



MERGER NOTICE NO 03: 2021

THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF 100% ISSUED SHARE CAPITAL OF TARSUS TECHNOLOGY GROUP (PTY) LTD FROM MAMZEN (PTY) LTD BY ALVIVA HOLDINGS LIMITED

Pursuant to section 49 (1) of the Competition Act 2018, the Competition and Consumer Authority ("the Authority") has received a merger notification for the proposed acquisition of 100% of the issued share capital in Tarsus Technology Group (Pty) Ltd ("Tarsus"), from Mamzen (Pty) Ltd ("Mamzen") by Alviva Holdings Limited ("Alviva").

The Acquiring Enterprise, Alviva, is a company incorporated in accordance with the Laws of South Africa. It is a public company listed on the Johannesburg Securities Exchange (JSE) and it is not controlled by any enterprise/s. For completeness, the four (4) largest shareholders holding over 3.5 percent shares in the target enterprise are: Tham Investments (Pty) Ltd; Peresec Prime Brokers (Pty) Ltd (Zarclear); Citibank Client Nominees; and Steyn Capital. The remaining issued share capital in Alviva is widely held. In Botswana, Alviva operates through its wholly owned subsidiaries: Axiz Botswana (Pty) Ltd ("Axiz Botswana"); Boditse (Pty) Ltd (now dormant) ("Boditse") and its South African subsidiary – Pinnacle Micro (Pty) Ltd ("Pinnacle"). Alviva is an investment holding company and is a provider of information and communication technology products and services through its subsidiary companies across Africa, including in Botswana.

The Directors of Boditse are: Roderick William Boyd (British); Timothy Peter Humphreys- Davies (British); and Hanre Bester (South African). The Directors of Axiz Botswana are: Roderick William Boyd (British); Chun Yin Andrew Li; and Rory Barton Twort (both South African).

The Target Enterprise Tarsus, is a private company incorporated under the Laws of South Africa. It is wholly owned and controlled by Mamzen, a private company incorporated in accordance with the Laws of South Africa. Mamzen is in-turn controlled by Bowwood and Main No. 188 (Pty) Ltd ("Bowwood and Main"), a private company also incorporated in accordance with the Laws of South Africa. In Botswana, Tarsus controls Tarsus Technology (Pty) Ltd (Botswana) ("Tarsus Botswana"), which is a company incorporated in accordance with the Laws of Botswana. Tarsus' business activities comprise that of an Information Technology warehouse and distribution company. Tarsus Botswana is therefore a traditional distribution business of hardware technology brands and provides its services to the reseller and retail channel.

The Directors of Tarsus Botswana are: AM Herbst; JF Groenewald (both South African); and C. Ramathlakwane (Botswana).

According to section 50 (3), of the Competition Act 2018, "any person, including a third party not a party to the proposed merger, may voluntarily submit to the inspector or the Authority any document, affidavit, statement or other relevant information in respect of a proposed merger."

The Competition and Consumer Authority therefore seeks any stakeholder views for or against the proposed merger, which may be sent within 10 days from date of this publication to the following address:

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