



**COMPETITION TRIBUNAL
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

Case No.: LM171Dec25

In the matter between:

HPF Properties (Pty) Ltd

Primary Acquiring Firm

And

Erf 596 Sandown Extension 38, Registration
Division IR, Gauteng Province and The Associated
Rental Businesses

Primary Target Firm

Panel:	I Valodia (Presiding Member) G Budlender (Tribunal Member) A Ndoni (Tribunal Member)
Heard on:	06 February 2026
Decided on:	09 February 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).

**Presiding Member
Prof. Imraan Valodia**

**09 February 2026
Date**

Concurring: Adv. Geoff Budlender SC and Ms Andiswa Ndoni

Merger Clearance Certificate

Date : 09 February 2026

To : Nortons Inc

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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.

You applied to the Competition Commission on **19 December 2025** 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.

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