



## **MERGER DECISION NO 33: 2015**

### **DECISION ON 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 60(4)(a)(ii) of the Competition Act (Cap 46:09), notice is hereby given on the decision made by the Competition Authority in respect of the proposed acquisition of 100% of the assets of the aircraft maintenance operation at Maun airport of Air Charter Botswana (Pty) Ltd t/a Kalahari Air Services by North West Air (Pty) Ltd.

The Authority determined to unconditionally authorise the proposed transaction on the grounds that the analysis of the facts of the case have shown that there are no substantive competition concerns that will arise in the proposed transaction. However, the Authority is hopeful that North West Air and Chobe Holdings Limited will assist in the Government's policy of ensuring greater competitive growth in the relevant market through fair competition practices by avoiding any acts or conduct that would amount to abuse of market power.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 55 of the Competition Act, the Authority has unconditionally approved the proposed merger.

However, as stated under section 66 of the Act, this approval does not override or negate any other mandatory statutory approvals or processes that any of the parties to this merger must comply with under the Laws of Botswana.

Dated at Gaborone this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2015.

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