

## **MERGER DECISION NO 46: 2019**

## Notice in Terms of Section 60(4) (a) (ii) of the Competition Act

## DECISION ON THE PROPOSED SALE AND PURCHASE OF LETTING ENTERPRISES, TOGETHER WITH THEIR IMPROVEMENTS BY BIFM LOCAL PROPERTY FUND FROM MERLIN INTEGER (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 ("the Authority") in respect of the proposed sale and purchase of letting enterprises, together with their improvements by BIFM Local Property Fund from Merlin Integer (Pty) Ltd.

The Authority determined through the analysis of the facts of the merger, that the proposed transaction is not likely to result in the prevention or substantial lessening of competition, or endanger the continuity of the service, in the relevant market in Botswana. Furthermore, there are no negative public interest concerns that have been identified.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 60 of the Competition Act, the Authority has unconditionally approved the proposed sale and purchase of letting enterprises, together with their improvements by BIFM Local Property Fund from Merlin Integer (Pty) Ltd.

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 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019.

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