



MERGER NOTICE NO 30 OF 2017

THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF 52.63% OF THE TOTAL ISSUED ORDINARY SHARE CAPITAL OF AND ALL OF THE SHAREHOLDER CLAIMS IN 3G MOBILE (PTY) LTD BY THE PREPAID COMPANY (PTY) LTD, LEADING TO 100% SHAREHOLDING.

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 52.63% of the total issued ordinary share capital of and all of the shareholder claims in 3G Mobile (Pty) Ltd ("**3G Mobile**") by The Prepaid Company (Pty) Ltd ("**TPC**"), leading to 100% shareholding.

TPC, the primary acquiring enterprise, is a company incorporated under the Laws of the Republic of South Africa. It is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Blue Label Telecoms Ltd ("**BLT**"), a company listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. TPC wholly owns Blue Label Connect (Pty) Ltd and controls Robtronics (Pty) Ltd; both companies are South African based. TPC, supplies prepaid secure electronic tokens of value to wholesalers, financial services providers, corporate and independent retail and petroleum outlets. TPC's business operations are limited to South Africa and, as such, TPC does not have any business operations or business assets in Botswana. The Directors of TPC are Brett Levy; Kevin Ellerine; Sean Kaplan; Dean Suntup; Selwyn Diamond; Archie Rantao; Gary Harlow and Jabu Mogane (all South African nationals).

3G Mobile, the target enterprise, is a company incorporated under the Laws of the Republic of South Africa. In Botswana, 3G Mobile indirectly controls 3G Mobile Botswana (Pty) Ltd ("**3G Mobile Botswana**"), which, in turn, wholly owns Smart Shop Technology (Pty) Ltd ("**Smart Shop Technology**"). Smart Shop Technology does not trade (dormant). In Botswana, 3G Mobile is active in the sale and distribution of new mobile handsets, electronic tablets and related accessories which are distributed to retailers nationwide through 3G Mobile Botswana. The Directors of 3G Mobile Botswana are S.D. Lochoff; Rhys David Carr (South Africans); and Shimboya Kgosiemang (Motswana).

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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