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## COMESA Competition and Consumer Commission Extends Period for the Assessment of 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 and Consumer Commission (the “**Commission**”) hereby informs the public and relevant stakeholders that on 23 March 2026, it received approval from the Panel Responsible for Determinations (“**Panel**”) constituted under Regulation 20 of the 2025 COMESA Competition and Consumer Protection Commission Regulations (“**Regulations**”) for an extension of the statutory period for the assessment of 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, pursuant to Article 44(4) of the Regulations.

Article 44(1) of the Regulations provides that the Commission shall examine a merger and make a decision on the notification within 120 days. Article 44(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 Panel.

In its consideration of the proposed transaction, the Panel noted that transaction is likely to significantly prevent or lessen competition or be contrary to public interest. The Panel noted the requirement for the Commission to give the parties an opportunity to provide their views to the Commission’s assessment, which will be considered in the Commission’s assessment and recommendation to the Panel.

The statutory assessment period for the transaction would have expired on 27 March 2026. The Commission has been granted additional time to further assess the likely competition concerns that the transaction may raise in the Common Market.

Having regard to the above, the Panel granted an extension of **thirty (30) days** starting from **27 March 2026 to 27 April 2026**.

The foregoing notwithstanding, the identification of concerns does not prejudice the outcome of the Panel’s determination.

All communication must be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer

More information on the transaction is available on the Commission's [Merger Cases](#) webpage, under the case number **CCC/MER/06/24/2025**

If you wish to seek further details and/or clarifications on any aspect of this transaction, you may get in touch with **Mr. Boniface Makongo, Director-Competition Division** on +265 111 772 466 or via email at [bmakongo@comesacompetition.org](mailto:bmakongo@comesacompetition.org).