2. Ownership of Desert Lands for Purposes Other than Investment:

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According to Law No. 143 of 1981 on Desert Lands and the Investment Law enacted by Law No. 72 of 2017, any foreign investor may own a desert land where such land is necessary for carrying on or expanding their business. In cases other than the foregoing, the Egyptian ownership must not be less than 51% of the company's share capital, and no individual may own more than 20% of its share capital. In addition, any desert land owned by cooperative associations or companies may not, upon their dissolution, devolve upon non-Egyptians. By way of exception, a person holding the nationality of an Arab State may, by a decree of the President of the Republic issued for reasons he deems appropriate and following the approval of the Council of Ministers, be accorded the same treatment prescribed for the Egyptians under the Law on Desert Lands.	• **Article (11) of Law No. 143 of 1981 on Desert Lands; and** • **Article 11, second paragraph, and Article 12, second paragraph of Law No. 11 of 2024 Amending Certain Provisions of Law No. 143 of 1981 on Desert Lands**	**Law No. 11 of 2024 Amending Certain Provisions of Law No. 143 of 1981 replaces Article (11), second paragraph, and Article (12), second paragraph, of Law No. 143 of 1981 as follows:** **Article (11), second paragraph:** "In cases other than those where, in accordance with the provisions of this Law or the Investment Law enacted by Law No. 72 of 2017, the investor acquires the land necessary for carrying on or expanding the business thereof, the Egyptian ownership shall not be less than (51%) of the company's capital, and the ownership of any individual shall not exceed (20%) of the company's capital. Furthermore, any land owned by cooperative associations or companies may not, upon their dissolution, devolve upon non-Egyptians." **Article (12), second paragraph:** "In cases other than those where, in accordance with the provisions of this Law or the aforementioned	**The General Authority for Reconstruction Projects and Agricultural Development (GARPAD)**

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		Investment Law, the investor acquires the land necessary for carrying on or expanding the business thereof, only the Egyptians may have the right to ownership pursuant to the provisions of this Law. Nevertheless, a person holding the nationality of one of the Arab States may, by a decree of the President of the Republic issued for reasons he deems appropriate and following the approval of the Council of Ministers, be accorded the same treatment prescribed for the Egyptians under this Law."	