**Public Consultation Process on proposed amendments to JSE Listings Requirements in relation to the Rights Offer Timetable**

**11 October 2013**

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| The JSE has received comments from the industry that it takes a lengthy period of time to raise capital on the market through means of a rights offer. The JSE therefore proposes to reduce the timetable relating to capital raising through rights offers by amending the rights offer/claw-back timetable as contained in the JSE Listings Requirements.The proposal is also driven by trends in international markets. Research conducted by the JSE has revealed that most international markets have a relatively shorter capital raising periods. While most markets have been aided by shorter settlement periods (i.e. T + 3 or shorter in some instances) the capital raising process has been aided by the switch to the dematerialised environment by the majority of shareholders.The proposal as shown in **Annexure 1** will reduce the number of days required to undertake a rights offer by 10 days from 31 days as per the existing timetable to 21 days. The most significant change is that the certificated shareholders who elect not to dematerialise their shares would have a shorter period to exercise their rights, i.e. 5 business days as opposed to 10 days. It would be advisable for shareholders to dematerialise their shares to ensure they have sufficient time to exercise their rights. The time between the publication of declaration information/data and publication of finalisation information has also been reduced to expedite the capital raising process. In addition, we will amend the requirements to make it clear that the short form announcement in the press must make specific reference to the action that certificated shareholders must take in order to timeously exercise their rights. |

We invite comments on the proposed amendments and comments can be submitted directly to  mookhom@jse.co.za by close of business on Tuesday, 12 November 2013.

**Schedule 24**

(o)[[1]](#footnote-1)  **Rights offer/claw-back offer**

 **Definition:** an offer of renounceable rights to an issuer’s securities holders, pro rata to their holdings in the issuer, to subscribe for securities in the issuer by means of the issue of renounceable LAs**.**

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| **Day** | **Event** |
| **D – 10**Declaration date | Publication of declaration dataPublication, through SENS and in the press, must include information regarding action to be taken by shareholders to exercise their rights and in particular holders of certificated shares as well as contain details of the applicable timelines to ensure that shareholders exercise their rights timeoulsy with respect to the proposed rights offer /claw back offer. |
| **D – 9** | All documentation described in paragraph 16.15 of Section 16 must have been submitted to and approved by the JSE |
| **D – 8**Finalisation date | Publication of finalisation information |
| **D – 5**Last day to trade | Last day to trade cum rights |
| **D – 4**List date | List and trade letters of allotment (LAs)Mother shares trade ‘ex’ the rights/claw back entitlement |
| **D – 3** | Issue LAsCircular and pre-listing statement (if applicable) posted to shareholders |
| **“Friday” D + 0**Record date | Record date |
| **D + 1** | Rights offer opens |
| **D + 5** | Last day to trade LAs |
| **D + 6** | List new shares |
| **D + 10** | Record date for LAs. Rights offer closes |
| **D + 11** | Issue of securities. Publication of results announcementRefund cheques posted to certificated shareholders |

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