## New Regulation on E-Money

Bank Indonesia recently issued its Regulation No. 20/6/PBI/2018 on Electronic Money ("**PBI 20/6**"). This regulation replaces the previous Bank Indonesia regulations on the same subject.

The following are some of the key provisions introduced by PBI 20/6:

- 1. <u>E-money issuer license application</u> PBI 20/6 envisages that a company may apply for e-money issuer license directly to Bank Indonesia, without first getting a business license from the BKPM.
- Foreign ownership limitation PBI 20/6 now expressly provides that the maximum foreign ownership (directly and/or indirectly) in an e-money issuer company is 49%. During the licensing application process, Bank Indonesia will assess the ownership of the e-money issuer company up to the ultimate shareholder level.
- 3. <u>Fit and proper test requirements</u> Any controlling shareholder (ie a shareholder who has a shareholding of at least 25% in the emoney issuer company, or, any shareholder who has less than 25% shareholding but has direct/indirect control over the e-money issuer company), director and commissioner of the emoney issuer company is subject to fit and proper test conducted by Bank Indonesia.
- 4. <u>Change of control restriction</u> PBI 20/6 restricts any change of control of the e-money issuer company within 5 years since the issuance of the e-money issuer license. However, in certain conditions, such restriction may be waived with a prior approval from Bank Indonesia.
- 5. <u>Minimum capital requirements</u> An e-money issuer company is required to have its issued and paid-up capital of at least IDR 3,000,000,000 (around USD. 215,000). The company is also required to increase its issued and paid-up capital depending on the increase of the float funds it manages.

We suspect that Bank Indonesia will also issue the implementing regulations for this PBI 20/6 to replace the existing Bank Indonesia circular letters on e-money. Pending the issuance of the implementing regulations, the implementation of PBI 20/6 remains to be seen. We believe it is likely that Bank Indonesia will only process new licensing applications following the issuance of the implementing regulations.

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