



## **MERGER DECISION NO 08: 2017**

### **DECISION ON THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF 50% OF ALL THE ISSUED SHARES IN BIDVEST BAKERY SOLUTIONS (PTY) LTD BY PURATOS GROUP NV.**

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 proposed acquisition of 50% of the issued shares in Bidvest Bakery Solutions (Pty) Ltd by Puratos Group NV.

The Authority determined through the analysis of the facts of the merger, that the proposed transaction is not likely to result in the prevention or substantial lessening of competition, or endanger the continuity of the services offered in the market under consideration. The structure in the market for the provision of bakery ingredients and raw materials in Botswana will not be altered, and as such this transaction does not raise any competition concerns. In addition there are no public interest concerns that arise as a result of the proposed transaction.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 60 of the Competition Act, the Authority has unconditionally approved the proposed acquisition of 50% of the issued shares in Bidvest Bakery Solutions (Pty) Ltd by Puratos Group NV.

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 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2017.

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