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OIL AND GAS

DIVISION OF THE NAMIBE BASIN INTO NEW OIL BLOCKS

By means of Executive Decree No. 33/15, of 6 February 2015, the Minister of Petroleum divided the offshore area of the Namibe Basin into 12 oil blocks (blocks 11, 12, 13, 27, 28, 29, 30, 41, 42, 43, 44 e 45) for the purpose of granting oil concessions in the future.

STATE

NEW STATE COURTS FRAMEWORK LAW ENACTED

Law No. 2/15, of 2 February 2015, approved a new Judicial Courts Framework Law, which sets forth the principles and general rules for the organization and functioning of the courts, notably their independence and administrative and finance autonomy, as well as the rights of all citizens to a court ruling in reasonable time and in a fair and public trial, and to the presumption of innocence. It also reinstates 2nd Tier Courts (Tribunais da Relação) as the courts of appeals for judgements rendered by the Provincial Courts. The new law revokes the Law of the Unified System of Justice (Law No. 18/88 of 31 December).

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