

Press release

INVESTIGATION REGARDING LIQUIDITY COMPANIES

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Within the scope of the ongoing inquiries (since more than twelve years) regarding liquidity companies (“société de liquidités”), the Council Chamber of Brussels confirmed this 2 October the referring of thirteen companies and persons to the Penal Court, amongst them ATENOR and its CEO.

Such a decision to refer does not in any way prejudge any culpability.

As previously indicated, the inquiry relates to the acquisition by a group of investors and intermediaries of sixteen companies, including the limited company (s.a.) ERASMONDE, sold by ATENOR in 1998.

It appeared after this sale that these purchasers diverted the liquidities of the companies acquired and failed to fulfil their tax obligations.

Two other similar cases are under investigation:

- in the Migeotte case, after dismissal by the Judges' Council Chamber of the Court of Turnhout in February 2012, the Antwerp Court of Criminal Appeal made a referral decision in March 2013, while noting that the reasonable time limit exceeded constitutes a mitigating circumstance; this decision is currently the subject of an appeal lodged by another of the 13 parties concerned;
- the Ameno case will be argued in the Judges' Council Chamber of the Court of Brussels in October this year.

As ATENOR has communicated since the beginning of these investigations, ATENOR and its management, who have cooperated fully and loyally with the investigations carried out by the judicial and tax authorities, feel that they have not committed any fraud or infraction and are confident that their good faith will be acknowledged in court.

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