PUBLIC STATEMENT

In recent days, various print and visual media outlets have published numerous false, incomplete, and misleading allegations concerning Grant Thornton Türkiye and one of its partners, Emir Taşar, including the claim that he received a bribe of TRY 550,000. These reports have also fundamentally misrepresented the nature and scope of the professional services provided.

We categorically reject these misleading publications and respectfully present the following statement to the public.

Grant Thornton Türkiye is a member firm of Grant Thornton International Ltd. The operations of Grant Thornton Türkiye are carried out through three of its local group companies.

All services are performed in full compliance with the applicable legislation and the professional standards issued by the Ministry of Treasury and Finance, the Public Oversight, Accounting and Auditing Standards Authority (KGK), and the Capital Markets Board of Türkiye (CMB). Within this framework, we prepare approximately 750 reports each year under various professional standards.

Contrary to the allegations made in the media, the report at issue, which was signed by one of our partners, is not an independent audit report. Rather, it is an Agreed-Upon Procedures Report prepared in accordance with International Related Services Standard (IRSS) 4400 (Agreed-Upon Procedures Engagements) and the Turkish Auditing Standards Guide, covering the period from 6 February 2023 to 31 December 2023, and was delivered in 2024. This report does not express an independent audit opinion, provide assurance, examine all of the institution's financial activities, or exonerate any individual or organization. Accordingly, characterizing this report as an "exoneration report," a "bribery-assisted cover-up," or an effort to "conceal corruption" is a clear and deliberate distortion of its true nature.

Neither our firm nor any of its partners have ever been involved in any bribery-related relationship with any individual or institution. On the contrary, our operations are subject to the applicable anti-bribery and anti-money laundering policies and procedures.

Following the emergence of these allegations, the relevant report, the service agreement executed with the AHBAP Association, the related invoice, and all supporting information and documentation were submitted to the Turkish judicial authorities by our legal counsel.

It is our sincere hope that all allegations made against our partner, Mr. Emir Taşar, will be fully and unequivocally clarified, not only for the benefit of the public but also for our company and for Mr. Taşar himself. We have full confidence in the Turkish judicial system. To facilitate the clarification of these allegations, our company is cooperating fully with the competent authorities and has made available all information and documents within its possession.

For these reasons, we categorically deny the false, incomplete, and misleading allegations contained in the publications in question, present the true facts to the public, and respectfully announce that we reserve all legal and criminal remedies available to us in connection with these publications, which have targeted the professional and commercial reputation of our company.

Grant Thornton Türkiye Executive Board