HIGHVELD SYNDICATION NO 15 LIMITED: REGISTRATION NUMBER (2003/031064/06) HIGHVELD SYNDICATION NO. 16 LIMITED REGISTRATION NUMBER: (2003/031129/06) HIGHVELD SYNDICATION NO. 17 LIMITED, REGISTRATION NUMBER: (2003/025913/06) HIGHVELD SYNDICATION NO. 18 LIMITED, REGISTRATION NUMBER: (2003/030778/06) HIGHVELD SYNDICATION NO. 19 LIMITED, REGISTRATION NUMBER: (2003/030144/06) HIGHVELD SYNDICATION NO. 20 LIMITED, REGISTRATION NUMBER: (2005/029425/06) HIGHVELD SYNDICATION NO. 21 LIMITED, REGISTRATION NUMBER: (2005/029425/06) HIGHVELD SYNDICATION NO. 21 LIMITED, REGISTRATION NUMBER: (2005/027601/06) HIGHVELD SYNDICATION NO. 22 LIMITED, REGISTRATION NUMBER: (2005/027390/06)

("the companies")

BUSINESS RESCUE STATUS REPORT IN TERMS OF SECTIONS 132 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 71 OF 2008 ("THE ACT") READ WITH REGULATION 125 OF THE ACT FILED BY THE BUSINESS RESCUE PRACTITIONER JF KLOPPER AND A NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTIONS 145 AND 146 OF THE ACT.

- Prior status reports relating to the companies are available online and should be read in conjunction with this current report.
- The companies were placed under business rescue in September 2011 with Johannes Frederick Klopper was appointed as Business Rescue Practitioner ("BRP") of the companies at the time.
- 3. The Business Rescue Plan (referred to as "the Plan") in respect of the companies was published by the BRP on 30 November 2011 and adopted by affected persons ("HS Investors") on 14 December 2011.
- 4. The Plan introduced Orthotouch Limited (Orthotouch) as a role-player, which was responsible for making full payment to HS Investors by December 2016.
- 5. However, in 2014, Orthotouch's directors decided that the company needed to be restructured and proposed a scheme of arrangement under the Act. This scheme was sanctioned by the High Court of South Africa on 26 November 2014, and the reasons for restructuring were discussed in court papers and the scheme of arrangement document
- 6. Since the scheme of arrangement was sanctioned, HS Investors have received approximately R406m, and the total interest paid to HS Investors from inception amounts to R2 606 735 041.
- 7. In November 2019, Orthotouch and Zephan Properties (Pty) Limited were placed under business rescue by its directors, with Jacques du Toit appointed as the Business Rescue Practitioner for both companies. However, the Covid pandemic and ongoing litigation, driven by Jacques Theron, an attorney from Stellenbosch, have caused significant delays in the business rescue proceedings for Orthotouch and Zephan.

- 8. There is a question around the authority held by Jacques Theron in relation to investors who have passed away. This is being addressed.
- It is a requirements that lawyers act in the best interests of their clients and with the necessary legal authority.
- 10. To the extent that there has been any breach there will be legal and personal consequences which we will address in due course.
- 11. It is essential that the appropriate authorities investigate the allegations surrounding Jacques Theron authority and take appropriate action, should it be required, to ensure that Jacques Theron is held accountable for his actions. This may include disciplinary action by the legal profession's regulatory bodies or even criminal charges if his conduct is found to have breached any laws or regulations.
- 12. Ultimately, the legal profession must hold itself to the highest ethical and professional standards to maintain public trust and confidence. Any lawyer who fails to meet these standards should be held accountable for their actions, and the consequences of their actions should be appropriately addressed.
- 13. On 26 February 2023, Orthotouch and Zephan, through their Business Rescue Practitioner, Jacques du Toit, placed notices in the Rapport and Sunday Times newspapers. Attached to this report is a copy of the notice, which provides, amongst others, as follows:
- 13.1. Meetings of creditors and any other holders of a voting interest are called for the purpose of considering the proposed rescue plans for Zephan Properties (Pty) Ltd Reg No 2003/020174/07 (In Business Rescue) and Orthotouch (Pty) Ltd Reg No 2010/004096/07 (In Business Rescue).
- 13.2. The meetings will both be on Friday 31 March 2023 at 70 Carmine Drive, Burgundy Estate, Cape Town and will be conducted as a virtual remote meeting in MS Teams. The meeting for Orthotouch (Pty) Ltd will be held at 11H00 and at 12H00 will be the meeting for Zephan Properties (Pty) Ltd

13.3. All creditors and shareholders and employees van Orthotouch and/or Zephan Properties (or their representatives) may participate and vote at the meetings, subject to registering on or before 28 February 2023 (which has been extended to 17 March 2023), on the website:

https://orthotouch.creditorsinfo.org

JF KLOPPER

BUSINESS RESCUE PRACTITIONER Date: 28 FEBRUARY 2023

## ANNEXURE TO 28/02/23 - STATUS REPORT



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