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Commission thanks stakeholders for positive response to Call for Submissions

The Panel of the Competition Commission's Market Inquiry into the Private Healthcare Sector thanks all stakeholders who have made submissions to the inquiry. The participation and interest in the health inquiry has been encouraging and the Panel looks forward to further fruitful engagement with all stakeholders on the issues put before the Panel in the submissions.

The receipt of 59 detailed submissions by Friday, 31 October 2014 signals the intensification of the analytical work of the inquiry. The inquiry's Technical Team will now commence with the review and analysis of the issues raised by stakeholders. During this critical phase, the inquiry will continue to evaluate in earnest whether there are features of the private healthcare sector that may adversely affect competition in the sector, or whether there are ways in which competition can be promoted in the interest of a more accessible, affordable, and innovative private healthcare sector in South Africa.

A list of all stakeholders who have made submissions to the Panel will be made available on the Inquiry's website (www.healthinquiry.net) by 10 November 2014. In order to facilitate open and transparent engagement on the issues put before the Panel, all non-confidential submissions will also be published on the website in due course.

"We have been pleased with the cooperation of stakeholders and the interest this inquiry has sparked. The inquiry is ready to embark on the next analytical phase and looks forward to understanding and evaluating the views expressed by stakeholders" said Clint Oellermann, Inquiry Director of the Health Inquiry.

LPG Inquiry

The Commission is pleased with the satisfactory number of submissions received in the market inquiry into the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) sector. The call for submission for the LPG inquiry also closed on Friday, 31 October 2014. The team will now assess the submissions and publish non confidential information on the Commission website.

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