



## **MERGER NOTICE NO 24: 2015**

### **THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF 100% OF THE ASSETS OF THE AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE OPERATION AT MAUN AIRPORT OF AIR CHARTER BOTSWANA (PTY) LTD BY NORTH WEST AIR (PTY) LTD**

Pursuant to section 56(1) of the Competition Act (Cap 46:09), the Competition Authority has received a merger notification between North West Air (Pty) Ltd and Air Charter Botswana (Pty) Ltd trading as Kalahari Air Services. In terms of the proposed transaction, North West Air (Pty) Ltd intends to acquire as a going concern, all the assets, stocks and take over all employees of Air Charter Botswana (Pty) Ltd's aircraft maintenance unit at Maun airport.

North West Air, the acquiring enterprise, is a company registered in accordance with the Laws of the Republic of Botswana. North West Air is a 100% subsidiary of Chobe Holdings Limited, a company listed on the Botswana Stock Exchange (BSE). The acquirer is a dormant company and therefore does not currently offer any product or service in Botswana, but was in the Air Charter business before it closed shop in 2008. The directors of North West Air are Jonathan M. Gibson and Barry Flatt, both citizens.

Air Charter Botswana is a company registered in accordance with the Laws of the Republic of Botswana, and is in the business of Aircraft Maintenance and Air Charter. The Air Charter business is operated only from Gaborone and has no flying operations in Maun. However, the Aircraft Maintenance business is operated from both the Gaborone base and the Maun base. The directors of Air Charter Botswana are P.F Brink (Motswana), N.M FitzGerald (British) and F.A FitzGerald (British).

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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