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DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION

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NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 43B(4)(b) OF THE COMPETITION ACT NO. 89 OF 1998 (AS AMENDED)

NOTICE OF EXTENSION GRANTED: MEDIA AND DIGITAL PLATFORMS MARKET INQUIRY

As published under Government Notice No. <u>6113</u> in Government Gazette No. <u>52532</u> on 17 April 2025, the period for completion of the Media and Digital Platforms Market Inquiry ("MDPMI") and a final report will expire on 22 August 2025. The Commission has requested an extension in terms of section 43B(4)(b) of the Competition Act, 1998 (Act No. 89 of 1998 as amended, "the Act") to allow for a reasonable period to finalise its remedial actions and recommendations. This follows the publication of the MDPMI's provisional report and is necessitated by ongoing and extensive engagements with affected stakeholders, as well the emergence of policy frameworks that require further consultation before the final report is concluded.

In terms of section 43B(4)(b) of the Act, I hereby extend the period for completion of the MDPMI and the final report for a period of three (3) months until 28 November 2025.

Mr Enoch Godongwana, MP

Acting Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition

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