



**COMPETITION TRIBUNAL
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

Case No.: LM190Feb26

In the matter between:

Government Employee Pension Fund (represented
by Public Investment Corporation SOC Ltd), Hybrid
SPV (Pty) Ltd, Wiphold Shelfco No.1 (Pty) Ltd

Primary Acquiring Firm

And

Zaad Holdings (Pty) Ltd

Primary Target Firm

Panel: AW Wessels (Presiding Member)
I Valodia (Tribunal Member)
A Ndoni (Tribunal Member)

Heard on: 20 May 2026

Decided on: 20 May 2026

ORDER

Further to the recommendation of the Competition Commission in terms of section 14A(1)(b) of the Competition Act, 1998 ("the Act") the Competition Tribunal orders that–

1. the merger between the abovementioned parties be approved in terms of section 16(2)(a) of the Act; and
2. a Merger Clearance Certificate be issued in terms of Competition Tribunal Rule 35(5)(a).

A. Wessels

**Presiding Member
Mr Andreas Wessels**

**20 May 2026
Date**

Concurring: Prof. Imraan Valodia and Ms Andiswa Ndoni.

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About this Notice

This notice is issued in terms of section 16 of the Competition Act.

You may appeal against this decision to the Competition Appeal Court within 20 business days.

Contacting the Tribunal

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Merger Clearance Certificate

Date : 20 May 2026

To : Cliffe Dekker Attorneys

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Government Employee Pension Fund (represented by Public Investment Corporation SOC Ltd), Hybrid SPV (Pty) Ltd, Wiphold Shelfco No.1 (Pty) Ltd And Zaad Holdings (Pty) Ltd

You applied to the Competition Commission on **17 February 2026** for merger approval in accordance with Chapter 3 of the Competition Act.

Your merger was referred to the Competition Tribunal in terms of section 14A of the Act or was the subject of a Request for consideration by the Tribunal in terms of section 16(1) of the Act.

After reviewing all relevant information, and the recommendation or decision of the Competition Commission, the Competition Tribunal approves the merger in terms of section 16(2) of the Act, for the reasons set out in the Reasons for Decision.

This approval is subject to:

☒ no conditions

☐ the conditions listed on the attached sheet.

The Competition Tribunal has the authority in terms of section 16(3) of the Competition Act to revoke this approval if

- a) it was granted on the basis of incorrect information for which a party to the merger was responsible.
- b) the approval was obtained by deceit.
- c) a firm concerned has breached an obligation attached to this approval.

The Registrar, Competition Tribunal

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