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**COMESA Competition Commission Extends Period for Assessment of the Proposed Full – Function Greenfield Joint Venture by Orange RDC S.A. and Vodacom International Limited**

Article 25(1) of the COMESA Competition Regulations (the "**Regulations**") provides that the COMESA Competition Commission (the "**Commission**") shall examine a merger within 120 days. Further, Article 25(2) of the Regulations provides that if prior to the expiry of the 120-day period, the Commission has decided that a longer time period is necessary, it shall so inform the parties and seek an extension from the Board.

An initial extension of 60 days to the statutory timeline for the assessment of the Proposed Full – Function Greenfield Joint Venture was granted by the Committee Responsible for Initial Determinations ("**CID**") on 3 August 2025, to allow the Commission to undertake further assessment of the likely competition concerns arising from the horizontal and vertical linkages of the activities of the parties well as any public interest concerns in the Common Market. The extended statutory timeline will expire on 20 October 2025.

Before the expiry of the extended statutory timeline, a further extension was sought from the CID to allow the Commission to finalise its assessment of the proposed transaction.

The Commission hereby informs the public and relevant stakeholders that on 23 September 2025, it received approval from the CID for a further extension of the statutory period for the assessment of the proposed transaction, pursuant to Article 25(2) of the Regulations.

Having regard to the above, a further extension of **sixty (60) days** was granted by the CID to the statutory timeline of this transaction, starting from **21 October 2025 to 6 January 2026**.

The foregoing notwithstanding, the identification of preliminary concerns does not prejudge the outcome of the Commission's assessment.

More information on the transaction is available on the Commission's **Merger Cases** webpage, under the case number **CCC/MER/02/11/2025**.

If you wish to seek further details and/or clarifications on any aspect of this transaction, you may get in touch with **Ms. Sunjida Bundhun**, **Principal Analyst, Competition Division**, on +265 (0) 111 772 466 or via email at sbundhun@comesacompetiton.org.