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Ghana amends key provisions of its Internal Revenue Act

Ghana has amended the country's tax law, the Internal Revenue Act 2000 (Act 592). The key changes include:

- The 20-year capital gains tax exemption for shares listed on the Ghana Stock Exchange has been extended for another five years, through November 2015.
- The corporate tax rate for hotels has been reduced from 22 percent to 20 percent.
- The corporate tax rate for mining companies has been increased from 25 percent to 35 percent.
- Income and expenses incurred by a mining company on mining projects are now subject to a new ring-fencing provision.
- Losses from one mining area can no longer offset income from another mining area.
- The capital allowance for additions to mining assets has been simplified and reduced from two rates -- 80 percent or 50 percent per annum on the cost of the assets -- to a single rate of 20 percent per annum.



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