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The Committee for Improving and Streamlining the Process of Doing Business in Israel, Headed by the Director General of the Ministry of Finance, Met Yesterday with Senior Managers in the Business Sector

As part of its work and its examination of the processes involved in doing business, The Committee for Improving and Streamlining the Process of Doing Business in Israel, headed by the Director General of the Ministry of Finance, **Mr. Haim Shani**, met yesterday with ten senior managers in the business sector. The heads of the economic organizations themselves participated in the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to obtain information on the time and resources invested by businesses in meeting the regulatory requirements imposed upon their operations, and to understand the focal points of difficulty in working with the government entities in the process of doing business.

Among the managers who participated in the meeting were the CEO of Leiman Schlüssel food importers – **Mr. Reuven Schlüssel**; the CEO of Brimag – **Mr. Rafi Friedman**; the CEO of MTR – **Mr. Tzvika Oren**; and the CEO of Five Carpenters – **Mr. Yoram Einav**.

The Committee for Improving and Streamlining the Process of Doing Business in Israel was established by the government in June 2009 to examine the process of doing business and the bureaucratic obstacles faced by businesses in this process. At the very start of its operation, the committee led a number of processes for rapid change in the bureaucratic system. As part of that effort, it reduced the time frame required to establish a business, and it is pushing for reforms in property registration.

The second stage of the committee's work will be to conduct a broad and comprehensive examination of the entire subject of doing business. In that framework, the committee decided to invite company managers from the business sector to a meeting, to obtain a picture of the situation from those involved in the matter.

In light of issues discussed at yesterday's meeting, the committee will emphasize the next steps in its operations, which is the continued implementation of the reforms in



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registering a business under the law that was recently passed in this matter. The committee will also conduct a specific and in-depth examination of the other issues that were raised at the meeting, such as obtaining building permits, and increasing the involvement of the local authorities in improving the process of doing business.