



MERGER NOTICE NO 27: 2016

THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF 100% OF THE ISSUED SHARE CAPITAL IN BOTH TYREPRO BOTSWANA (PTY) LTD T/A DUNLOP TYRE SERVICES AND FOX (PTY) LTD T/A TYRE MART BY HARSHADKUMAR PATEL, THE PRINCIPAL CONTROLLER AND SHAREHOLDER OF THE MOTOVAC GROUP OF COMPANIES

Pursuant to section 56(1) of the Competition Act [CAP 46:09], the Competition Authority has received a merger notification for the proposed acquisition of 100% of the issued share capital in both Fox (Pty) Ltd t/a Tyre Mart ("Tyre Mart") and Tyrepro Botswana (Pty) Ltd t/a Dunlop Tyre Services ("Dunlop") by Harshadkumar Patel.

Harshadkumar Patel is a South African national who is a principal controller and shareholder of the Motovac Group of Companies. Harshadkumar Patel has various business interests in Botswana which include auto parts, pharmaceutical, property, farming and pipe fittings. However, his business interest is predominantly in the Motovac Group. Motovac's range of products is predominantly batteries, shocks, spark plugs, lamps, engines, oil and lubricants. In addition, Motovac sells tyres and related accessories on a miniscule scale.

Fox is a private company duly incorporated in accordance with the Laws of the Republic of Botswana and is part of the Tyre Mart franchise group which is registered in South Africa. The company is involved in the supply and fitment of tyres, tubes, shocks, brake pads, brake disc skimming. Tyre Mart also does alignment and balancing of passenger motor vehicles and 4X4 vehicles and trucks. In addition, Tyre Mart deals in brands such as Michelin, BF Goodrich, Pirelli, Monroe, Gabriel, Ferodo, Willard and Exide. All these products are sold in Gaborone. The company's shareholders are the Calder family, that is, Bruce T. Calder, Pamela D. Calder, Jade H. Calder and Jarred B. Calder, all South African citizens.

Tyrepro Botswana is a private company duly incorporated in accordance with the Laws of the Republic of Botswana. Tyrepro operates as a fitment centre and is part of Dunlop International, manufacturers of Dunlop and Sumitomo tyres in South Africa and importer of Dunlop tyres from Japan, Germany and Zimbabwe. Dunlop Tyre Services trades in the supply and fitment of tyres, tubes, shocks, brake pads, brake disc skimming and retailing of mag wheels.

Dunlop Tyre Services also does alignment and balancing of passenger motor vehicles and 4X4 vehicles and trucks. In addition, Tyre Mart deals in brands such as Goodyear, Continental, Pirelli, Michelin and BF Goodrich. It operates through five branches, two in Gaborone and a branch in Francistown, Maun and Palapye. The shareholders of Dunlop Tyre Services are Pamela D. Calder and Bruce T. Calder (South African nationals) who both own 50% each.

According to section 57(3), of the Competition Act, "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 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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