Circular 421: Submission of Audited Financial Statement in Compliance with the DDA Private Companies Regulations 2016

Date: September 19, 2022

Dear Business Partner,

As part of DDA's commitment to supporting its valued business partners to ensure their compliance with financial reporting obligations under applicable laws and regulations within the mandatory timeframes, we would like to remind you that FZLLCs and branch offices ("**Company**") are required to prepare and submit their Audited Financial Statement and Annual Return each financial year (collectively referred to as "**Audited Financial Statement**").

The requirements of the Audited Financial Statement for an FZLLC are provided in Regulations 63-68 of the Private Companies Regulations of 2016. A branch office may choose to submit the consolidated Audited Financial Statement of its parents, or a stand-alone extract of the financials of the branch office operation only.

This is an essential requirement to achieve compliance with the applicable Federal and Local laws, in particular the laws regarding Anti-Money Laundering and Combatting Financing of Terrorism, Economic Substance, and tax laws.

The Company is required to submit the duly filled Financial Statements Report Summary Sheet along with the Audited Financial Statement via the AXS portal.

Companies are expected to submit their most recent Audited Financial Statement by or before 30th November 2022. Thereafter, all Companies are required to submit their Audit Financial Statement within six months from the financial year end.

The Company which has been newly registered and didn't complete its first financial year is required to provide the Audited Financial Statement within six months from its first financial year-end.

The submission of the Audited Financial Statement will be carefully monitored by the Authority and failure to comply may lead to the implementation of Decision No (2) of 2017 at the sole discretion of the Authority.

Companies who are subject to the Economic Substance Regulations and who have submitted the Audited Financial Statement via the ESR portal are still required to provide it via the AXS Portal.

If you have any queries, please contact DDA Customer Care on telephone No: 800-4-DDA (332) or through online form (click here).

Regards,
Dubai Development Authority