Multilateral Convention (MLI) – South Africa Publishes English Synthesized Text of Chile-South Africa Treaty

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On 1 February 2024, the South African Revenue Service published the English synthesized text of the Chile - South Africa Income and Capital Tax Treaty (2012), displaying the modifications made to the treaty by the MLI.

South Africa and Chile deposited their instrument of ratification of the MLI on, respectively, 30 September 2022 and 26 November 2020. The MLI therefore entered into force for South Africa on 1 January 2023 and for Chile on 1 March 2021.

Unless stated otherwise in the synthesized text, the provisions of the MLI will generally have effect with respect to the Chile - South Africa Income and Capital Tax Treaty (2012):

In South Africa:

- with respect to taxes withheld at source on amounts paid or credited to non-residents, where the event giving rise to such taxes occurs on or after 1 January 2023; and
- with respect to all other taxes levied by South Africa, for taxes levied with respect to taxable periods beginning on or after 1 July 2023.

In Chile:

- with respect to taxes withheld at source on amounts paid or credited to non-residents, where the event giving rise to such taxes occurs on or after 1 January 2023; and
- with respect to all other taxes levied by Chile, for taxes levied with respect to taxable periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024.

In accordance with paragraph 4 of article 35 of the MLI, article 16 of the MLI (Mutual Agreement Procedure) has effect with respect to this treaty for a case presented to the competent authority of a contracting state on or after 1 January 2023, except for cases that were not eligible to be presented as of that date under this treaty prior to its modification by the MLI, without regard to the taxable period to which the case relates.

The purpose of the synthesized text is to facilitate the understanding of the application of the MLI but it is not in itself a source of law.

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