



## MERGER NOTICE NO 33 OF 2024

### **THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF THE 100% SHAREHOLDING IN CRAWICKMILL PROPRIETARY LIMITED BY LEWIS STORES (BOTSWANA) PROPRIETARY LIMITED**

Pursuant to section 49(1) of the Competition Act 2018, the Competition and Consumer Authority ("the Authority") has received a merger notification for the proposed acquisition of the 100% shareholding in Crawickmill Proprietary Limited ("Crawickmill" or "the Target Enterprise") by Lewis Stores (Botswana) Proprietary Limited ("Lewis Botswana" or "the Acquiring Enterprise").

The Acquiring Enterprise, Lewis Botswana, is a company incorporated in accordance with the Laws of the Republic of Botswana. It is controlled by Lewis Stores (Pty) Ltd and Lewis Insurance Services (Botswana) (Pty) Ltd; these are companies registered in South Africa and Botswana, respectively. Lewis Botswana is in the business of retailing household furniture, electronic appliances, home electronics and allied services. These products and services are offered to customers through the Acquiring Enterprise's 25 retail stores in various towns across Botswana.

The Directors of Lewis Botswana are Denys Marinus Oliphant, Gideon Jacobus Lourens Van Eck (both South African) and Mahube Mpugwa (a Motswana).

The Target Enterprise, Crawickmill, is a company incorporated in accordance with the Laws of Botswana. It is controlled by Daniel Rautenbach, Ferdinand Van Der Merwe and the executor of the late estate of Cornelius Johannes Bester; these individuals do not have any other business interests in Botswana. Target Enterprise is in the business of selling bed, mattresses, and other related bedside furniture, in various stores in Botswana. Crawickmill distributes these products from its 4 retail stores situated in Game City mall, Airport Junction mall, Fields mall and Rail Park mall, all in Gaborone.

The Directors of Crawickmill are Daniel Rautenbach and Ferdinand Van Der Merwe (both South Africans).

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 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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