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STATEMENT ON THE LATEST DECISIONS BY THE COMPETITION COMMISSION

The Competition Commission of South Africa (CCSA) held its ordinary meeting on Tuesday, 20 January 2026, to review and take decisions on matters brought before the Commission by members of the public and corporate applicants, in terms of the Competition Act (89 of 1998) as amended. These matters include but are not limited to complaints, mergers, and acquisitions.

1. MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS

1.1 Fairvest Limited ("Fairvest")/ Greater Atlantic Properties Proprietary Limited ("Greater Atlantic Properties") in respect of the rights held in the rental enterprise known as "Jozini Mall" and Copperzone 163 Proprietary Limited in respect of the rights held in the rental enterprise known as "Tugela Ferry Mall" (collectively, the "Target Properties")

The Commission has recommended that the Competition Tribunal ("Tribunal") approves the proposed transaction whereby Fairvest intends to acquire the Target Properties, without conditions.

The primary acquiring firm is Fairvest, a real estate investment trust. Fairvest and all the firms directly and indirectly controlled by it, are collectively referred to as the "Acquiring Group".

Of relevance to the merger is that the Acquiring Group owns 14 retail properties in KwaZulu-Natal, three of which are within a 35km radius of Jozini Mall, one of the Target Properties.

The primary target firms are Greater Atlantic Properties in respect of the rights held in Target Properties. rental enterprises known as Jozini Mall and Tugela Ferry Mall.

The Target Properties are both classified as small community centres and are situated in Makhonyeni and Tugela Ferry in KwaZulu-Natal.

The Commission is of the view that the proposed transaction is unlikely to substantially lessen or prevent competition in any market. The proposed transaction does not raise significant public interest concerns.

1.2 STANLIB Infrastructure Fund II ("STANLIB Fund II"), represented by STANLIB Infrastructure GP 2 (Pty) Ltd / Cassava Africa Data Centres SA (Pty) Ltd ("Cassava ADC")

The Commission has recommended that the Tribunal approves the proposed transaction whereby STANLIB Fund II intends to acquire Cassava ADC, without conditions.

The primary acquiring firm is STANLIB Fund II, an infrastructure investment fund. STANLIB Fund II is controlled by its general partner, STANLIB Infrastructure GP 2 (Pty) Ltd ("SIGP2"), and managed by STANLIB Asset Management (Pty) Ltd ("STANLIB Asset Management"). STANLIB Asset Management is ultimately controlled by Standard Bank Group Limited ("SBG"). STANLIB Fund II, the firms it controls, and its controllers are collectively referred to as the "Acquiring Group".

The Acquiring Group is a financial services group which offers a broad range of services, including banking, insurance, and asset management. STANLIB Fund II is a private infrastructure investment fund that focuses on broad-based infrastructure investments over several sectors namely, renewable energy, rail, roads, water, storage, logistics and digital infrastructure.

The primary target firm is Cassava ADC. Cassava ADC is controlled by ADC Holdings Limited ("ADCH"), a firm incorporated in England and Wales. ADCH is controlled by Liquid Communication Jersey Ltd, a company incorporated in Jersey. Pursuant to the merger, Cassava ADC will control ADC Dev and ADC Sam. Cassava ADC, ADC Dev and ADC Sam are collectively referred to as the "Target Group".

The Target Group, through ADC Dev and ADC Sam, conducts private data centre operations in South Africa, which include the provision of data capacity and security services to enterprise customers across the country and, in certain instances, to clients elsewhere on the African continent through open-access arrangements. In addition, the Target Group provides data centre services in South Africa, encompassing infrastructure for hosting, data processing, and related activities. These services include, without limitation, colocation, hardware provisioning, network connectivity, and onsite technical support, which allow businesses to securely and reliably operate their IT infrastructure off-site.

The Commission is of the view that the proposed transaction is unlikely to substantially lessen or prevent competition in any market. The proposed transaction does not raise significant public interest concerns.

1.3 Super Group Holdings (Pty) Ltd ("Super Group Holdings")/ Dig Earthmoving (Pty) Ltd ("Dig Earthmoving"), Dig Mining (Pty) Ltd ("Dig Mining"), Dig Civils (Pty) Ltd ("Dig Civils") and Dig Plant Hire (Pty) Ltd ("Dig Plant Hire") (collectively, the "Target Group")

The Commission has recommended that the Tribunal approves the proposed transaction whereby Super Group Holdings intends to acquire the Target Group, without conditions.

The primary acquiring firm is Super Group Holdings. Super Group Holdings is wholly owned by Super Group Limited ("Super Group"). Super Group Holdings, Super Group Limited, and all the firms controlled thereby will be referred to as the "Super Group".

Super Group is a supply chain and logistics services business which covers supply chain management, and the operation of vehicle dealerships and fleet management. Its business encompasses the planning and management of all activities across the supply chain, including the sourcing, procurement, transport and warehousing of goods and services. Super Group further offers fleet leasing services and owns and operates vehicle dealerships.

The Target Group comprises four firms: Dig Earthmoving, Dig Mining, Dig Civils, and Dig Plant Hire, all of which are controlled by an individual. None of the firms in the Target Group directly or indirectly control any firms.

The Target Group provides plant and heavy machinery leasing services to the mining sector. Its fleet of vehicles comprise earth movers, excavators, dozers, graders, articulated dump trucks, water tankers, person movers and a further range of mining equipment.

The Commission is of the view that the proposed transaction is unlikely to substantially lessen or prevent competition in any market. The proposed transaction does not raise significant public interest concerns.

1.4 Motus Group Limited ("Motus")/ Motor Dealership Business of Penta Menlyn (Pty) Ltd ("Penta") situated at the corner of Garsfontein Road and January Masilela Drive, Menlyn, Pretoria ("Target Dealership")

The Commission has recommended that the Tribunal approves the proposed transaction whereby Motus intends to acquire the Target Dealership, without conditions.

The primary acquiring firm is Motus. Motus is controlled by Motus Holdings Limited ("Motus Holdings"). Motus, all firms controlling it, all the firms controlled by it and its controller, are collectively referred to as the "Acquiring Group".

The Acquiring Group is active in the automotive industry in South Africa. In particular, it has four key business segments, namely the (i) import and distribution of new Hyundai, Kia, Renault, Tata and Mitsubishi vehicles and parts; (ii) retail and rental of motor vehicles; (iii) motor-related financial services; and (iv) spare parts and aftermarket parts. Relevant to the proposed transaction are the Acquiring Group's retail activities in respect of passenger vehicles ("PVs"), specifically the retail of Chery, Omoda and Jaecoo PVs.

The primary target firm is the Target Dealership, situated in Menlyn, Pretoria.

The Target Dealership is active in the sale of new and used PVs; aftersales parts; aftermarket services and vehicle financing through their single dealership. In particular, the Target Dealership sells Chery, Omoda, Jaecoo, and Suzuki brands.

The Commission is of the view that the proposed transaction is unlikely to substantially lessen or prevent competition in any relevant market. The proposed transaction does not raise significant public interest concerns.

1.5 ooba (Pty) Ltd ("ooba")/ ooba Investment Holdings (Pty) Ltd ("OIH")

The Commission has recommended that the Tribunal approves the proposed transaction whereby ooba intends to increase its shareholding in OIH, without conditions.

The primary acquiring firm is ooba which is controlled by African Rainbow Capital Financial Services Holdings (Pty) Ltd ("ARC").

ARC is a diversified financial services investment company with no operational activities, focused on opportunities in the South African financial services industry and diversified investments (non-financial industries). ooba controls eight firms and primarily offers bond origination and aggregation services and, ancillary to this, via OIH, a small suite of insurance products.

The primary target firm is OIH. OIH is jointly controlled by the primary acquiring firm, ooba, and Hollard. OIH and the firms it controls will be referred to as the "Target Group".

OIH provides personalised insurance products focused primarily on homeowners and home-loan customers, including insurance for buildings and household content, vehicle insurance and bond protection.

The Commission is of the view that the proposed transaction is unlikely to substantially lessen or prevent competition in any market. The proposed transaction does not raise significant public interest concerns.

1.6 Derivco Proprietary Limited ("Derivco")/ Two commercial buildings, a vacant land and a conservation property (collectively referred to as "Forest Park Precinct") from Penguin Property Investments Proprietary Limited ("Penguin Property")

The Commission has approved the proposed transaction whereby Derivco intends to acquire the Forest Park Precinct from Penguin Property, with conditions.

The primary acquiring firm is Derivco. Derivco is wholly controlled by Chasefield Investments Proprietary Limited, which is controlled by Derivco Holdings Limited. Derivco does not control any firm/s. Derivco and the firms that control it are collectively referred to as the "Acquiring Group".

The Acquiring Group is active in the provision of software development services and information technology services. It also provides support, maintenance and ancillary technical services to its customers.

The primary target firm is Forest Park Precinct, which is currently controlled by Penguin Property. Forest Park Precinct comprises two commercial buildings, vacant land and a conservation property.

The Commission is of the view that the proposed transaction is unlikely to substantially lessen or prevent competition in any market.

To address public interest concerns, the merger parties shall ensure that a specified amount is spent on engineering and construction services using suppliers with notable ownership by historically disadvantaged persons.

1.7 LSF12 Helix Parent, LLC ("Bidco")/ Hillenbrand, Inc. ("Hillenbrand")

The Commission has approved the proposed transaction whereby Bidco intends to acquire Hillenbrand, without conditions.

The primary acquiring firm is Bidco, a special purpose vehicle, newly incorporated in Delaware, the United States of America (USA). Bidco is indirectly controlled by affiliates of Lone Star Fund XII, L.P., ("LS Fund XII"), a private equity fund advised by affiliates of Lone Star. LS Fund XII is incorporated in Bermuda. Lone Star is not controlled by any firms and is incorporated in the USA. In South Africa, Lone Star controls various firms. All the firms controlled by Bidco, the firms that control Bidco and the firms controlling those firms, will collectively be referred to as the "Acquiring Group".

Lone Star is a private equity firm advising funds that invest globally in real estate, equity, credit, and other financial assets. LS Fund XII is one of the 25 private equity funds organised by Lone Star. In South Africa, the Acquiring Group's subsidiaries are involved in the wholesale of chemicals; supply of fertilisers, industrial equipment, and food manufacturing equipment; label printing; and real estate broking.

The primary target firm is Hillenbrand, a public company incorporated in the state of Indiana, USA. Hillenbrand is listed on the New York Stock Exchange and therefore no single firm controls it. Hillenbrand controls various entities in multiple jurisdictions. It does not control any entity in South Africa; however, it does generate turnover from South Africa through export sales.

Hillenbrand provides highly engineered processing equipment and solutions to customers at a global level for a wide range of end markets, including durable plastics, food, and recycling.

The Commission is of the view that the proposed transaction is unlikely to substantially lessen or prevent competition in any relevant market. The proposed transaction does not raise significant public interest concerns.

1.8 Providere JV (Pty) Ltd ("Providere")/ Isambane Mining (Pty) Ltd ("Isambane Mining")

The Commission has approved the proposed transaction whereby Providere intends to acquire the remaining shareholding from Isambane Mining, without conditions.

The primary acquiring firm is Providere. Providere jointly controls Isambane Mining. Providere and all the firms controlled by it will collectively be referred to as the "Acquiring Group".

The Acquiring Group consists of investment holding companies that offer financial services to small and medium enterprises (SMEs), working capital for purchase orders and software development services.

The primary target firm is Isambane Mining. Isambane Mining is jointly controlled by Providere and an individual. Isambane Mining controls two joint ventures, namely, Excavo Mining (Pty) Ltd ("Excavo") and Umsizi Mining (Pty) Ltd ("Umsizi"). Isambane Mining and all firms directly and indirectly controlled by it are collectively referred to as the "Target Group".

The Target Group comprises contract mining companies which operate in Mpumalanga. The Target Group's services include the preparation of new mining sites, construction and maintenance of access roads and temporary mining infrastructure, coal drilling, coal blasting, excavation, loading and hauling to Run-of-Mine stockpiles, as well as rehabilitation and overburden removal.

The Commission is of the view that the proposed transaction is unlikely to substantially lessen or prevent competition in any relevant market. The proposed transaction does not raise significant public interest concerns.

1.9 JANTA Trust ("JANTA")/ Autohaus Centurion (Pty) Ltd ("Autohaus Centurion")

The Commission has approved the proposed transaction whereby Janta, through its subsidiary NTT Motors Lowveld (Pty) Ltd ("Lowveld"), intends to acquire Autohaus Centurion, without conditions.

The primary acquiring firm is JANTA. JANTA, the firms controlled by JANTA, and all the firms directly and indirectly controlling it will hereinafter be referred to as the "Acquiring Group".

The Acquiring Group is active in the retailing of new and used vehicle sales, after-sales service/maintenance with parts, and value-added products/finance/insurance. The Acquiring Group's operating sites include Thohoyandou (Toyota), Empangeni (Nissan and Mazda), Pretoria North (Ford), Richards Bay (Ford), and Klerksdorp (Mercedes-Benz, Hyundai, Kia, Mitsubishi).

The primary target firm is Autohaus Centurion. The issued ordinary shares in Autohaus Centurion are held by a family trust and McCarthy (Pty) Ltd ("McCarthy"). Autohaus Centurion does not directly or indirectly control any firm.

Autohaus Centurion operates as a Volkswagen and Audi motor vehicle dealership, with its operations situated in Centurion, Gauteng. Autohaus Centurion sells new Volkswagen and Audi vehicles (passenger and light commercial vehicles (LCVs)); and used vehicles, as well as accompanying parts and accessories. Autohaus Centurion is also active in the market for the service and repair of motor vehicles, together with the attendant sale of parts, accessories and service under the trade name of Autohaus Centurion.

The Commission is of the view that the proposed transaction is unlikely to substantially lessen or prevent competition in any relevant market. The proposed transaction does not raise significant public interest concerns.

2. COMPLAINTS (NON-REFERRALS)

2.1 Amabhubesi Property Holdings (Pty) Ltd v Transnet State-Owned Enterprise

The Commission is of the view that the conduct complained of does not contravene the Competition Act.

2.2 Ledile Makgato, Pshysiotherapist v Life Wilgeheuwel Hospital

The Commission is of the view that the conduct complained of does not contravene the Competition Act.

2.3 Kwazulu-Natal Doctors Healthcare Coalition v Medscheme Administrator, Healthbridge, Mediswitch and Allegra

The Commission is of the view that the conduct complained of does not contravene the Competition Act.

2.4 Shantal Naidoo on behalf of Clarks Auto Renovators (Pty) Ltd v Mercedes Benz South Africa Ltd

The Commission is of the view that the conduct complained of does not contravene the Competition Act.

2.5 Music Industries Dot Com (Pty) Ltd v Paul Bothner, Rockit Distribution, Viva Afrika Sound and Light

The Commission is of the view that the conduct complained of does not contravene the Competition Act.

2.6 Extruct Exhibition (Pty) Ltd v The Exhibitions and Events Association of South Africa and Vuka Group

The Commission is of the view that the conduct complained of does not contravene the Competition Act.

2.7 Leone Susara Roux v MBD Trust

The Commission is of the view that the conduct complained of does not contravene the Competition Act.

2.8 Pieter Nel v Libra Insurance Brokers

The Commission is of the view that the conduct complained of does not contravene the Competition Act.

2.9 Kelly Mathobela v Mabopane North Terminus Road KFC employee

The Commission is of the view that the conduct complained of does not contravene the Competition Act.

2.10 Shirley Matshego Piko v Airlink

The Commission is of the view that the conduct complained of does not contravene the Competition Act.

2.11 Zakhele Nkosinathi Zikhali v Dream Drive

The Commission is of the view that the conduct complained of does not contravene the Competition Act.

2.12 Lailah Parker v Secrets of Summer

The Commission is of the view that the conduct complained of does not contravene the Competition Act.

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