



MERGER NOTICE NO 48 OF 2021

THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF 100% OF ISSUED SHARE CAPITAL IN BARLOWORLD SPECIALISED TRANSPORT PROPRIETARY LIMITED, MANLINE ENERGY PROPRIETARY LIMITED, AND MANLINE FREIGHT PROPRIETARY LIMITED BY BAKERS TRANSPORT PROPRIETARY LIMITED.

Pursuant to Section 49(1) of the Competition Act 2018, the Competition and Consumer Authority has received a merger notification in relation to the proposed acquisition of 100% of issued share capital in Barloworld Specialised Transport Proprietary Limited ("BST"), Manline Energy Proprietary Limited ("Manline Energy"), and Manline Freight Proprietary Limited ("Manline Freight") (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Target Enterprises") by Bakers Transport Proprietary Limited ("Bakers" or the "Acquiring Enterprise").

Bakers, the Acquiring Enterprise, is wholly controlled by Bakers S.A Limited ("Bakers SA"), a company incorporated in accordance with the Laws of the Republic of South Africa. Bakers controls Bakers Leasing Botswana Proprietary Limited ("Bakers Leasing"), a company incorporated in accordance with the Laws of Botswana. In turn, Bakers SA is wholly controlled by the Cameron Family Trust ("Cameron Trust"). Bakers' offers transport logistics services targeted at clients with medium-to-long-term contracts within the White and Brown goods, Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) and packaging industries. In addition, Bakers operates its own Mercedes Benz Accredited vehicle repair and servicing division across various areas in South Africa. Bakers Leasing Botswana is currently not operational. The director of Bakers and Bakers Leasing Botswana is Abdool Kader Tayob; a South African national.

The Target Enterprises are wholly controlled by Barloworld Transport Proprietary Limited ("Barloworld Transport"), a company incorporated in accordance with the Laws of the Republic of South Africa. Barloworld Transport is controlled by Barloworld Logistics Africa Proprietary Limited ("Barloworld Logistics Africa"). In turn, Barloworld Logistics Africa is controlled by Barloworld Investments Proprietary Limited ("Barloworld Investments"). Barloworld Investments is in turn controlled by Barloworld Limited ("Barloworld") a public company listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. BST through its subsidiaries is involved in transportation and warehousing services in the FMCG, mining, manufacturing, and agricultural sectors, as well as the provision of short haul, loading, transport and unloading services to the forestry industry in South Africa. Manline Freight is currently not trading. Manline Energy and its subsidiary Manline Energy Botswana (Pty) Ltd are involved in the transportation of hazardous cargo, including fuel, chemicals, and gas throughout South Africa and into neighbouring countries, including Botswana. The directors of Manline Energy Botswana are Justin Peter Blythe (South African) and Kopanang Nyaladzo Thekiso (Motswana).

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:

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