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MORNING BRIEF

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- IMF directs BoG to phase out special forex auctions to BDCs: In a move that signifies a significant shift in foreign exchange policy, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has directed the Bank of Ghana (BoG) to gradually phase out the special forex auctions designed to provide Bulk Oil Distributors (BDCs) with access to dollars at lower rates. The IMF's stance stems from concerns over the emergence of multiple exchange rates caused by the BoG's occasional provision of forex support at rates differing from those prevailing in the market. As part of the programme, the IMF expects the BoG to ensure that its forex liquidity is provided at market exchange rates, while also implementing measures to support the unification of exchange rates across the board. The significance of this directive lies in its potential impact on BDCs, which require approximately \$300 million per month to import finished petroleum products for public consumption. (Norvanreports)
- **E-levy rakes in 11% revenue for Q1 2023:** At the 25 percent mark of the year, data from the Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA) reveals that the Electronic Levy (E-levy) generated GH¢246.9 million in revenue, accounting for 11 percent of the projected GH¢2.24 billion for the year. Since its implementation in May 2022, the E-levy had generated a total of GH¢861.47 million revenue by March 2023. In its first seven months, the E-levy, set at a rate of 1.5 percent, contributed GH¢614.57 million; thereby surpassing the multi-revised target of GH¢611 million. Revenue from it has shown a consistent, albeit marginal, growth since inception of the E-levy, according to the GRA. However, E-levy revenue declined at the beginning of 2023 due to a reduction in its rate from 1.5 percent to 1 percent. For the first quarter, E-levy generated GH¢246.9 million which is 11% of the GH¢2.24 billion target for the year. (Business & Financial Times)





GOIL Final dividend payment of GH¢0.056 Qualifying date: 21st June, 2023 Dividend payment date: 7th August, 2023

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