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Tender Issued for Increasing Energy Efficiency (Electricity Saving) in Seven Government Ministries

Today, the joint Finance Ministry and National Infrastructures Ministry Tenders Committee, headed by Deputy Accountant-General Avi Dor, published tender documents for the purchase of services for increasing energy efficiency (electricity saving).

In accordance with the government's resolution of 18.9.2008 whereby energy consumption in the Israeli economy must be reduced by 20% by the year 2020, the Inter-Ministerial Tenders Committee issued a tender for the execution of projects for increasing energy efficiency (electricity saving) in seven buildings used by government ministries. This is in order to encourage the sophisticated use of government electricity in view of Israel's limited energy resources, to increase the efficiency of the government spending deriving from electricity consumption in government ministries, and to develop a market for companies supplying energy services in the economy.

The tender for increasing energy efficiency will be carried out under the "Result-Dependant Remuneration" method whereby the winning supplier will plan, finance and carry out the adaptations in the buildings, including installation and maintenance of energy-saving devices. In return, the supplier will receive part of the annual cash saving (50% of the saving in the electricity bills) during a 60-month period of contractual association. The submission of bids is expected to last until the end of April 2010.

The tender for increasing energy efficiency is the first to be held under this method. The intention is to extend its application to additional government ministries, and to act as a catalyst for the public and private sector in all matters relating to increased energy efficiency.

Accountant-General **Shouky Oren** said: "The Finance Ministry is leading government policy in this area, and via its means of disposal is promoting the important subject of increasing energy efficiency". He added: "Apart from the economic importance of reducing costs to the economy and falling into line with the global trend of electricity saving, I regard this tender as of immense environmental importance in reducing greenhouse gas emissions".