

**DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION****NO. 5508****01 November 2024****THE COMPETITION COMMISSION SOUTH AFRICA****EXTENSION OF THE CONDITIONAL EXEMPTION GRANTED TO MARANG AFRICA  
HEALTHCARE PROPRIETARY LIMITED**

1. On 5 October 2020, Marang Healthcare Proprietary Limited ("Marang Health") filed an application for exemption ("the application") in terms of section 10 (3)(b)(ii) of the Competition Act 89 of 1998, as amended ("the Competition Act") to be exempted from certain provisions of chapter 2 of the Competition Act for a period of 10(ten) years. Marang Health is a wholly owned subsidiary of Marang Global Capital Proprietary Limited (Marang Global), which was established in 2015 as a financial advisory firm focused on healthcare investments, healthcare finance, and healthcare asset finance. Marang Health is a private company registered under South African laws.
2. The application for the exemption relates to the agreements and/or practices between Marang Health and Mediclinic Southern Africa Proprietary Limited ("Mediclinic") under the establishment of an operating company ("OpCo"), which will include the determination and negotiation of tariffs by Mediclinic on behalf of Marang Health and each of the Marang Health Hospitals. Marang Health also requested Mediclinic to manage and operate the OpCo, which includes negotiating and setting tariffs on behalf of Marang Health and each of Marang Health's hospitals.
3. The application filed by Marang Health was assessed and granted on 1 June 2021 and expired on 11 December 2022 (i.e., an 18-month exemption). The same exemption was extended on 09 December 2022 for a period of 18 months, ending on 10 June 2024. On 17 May 2024, Marang Health submitted a letter to the Commission requesting its exemption be extended by another 18 months. However, the Commission decided to extend the conditional exemption granted to Marang Health by three (3) months. The objective of the short-term extension was to enable Marang Health to submit information required by the Commission to assess the May 2024 extension request from Marang Health. Therefore, the conditional exemption granted to Marang Health will expire on 10 September 2024.
4. The Commission has assessed the information provided by Marang Health and has decided to extend the conditional exemption granted to Marang Health by eighteen (18) months, starting on 11 September 2024 and ending on 12 March 2026.
5. Marang Health is required to submit an update report to the Commission twelve (12) months after this latest extension. The report is to provide information on the process of concluding and/or finalising agreements with the Funders, Property Developers, Doctors, and Mediclinic.

6. Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 10(7) of the Competition Act regarding the Commission's decision to grant the extension of this exemption. The Applicants and any other person with a substantial material interest affected by this decision may appeal to the Competition Tribunal in the prescribed manner in terms of Section 10(8) of the Competition Act.

7. Any queries in this regard should be directed to:

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8. Kindly refer to the following case number: 2020Oct0008 when sending correspondences in relation to this Notice