

## **Public Debate on the Public Support System for the Disabled**

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The Management Board of Impel SA hereby reports that at a meeting closed on January 16th 2005, it presented its position on an initiative of the Government Ombudsperson for the Disabled to launch a countrywide debate on the idea of a system for the support of the disabled.

The debate centred around the professional activation of the disabled and their more frequent employment in the future. The changes to be implemented include an introduction of new regulations concerning so-called “group exemptions”, which define the terms and conditions for providing public aid without being required to submit the notification referred to in Art. 88 of the Treaty Establishing the European Union, and simplifying the regulations on the rules for supporting employers of the disabled.

Based on the information obtained at the meeting with the Government Ombudsperson for the Disabled, the government has already adopted a schedule of work on a new Act on the Occupational and Social Rehabilitation and Employment of the Disabled. In line with the schedule, the new Act may be adopted at the end of this year, to come into force at the top of 2008, after a year-long *vacatio legis* period, as the Ombudsperson intends that transitional periods be provided for implementing the changes and new solutions at organisations that employ the disabled.

According to the Ombudsperson, it is possible that before the new Act comes into force at the beginning of 2008, some amendments will be introduced into the current Act on the Occupational and Social Rehabilitation and Employment of the Disabled. The amendments would address faulty and inconsistent provisions. Amendments are also possible in the Act’s provisions concerning financing. In the opinion of the Ombudsman, they could come into force not sooner than at the beginning of 2007.

Given the opened debate on the final future form of the public support system for the disabled and the possible changes in the financing of employment of the disabled, the Management Board of Impel SA will report on an on going basis on official draft amendments to the Act and to the Council of Minister’s Regulation of May 18th 2005, as well as on their impact on the Group’s performance, if such impact may be reliably estimated.

Legal basis:

Art. 56.1.1 of the Public Offering Act – Inside Information