

## **MERGER NOTICE NO 6: 2016**

### **THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL 29.08% INTEREST IN HEALTHCARE HOLDINGS (PTY) LTD BY DEBSWANA PENSION FUND**

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 an additional 29.08% interest in Healthcare Holdings (Pty) Ltd (“HCH”) by Debswana Pension Fund (“DPF”), leading to 58.16% shareholding.

DPF, the acquiring firm, is a defined contribution pension fund established in 1984 as a trust through a joint initiative between De Beers Botswana Mining Company (now Debswana), Anglo American Corporation Botswana (Pty) Ltd and De Beers Prospecting Botswana (Pty) Ltd. DPF invests member funds across various asset classes namely property, equities, bonds, cash and alternatives. Other than its interest in HCH, DPF wholly owns the following properties across Botswana: Plot 4948 (Tala Court) in Gaborone; Plot 8842 (Former Barclays House) in Gaborone; Plot 50361 (Carlton House) in Gaborone; Plots 1188-96 & 1845 (Debswana House) both in Gaborone; Plot 25006 (Sitatunga Lodge) in Phakalane; Plot 105 in Maun; and Plot 5415 (Teemane Mall) in Jwaneng. Furthermore, DPF has 25% shareholding in Lot 1196 (Engen Maun); 20% in Lot 68 in Palapye; 75% in lot 21928/9 at Francistown; and 33.33% in lot 4933 (DBN Partnership) in Gaborone.

HCH, the target firm, is a property holding company which has healthcare property assets in its portfolio. It owns the property buildings currently occupied by Gaborone Private Hospital as well as the residential property in Gaborone Private Hospital. HCH is directly controlled by Botswana Development Corporation (29.08%), Botswana Insurance Fund Management (29.08%), Debswana Pension Fund (29.08%) and Clinical Developments Botswana (12.77%). In the transaction under consideration, DPF seeks to increase its shareholding by buying out one of the shareholders, Botswana Development Corporation. This will result in DPF having a 58.16% controlling interest in HCH.

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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