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GENERAL NOTICES

NOTICE 2411 OF 2001

COMPETITION COMMISSION

NOTIFICATION OF DECISION TO APPROVE THE TRANSACTION INVOLVING TYCO HEALTHCARE (PTY) LTD AND SUTURES RESEARCH LABORATORIES (PTY) LTD – CASE NO: 2001 JUN 18

The Competition Commission hereby gives notice, in terms of Section 13(7)(a) of the Competition Act, No 89 of 1998, as amended, read with Rule 38(3)(c) of the "Rules for the Conduct of Proceedings in the Competition Commission", that it has approved the transaction involving the abovementioned firms without conditions.

Tyco Healthcare is involved in the importation and distribution of sutures into South Africa. Its products and services also include a wide variety of disposable medical supplies such as wound care products, syringes and needles, surgical staplers and incontinence products.

Sutures Research Laboratories is involved in the preparation, manufacture, assembly, and distribution of various ranges of sutures utilized in the ligation or approximation of surgical incisions.

The Commission's investigation revealed the existence of sufficient countervailing power in the market. The major purchasers of these products are large private hospital groups and public sector procurement of these products is handled via state tender. The purchasers of these products therefore have the ability to exercise countervailing power in the form of trading terms and conditions, when they negotiate with the suppliers of said products.

The Commission's market enquiry also revealed that customers of these types of products have the ability to source from various suppliers. Consequently, the Commission concluded that the transaction does not substantially lessen or prevent competition in the market. In addition, the Commission is also of the view that the transaction does not raise any serious public interest concerns; inter alia job losses were minimal.

Enquiries in this regard may be addressed to A. Chetty at Private Bag X23, Lynnwood Ridge, 0040. Telephone: (012) 482 9044, or Facsimile: (012) 482 9121. (Reference: 2001 Jun:18)

NOTICE 2412 OF 2001**NOTIFICATION OF DECISION TO APPROVE THE TRANSACTION
INVOLVING COMPUTICKET (PTY) LTD AND TICKETWEB (PTY) LTD –
CASE NO: 2001NOV23**

The Competition Commission hereby gives notice, in terms of Section 13(7)(a) of the Competition Act, No 89 of 1998, as amended, read with Rule 38(3)(c) of the "Rules for the Conduct of Proceedings in the Competition Commission", that it has approved the transaction involving the abovementioned firms without conditions.

Both firms operate ticket distribution and cash collection services for the entertainment and travel industries. The distribution of tickets involves either selling tickets for unseated events or allocating specific seats to the public according to the seating plan for a venue and ensuring that no duplication occurs.

In the markets referred to above, the parties experience relatively small market shares, barriers to entry are low and technology is easily available. Therefore, the market shares are not likely to bring about a substantial increase in concentration levels, or lead to the prevention or lessening of competition in the relevant markets. Ticketweb, the primary target firm, has been experiencing negative financial results and is facing closure.

The proposed transaction is also unlikely to give rise to any significant public interest concerns. On the contrary, jobs will be saved as a result of the proposed transaction.

Enquiries in this regard may be addressed to K. Tshikare at Private Bag X23, Lynnwood Ridge, 0040. Telephone: (012) 482 9017, or Facsimile: (012) 482 9121. (Reference: 2001Aug18)

NOTICE 2413 OF 2001**NOTIFICATION OF DECISION TO APPROVE THE TRANSACTION
INVOLVING COMANAGE HOLDINGS 8 (PTY) LTD AND QUALITY PUMPS
AND FITTINGS (PTY) LTD - CASE NO: 2001SEP14**

The Competition Commission hereby gives notice, in terms of Section 13(7)(a) of the Competition Act, No 89 of 1998, as amended, read with Rule 38(3)(c) of the "Rules for the Conduct of Proceedings in the Competition Commission", that it has approved the transaction involving the abovementioned firms without conditions.

Comanage, the primary acquiring firm, has recently been established and does not trade at this stage (is not involved in the production or provision of any products or services). Quality Pumps, the primary target firm, produces a range of products (components and equipment) for the swimming pool industry. Therefore, the firms do not experience product and geographic overlaps.

The proposed transaction is also unlikely to give rise to any significant public interest concerns.

Enquiries in this regard may be addressed to K. Tshikare at Private Bag X23, Lynnwood Ridge, 0040. Telephone: (012) 482 9017, or Facsimile: (012) 482 9121. (Reference: 2001SEP14).

NOTICE 2414 OF 2001**NOTIFICATION OF DECISION TO APPROVE THE TRANSACTION
INVOLVING WISPECO (PTY) LTD AND METALLUMIN (PTY) LTD (IN
LIQUIDATION) - CASE NO: 2001AUG18**

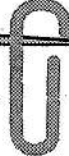
The Competition Commission hereby gives notice, in terms of Section 13(7)(a) of the Competition Act, No 89 of 1998, as amended, read with Rule 38(3)(c) of the "Rules for the Conduct of Proceedings in the Competition Commission", that it has approved the transaction involving the abovementioned firms without conditions.

Both Wispeco and Metallumin (when it was operational) manufacture *aluminium extrusions*. There is, therefore, a product overlap as far as the manufacturing of *aluminium extrusions* is concerned

Although it is a concentrated industry, Wispeco will remain the second largest competitor based on market share and capacity. Apart from over capacity in the industry that makes entry unlikely but not impossible, the barriers to entry are not onerous, an effective competitor has not exited the market and increased imports is likely if prices go up. It is therefore, concluded that Wispeco will not have market power post merger.

The proposed transaction is also unlikely to give rise to any significant public interest concerns. On the contrary, jobs will be saved as a result of the proposed transaction.

Enquiries in this regard may be addressed to J Liebenberg at Private Bag X23, Lynnwood Ridge, 0040. Telephone: (012) 482 9030, or Facsimile: (012) 482 9121. (Reference: 2001Aug18)



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