



Pursuant to section 60(4)(a)(ii) of the Competition Act (Cap 46:09), notice is hereby given on the decision made by the Competition Authority in respect of the following proposed acquisition:

**DECISION ON THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF HOTLINE SECURITY SERVICES (PTY) LTD'S CLIENT SERVICE CONTRACTS WITH THE REQUIRED ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT BY SECURITY SERVICES BOTSWANA (PTY) LTD**

The Authority determined to unconditionally authorise the proposed transaction on the grounds that the analysis of the facts of the case showed that there were no substantive competition concerns that will arise in the market for the provision of manned guard security service on account of the proposed merger in Botswana, given the fact that:

- i) The proposed transaction is not likely to result in substantial lessening of competition, nor endanger the continuity of service, due to the existence of post-merger competitive pressure that will continue to be posed by the other dominant players being G4S and Security Systems;
- ii) Similarly, the implementation of the proposed merger is not expected to result in acquisition of a dominant position in the security services market; and
- iii) No significant negative effect on public interest in Botswana has been identified, in relation to the provisions of section 59 (2).

Pursuant to the provision of section 55 of the Competition Act, the Authority has unconditionally approved the proposed merger.

However, as stated under section 66 of the Act, this approval does not override or negate any other mandatory statutory approvals or processes that any of the parties to these mergers must comply with under the Laws of Botswana.

Dated at Gaborone this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014

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