

## NOTICE TO STAKEHOLDERS

### CHANGES TO THE HEALTH MARKET INQUIRY (HMI) ADMINISTRATIVE TIMETABLE

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Dear Stakeholder,

1. On 1 December 2016, the Competition Commission South Africa (“the Commission”) published a Revised Administrative Timetable for the Health Market Inquiry (HMI), setting out the key milestones, reports to be published and timeframes for the completion of HMI by 15 December 2017.
2. According to the Revised Administrative Timetable, the HMI’s Provisional Findings and Recommendations, as well as Final reports were due to be published on 1 September 2017 and 15 December 2017, respectively.
3. However, the Commission subsequently published a further Notice on 28 February 2017 advising stakeholders that, due to data access processes and various stakeholder-engagements, the HMI would not be publishing the remaining reports listed in the Administrative Timetable until further notice.
4. Taking the above into account, the Commission hereby wishes to advise all stakeholders as follows:
  - 4.1 The Revised Administrative Timetable, as published on 1 December 2016 is hereby withdrawn and replaced with this Notice;
  - 4.2 The Commission will henceforth publish the HMI **Provisional Findings and Recommendations Report** by **30 November 2017**.
  - 4.3 The HMI will continue to engage with stakeholders on various matters in preparation of the Provisional Findings and Recommendations Report. Such engagements may include, requests for information, calls for submissions, publication of individual research reports, discussion seminars and direct consultations, as required.

- 4.4 All stakeholders will have sufficient opportunity to review the Provisional Findings and Recommendations Report and engage with the HMI thereon.
  - 4.5 These engagements will be taken into account in the production of the Final Report.
  - 4.6 The HMI will release the expected date for publication of the Final Report in due course.
  - 4.7 The HMI will publish a notice in the Government Gazette reflecting changes to the completion date of the HMI once the Final Report date has been determined.
5. Stakeholders will be advised of the publication of any further reports, documentation and information through the website of the Commission and via direct correspondence to all registered stakeholders on the HMI database.
  6. The Commission remains committed to an open and transparent inquiry and will consider all inputs received in the process of finalising the HMI Provisional Findings and Recommendations Report.

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