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**Report Highlights:**

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Angola's new Private Investment Law (Law N.' 20/11) was published on May 20, 2011. One of the primary changes from the previous law was to raise the minimum value of new private investments to US \$1 million. The intended purpose of this change is to capture investments that add greater value to the overall economy through increased job creation and domestic production of goods. Additionally, the law lays out provisions for promoting the "Angolanization" of managerial and supervisory staff (Article 24).

Angola is ripe with investment opportunities as they currently import more than 90 percent of their consumable agricultural products. There is little to no domestic food production and processing in Angola and the government is increasingly concerned about food security. Exacerbating food security concerns has been the recent expulsion of more than 140 foreign nationals, many of which were Lebanese traders, who controlled imports of food and beverages. Many of these expelled traders previously imported low cost flour out of Europe, which discouraged investment in local processing.

Although the landscape of opportunities in Angola is enticing, the current lack of transparency within the government is not. The recent 2011 Corruption Perception Index Report by Transparency International ranked Angola 168 about of 183 countries with an index score of two, and is one of the lowest ranked African countries in the index.

The full-version text of the Angolan Private Investment Law is attached to this report.