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Companies House Gibraltar goes a step further towards reducing its carbon footprint.

Over the past few years we at Companies House Gibraltar (CHG) have continuously improved our services whilst at the same time raising awareness of the impact we all have on our environment. To mention just some of the steps taken, we have:

- introduced the possibility of filing documents electronically via the CHG e-Registry;
- stopped sending printed statements to our clients and replaced these by electronic statements sent by email;
- replaced our conventional petrol-engine delivery vehicle used to convey company files from our warehouse to our offices with a head-turning eco-friendly electric vehicle; and
- reduced the use of our electric delivery vehicle by improving the services offered via our online platform.

We are further improving our environmentally friendly policy and a number of developments will be rolled out during the course of January 2019 (implementation date will be announced).

Receipts.

CHG will no longer be issuing printed receipts to users who hold a CHG deposit account. Instead, all our deposit account users will receive their receipts electronically via email. In addition to this, authorised signatories of CHG deposit accounts will no longer be required to sign a printed receipt to authorise their transaction, but will sign on an iPad instead. As an indication, CHG issued 21,000 receipts for the year 2017 (42 reams of A4 paper).

Improvements to our company profiles.

Company profiles are widely used by local professionals. In order to improve the clarity and legibility of our company profiles, some headings will be bigger and bolder and a coloured pie chart will be included showing the proportion of the issued share capital held by each of its shareholders.

e-Certification of company profiles and of document copies.

CHG is introducing the certification of documents lodged with us by electronic means. Users will be able to obtain company profiles and document copies via the CHG e-Registry certified and authenticated; e-Certified documents will be available from us without delay.



e-Search v2.0.

Two years ago e-Registry electronic searches were introduced for all active Gibraltar companies since 1931. The loading time of these records was dependent on the number of documents contained in the record. As from the end of January 2019 loading times to be able to access these documents will be greatly improved. They will be available for consultation by the user for a period of 30 days as from the date of purchase.

Business names arrive on the e-Registry platform.

The e-Registry service will include business names as from the end of January 2019; over 12,500 existing documents related to Business names will be made available for download from the e-Registry and users will be able to conduct electronic searches of active Business Names since 1945. The electronic file will remain available for a period of 30 days from the date of purchase.

Looking ahead.

Companies House Gibraltar is currently engaging in the exciting field of blockchain and distributed ledger technology in order to be able to provide its registry users with blockchain related services in the foreseeable future. Watch this space!