



Afinitas Limited (“Afinitas” or the “Company”)
(Incorporated in Botswana, Company Number 2014/5015)
BSE code “AFS”

STOCK EXCHANGE ANNOUNCEMENT

TRADING UPDATE

UPDATE ON OPERATIONS

The Directors of Afinitas Limited wish to update shareholders on the activities of the Group. Reference is made to the COVID-19 Business Update dated 06th May 2020. In common with businesses across the world the Covid-19 outbreak has had a negative impact on the performance of the Group.

Africa Events Limited (AEL), a 50% owned event management company, was preparing to host its largest ever **AFSIC – Investing in Africa** event in May 2020 however the arrival of Covid-19 meant that the event was unable to be held in 2020 and has been postponed to May 2021. In prior years the event had gained considerable momentum, and is increasingly recognised as Africa’s investment event, and a major conduit of investment into Africa. We were also unable to host any investor roadshows in Africa during the year.

The arrival of Covid-19 had an immediate impact on Ethiopia Investments Limited (EIL). Our focus had been on the development of EQOS Services, the company’s majority owned BPO Business. Prior to Covid-19 EQOS had been showing signs of growth in business income, however when Covid-19 hit worldwide business development expenditure plans were put on hold, and a number of our most important clients did not continue to utilise EQOS Services. In addition, our team in Addis was unable to finish projects that it had ongoing within Ethiopia as they were no longer able to access clients’ offices due to the lockdown. As a result, a difficult decision was taken to close the EQOS Services company. The Group will exit Ethiopia as a result.

Adventis Limited, a 66% owned subsidiary of Afinitas, was in the midst of encouraging discussions regarding potential investment into its portfolio of Africa focused funds. These discussions were put on hold at the start of the Covid-19 outbreak. As business confidence starts to return to the global economy, we expect these discussions to restart.

ICECAP Limited, is an independent provider of corporate and alternative asset administration services. ICECAP is domiciled in Jersey, and recently established an office in Mauritius. At this stage it is too early to determine the impact of Covid-19 on the operations of ICECAP Limited.

The Covid-19 outbreak has had a disappointing impact on the performance of the Group. The impact will continue to be felt by the Group throughout 2021. The board is looking at strategic options to keep our costs as low as possible during these uncertain times while identifying new business opportunities that may arise because of the global pandemic.

CAUTIONARY ANNOUNCEMENT

The interim financial statements for the 6 months to 30th June 2020, will be released to the market on or before 30th September 2020. As part of the continuing obligations under the BSE Equity Listings Requirements, Afinitas is required to inform shareholders of any anticipated material change in the financial performance of the Group.



In this regard, the Directors of Afinitas wish to inform shareholders that the loss for the six-month period to 30th June 2020, is likely to be 520% - 530% higher than the loss reflected in the comparative period to June 2019, which in number terms is an increase in the loss of between USD819 000 and USD835 000. The loss before tax for the period ended 30 June 2019 was USD157 514.

By order of the Directors of Afinitas Limited

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About Afinitas Limited

Afinitas Limited is a pan African investment holding company with a mandate to seed and develop new companies focused on investment opportunities in Africa.

The company has investments in Africa Events Limited – a specialist events management business that focuses on investor-oriented events, Adventis Limited – an Africa focused asset management company, and ICECAP – an independent provider of corporate and alternative asset administration services.