

MERGER DECISION NO 53: 2019

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

DECISION ON THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION BY FRANACO PROPRIETARY LIMITED OF AN ASSET BEING LOT 171, TLOKWENG (OASIS MOTEL) FROM VIRGIN ENTERPRISES (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED

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 acquisition of an asset being Lot 171, commonly known as Oasis Motel by Franaco (Proprietary) Limited from Virgin Enterprises (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 market for provision of short term accommodation and commercial real estate in Gaborone, and as such does not raise any competition concerns. 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 acquisition of an asset being Lot 171, commonly known as Oasis Motel by Franaco (Proprietary) Limited from Virgin Enterprises (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 9th day of December 2019.

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