



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
IN THE FIELD OF COMPETITION POLICY
BETWEEN**

**THE FEDERAL ANTIMONOPOLY SERVICE (THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION)
AND THE COMPETITION COMMISSION OF SOUTH AFRICA**

The Federal Antimonopoly Service of the Russian Federation and the Competition Commission of South Africa, hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”, expressing the will to develop and strengthen cooperation in the field of competition policy, aimed at establishing favourable conditions for developing of bilateral cooperation and stressing the key role of competition in the effective development of market economies, have reached an understanding as follows:

Purpose:

1. The present Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “the Memorandum”) is based on the principles of equality and mutual benefit.
2. The Memorandum aims at developing and strengthening cooperation between the Parties in the field of competition law enforcement, competition policy development, as well as in respect of the promotion of competition within socially sensitive markets of common interest.
3. The Parties will jointly identify socially sensitive markets of common interest as priority directions for their cooperation:

Scope of cooperation

4. The scope of cooperation between the Parties under the present Memorandum is as follows:

- 4.1. exchanging of non-confidential information on relevant issues in the field of competition policy and competition law enforcement;
 - 4.2. exchanging of publications on the latest developments in competition legislation and law enforcement, including scientific papers by management, officials and experts of the Competition Authorities of the Parties;
 - 4.3. exchanging of best practices and lessons learned in respect of investigative experiences in competition law investigations and prosecutions in the socially sensitive markets of common interest
 - 4.4. coordinating competition law enforcement activity when conducting investigations or enforcement procedures into violations of antimonopoly or competition legislation, when required and to the extent possible and in accordance with the legislation of the States of the Parties.
5. To enhance cooperation under the present Memorandum, the Parties may establish joint Working Groups in order to do research on competition issues in the socially sensitive markets of common interest.
 6. Cooperation between the Parties will be exercised on a regular basis via teleconferences, through email, at meetings under the framework of the Working Groups and during international events attended by the Parties.
 7. Parties will organize joint events (roundtables, seminars, press conferences and briefings) on issues of common interest, where reasonable, useful and possible. Such joint events may be organized in conjunction with representatives of other stakeholders of the States of the Parties, including the business community.
 8. All information pursuant to the present Memorandum will be transmitted via e-mail in English.
 9. All cooperation under the present Memorandum will be exercised in accordance with the respective legislation of the States of the Parties.
 10. Cooperation may be extended to other fields of common interest on the basis of new arrangements between the Parties.

Costs

11. Each Party will carry its own costs that may result from the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Confidentiality

12. A Party will not be required to communicate information to the other Party if the applicable law of the Party possessing the information prohibits the communication of such information, or if such communication would be incompatible with the interests of that Party.

Settlement of Disputes

13. Any dispute between the Parties arising out of the interpretation, application or implementation of the present Memorandum shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation between the Parties.

Entry into Effect and Termination

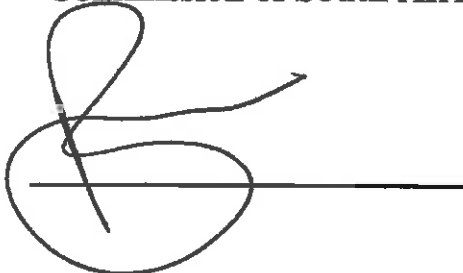
14. The present Memorandum will come into effect on the date of its signing.

15. A Party may terminate its involvement in the present Memorandum by giving two months written notice to the other Party indicating its intention to terminate its involvement in the present Memorandum.

16. The present Memorandum shall not be considered as an international treaty and does not establish any rights or obligations for the Parties which are regulated by international law.

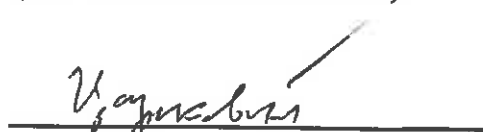
Signed in Cape Town, October _____, 2016 in two copies in English and Russian languages.

**On behalf of the Competition
Commission of South Africa**



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**On behalf of the
Federal Antimonopoly Service
(the Russian Federation)**



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