



## **Amendment of Rule 17 of the Egyptian Accounting Standards**

According to Rule 17 of the Egyptian Accounting Standards, Holding Companies are required to issue consolidated financial statements for their affiliates and subsidiaries. That said, subject to certain conditions set-out under paragraph 10 of Rule 17, Holding Companies may be exempted from issuing such consolidated financial statements.

The wording of paragraph 10 was, however, unclear as regards the cumulative or non-cumulative nature of the conditions set out thereunder. A recent amendment to paragraph 10 (Decree No. 91 of 2009, dated May 21, 2009) will put an end to this ambiguous situation, since it states clearly that a Holding Company is not exempted from issuing consolidated financial statement unless “[...] *it cumulatively fulfils*[...]” the listed conditions.