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Notice of Request for Referral in the Proposed Acquisition of Agricultural Seeds and Service (Private) Limited, Klein Karoo Seed Marketing Zambia Limited and Klein Karoo Seed Marketing Zimbabwe (Private) Limited by ETG Inputs HoldCo Ltd

The COMESA Competition Commission (the “**Commission**”) hereby informs the public and relevant stakeholders that it has on 8 October 2025, received from the Competition and Tariff Commission of Zimbabwe (“**CTC**”), a request for referral of the above-mentioned transaction, pursuant to Article 24(8) of the COMESA Competition Regulations (the “**Regulations**”).

Article 24(8) of the Regulations allows a Member State to request the Commission to refer a merger to the Member State’s competent authority for consideration under its national competition law where the Member State is satisfied that the merger, if carried out, is likely to disproportionately reduce competition to a material extent in the Member State or any part of the Member State.

In current case, the CTC has requested that part of this transaction relating to Zimbabwe be referred to Zimbabwe for assessment under the national competition law of Zimbabwe. Considering the activities of the merging parties, CTC is of the view that this transaction may disproportionately affect the Zimbabwean market and warrants detailed scrutiny under the national merger regulation framework.

Interested parties are hereby invited to make reasoned submissions to the Commission by **17 October 2025** on whether the Commission should refer part of the merger to the CTC.

If you wish to seek further details and/or clarifications on any aspect of this proposed transaction, you may get in touch with **Mr. Boniface Makongo, Director Competition**, on Tel: +265 (0) 111 772 466 or bmakongo@comesacompetition.org, with a copy to mergers@comesacompetition.org.