

No [A02]

## 51 G03Q008

If yes, what fixed amount is required or what formula is used to determine the appropriate contribution level?

PFMI: n/a AGC: 18a.

# 59 G03Q016

What are the roles and responsibilities of the CSD's board of directors (or equivalent), and are they clearly specified? Please provide details of the structure and composition of your Board together with their industry experience and responsibilities in governing the CSD. What are the qualifications to become a board member?

PFMI: Q.2.3.1 AGC: 7d

The Board of Directors is comprised of 8 members. The members are representatives of the Depository's shareholders (Banks, Brokerage Companies) and part of the members are independent. They have equal responsibilities regarding the functioning of the company. According to the Law on Securities, at least one third of the members of the Managing Board are individuals that are not employees of the Depository, or in connection with some of the shareholders, members of the Depository or other le gal entities that are participants of the Macedonian Securities Market (independent members of the Board). The members of the Board are elected by the shareholders. The independent members should be known experts in the area of economics, financial or business law. The list of Board Members including their industry experience is available on the following link: http://www.cdhv. mk/board\_of\_directors.aspx

61 G03Q018 What are the election procedures?

PFMI: Q.2.3.2 AGC: 7e

The Board members are elected by the shareholders of the company (a minimum of 51% votes of the represented shares at the general meeting are participating in the election of the Board members. A minimum of 51% of the total number of issued shares must be represented at the shareholders meeting). The President of the Board of Directors and the executive member are elected by it's members

62 G03Q019

What is the maximum length of time a board member can serve?

PFMI: Q.2.3.2 AGC: 7f

According to the Statute of the CSD, not more than 4 years, with a possibility to be re-elect

#### 63 G03Q020

How are the voting powers distributed amongst the board members (i.e. does each board member have one vote or do certain members have additional voting power)?

PFMI: Q.2.3.2 AGC: 7g

The Board of Directors decides with a majority of votes, regarding issues concerning the activities of the Depository. Each member has a right to one vote. The vote of the President of the Board will prevail in cases where the votes are equally divided. The Board has broad authorizations in the management of the Company, with exception of the authorizations that are given to the General Assembly by the Law on Trading Compani

#### 65 G03Q022

What are the procedures established to review the performance of the board as a whole and the performance of the individual board members? Who is responsible for regulating the board members?

PFMI: Q.2.3.4 AGC: 7h

The Securities and Exchange Commission of the Republic of Macedonia and the shareholders of the  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{CSD}}$ 

#### Comprehensive risk management (PFMI Principle 3)

88 G04Q003 Any direct damages or losses to participants caused by the CSD as a result of force majeure events, acts of God, or political events, etc.?

*PFMI:* Q.3.1.1 *AGC:* 66x.

No [A02]

#### 89 G04Q004

If yes, please check all of the following that apply:

*PFMI:* Q.3.1.1 *AGC:* 66*y*.

Financial limits are imposed on the amount of liability assumed by the CSD

The CSD assumes liability for direct losses

The CSD assumes liability for indirect or consequential losses

OTHER:

90 G04Q005 In all cases where the CSD assumes responsibility for direct or indirect or consequential losses, is the CSD's liability limited by a standard of care determination?

*PFMI:* Q.3.1.1 *AGC:* 66+

Yes [A01]

91 G04Q006 Please define the standard of care applied:

*PFMI:* Q.3.1.1 *AGC:* 66\*

Depository shall be liable for compensation of damages, including lost income, occurring due to inaccuracy or loss of data related to Securities, improper execution of a Trade Transaction or Non-Trade Transfer and/or by violation of its rules, if the conduct arises from negligent activity by the depository's employees, head persons or directors.

# Credit risk (PFMI Principle 4)

121 G05Q011 Does the CSD have a guaranty fund independent of stock exchange or other market guarantees?

PFMI: Q.4.3.1 AGC: 78

Yes [A01]

122 G05Q012 If yes, please respond to the following questions: What is the size of the fund?

PFMI: Q.4.3.1 AGC: 78a.

45.837,70 Euro

123 G05Q013 How is the size of the fund determined? PFMI: Q.4.3.1 AGC: 78b.

A fixed amount [A03]

124 G05Q014 How is the fund financed?

PFMI: Q.4.3.1 AGC: 78d.

Contributions from participants [A02]

125 G05Q015 If so, what is the amount or percentage per owner?

PFMI: Q.4.3.1 AGC: 78e.

126 G05Q016 If so, what is the amount or percentage per participant?

PFMI: Q.4.3.1 AGC: 78f.

3.500,00 Euro

127 G05Q017 Who is covered by the fund?

PFMI: Q.4.3.1 AGC: 78h.

Direct CSD participants only

The beneficial owner also

✓ OTHER: In case of default, CSD transfers funds from guaranty fund to the default participant's account in Central Bank. It is obligation of participant to further transfer funds to the beneficial owner(s).

128 G05Q018
When is the guaranty fund used? *PFMI: Q.4.3.1 AGC: 78j.*✓ When a broker defaults
✓ When a direct participant defaults

OTHER: In performing its Clearing functions t he CSD system identifies and calculates the value

each market participant's Largest Buy Transaction. Under CSD rule s for each trading session on the MSE each participant having a Largest Buy Transaction, as valuated by the CSD, is required to have the cash value of this transa ction on his/her Settlement Account the National Bank. Th is procedure is a variation of the Lamfalussy Rule recommended by the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) and significantly reduces the possibility of a Buy-Side Cash Fail. Additionally, CSD Rules require each market participant to reserve shares prior to entering a Sell Order for those shares on the MSE. In this manner all Sell Orders executed on the MSE have the shares involved reserved at the CSD pending settlement. Implementation of the Share Reservation Rule has dramatically reduced the possibility of Sell-Side Security Fails. The combination of the Lamfalussy Rule variant and the Share Reservation Rule has resulted in the CSD having only one failed Settlement in over 8 years. Due to the significant level of protection provided by these two mechanisms the CSD does not require a traditional Settlement Guarantee Fund. Implementation of the Lamfalussy Rule variant in effect provides the same protection as a traditional Settlement Guarantee Fund In the CSDs Fund each participant 's  $\tilde{i}_{\lambda}$ // contribution  $\tilde{i}_{\lambda}$  // is calculated on a daily basis. This system has proved to be a practical economic benefit to market intermediaries in Macedonia who, under the system, contribute to the Guarantee of Settle ment on a daily, ï¿1/2pay-as- you-goï¿1/2 basis.

131 G05Q021 Does the CSD have insurance to cover losses in the event of Default on settlement commitments by the CSD or a participant?

*PFMI:* Q.4.3.3 *AGC:* 91

No [A02]

132 G05Q022 What is the amount of the coverage?

*PFMI:* Q.4.3.3 *AGC:* 91a

133 G05Q023 What is the amount of the deductible?

PFMI: Q.4.3.3 AGC: 91b

134 G05Q024 Please explain other loss or default protections:

*PFMI:* Q.4.3.3 *AGC:* 79a

Settlement of transactions executed on the Exchange shall be made in the Depository on a gross basis, or for all participants in the transaction in securities transfer of securities is made on the basis of each individual transaction executed on a given trading date, and the transfer of money shall be made on a net basis by calculating the obligations of the participants in the settlement from all sale and buy transactions at a level of participant (B1S model II). All participants in the settlement who have executed transactions in securities on a given trading day must provide on the settlement date the required quantity of securities (if they acted as sellers) and the required amount of funds(if they acted as buyers) for each individual transaction. A member which is the buyer of securities in a given transaction must secure the required amount of funds on its settlement date. When executing a transaction in securities in which the same member of the Depository acts as both the buyer and the seller, that member shall by not later than the settlement date deposit the required amount of funds for settlement of the transaction on a separate account on the Depository held with the National Bank of the Republic of Macedonia. Amounts previously deposited shall be deposited back on the account of the member by the Depository after the closure

of the cycle of settlement on that day. If the required monetary amount is not deposited on a separate account of the Depository, the settlement procedure provided in the Rules and the method of use of the Guarantee fund will be applied.

135 G05Q025 Does the CSD accept liability (independent of any insurance coverage) for the following: Any direct damages or losses to participants caused by the CSD in its capacity as a central counterparty?

PFMI: Q.4.3.3 AGC: 66q.

Not applicable [A03]

136 G05Q026 If yes, please check all of the following that apply:

PFMI: Q.4.3.3 AGC: 66r.

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The CSD assumes liability for indirect or consequential losses

OTHER:

# Collateral (PFMI Principle 5)

#### 141 G06Q001

Summary narrative for PFMI Principle 5. Please provide a summary narrative disclosure with sufficient detail and context, as well as any other appropriate supplementary information, to enable readers to understand the CSD's approach to or method for observing the principle. Please use the following questions as guidance for the points of focus and level of detail it is expected to convey in the disclosure. Cross references to publicly available documents should be included, where relevant, to supplement the discussion.)

PFMI: Annex A - CSD disclosure template - IV.P5 AGC: 35c

#### Liquidity risk (PFMI Principle 7)

Settlement finality (PFMI Principle 8)

#### Money settlements (PFMI Principle 9)

217 G09Q003 Who accepts cash deposits (or makes payment credit accommodations) for CSD transactions? *PFMI*: Q.9.1.1 *AGC*: 31

| • | Central Bank |  |
|---|--------------|--|
|   |              |  |

- Neither or others (e.g. credit lines used)
- Not applicable
- OTHER:

218 G09Q004 Please indicate the name of the banks appointed by the CSD

PFMI: Q.9.1.1 AGC: 31a

| 219 G09Q005<br>Who processes cash clearing (or draws on credit lines, if applicable) for CSD transactions? |  |
|--|--|
| PFMI: Q.9.1.1<br>AGC: 32   |  |
| CSD  |  |
| Central Bank   |  |
| Banks appointed by the CSD   |  |
| Neither or others (e.g. credit lines used)   |  |

| Not applicable | е |
|----------------|---|
|----------------|---|

| 220   | G09Q006       |           |        |     |
|-------|---------------|-----------|--------|-----|
| Pleas | se name banks | appointed | by the | CSD |

PFMI: Q.9.1.1 AGC: 32a

| 221 G09Q007<br>Who controls the movement of cash for cash deposits (or draws on credit lines, if applicable)? |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| PFMI: Q.9.1.1<br>AGC: 33, 33b   |  |  |
|   |  |  |
| ✓ CSD   |  |  |
| Central Bank  |  |  |
| Banks appointed by CSD  |  |  |
| Neither or others (e.g. credit lines used)  |  |  |
| Not applicable  |  |  |

OTHER:

222 G09Q008 Please name banks appointed by the CSD

PFMI: Q.9.1.1 AGC: 33a

| 223 G09Q009<br>Who controls the movement of cash for cash clearing (or for draws on credit lines, if applicable)? |
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| PFMI: Q.9.1.1<br>AGC: 34  |
|   |
| CSD   |
| Central Bank  |
| Banks appointed by CSD  |
| Neither or others (e.g. credit lines used)  |
| Not applicable  |
| OTHER:  |
|   |

224 G09Q010 Please name banks appointed by CSD

PFMI: Q.9.1.1 AGC: 34a

# Physical deliveries (PFMI Principle 10)

| 239 G10Q005<br>How are eligible securities lodged in the CSD system?   |
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| PFMI: Q.10.1.3<br>AGC: 57, 57a   |
| A registered certificate in the name of the CSD is delivered to the CSD.   |
| A participant delivers the security with a valid transfer deed or stock power or other transfer document to the CSD which then effects registration.   |
| A registrar re-registers the security in the name of the CSD.  |
| Not applicable   |
| OTHER: The data is transferred by the issuer to the depository once the security becomes depository eligible. According to the Securities Law the issuer is liable for the correctness of the submitted data until the moment of entry in the depository system. |

240 G10Q006 When are securities lodged into the CSD reflected in a participant's CSD account?

PFMI: Q.10.1.3 AGC: 58, 58a

Securities are reflected in the participant's CSD account immediately upon delivery to the CSD.

Securities are re-registered prior to being reflected in the participant CSD account.

Not applicable

OTHER:

241 G10Q007 How long does it usually take to lodge securities with the CSD?

PFMI: Q.10.1.3 AGC: 59, 59b

1 to 2 days [A01]

242 G10Q008 Please specify

*PFMI:* Q.10.1.3 *AGC:* 59a

243 G10Q009 During the process of lodging securities into the CSD, can the securities be traded?

PFMI: Q.10.1.3 AGC: 60

No [A02]

244 G10Q010 During the process of lodging securities into the CSD, can the securities be settled?

*PFMI:* Q.10.1.3 AGC: 60a

No [A02]

245 G10Q011 During the process of lodging securities into the CSD, can the securities have ownership transferred?

PFMI: Q.10.1.3 AGC: 60b

No [A02]

246 G10Q012

If they cannot be traded, or if you answered other, please explain

PFMI: Q.10.1.3 AGC: 60c

247 G10Q013 If they cannot be settled, or if you answered other, please explain

PFMI: Q.10.1.3 AGC: 60d

Securities are registered on accounts held with the Depository. For the purposes of registration of securities the Depository shall open accounts to the issuers and holders of securities.

In any new securities issue the issuer submits to the Depository an approval by the Securities and exchange Commission. If the issue amount is lower than EUR 25 000, the issuer submits to the Depository only a decision by the competent body of the issuer on securities issue.

Once the issue is registered with the Central Registry, the issuer shall submit to the Depository an extract from the registration of the issue in the Trade registry.

The Depository, after it has received the documentation, shall assign to the issuer an ISIN number for that issue. If the issuer does not hold a securities account, the Depository shall open a new securities account to him. If those are securities of the second or subsequent series conferring the same rights as the security already issued by the same issuer, the Depository shall not assign a new ISIN number by it shall attach the newly issued number of securities to the existing ISIN number.

After it has been established that the order is duly and fully filled in, entry is made in the Depository on the basis of the data stated in the order. Entries of orders in the Depository are made by an account operator. Entries of data on the accounts in the Depository are made in accordance with these Rules, instructions and other acts issued by the Depository.

248 G10Q014 If ownership cannot be transferred, or if you answered other, please explain

*PFMI:* Q.10.1.3 *AGC:* 60e

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249 G10Q015

Are securities immediately available for delivery upon transfer to the CSD?

PFMI: Q.10.1.3 AGC: 61, 61d

Yes [A01]

250 G10Q016 If no: Securities are unavailable for

*PFMI:* Q.10.1.3 *AGC:* 61a

251 G10Q017 If more than 4 weeks, please specify

*PFMI:* Q.10.1.3 *AGC:* 61b

252 G10Q018 If not applicable, please explain

*PFMI:* Q.10.1.3 *AGC:* 61c

253 G10Q019 What transfer process steps are involved when eligible securities are withdrawn from the CSD for safekeeping?

*PFMI:* Q.10.1.3 *AGC:* 63, 63a

Not applicable [A05]

254 G10Q020 How long does it usually take to remove securities from the CSD?

PFMI: Q.10.1.3 AGC: 64, 64b

Other: All securities issued in Republic of Macedonia have to be registered at CSD.

255 G10Q021 If more than 4 weeks, please specify

*PFMI:* Q.10.1.3 AGC: 64a

256 G10Q022

While the securities are being removed from the CSD, can they be traded? (Choose one)

PFMI: Q.10.1.3 AGC: 65a

Not applicable [A02]

257 G10Q023 If they cannot be traded please explain

PFMI: Q.10.1.3 AGC: 65b

258 G10Q024 While the securities are being removed from the CSD, can they be settled? (Choose one)

*PFMI:* Q.10.1.3 *AGC:* 65c

Not applicable [A02]

259 G10Q025 If they cannot be settled, please explain

PFMI: Q.10.1.3 AGC: 65d

260 G10Q026 While the securities are being removed from the CSD, can they have ownership transferred? (Choose one)

PFMI: Q.10.1.3 AGC: 65e

Not applicable [A02]

261 G10Q027 If ownership cannot be transferred, please explain

PFMI: Q.10.1.3 AGC: 65f

263 G10Q029 What are the vault security procedures for the safekeeping of physical paper?

PFMI: Q.10.2.1 AGC: 75

Not applicable, no vault is maintained

Electronic keys or combinations

Dual access control
Visitor logs
Vault counts
Intrusion alarms
Fire alarms
Guards

OTHER:

264 G10Q030 Please indicate frequency of vault counts:

PFMI: Q.10.2.1 AGC: 75a.

265 G10Q031 Please explain:

PFMI: Q.10.2.1 AGC: 75b

All securities issued in Republic of Macedonia have to be registered at CSD in dematerialized form.

# Central Securities Depositories (PFMI Principle 11)

| 271 G11Q002<br>CSD FUNCT IONALITY AND SERVICES, USE OF AGENTS. Certain functionalities and services reduce<br>risk to an investor if provided in an efficient manner. The purpose of this section is to identify those<br>functionalities that may potentially be offered by depositories and clearing systems around the world,<br>and ascertain whether they are offered by your institution. For which of the following security types do<br>you serve as a CSD or clearing system?<br><i>PFMI: n/a</i><br><i>AGC: 26</i> |
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|  |
| Government securities  |
| Equities   |
| Corporate bonds  |
| Corporate money market   |
| Not applicable   |
| OTHER:   |
|  |
| 272 G11Q003<br>Please name the other security types:   |

PFMI: n/a AGC: 26a.

#### 273 G11Q004

Is the use of the CSD in your market compulsory by law or compulsory by market practice for the settlement or safekeeping of all instrument types in your market (e.g. equities, government securities, corporate bonds, money market instruments, warrants, derivatives etc).

PFMI: n/a AGC: 27, 27c

|          | Yes by law for settlement of all instrument types                        |
|----------|--|
|          | Yes by law for safekeeping of all instrument types                       |
|          | Yes by market practice for settlement of all instrument types            |
|          | Yes by market practice for safekeeping of all instrument types           |
| ✓        | Yes by law for settlement, but not for all instrument types              |
| <b>√</b> | Yes by law for safekeeping, but not for all instrument type              |
|          | Yes by market practice for settlement, but not for all instrument types  |
|          | Yes by market practice for safekeeping, but not for all instrument types |
|          | Neither  |
|          | OTHER:   |

274 G11Q005 Please list the instrument types for which it is not compulsory by law to: (i)settle in your CSD

PFMI: n/a AGC: 27a. (i)

Treasury Bills issued by National Bank of the Republic of Macedonia

275 G11Q006 (ii) safekeep in your CSD:

PFMI: n/a AGC: 27a. (ii)

Treasury Bills issued by National Bank of the Republic of Macedonia

276 G11Q007 Please list the instrument types for which it is not compulsory by market practice to: (i)settle in your CSD

PFMI: n/a AGC: 27b. (i) Treasury Bills issued by National Bank of the Republic of Macedonia

277 G11Q008 (ii) safekeep in your CSD:

PFMI: n/a AGC: 27b. (ii)

Treasury Bills issued by National Bank of the Republic of Macedonia

278 G11Q009

Settlement and Safekeeping Percentages 28a Please list by instrument type the percentage of the total market in your jurisdiction (either volume or value) settled within your institution, exclusive of your links with third parties.

*PFMI: n/a AGC: 28 28a* 

equities - 79,51 % government securities - 20,49 %

#### 279 G11Q010

Please list by instrument type the percentage of the total market in your jurisdiction (either volume or value) held in safekeeping within your institution.

PFMI: n/a AGC: 28b.

equities - 66,62 % government securities - 33,37 %

281 G11Q012

In the event a participant's single or main account is blocked for any reason (e.g., insolvency, penalties, violations, liens), would securities held in any account or accounts on behalf of the participant's clients be accessible: By the participant's clients?

*PFMI:* Q.11.1.1 *AGC:* 44a

Not applicable [A03]

282 G11Q013 If yes, please describe briefly how clients of participants would access their securities and whether there would be any delay in their ability to do so:

PFMI: Q.11.1.1 AGC: 44b

283 G11Q014 By the intervening authorities controlling insolvency or other proceedings? PFMI: Q.11.1.1 AGC: 44d.

Yes [A01]

284 G11Q015 If yes, please describe briefly under what conditions access would be granted to the intervening authorities:

PFMI: Q.11.1.1 AGC: 44e.

The intervening authority will be authorized to have insight in the assets of the participants and make decisions on the behalf of the participant in order to protect the assets and insure all stakeholders rights are protected.

285 G11Q016 By the participant's creditors?

PFMI: Q.11.1.1 AGC: 44g, 44i

No [A02]

286 G11Q017 If yes, please describe briefly under what conditions access would be granted to the participant's creditors:

PFMI: Q.11.1.1 AGC: 44h

287 G11Q018 By the CSD's creditors?

PFMI: Q.11.1.1 AGC: 44j.

No [A02]

288 G11Q019 If yes, please describe briefly under what conditions access would be granted to the CSD's creditors:

PFMI: Q.11.1.1 AGC: 44k.

289 G11Q020 What is your document and record retention policy for documents and records described above in this section?

*PFMI:* Q.11.1.1 *AGC:* 47, 47a Other: CSD shall preserve in a safe place in the original form the original documentation used for making entries in the data storage media for at least five (5) years. Data recorded on electronic media shall be permanently stored.

290 G11Q021 Does the law protect participant assets from claims and liabilities of the CSD?

PFMI: Q.11.1.1 AGC: 54

Yes [A01]

291 G11Q022 Can the CSD assess a lien on participant accounts? (A lien would entitle the CSD to take and hold or sell the securities of the participant in payment of a debt.)

PFMI: Q.11.1.1 AGC: 55

No [A02]

292 G11Q023 If yes, for what reasons are liens or similar claims imposed?

PFMI: Q.11.1.1 AGC: 55a

Fees and expenses

Collateralization of overdrafts

To secure payment for purchased securities

OTHER:

293 G11Q024 Please describe:

PFMI: Q.11.1.1 AGC: 55b

294 G11Q025 Please indicate the limits of this lien as indicated below:

PFMI: Q.11.1.1 AGC: 55c

The lien is limited to securities in the participant's proprietary account [A01]

295 G11Q026 Please explain:

PFMI: Q.11.1.1 AGC: 55d 296 G11Q027

If a lien is placed on a participant's account which has been designated for its clients, will the CSD select certain securities to be subject to the lien?

PFMI: Q.11.1.1 AGC: 55e

297 G11Q028 If yes, please indicate whether:

PFMI: Q.11.1.1 AGC: 55f

298 G11Q029 Please explain:

PFMI: Q.11.1.1 AGC: 55g

The only case when the Depository can place a lien according to The Rules for operation of the Guarantee Fund is when the participant/his client is short on cash to settle a transaction. If the transaction fails and is not settled in 30 days period, Participant will be permanently excluded from membership, and the Depository is entitled to sell the securities that were not settled in the failed transaction

299 G11Q030 If no, please indicate whether the entire account will be subject to the lien.

PFMI: Q.11.1.1 AGC: 55h

300 G11Q031 For accounts designated as client accounts, do procedures exist to restrict the placement of liens only to obligations arising from safe custody and administration of those accounts?

PFMI: Q.11.1.1 AGC: 55j

No [A02]

301 G11Q032 If yes, are the restrictions accomplished by:

PFMI: Q.11.1.1 AGC: 55k

302 G11Q033

Please explain:

PFMI: Q.11.1.1 AGC: 55I

303 G11Q034 Transfer of Legal Ownership. Does the CSD have legal authority to transfer title to securities?

PFMI: Q.11.1.1 AGC: 56, 56e

Yes [A01]

304 G11Q035 When does title or entitlement to CSD securities pass between participants?

PFMI: Q.11.1.1 AGC: 56a

When corresponding money or other consideration is transferred [A02]

305 G11Q036 Please describe:

PFMI: Q.11.1.1 AGC: 56b

306 G11Q037 Where does title or entitlement to CSD securities pass between participants?

PFMI: Q.11.1.1 AGC: 56c

On the registrars books [A02]

307 G11Q038 Please describe:

PFMI: Q.11.1.1 AGC: 56d

| 309 G11Q040<br>In what form does the CSD maintain records identifying the assets of each participant? |
|---|
| PFMI: Q.11.1.2<br>AGC: 45   |
| ✓ Computer file   |
|   |
| Microfiche  |
| Hard copy   |

Computer tape

OTHER:

310 G11Q041 In which format is the source data maintained?

PFMI: Q.11.1.2 AGC: 45b

Format of the source data is SQL Server Database . Data is stored in primar y and backup locations. Each location consists of the following databases: Main Database - Storage of current information about Securities; securities accounts, actors which are i ssuers, account holders, account operators, brokers and transactions. History Database - Storage of completed transactions and changes. Shadow Database - Storage of information about all legal entities and persons in the Republic of Macedonia. Transactional replication is established between primary and backup locations, so on the backup location, the format is also SQL Server Database. A Hot Backup is maintained, meaning that each transaction is written in the Primary location and in Backup location at the same time. All transactions (trade, non-trade, transactions related to securities accounts) have been stored in the History Database since the inception of CSD operations in 2001.

#### 315 G11Q046

If the securities held with the CSD are recorded by book-entry at the registrar, what are the control features at the registrar for transfer of registrar positions to and from the CSD (e.g., authentication procedures, reconciliation, confirmation of position at registrar)? Please describe:

*PFMI:* Q.11.1.6 *AGC:* 52*i* 

All securities issued in Republic of Macedonia (except Nationla Bank Bills) are in dematerialized form and are registered at authorized depository. CSD AD Skopje is the single authorised depository, and as such, all securities are in book entry form at the CSD. In that line, there are no transfers of the positions from and to the CSD. Only point of entry of the positions at the CSD are new issues, and in that case Issuer is responsible for the corectness of the data of the issue and in the case of Public offer, participants enter new holders and positions are registered after settlement is finished.

318 G11Q049 How are CSD eligible securities held by the CSD?

PFMI: Q.11.3.1 AGC: 50, 50a

In dematerialized form

In certificated form

OTHER:

# 320 G11Q051

If CSD eligible securities are certificated, can CSD eligible securities be held outside of the CSD?

PFMI: Q.11.3.2 AGC: 51

Not applicable [A05]

# 321 G11Q052

If certain designated securities are held outside the CSD, please indicate under which conditions these securities would be held outside the CSD:

*PFMI:* Q.11.3.2 *AGC:* 51a

322 G11Q053 If CSD eligible securities are required to be centrally immobilized at the CSD, where and with whom are the certificates safekept? (then please answer 51c)

PFMI: Q.11.3.2 AGC: 51b

323 G11Q054 Are these certificates:

PFMI: Q.11.3.2 AGC: 51c

Bearer

Registered

OTHER:

| 324 G11Q055<br>If registered, how are the CSD eligible securities registered? |  |
|---|--|
|   |  |

PFMI: Q.11.3.2 AGC: 51d

In the name of the CSD

In the name of the depositing participant or its nominee

In the name of a separate nominee of the CSD

| OTHER: |
|--------|

325 G11Q056 If in the name of a separate nominee, please identify by name the nominee used:

PFMI: Q.11.3.2 AGC: 51f

326 G11Q057 If CSD eligible securities may be held either in or out of the CSD, are these certificates:

PFMI: Q.11.3.2 AGC: 51h

327 G11Q058 What are the control features for receipt of certificates to the CSD (e.g., authentication procedures, re-registration)? Please describe:

PFMI: Q.11.3.2 AGC: 51i

328 G11Q059 If securities are dematerialized: May dematerialized security positions be re-certificated and held outside the CSD?

*PFMI:* Q.11.3.2 AGC: 52

No [A02]

| 329   | G11Q060       |       |
|-------|---------------|-------|
| Are t | he securities | held: |

PFMI: Q.11.3.2 AGC: 52a, 52k

Through book-entry at the CSD

Through book-entry at a registrar or issuer

OTHER:

| 330 G11Q061<br>Please identify which types of entities may act as registrars: |
|---|
| PFMI: Q.11.3.2<br>AGC: 52b  |
|   |
| Separate companies that perform registrar functions                           |
| CSD   |
| OTHER:  |

331 G11Q062 If the securities held by the CSD are recorded by book entry at the registrar, are the securities registered only to the CSD, with the CSD providing the function of recording ownership on a centralized basis for the market?

PFMI: Q.11.3.2 AGC: 52d

Yes [A01]

332 G11Q063

If yes, how are securities held at the registrar for the account of the CSD?

PFMI: Q.11.3.2 AGC: 52e

Other: securities are held on beneficial owner level, except for omnibus account, where securities are held in a name of participant

333 G11Q064 Please describe:

PFMI: Q.11.3.2 AGC: 52f

334 G11Q065

If the securities held with the CSD are recorded by book-entry at the registrar but are not registered exclusively to the CSD, may they be registered to:

*PFMI:* Q.11.3.2 *AGC:* 52g

335 G11Q066 Please describe:

PFMI: Q.11.3.2 AGC: 52h

338 G11Q069 Does the CSD accept liability (independent of any insurance coverage) for the following: Reconciliation errors with the registrar and/or the issuer that result in direct damages or losses to participants?

*PFMI:* Q.11.4.1 *AGC:* 66, 66a, 66d

Not applicable [A02]

339 G11Q070 If yes, please check all of the following that apply:

PFMI: Q.11.4.1 AGC: 66b 66c

Financial limits are imposed on the amount of liability assumed by the CSD

The CSD assumes liability for direct losses

The CSD assumes liability for indirect or consequential losses

OTHER:

340 G11Q071

Theft of securities (either physical certificate or electronically from accounts at the CSD) from the CSD that results in direct damages or losses to participants?

PFMI: Q.11.4.1 AGC: 66e, 66g, 66h

Yes [A02]

341 G11Q072 If yes, please check all of the following that apply:

*PFMI:* Q.11.4.1 *AGC:* 66f

Financial limits are imposed on the amount of liability assumed by the CSD

The CSD assumes liability for direct losses

The CSD assumes liability for indirect or consequential losses

✓ OTHER: In the event of electronic theft of securities by a CSD empl oyee(s), the CSD is liable under the appropriate provisions of the Civil Law. The amount of liability resulting from a de cision under the Civil Law would be determined as a result of court proceedings.

342 G11Q073

Failure of the CSD's systems that result in direct damages or losses to participants because they cannot use either securities or funds?

PFMI: Q.11.4.1 AGC: 66i, 66l.

Not applicable [A03]

| 34  | 3   | G11Q07   | '4    |        |     |           |      |       |    |
|-----|-----|----------|-------|--------|-----|-----------|------|-------|----|
| lfγ | /es | , please | check | all of | the | following | that | apply | y: |

PFMI: Q.11.4.1 AGC: 66j, 66k

Financial limits are imposed on the amount of liability assumed by the CSD

The CSD assumes liability for direct losses

The CSD assumes liability for indirect or consequential losses

OTHER:

| 344 G11Q075<br>Any direct damages or losses to participants caused by the CSD due to its errors, omissions or fraud? |
|--|
| PFMI: Q.11.4.1<br>AGC: 66m, 66p.   |
| Yes No   |

Not applicable

✓ OTHER: In the event of direct damages caused by the CSD due to its errors, omissions or fraud, the CSD is liable under the appropriate provisions of the Civil Law and Law on Obligations. The amount of liability resulting from a decision under the Civil Law would be determined as a result of court proceedings or bilateral agreement to compensate the loses.

345 G11Q076 If yes, please check all of the following that apply:

PFMI: Q.11.4.1 AGC: 66n.

Financial limits are imposed on the amount of liability assumed by the CSD

The CSD assumes liability for direct losses

The CSD assumes liability for indirect or consequential losses

OTHER:

347 G11Q078

Is the CSD immune from legal action in its own jurisdiction?

PFMI: Q.11.4.2 AGC: 68

No [A02]

349 G11Q080

Does the CSD have Fidelity insurance (that is, insurance to cover loss of securities or money resulting, for example, from acts such as forgery, theft, fraud and/or employee dishonesty)?

*PFMI:* Q.11.4.3 *AGC:* 92

Other: CSD has a insurance for professional responsibility which covers Operational Errors, Fidelity, Errors and Omissions. The amount of coverage is 150.000 EUR

350 G11Q081 What is the amount of the coverage?

PFMI: Q.11.4.3 AGC: 92a.

351 G11Q082 What is the amount of the deductible?

PFMI: Q.11.4.3 AGC: 92b.

10%, up to 5000 EUR

352 G11Q083 Does the CSD have insurance for Operational Errors?

*PFMI:* Q.11.4.3 *AGC:* 93

Other: CSD has a insurance for professional responsibility which covers Operational Errors, Fidelity, Errors and Omissions. The amount of coverage is 150.000 EUR

353 G11Q084 What is the amount of the coverage?

*PFMI:* Q.11.4.3 *AGC:* 93a.

354 G11Q085 What is the amount of the deductible?

PFMI: Q.11.4.3 AGC: 93b.

355 G11Q086 Does the CSD have Errors and Omissions insurance?

PFMI: Q.11.4.3

AGC: 94

Other: CSD has a insurance policy for professional responsibility which covers Operational Errors, Fidelity, Errors and Omissions. The amount of coverage is 150.000 EUR

356 G11Q087 What is the amount of the coverage?

*PFMI:* Q.11.4.3 *AGC:* 94a.

357 G11Q088 What is the amount of the deductible?

PFMI: Q.11.4.3 AGC: 94b.

358 G11Q089 Does the CSD have insurance for the Premises?

*PFMI:* Q.11.4.3 *AGC:* 95

Yes [A01]

359 G11Q090 What is the amount of the coverage?

*PFMI:* Q.11.4.3 *AGC:* 95a.

433.003 Euro

360 G11Q091 What is the amount of the deductible?

PFMI: Q.11.4.3 AGC: 95b.

Not applicable.

361 G11Q092 Does the CSD have any other insurance?

*PFMI:* Q.11.4.3 *AGC:* 96, 96d

Yes [A01]

362 G11Q093 If so, what is it for?

*PFMI:* Q.11.4.3 *AGC:* 96a.

Technical equipment

363 G11Q094 What is the amount of the coverage?

PFMI: Q.11.4.3 AGC: 96b.

52.137 Euro

364 G11Q095 What is the amount of the deductible?

PFMI: Q.11.4.3 AGC: 96c.

Not applicable

365 G11Q096

Who is the insurance carrier? If more than one insurance carrier, please list each carrier here and provide your responses to questions 97a and 97b in corresponding order.

PFMI: Q.11.4.3 AGC: 97

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366 G11Q097 Who is the insurance carrier's parent company, if applicable? (If inapplicable, simply type n/a.)

PFMI: Q.11.4.3 AGC: 97a.

n/a

367 G11Q098 What is the term of the policy?

PFMI: Q.11.4.3 AGC: 97b.

The term of the policy is one year. Each year the Depository renews the policy.

368 G11Q099 Who does the insurance cover?

PFMI: Q.11.4.3 AGC: 97c, 97d

CSD

|  | Direct | CSD | partici | pants |
|--|--------|-----|---------|-------|
|--|--------|-----|---------|-------|

Final investors

Not applicable

OTHER:

#### 369 G11Q100

If you feel that you would like to provide additional details on any of the given answers, feel free to provide any additional comments here (maximum of 5,000 characters) or prepare an additional document identifying the question(s) you are commenting on and upload the document under 98a:

*PFMI:* Q.11.4.3 *AGC:* 98

370 G11Q101 filecount - Upload document here:

*PFMI:* Q.11.4.3 *AGC:* 98a.

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| 371 G11Q102<br>Do the CSD's written contracts, rules, or established practices and procedures provide protection<br>against risk of loss of participant assets by the CSD in the form of indemnification? |
|---|
| PFMI: Q.11.4.3<br>AGC: 67a, 67b.  |
|   |
| Yes   |
| No  |
| Not applicable  |
| OTHER:  |

372 G11Q103 Please explain (then please answer 67c):

PFMI: Q.11.4.3 AGC: 67b.

The indemnificaton is an established legal institute in the macedonian legal system that is used to compensate the loses of a damaged party

373 G11Q104 Please provide details of the relevant sections of the contracts, rules or practices where this information is found

*PFMI:* Q.11.4.3 *AGC:* 67c.

The Laws on Obligations and Civil procedure are the systemic laws in which the basis of the indemnification rights are prescribed.

374 G11Q105 Insurance

PFMI: Q.11.4.3 AGC: 67d.

Yes

No

Not applicable

OTHER:

375 G11Q106 Please explain (then please answer 67f):

PFMI: Q.11.4.3 AGC: 67e.

# 376 G11Q107

Please provide details of the relevant sections of the contracts, rules or practices where this information is found

PFMI: Q.11.4.3 AGC: 67f.

377 G11Q108 Acknowledgement of liability for losses caused by CSD's own actions.

PFMI: Q.11.4.3 AGC: 67g.

Yes [A01]

378 G11Q109 Please explain (then please answer 67i):

PFMI: Q.11.4.3 AGC: 67h.

In the event of direct damages caused by the CSD due to its errors, omissions or fraud, the CSD is liable under the appropriate provisions of the Civil Law and Law on Obligations. The amount of liability resulting from a decision under the Civil Law would be determined as a result of court proceedings or bilateral agreement to compensate the loses.

## 379 G11Q110

Please provide details of the relevant sections of the contracts, rules or practices where this information is found.

PFMI: Q.11.4.3 AGC: 67i.

The Laws on Obligations and Civil procedure are the systemic laws in which the basis of the indemnification rights are prescribed.

380 G11Q111 Other

PFMI: Q.11.4.3 AGC: 67j.

381 G11Q112 Please explain (then please answer 67I:

*PFMI:* Q.11.4.3 *AGC:* 67*k*.

382 G11Q113 Please provide details of the relevant sections of the contracts, rules or practices where this information is found. PFMI: Q.11.4.3 AGC: 67I.

384 G11Q115 Are participants permitted to maintain more than one account at the CSD?

PFMI: Q.11.5.1 AGC: 41

Other: Under Securities Law , only CSD participants (brokerage houses and banks) and asset managment companies can have more than one account (one ownership account, but more custody or portfolio accounts) . Investors can have only one owner's account, except for the cases where there are restrictions on part of securities owned by holder (pledge, sell, buy ..)

385 G11Q116 If yes, please indicate number:

*PFMI:* Q.11.5.1 *AGC:* 41a, 41c

An unlimited number of accounts

More than one account

OTHER:

386 G11Q117 If more than one account what is the maximum?

PFMI: Q.11.5.1 AGC: 41b

| 388 G11Q119<br>Are participants required/permitted to segregate assets held for their own benefit from those they hold<br>for their clients? |
|--|
| PFMI: Q.11.5.2<br>AGC: 42  |
|  |
| Ves  |
| No   |
| Not applicable   |
| OTHER:   |
|  |

389 G11Q120 If yes, is segregation required or simply permitted?

*PFMI:* Q.11.5.2 *AGC:* 42a Required [A01]

390 G11Q121 How does segregation occur?

PFMI: Q.11.5.2 AGC: 42b, 42c

By separately designated participant accounts.

By sub-accounts within a single participant account.

By separately designated beneficial owner accounts.

OTHER:

391 G11Q122 Does the CSD permit its participants to open accounts in the participant's own nominee name(s)?

PFMI: Q.11.5.2 AGC: 43, 43b

Yes [A01]

392 G11Q123 If yes, do laws exist, which define as well as protect the rights of beneficial owners with respect to securities registered in nominee name?

PFMI: Q.11.5.2 AGC: 43a

Yes [Y]

| 393  | 611Q124   |
|------|---|
| Does | he CSD maintain records that identify the assets of each participant and segregate the system's |
| owna | sets from the assets of participants?   |

*PFMI:* Q.11.5.2 *AGC:* 53, 53a

| • | Yes |
|---|-----|
|   |     |

No

Not applicable

OTHER:

395 G11Q126 Please indicate services you provide.

PFMI: Q.11.6.1 AGC: 35

Own list or: AGC: Information in advance on corporate (annual or special) meetings in order that

owners can vote.

Tax assistance where foreign holders may be entitled to tax relief at source or through a claim.

In order to avoid fails, an automatic securities lending facility - if requested - is provided for.

Collateral handling in support of activities including securities lending, overdraft coverage, cash management, repurchase agreements, etc.

Same day turnaround settlements.

Information on distribution of new issues (IPO, Privatization).

Not applicable

✓ OTHER: Interest Payments, Issue Redemptions, Corporate Actions (Interest Payments, Bonus Sh ares, etc.) and variety of reports for the issuers, splits and mergers of ISIN's, asim ilation of ISIN's, Shareholders CompaniesTakeover services

396 G11Q127 Automatic securities lending facility is provided for:

PFMI: Q.11.6.1 AGC: 35a

Brokers

Banks

Other financial institutions

OTHER:

397 G11Q128 If collateral handling, please provide details

PFMI: Q.11.6.1 AGC: 35c

The CSD manages collateral according to the steps listed, below: Pledge and Pledgor execute a legal agreement. The Pledge Agreement is registered at the Pledge Register. The Pledge Register validates legal agreement's details with the CSD CSD verifies legal agreement's details Pledge Agreement is recorded and effectuated by the Pledge Register The CSD blocks the shares in the CSD system CSD notifies the Pledge Register of shares blocked on the basis of the Pledge agreement. In placing the pledge the CSD systems will in sure that shares pledged as collateral are frozen for the term specified in the legal agreement and as such these shares can not be trad ed. Additionally, the CSD system will ensure that the Beneficial Owner's voting rights and Corporate Action Rights remain with the Beneficial Owner. Since 2006, CSD provides settlement for repurchase purposes with Government bonds and Government bills

398 G11Q129 Other, please explain:

PFMI: Q.11.6.1 AGC: 35d

Interest Payments, Issue Redemptions, Corporate Actions (Interest Payments, Bonus Sh ares, etc.) and variety of reports for the issuers, splits and mergers of ISIN's, asimilation of ISIN's, Shareholders

CompaniesTakeover services

399 G11Q130 What procedures are in place for the processing of corporate action entitlements?

*PFMI:* Q.11.6.1 *AGC:* 36

Credited to the securities account on the day indicated below regardless of whether actually collected by the CSD on the scheduled date.

Credited to the securities account upon actual receipt by the CSD.

Corporate action entitlements are handled by an entity separate from the CSD.

Not applicable

✓ OTHER: The Payment system (MIPS) of Na tional Bank of the Republic of Macedoni a (NBRM) will be used in cases where the CSD is responsible for distributing money on behalf of Issuers. In the event of the CSD distributing money, the Issuer must place money in a separate CSD account at the NBRM. From the CSD account at the NBRM, the CSD will then send individual payment orders for each holder entitled to payment, to the banks of th e holders. After banks have received the money, the banks are responsible for transferring the money to the individual holders accounts. The CSD system automatically sends Tran sfer Orders to the NBRM when the payments are due (P ayment Date). If there are insufficient funds in the CSD account, the entire payment transfer fails. If the paym ent transfer fails, the transfer has to be re-sent.

| 400 G11Q131<br>Credited to the securities account: |  |
|--|--|
| PFMI: Q.11.6.1<br>AGC: 36a                         |  |
|  |  |
| On pay date.                                       |  |
| On pay date +1.                                    |  |
| On pay date +2.                                    |  |
| OTHER:   |  |
|  |  |

401 G11Q132 Name of entity:

PFMI: Q.11.6.1 AGC: 36c

402 G11Q133 What procedures are in place for the processing of interest and dividends?

PFMI: Q.11.6.1 AGC: 37, 37d.

Credited to the cash account on the day indicated below regardless of whether actually collected by the CSD on the scheduled date.

Credited to the cash account upon actual receipt by the CSD.

Income and dividend collection is handled by an entity separate from the CSD.

Not applicable

OTHER: Since the commencement of CSD operations, share and b ond Issuers have not requested the CSD to process the distribution of the cash divi dends or interest payments. However, the depository system and operational staff currently possess the necessary technical and business capabilities to effectively complete the required procedures. In the current environment the CSD will process Corporate Action distributions in one of two ways: (i) create a list of eligible shareholders or bondholders, calculate disbursement amounts a nd provide results to the Issuer , or (ii) create a list of eligible shareholders or bondholders or bondholders or bondholders or bondholders and deliver to the Issuer. Due to its online connectivity with the NBRM, the CSD could, if requested by the Issuer and provided with appropriate shareholder information, distribute cash dividend and interest payments on Payable Date.

| 403 G11Q134<br>Credited to the cash account: |
|--|
| PFMI: Q.11.6.1<br>AGC: 37a                   |
|  |
| On pay date.                                 |
| On pay date +1.                              |
| On pay date +2.                              |
| OTHER:                                       |
|  |
|  |

404 G11Q135 Name of entity:

*PFMI:* Q.11.6.1 *AGC:* 37c

# Exchange-of-value settlement systems (PFMI Principle 12)

409 G12Q003 Does the CSD guaranty settlement?

PFMI: Q.12.1.1 AGC: 66u.

Other: The Depository operates a Guarantee fund that consists of contributions of all members and its purpose is to guaranty the settlement on the cash side up to the amount of the fund.

410 G12Q004 Please explain how this is accomplished. What are the procedures and safeguards that permit the CSD to guaranty settlement?

PFMI: Q.12.1.1 AGC: 66v.

# 412 G12Q006 The Committee on Payment and Settlement Systems of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) has identified three common structural approaches or models for linking delivery and payment in a securities settlement system. Please indicate which model your procedures most closely resemble. *PFMI:* Q.12.1.2 *AGC:* 48 Model1 Model2 Model3 Not applicable OTHER:

413 G12Q007

Please briefly describe your settlement process, including how do your settlement procedures vary from the model chosen above?

*PFMI:* Q.12.1.3 *AGC:* 48a

There are no CSD variations on Model 2 as stated in the IOSCO & CPSS Recommendations for Securities Settlement Systems. Also, there are no CSD variations on Model 1 as stated in the IOSCO & CPSS Recommendations for Securities Settlement Systems. BIS Model 2 is used for settlement of trades concluded on Stock Exchange while BIS Model 1 is used for settlement of trades of Government securities from OTC Market

416 G12Q010 Are the cash and security movements simultaneous?

*PFMI:* Q.12.1.3 *AGC:* 49

Yes [A01]

417 G12Q011 If cash and security movements are not simultaneous, please indicate the duration of the timing gap

*PFMI:* Q.12.1.3 *AGC:* 49a

### Participant default rules and procedures (PFMI Principle 13)

422 G13Q004 During the past three years, has there been a situation where a participant defaulted which resulted in a significant loss?

*PFMI:* Q.13.1.2 *AGC:* 77 No [A02]

423 G13Q005 How was the situation resolved? Or if you answered "Other," then please explain:

PFMI: Q.13.1.2 AGC: 77a

| 424 G13Q006<br>Does the stock exchange have default protections that extend to the CSD, such as the following? |
|--|
| PFMI: Q.13.1.2<br>AGC: 80  |
|  |
| Margin requirements for stock exchange members   |
| Guaranty fund for stock exchange members   |
| Financial requirements for stock exchange membership   |
| No   |
| Not applicable   |
| OTHER:   |

| 425 G13Q007<br>Please explain: |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| PFMI: Q.13.1.2<br>AGC: 80a     |  |  |  |
|                                |  |  |  |
|                                |  |  |  |

| PFMI: Q.13.1.4         AGC: 76, 76d         CSD insurance covers the loss         The CSD guaranty fund covers the loss |
|---|
|   |
| The CSD guaranty fund covers the loss   |
| Loss is shared among participants   |
| Not applicable  |
| OTHER:  |

429 G13Q011 Please explain the process:

PFMI: Q.13.1.4

### AGC: 76a

430 G13Q012 Please explain the process of how the loss is shared:

PFMI: Q.13.1.4 AGC: 76b

431 G13Q013 Please explain:

PFMI: Q.13.1.4 AGC: 76d

# General business risk (PFMI Principle 15)

441 G14Q002 Is a financial audit performed by an Audit Firm, Regulatory Authority, or other external party?

PFMI: Q.17.2.3 AGC: 15

Yes [Y]

### 442 G14Q003

If yes, please state the name(s) of the entity(ies) who perform the financial audit.

PFMI: n/a AGC: 15a.

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443 G14Q004 Please list the date of your last financial audit performed by an Audit Firm, Regulatory Authority, or other external party:

PFMI: n/a AGC: 15b.

31/12/2017

444 G14Q005 Please list the period that the audit covered:

PFMI: n/a AGC: 15c.

Start date: 01/01/2017 End date: 31/12/2017 445 G14Q006 How frequently does the financial audit occur?

PFMI: n/a AGC: 15d.

Annually [A02]

446 G14Q007 If less than annually, please explain:

PFMI: n/a AGC: 15e.

447 G14Q008 Please select the statement that most accurately characterizes the results of the last financial audit:

PFMI: n/a AGC: 15g.

No material exceptions found. [A01]

448 G14Q009

If minor or material exceptions were found, what actions were taken? Please describe:

PFMI: n/a AGC: 15h.

449 G14Q010 Has there been any material loss by the CSD during the past three years?

*PFMI: n/a* AGC: 86

No [A02]

450 G14Q011 If there has been a loss, please describe the cause, the final impact and the action taken to prevent a recurrence:

PFMI: n/a AGC: 86a.

451 G14Q012 Has the CSD been subject to any litigation involving a participant during the past three years?

PFMI: n/a AGC: 87

No [A02]

452 G14Q013 Please explain the circumstances and resolution:

PFMI: n/a AGC: 87a.

453 G14Q014 Has the CSD realized revenues sufficient to cover expenses during the past three years?

PFMI: n/a AGC: 88, 88a

Yes for two of the last three years [A02]

454 G14Q015 Has any participant suffered any losses in the past three years due to the CSD's performance?

PFMI: n/a AGC: 30, 30m

No [A02]

455 G14Q016 If yes, please select all of the following in which loss has occurred. You will be prompted to enter the number of instances and total loss in USD thereafter.

PFMI: n/a AGC: 30a, 30j

Corporate Action

Settlement Process - Securities

Settlement Process - Cash

System Outage

OTHER:

456 G14Q017 Corporate Action. Please specify number of instances:

PFMI: n/a AGC: 30b.

457 G14Q018 Corporate Action. Please specify total loss in USD:

PFMI: n/a AGC: 30c. 458 G14Q019

Settlement Process - Securities. Please specify number of instances:

PFMI: n/a AGC: 30d.

459 G14Q020 Settlement Process - Securities. Please specify total loss in USD:

PFMI: n/a AGC: 30e.

460 G14Q021 Settlement Process - Cash. Please specify number of instances:

PFMI: n/a AGC: 30f.

461 G14Q022 Settlement Process - Cash. Please specify total loss in USD:

PFMI: n/a AGC: 30g.

462 G14Q023 System Outage. Please specify number of instances:

PFMI: n/a AGC: 30h.

463 G14Q024 System Outage. Please specify total loss in USD:

PFMI: n/a AGC: 30i.

464 G14Q025 For Other, please specify number of instances:

PFMI: n/a AGC: 30k.

465 G14Q026 For Other, please specify total loss in USD:

PFMI: n/a AGC: 30l. 469 G14Q030 Does the CSD maintain a reserve for operating losses?

PFMI: Q.15.2.1 AGC: 89, 89b

Yes [A01]

472 G14Q033 Please describe and indicate reserve (for operating losses) amount:

PFMI: Q.15.2.2 AGC: 89a.

443.190,00 EUR

# Custody risk (PFMI Principle 16)

| 486 G15Q003<br>Are there any activities performed by a third party on behalf of the CSD for the CSD participants (e.g., vaulting of physical securities, registration, entitlement processing, etc.)? |
|---|
| PFMI: Q.16.1.1<br>AGC: 29, 29i  |
|   |
| Yes   |
| No  |
| Not applicable  |
| OTHER:  |
|   |

487 G15Q004 If third parties are employed, please indicate which services they supply: *PFMI*: Q.16.1.1 *AGC*: 29a.

488 G15Q005 If third parties are employed, does the CSD assume liability for losses incurred by participants as a result of the actions/inactions of the third parties?

PFMI: Q.16.1.1 AGC: 29b.

489 G15Q006

If you acknowledge responsibility, please indicate whether your responsibility is assumed

| PFMI: Q.16.1.1<br>AGC: 29c, 29e.   |
|--|
|  |
| regardless of whether such loss was caused by any action or inaction of the agent  |
| if such loss was caused by the agent's action or inaction and such action or inaction was deemed to be negligence on the part of the agent       |
| if such loss was caused by the agent's action or inaction and such action or inaction was deemed to be gross negligence on the part of the agent |
| if the loss was caused by the willful default or other willful conduct on the part of the agent  |
| OTHER:   |
|  |

490 G15Q007 If you acknowledge responsibility for agents, your responsibility is assumed for losses

PFMI: Q.16.1.1 AGC: 29d, 29h.

without limit

which are not consequential losses

subject to a monetary limit not based on insurance limits

subject to a monetary limit based on insurance limits

OTHER:

491 G15Q008 Please specify limit:

PFMI: Q.16.1.1 AGC: 29f.

492 G15Q009 Please specify limit:

PFMI: Q.16.1.1 AGC: 29g.

497 G15Q014

Please describe briefly the arrangements / procedures / facilities you maintain to ensure that eligible securities held at the CSD are handled at least as efficiently as compared to securities held outside the CSD, particularly in relation to income, corporate actions and proxy services.

PFMI: Q.16.3.1 AGC: 62

All securities held at the Depository are dematerialised. The only securities held outside of the Depository are the Treasury Bills issued by the National Bank of Republic of Macedonia. These are also dematerialised. The procedures/facilities of the Macedonian Depository are exceeding the

efficiency in handling the securities held by the National Bank, since the Depository is a specialised institution established by Law for maintaining a register of securities and all activities connected to the securities among which corporate actions related activities.

# **Operational risk (PFMI Principle 17)**

515 G16Q011 Internal Audit. Is an internal audit undertaken in your CSD?

PFMI: Q.17.2.3 AGC: 14

Yes [Y]

516 G16Q012 If yes, what areas does the audit cover (financials, operations, etc.) and which department in your CSD handles it?

*PFMI:* Q.17.2.3 *AGC:* 14a.

Internal audit department is established on June 2012 and is responsible for financial and operational internal audit

517 G16Q013 Please list the date of your last internal audit and the period that the audit covered:

PFMI: Q.17.2.3 AGC: 14b.

Start date: 01/01/2018 End date: 30/06/2018 Audit date:

518 G16Q014 How frequently does the internal audit occur?

PFMI: Q.17.2.3 AGC: 14c.

Two or more times a year [A01]

519 G16Q015 If less than annually, please explain:

PFMI: Q.17.2.3 AGC: 14d.

520 G16Q016 Are the results of the internal audit publicly available?

PFMI: Q.17.2.3

### AGC: 14e.

No [N]

### 521 G16Q017

Please select the statement that most accurately characterizes the results of the last internal audit:

PFMI: Q.17.2.3 AGC: 14f.

No material exceptions found. [A01]

522 G16Q018 If minor or material exceptions were found, what actions were taken? Please describe:

PFMI: Q.17.2.3 AGC: 14g.

524 G16Q020 Is an operational audit performed by an Audit Firm, Regulatory Authority, or other external party?

PFMI: Q.17.2.4 AGC: 16

Yes [Y]

525 G16Q021 If yes, please state the name(s) of the entity(ies) who perform the operational audit.

*PFMI:* Q.17.2.4 *AGC:* 16a.

The Securities and Exchange Commission of the Republic of Macedonia, as a Regulatory Authority

526 G16Q022 Please list the date of your last operational audit performed by an Audit Firm, Regulatory Authority, or other external party:

PFMI: Q.17.2.4 AGC: 16b.

13/09/2018

527 G16Q023 Please list the period that the audit covered:

PFMI: Q.17.2.4 AGC: 16c.

Start date: 13/09/2017 End date: 13/09/2018 528 G16Q024 How frequently does the operational audit occur?

PFMI: Q.17.2.4 AGC: 16d.

Less than annually [A03]

529 G16Q025 If less than annually, please explain:

PFMI: Q.17.2.4 AGC: 16e.

Securities Exchange Commision performs regular audits as well as an extraordinary audits, depending on investigations of participants work.

530 G16Q026 Please select the statement that most accurately characterizes the results of the last operational audit:

PFMI: Q.17.2.4 AGC: 16g.

No material exceptions found. [A01]

531 G16Q027 If minor or material exceptions were found, what actions were taken? Please describe:

PFMI: Q.17.2.4 AGC: 16h.

538 G16Q034 How is access to the physical building controlled?

PFMI: Q.17.5.1 AGC: 74

By guards

By electronic keys

personal ID card

By alarm system

✓ OTHER: The CSD is housed in the same building complex as the National Bank of the Republic of Macedonia (NBRM) where high security standards are fulfilled.

539 G16Q035 Please explain:

PFMI: Q.17.5.1 AGC: 74a. The CSD is housed in the same building complex as the National Bank of the Republic of Macedonia (NBRM) where high security standards are fulfilled.

542 G16Q038 Regarding data security: Are passwords used by participants to access their accounts?

PFMI: Q.17.5.3 AGC: 71 71a.

Yes [A01]

543 G16Q039 Does each user have a unique user ID?

*PFMI:* Q.17.5.3 *AGC:* 71*c.* 

Yes [A01]

544 G16Q040 Are passwords regularly changed?

PFMI: Q.17.5.3 AGC: 71e.

Yes [A01]

545 G16Q041 How often?

PFMI: Q.17.5.3 AGC: 71f.

Passwords are changed every 30 days

546 G16Q042 Is there a user lock-out after a pre-set number of unsuccessful User ID attempts?

PFMI: Q.17.5.3 AGC: 71h.

Yes [A01]

547 G16Q043 How many?

PFMI: Q.17.5.3 AGC: 71i.

3

551 G16Q047 How quickly can the main system be reactivated in the event of an outage? PFMI: Q.17.6.2 AGC: 82

1 - 4 hours [A01]

554 G16Q050 Will the CSD publicly announce any system interruption?

*PFMI:* Q.17.6.4 *AGC:* 84

Yes [A01]

555 G16Q051 To whom will the CSD disclose any system interruptions?

*PFMI:* Q.17.6.4 AGC: 84a.

To the CSD regulators

To all direct participants

To direct and indirect participants

To the public via the internet

In the press

OTHER:

556 G16Q052 If so, please list webpage address:

PFMI: Q.17.6.4 AGC: 84b.

557 G16Q053 If so, please list all publications:

PFMI: Q.17.6.4 AGC: 84c.

558 G16Q054 Please explain:

PFMI: Q.17.6.4 AGC: 84d.

559 G16Q055 How will the CSD disclose any system interruptions? *PFMI*: Q.17.6.4 AGC: 84e.
By e-mail
By telephone
Public announcement
Press release
OTHER:

560 G16Q056 Please explain:

PFMI: Q.17.6.4 AGC: 84f.

### 562 G16Q058 If a back-up system exists, how quickly can the back-up system be activated in the event of the main system failing?

PFMI: Q.17.6.5 AGC: 83

1 - 4 hours [A01]

### 566 G16Q062

BUSINESS RECOVERY PLAN. This section is intended to identify key aspects of the CSD's Business Recovery Plan (BRP), including testing requirements and past results, expected recovery time periods, and the independent review and validation (if any) of the BRP. Do you have a formal business recovery plan?

PFMI: Q.17.6.8 AGC: 81

Yes [Y]

567 G16Q063 Does your Business Recovery Plan include:

PFMI: Q.17.6.8 AGC: 81a, 81h.

Back-up of all computer files

Off-site data storage

Back-up files stored and locked

Off-site operations facility

OTHER:

### 568 G16Q064

Please identify both the frequency and the last date of testing for the following third party: CSD participants/members

PFMI: Q.17.6.8 AGC: 81b.

Each system change and/or system enhancement is tested with participants prior to being placed in production. Last test was performed on 10.09.2018

569 G16Q065 Please identify both the frequency and the last date of testing for the following third party: Stock exchange

*PFMI:* Q.17.6.8 *AGC:* 81c.

Each system change and/or system enhancement is tested with Stock Exc hange prior to be placed in production. Last test was performed on 10.09.2018

570 G16Q066 Please identify both the frequency and the last date of testing for the following third party: Central bank

PFMI: Q.17.6.8 AGC: 81d.

Test is performed 4 times in year. Last test was performed on 28.09.2018

571 G16Q067 Please identify both the frequency and the last date of testing for the following third party: Local brokers

PFMI: Q.17.6.8 AGC: 81e.

Local Brokers are participants in the system, Each system change and/or system enhancement is tested with participants prior to being placed in production. Last test was performed on 10.09.2018

572 G16Q068 Please identify both the frequency and the last date of testing for the following third party: Any other third party

PFMI: Q.17.6.8 AGC: 81f.

n/a

573 G16Q069 In the past three years, has it been necessary to activate the recovery plan in a live situation?

*PFMI:* Q.17.6.8 *AGC:* 85 No [A02]

574 G16Q070 If yes, how much time was needed to implement the recovery plan?

PFMI: Q.17.6.8 AGC: 85a.

575 G16Q071 How much time was needed to recover and restore business to normal operations?

PFMI: Q.17.6.8 AGC: 85b.

| 576 G16Q072<br>What was the impact to the market?<br>PFMI: Q.17.6.8<br>AGC: 85c, 85d.                    |
|--|
|  |
| All securities settlements took place as scheduled on the same day with good value                       |
| All cash settlements took place as scheduled on the same day with good value                             |
| All securities settlements took place one business day late with good value                              |
| All cash settlements took place one business day late with good value                                    |
| All securities settlements took place one business day late with value one day late                      |
| All cash settlements took place one business day late with value one day late                            |
| All securities settlements took place more than one business day late                                    |
| All cash settlements took place more than one business day late  |
| As a result of the system failure, all fines and penalties for late settlements were waived              |
| Even though there was a system failure, all fines and penalties for late settlements were still assessed |
| OTHER:   |

577 G16Q073 If no or other, please explain

PFMI: Q.17.7.4 AGC: 40a.

579 G16Q075

Are procedures and controls (firewalls) in place to avoid systemic collapse or contamination if one of the linked entities should experience business interruptions for whatever reason?

| PFMI: Q.17.7.1<br>GC: 39 |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Yes                      |  |
| No                       |  |
| Not applicable           |  |

580 G16Q076 Please explain

PFMI: Q.17.7.1 AGC: 39a

584 G16Q080 Has a business interruption recovery plan been developed in the event the linkages should become inoperable for any reason?

*PFMI:* Q.17.7.4 *AGC:* 40

Yes [A01]

### Access and participation requirements (PFMI Principle 18)

588 G17Q003
Are prospective participants subject to an initial review and approval process regarding compliance with eligibility requirements? *PFMI*: Q.18.1.1 *AGC*: 19

Yes [A01]

592 G17Q007 What governs the relationship between the CSD and the participants?

*PFMI:* Q.18.2.2 *AGC:* 20

Relevant law and regulation

Standard participation contract

Established terms and conditions of participation

By-laws of the CSD

Rules of the CSD

Not applicable

OTHER:

593 G17Q008 Please explain:

PFMI: Q.18.2.2 AGC: 20a

| 595 G17Q010<br>PARTICIPANTS AND PARTICIPATION. The purpose of this section is to understand issues relating to<br>participation in the CSD, including eligibility requirements, conditions of participation, and supervision of<br>participants. What types of entities are eligible to become participants and how many of each type are<br>there currently? |
|---|
| PFMI: Q.18.2.3<br>AGC: 17, 17q  |
|   |
| Z Banks   |
| Brokers   |
|   |
| Foreign Institutions  |
| Not applicable  |
| OTHER:  |
|   |

596 G17Q011 How many Bank participants are there currently? (then please answer 17b)

PFMI: Q.18.2.3 AGC: 17a.

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597 G17Q012 Please select the features included in the eligibility requirements for Banks.

PFMI: Q.18.2.3 AGC: 17b, 17d

Financial Thresholds

Regulatory Oversight

Market Experience

✓ OTHER: The Participants must fulfil the conditions prescribed in the CSD Rules of Operations and the Membership Rules of the CSD to become a member of the CSD. Both of these re gulations are approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission of the Republic of Macedonia. The Rule s are published at the CSD web site www.cdhv.mk

598 G17Q013 Please explain: PFMI: Q.18.2.3 AGC: 17d.

The Participants must fulfil the conditions prescribed in the CSD Rules of Operations and the Membership Rules of the CSD to become a member of the CSD. Both of these regulations are approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission of the Republic of Macedonia. The Rule s are published at the CSD web site www.cdhv.mk

599 G17Q014 How many Broker participants are there currently? (then please answer 17f)

PFMI: Q.18.2.3 AGC: 17e.

5

600 G17Q015 Please select the features included in the eligibility requirements for Brokers.

PFMI: Q.18.2.3 AGC: 17f, 17h

Financial Thresholds

Regulatory Oversight

| Market  | Experience  |
|---------|-------------|
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✓ OTHER: The Participants must fulfil the conditions prescribed in the CSD Rules of Operations and the Membership Rules of the CSD to become a member of the CSD. Both of these re gulations are approved by The Securities and Exchange Commission of the Republic of Macedonia. The Rule s are published at the CSD web site www.cdhv.mk

601 G17Q016

How many Individual participants are there currently? (then please answer 17j)

PFMI: Q.18.2.3 AGC: 17i.

| 602 G17Q017<br>Please select the features included in the eligibility requirements for Individual participants. |
|---|
| PFMI: Q.18.2.3<br>AGC: 17j.   |
|   |
| Financial Thresholds  |
| Regulatory Oversight  |
| Market Experience   |
| OTHER:  |
|   |

603 G17Q018

How many Foreign Institution participants are there currently?

PFMI: Q.18.2.3 AGC: 17m.

None. However, there is no prohibition against Foreign Instit utions participating in the CSD as long as they meet the same participation requirements as Domestic Instituions.

604 G17Q019 Please select the features included in the eligibility requirements for Foreign Institution participants.

PFMI: Q.18.2.3 AGC: 17n, 17p.

Financial Thresholds

Regulatory Oversight

Market Experience

✓ OTHER: The Participants (domestic or foreign) must fulfil the conditions prescribed in the CSD Rules of Operations and the Membership Rules of the CSD to become a member of the CSD. Both of these regulations are approved by The Securities and Exchange Commission of the Republic of Macedonia. The Rules are published at the CSD web site www.cdhv.mk

605 G17Q020

If you have selected "Other entities" above, please explain:

PFMI: Q.18.2.3 AGC: 17q.

The Participants (domestic or foreign) must fulfill the conditions prescribed in the CSD Rules of Operations and the Membership Rules of the CSD to become a member of the CSD. Both of these regulations are approved by The Securities and Exchange Commission of the Republic of Macedonia. The Rules are published at the CSD web site www.cdhv.mk

606 G17Q021 Indicate how many "Other entities" are currently participants?

PFMI: Q.18.2.3 AGC: 17r.

none

607 G17Q022 Please select the features included in the eligibility requirements for the participants referred to above as "Other entities".

PFMI: Q.18.2.3 AGC: 17s, 17u

Financial Thresholds

Regulatory Oversight

Market Experience

OTHER:

610 G17Q025 Where can a description of the specific eligibility requirements for Bank participants be found?

PFMI: Q.18.2.5 AGC: 17c.

611 G17Q026 Where can a description of the specific eligibility requirements for Broker participants be found?

PFMI: Q.18.2.5 AGC: 17g.

612 G17Q027 Where can a description of the specific eligibility requirements for Individual participants be found?

PFMI: Q.18.2.5 AGC: 17k.

613 G17Q028 Where can a description of the specific eligibility requirements for Foreign Institution participants be found?

PFMI: Q.18.2.5 AGC: 170.

614 G17Q029 Where can a description of the specific eligibility requirements for participants described above as "Other entities" be found?

PFMI: Q.18.2.5 AGC: 17t.

| 615 G17Q030<br>How does the CSD notify participants of material changes to the conditions of participation? |
|---|
| PFMI: Q.18.2.5<br>AGC: 22   |
|   |
| By e-mail   |
| By telephone  |
| By public announcement  |
| By press release  |

Not applicable

✓ OTHER: By Letter of Notification delivered to Participants and as a news announcement on the CSD's web site

616 G17Q031 Please explain:

*PFMI:* Q.18.2.5 *AGC:* 22a.

By Letter of Notification delivered to Participants and as a news announcement on the CSD's web site

618 G17Q033 Who enforces compliance with the CSD's conditions of participation? *PFMI*: *Q.18.3.1 AGC: 23* 

The CSD

The exchange

The CSD's regulator

Not applicable

OTHER:

| 619 G17Q034<br>Please explain:  |
|---|
| PFMI: Q.18.3.1<br>AGC: 23a  |
|   |
|   |
| 620 G17Q035<br>Does the CSD have forms of oversight management for assessing and monitoring of the following? |
| PFMI: Q.18.3.1<br>AGC: 79   |
|   |
| Participant eligibility requirements  |
| Participant volumes   |

Participant financial strength

Other loss or default protections the CSD maintains

Collateral requirements for participants

Debit caps for participants

Settlement controls that minimize or eliminate the risk of default by a participant

Blocking of securities movement before receipt of payment

Blocking payment until securities are moved

Not applicable

OTHER:

621 G17Q036 Please explain other loss or default protections:

PFMI: Q.18.3.1 AGC: 79a

622 G17Q037 Please explain the requirements:

PFMI: Q.18.3.1 AGC: 79b

623 G17Q038 Please explain how these debit caps work:

PFMI: Q.18.3.1 AGC: 79c

624 G17Q039 What type or types of settlement controls

PFMI: Q.18.3.1 AGC: 79d.

Blocking or freezing of securities positions

Controlling DVP settlement

Simultaneous DVP

OTHER:

625 G17Q040 Please explain:

PFMI: Q.18.3.1 AGC: 79e.

626 G17Q041 Please explain: PFMI: Q.18.3.1 AGC: 79f.

Securities are blocked from Trade Date until Settlement Date

627 G17Q042 Please explain:

PFMI: Q.18.3.1 AGC: 79g.

Cash positions at the Central Bank are checked from 10:00AM to 11:00AM on Settlement Date Simultaneous DVP is processed at10:00AM. Cash positions are blocked for one hour afterwards.

628 G17Q043 Please identify and explain:

PFMI: Q.18.3.1 AGC: 79h

629 G17Q044 Please explain briefly how these work:

PFMI: Q.18.3.1 AGC: 79i

| 632   | G17Q047             |                  |                 |            |
|-------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|
| 052   |                     |                  |                 |            |
| W/hat | enforcement actions | are available to | the enforcement | authority? |
| vvnat | eniorcement actions |                  | the emolecement | authority  |
|       |                     |                  |                 |            |

PFMI: Q.18.3.3 AGC: 24

Fines

Restrictions on participation

Suspension of participation

Termination of participation

Not applicable

OTHER:

|            | G17Q048<br>se explain: |  |
|------------|------------------------|--|
| PFM<br>AGC | l: Q.18.3.3<br>: 24a   |  |

634 G17Q049 Has there been any such enforcement actions in the last three years? *PFMI:* Q.18.3.3 *AGC:* 25

No [N]

635 G17Q050 If yes, please explain, including information relative to any suspensions of CSD participants:

PFMI: Q.18.3.3 AGC: 25a.

# **Tiered participation (PFMI Principle 19)**

# Links (PFMI Principle 20)

652 G19Q004 Please list all depositories or settlement systems to which you have an electronic link.

*PFMI:* Q.20.1.2 *AGC:* 38

n/a , electronic link with National Bank for the settlement of the cash leg of trade transactions, as well as corporate actions payments and payments in the process of Company takeovers

# Efficiency and effectiveness (PFMI Principle 21)

### **Communication (PFMI Principle 22)**

677 G21Q003 Security Control. How do participants receive information (view actual settlement of trades, movement of securities on their accounts, etc.) and see the status of their accounts?

*PFMI:* Q.22.1.1 *AGC:* 69

By direct electronic link

By receipt of physical account holding statements

Not applicable

OTHER:

| 678 G21Q004<br>Please explain: |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| PFMI: Q.22.1.1<br>AGC: 69a.    |  |  |  |

# 679 G21Q005

Do participants have access to affect their holdings, including confirming and affirming trades, movement of securities on their accounts, etc.?

PFMI: Q.22.1.1 AGC: 70

No [A02]

680 G21Q006 How is access given to participants?

*PFMI:* Q.22.1.1 *AGC:* 70a.

By direct electronic link

OTHER:

681 G21Q007 Please select type of electronic link:

PFMI: Q.22.1.1 AGC: 70b.

Dial-up modem

Secured, leased, dedicated telephone line

Internet

Fax

682 G21Q008 Please explain:

PFMI: Q.22.1.1 AGC: 70c.

683 G21Q009 Does the CSD communicate with other market entities such as stock exchanges, payment systems, clearing houses, etc., by secured linkages? *PFMI:* Q.22.1.1

AGC: 72

Yes [A01]

684 G21Q010 Please explain: PFMI: Q.22.1.1 AGC: 72a

The CSD maintains secure linkages with the Macedonian Stock Exchange (MSE) and the National Bank of the Republic of Macedonia (NBRM). Messaging through these secure linkages are compliant with global standards via the use of ISO data standards and messages in S.W.I.F.T. format.

| 685 G21Q011<br>How does the CSD communicate with Stock Exchanges? |
|---|
| PFMI: Q.22.1.1<br>AGC: 73 73a                                     |
| Dial-up modem   |
|   |
| Secured, leased, dedicated telephone line                         |
| Internet  |
| Fax   |
| Paper   |
| other   |
| Not applicable  |
| OTHER:  |
|   |
| 686 G21Q012<br>How does the CSD communicate with Payment Systems? |
| PFMI: Q.22.1.1<br>AGC: 73b  |
| Dial-up modem   |

| Internet |
|----------|
| Fax      |
| Paper    |

other

Not applicable

OTHER:

687 G21Q013 How does the CSD communicate with Clearing Houses? *PFMI:* Q.22.1.1 *AGC:* 73c

| Dial-up modem                             |
|---|
| Secured, leased, dedicated telephone line |
| Internet                                  |
| Fax                                       |
| Paper                                     |
| other                                     |
| Not applicable                            |
| OTHER:                                    |
|   |
|   |

| How does the CSD communicate with Registrars? |  |
|---|--|
| PFMI: Q.22.1.1<br>AGC: 73d                    |  |
|   |  |
| Dial-up modem                                 |  |
| Secured, leased, dedicated telephone line     |  |
| Internet                                      |  |
| ✓ Fax   |  |
| ✓ Paper                                       |  |
| ✓ other                                       |  |
| Not applicable                                |  |
| OTHER:  |  |

# Transparency and disclosure (PFMI Principle 23)

| 713 G22Q020<br>Capital. Are annual financial statements publicly disclosed? |
|---|
|   |

PFMI: Q.23.5.3 AGC: 13

Yes [A01]

714 G22Q021 If yes, the AGC requests a copy of the institution's annual report. Is the annual report available electronically? PFMI: Q.23.5.3

AGC: 13a.

Yes [Y]

# 715 G22Q022

filecount - If yes, please upload the document(s) here or insert web link(s) in question 13d:

PFMI: Q.23.5.3 AGC: 13b.

Auditors Report 2017.pdf (776KB)

Annual Report 2017 macedonian version.pdf (8395KB)

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716 G22Q023 filecount - If more than one document for 13b, please upload the additional document here:

PFMI: Q.23.5.3 AGC: 13c.

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717 G22Q024 Please insert web link(s) for 13b here:

PFMI: Q.23.5.3 AGC: 13d.

718 G22Q025

If no, and annual report and/or financial statements are not disclosed, please state your share capital, reserves, and retained earnings (or equivalents as determined under local accounting standards). Share Capital (then please answer 13f):

PFMI: Q.23.5.3 AGC: 13e.

719 G22Q026 Reserves (then please answer 13g):

PFMI: Q.23.5.3 AGC: 13f.

720 G22Q027 Retained Earnings:

PFMI: Q.23.5.3 AGC: 13g.

### 722 G22Q029

AGC members from time to time receive requests from their direct investor-clients for an informational copy of a CSD's completed questionnaire. Such requests typically lead to interactions between personnel at the CSD in question and member personnel or client personnel, or both. Those interactions take time and impose costs on both members and depositories. Do you approve of AGC

members delivering a copy of your completed questionnaire to the member's direct client in response to the client's request?

PFMI: Q.23.5.4 AGC: 100

Yes [Y]

723 G22Q030 Are the results of the financial audit publicly available?

PFMI: Q.23.5.4 AGC: 15f

Yes [Y]

724 G22Q031 Are the results of the operational audit publicly available?

PFMI: Q.23.5.4 AGC: 16f

# Compliance with SEC Rule 17f-7

727 G23Q001

Rule 17f-7, by reference to Rule 17f-4, requires that, for a CSD to be eligible to hold securities of U.S. registered investment companies (such depositories hereinafter referred to as "Eligible Securities Depositories"), the CSD must be a "system for the central handling of securities where all securities of any particular class or series of any issuer deposited within the system are treated as fungible and may be transferred or pledged by bookkeeping entry without physical delivery of the securities."

Are all securities of a particular class or series of any issuer that are deposited in your institution treated as fungible, and can they be transferred or pledged by bookkeeping entry without physical delivery of the securities?

PFMI: n/a AGC: 1

Yes [Y]

728 G23Q002 Please explain

PFMI: n/a AGC: 1a

All securities in Republic of Macedonia are dematerialized, and all of them are classified and registered in the CSD under an ISIN number. This allows for the securities to be treated as fungible. One security that is issued by one issuer and that bares the same rights is always issued by unique ISIN. Thus the securities that are issued with the same conditions by one issuer are regarded interchangeable and are not deferring from the others in the series.

| 729 G23Q003<br>Rule 17f-7 also requires that an Eligible Securities CSD "acts as or operates a system for the central<br>handling of securities or equivalent book-entries in the country where it is incorporated," or "acts as or<br>operates a transnational system for the central handling of securities or equivalent book-entries."<br>Does your institution:<br><i>PFMI: n/a</i><br><i>AGC: 2</i> |
|---|
|   |
| Act as or operate a system for the central handling of securities or equivalent book-entries in the country where it is incorporated?   |
| Act as or operate a transnational system for the central handling of securities or equivalent book-<br>entries?   |
| Act in another capacity with respect to the handling of securities or equivalent book-entries?  |
| Not applicable  |
| OTHER:  |
|   |

730 G23Q004 Please explain:

PFMI: n/a AGC: 2a.

731 G23Q005

Please specify the types of securities for which you act as or operate a system for the central handling of

securities or equivalent book-entries:

PFMI: n/a AGC: 2b.

Under the Law on Securities of the Republic of Macedonia, all type of Securities except the Treasury Bills issued by National Bank of Republic of Macedonia are registered by the CSD.

### 732 G23Q006

Rule 17f-7 requires that an Eligible Securities Depository regulated by a foreign financial regulatory authority as defined under section 2(a)(50) of the Act, with section 2(a)(50) establishing that z 'foreign financial regulatory authority' means any (A) foreign securities authority, (B) other governmental body or foreign equivalent of a self-regulatory organization empowered by a foreign government to administer or enforce its laws relating to the regulation of fiduciaries, trusts, commercial lending, insurance, trading in contracts of sale of a commodity for future delivery, or other instruments traded on or subject to the rules of a contract market, board of trade or foreign equivalent, or other financial activities, or (C) membership organization a function of which is to regulate the participation of its members in activities listed above." Who regulates the activities of the CSD?

PFMI: n/a AGC: 8

A governmental body or regulatory organization empowered to administer or enforce laws related to securities matters.

A governmental body or self-regulatory organization empowered to administer or enforce laws related to other financial activities.

A membership organization which regulates the participation of its members in securities matters or other financial activities.

OTHER:

733 G23Q007 Please explain:

PFMI: n/a AGC: 8a.

734 G23Q008 Please provide the name of regulatory authority(ies) identified in question 8:

PFMI: n/a AGC: 9

The Securities and Exchange Commission of the Republic of Macedonia. The Securities and Exchange Commission of the Republic of Macedonia has been an Ordinary Mem ber of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) since 1994.

735 G23Q009 Rule 17f-7 requires that an Eligible Securities Depository is subject to periodic examination by regulatory authorities or independent accountants. Is the CSD subject to periodic examination by:

PFMI: n/a AGC: 10

Regulatory authorities?

Independent accountants?

OTHER:

736 G23Q010 Please explain:

PFMI: n/a AGC: 10a

737 G23Q011 Name of Authority #1 (please answer 11a):

PFMI: n/a AGC: 11

The Securities and Exchange Commission of the Republic of Macedonia

738 G23Q012 What enforcement actions are available to regulatory authority #1 for breach of applicable statute or regulatory requirements? PFMI: n/a AGC: 11a. Fines Restrictions on CSD activities. Suspension of CSD activities. Termination of CSD activities. OTHER:

739 G23Q013 Please explain:

PFMI: n/a AGC: 11b.

740 G23Q013A Name of Authority #2:

741 G23Q014 What enforcement actions are available to regulatory authority #2 for breach of applicable statute or regulatory requirements?

PFMI: n/a AGC: 11c.

Fines

Restrictions on CSD activities.

Suspension of CSD activities.

OTHER:

742 G23Q015 Please explain:

PFMI: n/a AGC: 11d.

743 G23Q016 Has there been any use of such enforcement actions in the last three years?

PFMI: n/a

| AGC: 12 |  |
|---------|--|
|         |  |
| Yes     |  |
| No      |  |
| OTHER:  |  |

744 G23Q017 If yes, please explain: *PFMI: n/a AGC: 12a.* 

745 G23Q018

Has the regulatory body with oversight responsibility for the CSD issued public notice that the CSD is not in current compliance with any capital, solvency, insurance or similar financial strength requirements imposed by such regulatory body?

PFMI: n/a AGC: 90

No [A02]

746 G23Q019 Please describe:

PFMI: n/a AGC: 90a.

# 747 G23Q020

In the case of such a notice having been issued, has such notice been withdrawn, or, has the remedy of such noncompliance been publicly announced by the CSD?

PFMI: n/a AGC: 90b.

748 G23Q021 If yes, please describe:

PFMI: n/a AGC: 90c.

749 G23Q022 If no, why not?

PFMI: n/a AGC: 90d.

### 750 G23Q023

Rule 17f-7 requires that an Eligible Securities Depository holds assets for the custodian that participates in the system on behalf of the Fund under safekeeping conditions no less favorable that the conditions that apply to other participants. Please confirm that assets of foreign investors held by custodians as participants in the CSD are held under safekeeping conditions no less favorable than the conditions that apply to other participants.

PFMI: n/a AGC: 21

Yes [A1]

751 G23Q024 If no, other or not applicable, please explain:

PFMI: n/a AGC: 21a.

752 G23Q025 Please confirm the basis for the arrangements you have in place to ensure that the assets you hold for custodians receive the same level of safekeeping protection as the assets held for other categories of participants.

PFMI: n/a AGC: 21b, 21c

| AGC. 210, 21C.                                    |
|---|
| Relevant Law and Regulation                       |
|   |
| Standard participation contract                   |
| Established terms and conditions of participation |
| <ul> <li>By-laws of the CSD</li> </ul>            |
| Rules of the CSD                                  |
| OTHER:  |
|   |

753 G23Q027

For each item in Question 21b that you checked, please briefly supply references or citations to the law(s), regulation(s), or CSD rule(s), participation condition(s), or participant contract provision (s), as applicable.

PFMI: n/a AGC: 21d

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### 754 G23Q028

Rule 17f-7 requires that an Eligible Securities Depository provides periodic reports to its participants with respect to its safekeeping of assets, including notices of transfers to or from any participant's account. Does the CSD make available periodic safekeeping reports to participants, including notices of transfers to or from the participant's account?

PFMI: n/a

AGC: 46

Yes [A01]

755 G23Q029 If no or other, please explain *PFMI: n/a* 

AGC: 46a.

| 756 G23Q030<br>If yes, please indicate the scheduled frenquency:   |
|--|
| PFMI: n/a<br>AGC: 46b, 46c.  |
| Daily  |
| Weekly   |
| Monthly  |
| Quarterly  |
| Annually   |
| Upon request   |
| ✓ OTHER: Subsequent to each trade related and non -trade related transfer of securities, a Statement of Account is sent to each owner of account involved via post. Under the By-Laws of the CSD any shareholder may request and receive a Statement of Account from the CSD upo n request, or a tailor made report. |

# **Relevant RSSS recommendations**

# Appendices

765 G25Q002 I am submitting up-to-date information in response to:

AGC questions [A1]