



MERGER NOTICE NO 11: 2015

THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF 60% SHARES IN BMS (PTY) LTD, OFFICE TECHNIQUE (PTY) LTD AND RANGECOM (PTY) LTD BY BIDVEST OFFICE HOLDINGS

Pursuant to section 56(1) of the Competition Act (Cap 46:09), the Competition Authority has received a merger notification between Bidvest Office Holdings (Pty) Ltd and e-Africa Holdings Limited. In terms of the proposed transaction, Bidvest Office Holdings (Pty) Ltd will acquire 60% shareholding in each of the three companies within e-Africa Holding Limited being, BMS (Pty) Ltd, Office Technique (Pty) Ltd and RangeCom (Pty) Ltd.

Bidvest Office Holdings (Pty) Ltd is a part of the Bidvest Office Division of Bidvest Limited, a company listed under the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) and registered under the Laws of the Republic of South Africa. Bidvest Office Holdings is involved in the market for distribution of office products, stationery, office furniture, office automation and related technology. They represent a number of brands such as Konita Minolta, Océ, Waltons, Hortors, Cecil Nurse, Dauphin, Pago and Global Payment Technologies.

e-Africa Holdings Limited is a company incorporated under the Laws of the Republic of Botswana. e-Africa Holdings controls the three target companies: (i) BMS (Pty) Ltd, which supplies stationary and offers business centre services e.g. copying, printing and archiving, with an estimated 8% market share; (ii) Office Technique (Pty) Ltd with an estimated market share of 6% in photocopying equipment/servicing and meter click services; and (iii) RangeCom (Pty) Ltd with an estimated market share of 6% in wholesale distribution of stationary, office furniture and equipment).

According to section 57(3), of the Competition Act, "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 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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