



MERGER NOTICE NO 22: 2015

THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF 31.6% OF THE ISSUED SHARES IN ROBOR (PTY) LTD BY TISO BLACKSTAR GROUP SE

Pursuant to section 56(1) of the Competition Act (Cap 46:09), the Competition Authority has received a merger notification for the proposed acquisition of 31.6% of the issued shares in Robor (Pty) Ltd By Tiso Blackstar Group SE.

Tiso Blackstar is a public company incorporated under the Laws of Malta and a primary and secondary listing on the London Stock Exchange and the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, respectively. Tiso Blackstar's largest investment is its existing shareholding (100%) in Times Media Group (TMG). TMG is a South African media and entertainment company, and its principal operations include newspapers, magazines, broadcasting, content and retail solutions. TMG is also involved in the manufacture and supply of CDs, DVDs to a wide range of clients including music recording companies and learning institutions.

Tiso Blackstar's industrial division includes interests in Global Roofing Solutions (100%) and Stalcor (100%) which have business activities within Botswana, and Robor (19.4%). Global Roofing Solution is a metal roofing manufacturer which consists of GRS Brownbuilt and GRS HH Robertson while Stalcor is an independent entrepreneurial stockist and distributor of stainless steel and aluminium. The directors of Tiso Blackstar are JB Mills, AD Bonamour, RT Wight and M Ernzer (non-citizens).

Robor (Pty) Ltd is incorporated under the Laws of the Republic of South Africa. Robor is a manufacturer and supplier of welded steel tube and pipe, cold formed steel profiles and related products. Robor is a steel tube manufacturer and supplies these products to most industries, including mining, logistics which covers rail and road, petrochemical, construction, engineering, manufacturing, agriculture, energy, water and automotive. It conducts business activities in Botswana on a cross border basis. The directors of Robor are GM Gilmer, TJ Bemelman, WA Collins, AR Hassim, SG Murray, GA Nolan, AZ Pahad and AJ Winter (non-citizen).

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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