



MERGER NOTICE NO 28: 2021

THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF THE 100% ISSUED CAPITAL IN DEEP CATCH NAMIBIA HOLDINGS (PTY) LTD BY IMPERIAL LOGISTICS LTD THROUGH ITS SUBSIDIARY IMPERIAL CAPITAL LTD

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 the 100% issued share capital in Deep Catch Namibia ("Deep Catch Namibia"), by Imperial Logistics Ltd ("Imperial Logistics") through its subsidiary Imperial Capital Ltd ("Imperial Capital").

The Acquiring Enterprise, Imperial Capital, is a company incorporated in accordance with the Laws of the Republic of South Africa, and it is a 100% subsidiary of Imperial Logistics, a public company listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. Imperial Logistics and its various subsidiaries collectively Imperial Group of Companies ("Imperial Group") are the transport and logistics providers in various African countries, and also providers of contract logistics and freight services in Europe and the United Kingdom.

The industries served by Imperial Group are primarily in the healthcare, consumer, automotive, chemicals and industrial sectors. Imperial Capital is the holding company of Imperial's African businesses, with businesses ranging from transportation, distribution, and logistics services.

Imperial's relevant activities in Botswana are into two distinct sectors, as follows:

- I. The provision of market access services through its wholly owned Botswana based subsidiary, Fine Pharmaceuticals (Pty) Ltd ["Fine Pharmaceuticals"], to pharmaceutical and healthcare customers located in Botswana; and
- II. The provision of freight management services of bulk fuel through its wholly owned Botswana based subsidiary, Imperial Tankers Services (Pty) Ltd ["Imperial Tankers"].

The Directors of Fine Pharmaceuticals are: Makhosi Sibanda (Zimbabwean) and Hendrik A.J Theart (South African). The Directors of Imperial Tankers are: Sean Makhula Rasebotsa (Motswana), Napo Edward Ramodibedi (Mosothono), Karthiegasen Nadar (South African), Claudio Armand Salutt (South African) and Mark Rylance (South African).

The Target Enterprise, Deep Catch Namibia, is a company incorporated in accordance with the Laws of the Republic of Namibia. Deep Catch Namibia specialises in the import of perishable commodity products from local and international suppliers into Namibia and South Africa for export into South African Development Community (SADC) countries, including Botswana. Its wholesale trading division exports the following temperature-controlled Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) products into Botswana: mechanically deboned chicken, beef trimmings/fat (sausage production meat), cheese and seafood.

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:

Director, Mergers and Monopolies
Competition and Consumer Authority
Private Bag 00101
Plot 28, Matsitama Road, Main Mall
Gaborone
Tel: +267 3934278 Fax: +267 3121013
Email: CA@competitionauthority.co.bw