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ENVIRONMENT – IBAMA: FULFILLMENT OF OBLIGATIONS DURING THE PANDEMIC

Federal Environmental Agency ("IBAMA") published Release No. 7337671/2020-GABIN ("Release") providing temporary guidelines, to be followed by companies during the COVID-19 pandemic, related to fulfillment of legal obligations on treatment and compensation measures of environmental impacts caused by enterprises licensed by IBAMA.

Among the guidelines established in the Release, we highlight:

- Fulfillment of legal obligations related to environmental licensing should be maintained, as far as possible;
- Environmental measures linked immediately and directly to adequate levels of environmental quality must be maintained, such as the monitoring and treatment of wastewater and hazardous waste and the guarantee of soil stability;
- If fulfillment of any environmental measure or obligation is not operationally possible, companies must:
    - Identify precisely the non-fulfilled measure and the dates when it occurred;
    - Formally document the fact and the efforts made to mitigate its effects and to resolve the issue as soon as necessary;
    - Forward such information to IBAMA;
    - If the non-fulfillment sets the operation and/or quality of the environment at risk, IBAMA must be **immediately** communicated through email dilic.sede@ibama.gov.br

IBAMA will maintain its electronic channels and files shall be made by e-mail sei-protocolo.sede@ibama.gov.br. Guidelines foreseen by the Release apply retroactively to March 12, 2020.

Veirano's environmental team is highly experienced on the subject and is available to provide further clarification.

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