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Common Market for Eastern
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CCC Merger Inquiry Notice No. 1 of 2021

Notice of Inquiry into the Proposed Merger Involving Alviva Holdings Limited and Tarsus Technology Group Proprietary Limited

It is hereby notified in terms of Article 26(6) of the COMESA Competition Regulations (the “**Regulations**”) that the COMESA Competition Commission (the “**Commission**”), after receiving a notification in terms of Article 24 of the Regulations regarding the proposed merger between Alviva Holdings Limited and Tarsus Technology Group Proprietary Limited, intends to embark on an inquiry in terms of Article 26 of the Regulations.

The parties have submitted that the proposed transaction involves the acquisition by Alviva Holdings Limited of 100% of the share capital of Tarsus Technology Group Proprietary Limited from Mamzen Proprietary Limited.

The parties have submitted that Tarsus Technology Group Proprietary Limited is a private company incorporated in South Africa and is engaged in IT distribution in the Common Market. Tarsus Technology Group Proprietary Limited operates in the following Member States: Eswatini, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The parties have submitted that Alviva Holdings Limited is a public company incorporated in South Africa and listed on the JSE Limited. Alviva Holdings Limited is involved in, *inter alia*, IT distribution in the Common Market. Alviva Holdings Limited operates in the following Member States: the Democratic Republic of Congo, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The Commission will, in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations, determine, among other things, whether or not the Proposed Transaction is likely to substantially prevent or lessen competition within the Common Market and whether the Proposed Transaction is or would be contrary to the public interest as provided for under Article 26 of the Regulations.

In view of this, the Commission hereby gives notice to all interested stakeholders, including competitors, suppliers and customers of the parties to the proposed transaction to submit written representations to the Commission with regard to the subject matter of the proposed

inquiry by emailing them to: sbooluck@comesa.int. All written representations should be sent to the Commission not later than **11th February 2021**.

If you wish to seek further details and/or clarifications on any aspect of this proposed transaction or need assistance you may get in touch with **Ms. Sandya Booluck, Senior Analyst, Mergers and Acquisitions** on Tel: +265 (0) 1 772 466 or sbooluck@comesa.int.

All written representations submitted to the Commission will be treated with the strictest confidentiality and will only be used for the purpose of this inquiry.