



MERGER DECISION NO 26: 2016

DECISION ON THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF 55% AND 45% OF THE ISSUED SHARE CAPITAL OF MANICA HOLDINGS LIMITED BY AMI INTERNATIONAL LIMITED AND BCHANGE GROUP PTE LTD, RESPECTIVELY

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 55% and 45% of the issued share capital of Manica Holdings Limited by AMI International Limited and Bchange Group Pte Ltd, respectively

The Authority determined to unconditionally authorise the proposed transaction on the grounds 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 market structure in the freight forwarding and warehousing/depot services in Botswana, will not be altered, and as such does not raise any competition concerns.

Pursuant to the provision of section 55 of the Competition Act, the Authority has unconditionally approved the acquisition of 55% and 45% of the issued share capital of Manica Holdings Limited by AMI International Limited and Bchange Group Pte Ltd, respectively.

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 this merger must comply with under the Laws of Botswana.

Dated at Gaborone, this 14th day of October 2016

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