

# **BONATLA PROPERTY HOLDINGS LIMITED**

## **ANNOUNCEMENT from the CEO - 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

### **1- LAST 8 YEARS HISTORY**

During the past 8 years Bonatla Property Holdings Limited, directors, and management have endeavoured to lift the suspension in trading of the Company's securities, and comply with the JSE listing requirements, and more specifically the new capital requirements.

In this respect, management and directors have injected substantial capital and continued to engage with the JSE in order to resume the trading of the shares of the company for 6 years

During that period the company was unable to issue new shares or have access to affordable gearing.

The cost of maintaining the listing on the JSE without the benefits of being a trading listed company were extremely onerous and exceeds R3 500 000 per year.

At the same time, certain ex-Bluezone brokers continuously legally harassed the company causing undue financial duress to Bonatla, in contravention of the special resolutions passed by the Bluezone Holding Companies' shareholders in 2009, endeavouring to sell their clients' Bluezone shares for cash instead of swapping them for Bonatla shares. The above situation became untenable and the Company, with the approval of the JSE, agreed that the termination of the 20 year listing was the best solution to sustain its affairs.

The Company is of the opinion that the JSE took a wrong decision in not allowing the 2012 circular to continue to be processed through the JSE and issued to shareholders, particularly in the light that the JSE did not require a restatement of the 2010 Annual Financial Statements after a nearly three year investigation.

If there had been changes to the financial information, an announcement could have been made or a supplementary circular could have been issued.

The Company has difficulty in seeing how things could have been done differently given the JSE's firm position in 2012, the length of time to conclude the investigations and then the JSE's firm position in terms of Bonatla meeting its 4.28 requirement before rulings and guidance would be provided. The new 4.28 listing requirements include, inter alia, a minimum net capital of R500 million which placed Bonatla in a catch 22 situation for 6 years with an inability to submit circulars to finalise transactions in order to comply with the new listing requirements.

The JSE at three different instances never gave the Company answers regarding crucial rulings requests. The Company has already notified the JSE of the above.

## **2- THE TERMINATION OF THE LISTING ON THE JSE**

In light of the above, and by agreement with the JSE the listing of the Company was terminated from commencement of business on 5 March 2018.

The Company is now an unlisted public company, which will allow it to go ahead with the processes that have been put on hold by the JSE for six years.

These processes include issuing of shares and other regulatory matters.

## **3- THE FUTURE**

The Company is currently considering various opportunities to restructure the shareholders interest and will communicate with all shareholders on a regular basis through its website. One of those opportunities is an offshore listing currently under progress.

The share register will continue to be maintained by Computershare Investor Services Proprietary Limited.

The shareholders are requested to remain in contact with the Company and exercise caution when dealing with their shares.

**Niki Vontas**  
**CEO**