



SOUTHERNERA DIAMONDS (PTY) LTD
REGISTRATION NUMBER: 2017/453700/07

(IN BUSINESS RESCUE)

**BUSINESS RESCUE STATUS REPORT IN TERMS OF SECTIONS
132 AND 141 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 71 OF 2008 READ
WITH REGULATION 125 OF THE COMPANIES ACT FILED BY
THE BUSINESS RESCUE PRACTITIONERS J F KLOPPER AND R
PIETERS**

J F Klopper and R Pieters

MARCH 2025

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND ACTIONS

	Date
Board of directors passes resolution for Business Rescue on	2020-03-23
File notice of resolution with CIPC on	2020-03-25
Publish notice to affected parties-within 5 days from Filing	2020-05-05
Company nominates a BRP within 5 days of filing	2020-03-23
CIPC confirms the appointment of BRP	2020-03-25
File notice to CIPC on BRP appointment within 2 days	2020-03-23
Publish notice to affected parties of BRP within 5 days	2020-03-27
First meeting of creditors-10 days from appointment	2020-05-12
First meeting of employees-10 days from appointment	2020-05-12
Publish Business Rescue Plan	2021-04-22
Notice of meeting to determine Business Rescue Plan	2021-04-22
Meeting to determine Business Plan 10 days after publication	2021-05-06

CURRENT STATUS OF BUSINESS RESCUE PROCEEDINGS

1. Southernera Diamonds (Pty) Ltd was placed under Business Rescue in terms of Section 129(1) of the Companies Act 2008 ("the Act") on 23 March 2020.
2. Southernera Diamonds (Pty) Ltd ("the Company") complied with the requirements of Section 129(3)(a) and (b) of the Act.
3. Johannes Frederick Klopper and Rynette Pieters were licensed by the Commission in respect of the company and appointed as Business Rescue Practitioners (BRPs) to the Company on 25 May 2020 in terms of Section 138 of the Act.
4. Previous status report contained details of the first meeting of creditors, the pending litigation and the publication and adoption of the business rescue plan on 6 May 2021.
5. The history in relation to the Company's businesses rescue proceedings are contained in previous reports and may be accessed on the BDO Business Restructuring website link.

PUBLICATION OF A BUSINESS RESCUE PLAN

6. A business rescue plan in relation to the company was published and adopted in May 2021.
7. The business rescue plan provided for that sale of the immovable properties and mining right vesting in the company.
8. The immovable property known as the Extent of Portion 1 of Farm 100 Modderfontein, KS Lepele-Nkumpi Local Municipality, Limpopo Province ("Modderfontein") was sold by public auction for R5000 000 during September and registration of transfer is being attended to.
9. An amended agreement for the sale of the Farm Rusland No. 937, Limpopo was concluded on 24 June 2024 and the conveyancers have been instructed to attend the registration of transfer.
10. The implementation of the business rescue plan is approximately 75% complete.
11. The issues relating to the company's VAT status with the South African Revenue Services which need to be attended to and resolved are ongoing. The relates to the fact that the company's VAT registration number with SARS is under the company's previous 1996 registration number whilst the company's profile with SARS under the 2017 registration number indicates that the company is not registered for VAT.
12. The BRPs were hoping to reach finality with regard to the company's VAT status during the course of September at an appointment which was made with a SARS official for this purpose.
13. At an appointment with the relevant SARS official, it transpired that this particular official advised that as this is an exceptional case that the matter would be referred to another SARS official.
14. It transpired during October that SARS disallowed some of the VAT inputs claimed stating the following reason *"The business was in business rescue and all expenses claimed administrative expenses and no operational expenses claimed. Therefore the business was not trading and not an enterprise as defined in the VAT act. Disallowed all input tax"*
15. This appears to be a new "policy" having been adopted by SARS and may become the subject matter of the issue having to be taken up with SARS by the professional associations representing business rescue practitioners on a very high level.
16. The BRPs convened a meeting with the SARS which was held on 28 November 2024 at which the officials indicated that one of their team could be engaged by the company's tax advisor with a view to resolving the VAT issue. Despite ongoing efforts by the BRPs and the company's tax advisor this has not as yet been achieved as at the date of this status report.
17. The BRP arranged a further meeting with SARS officials which was held on 6 March 2025. The BRP engaged with SARS thereafter but to date the matter still remains unresolved.



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Date: 31 MARCH 2025