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#### **Manivest Macao**

#### **Conducting Company Search in Macao**



There are generally two ways to obtain information of Macao companies that is available as public record from the Macao government. To determine the appropriate

types of company search in Macao, we need to consider the information that we expect to get from the search and the type of the Macao entity.

# Conducting company search with Commercial and Movable Property Registry

Commercial and Movable Property Registry ("the Registry") is equivalent to Companies Registry in other jurisdictions.

In accordance to Articles 2.3 and 22, Decree-Law no. 56/99/M – Commercial Registration Code (商業登記法典) of Macao SAR, all entities operating in Macao are required to register certain information with the Registry. The search will reveal the following information:

- Name of the entity in Chinese, Portuguese and English (If any)
- Address and business nature
- Date of establishment
- Capital

- Name of the quota-holders (shareholders) and quota, together with their addresses
- Name of the administrators (directors), their address and marital status.
- Form of signature
- Other important "articles" or restrictions
- Constitution

And all other documents which are needed to be filed with the Registry, for example, the change of business address, establishment and closing of branches.

Since electronic search services are not available, we need to go to the Registry in Macao to do the search in person.

### Conducting company search with Finance Service Bureau

Finance Service Bureau ("FSB") in Macao is equivalent to the inland revenue department or tax department in other jurisdictions.

According to Article 2, Decree-Law no. 15/77/M –Industrial Tax Regulations (營業 稅條例), natural persons and corporations, regardless of the residence or location of their domicile or head office, once they carry on business activities in Macao, are subject to Industrial Tax in Macao. They are required to register the following information with FSB under the Regulation:

- Name of the entity (if applicable)
- Owners of the entity
- Business address
- Registered number of the entity in FSB
- Date of commencement of business

This information registered in FSB is not available to the public. However, a certificate will be issued by the "Chief of the Finance Services Bureau" with details of the above information will be issued to the applicant if the application is applied by a registered Macao lawyer, with reason given.

As the certificate is issued in Chinese / Portuguese, Manivest will present the translated document to you after we have conducted the search.

If you are interest in our professional advice about the specific needs of Macao companies, please feel free to contact us.

# Expansion of Macao Office



Our Macao Office located at Rua Campo, No. 202, 7 Andar, D, Edif. Ass. Das Senhoras Democretica, Macau, has been renovated and expanded. Manivest Macao is here to provide full scope corporate services in Macao. Ms Iris Wong, Senior Officer, will be in charge of the operations of the office. For further details about our Macao Services, please contact us.

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