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# OPENING OF ACCELERATED BOOKBUILD

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

Transaction Capital announces its intention to conduct a non pre-emptive cash placing of up to 33 093 389 new ordinary shares in the authorised but unissued share capital of the Company (the "Placing Shares") to certain institutional investors (the "Placing"), which represents approximately 5% of the Company's existing issued ordinary share capital base. The Placing Shares will be issued by the Company under and in accordance with its existing general authority to issue shares for cash, granted by shareholders at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 5 March 2021.

The Placing is being conducted through an accelerated bookbuild process (the "Bookbuild"), which will be launched immediately following this announcement. Goldman Sachs International and Investec Bank Limited (the "Managers") are acting as joint bookrunners in respect of the Placing.

# 2. RATIONALE AND USE OF PROCEEDS

Transaction Capital continues to actively identify investment opportunities in adjacent markets and related asset classes, in which its technology, proprietary data and analytics capabilities enable it to generate attractive risk-adjusted returns.

In September 2020, Transaction Capital concluded a transaction to become a 49.9% non-controlling shareholder in We Buy Cars Proprietary Limited ("WeBuyCars") and has recently concluded agreements to increase its shareholding to a controlling stake of 74.9%, subject to, *inter alia*, regulatory approval (details of which can be found in the SENS announcement released on 27 May 2021).

The capital raised in this Placing will be used in part to finance this acquisition, with the balance being used to fund investment opportunities identified both through the divisions of the Group as well as our TC Ventures strategy. In addition, this capital will further enhance our financial flexibility and strategic agility to execute on opportunities resulting from market dynamics pursuant to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### 3. BALANCE SHEET STRENGTH

Transaction Capital's balance sheet remains well capitalised and liquid, with undrawn debt facilities of R900 million at a holding company level. The Group's liquidity position is underpinned by our conservative capital strategy which has been tested and validated throughout the COVID-19 period.

Available facilities at SA Taxi and Transaction Capital Risk Services ("TCRS") provide the capacity and liquidity to fund the organic growth initiatives underway in both SA Taxi and TCRS. SA Taxi is adequately capitalised, with ample liquidity available in undrawn debt facilities to fund expected loan origination into the 2022 financial year. At TCRS, as market dynamics become clearer, the acquisition of non-performing loan portfolios ("NPL portfolios") in South Africa, Australia and Europe may provide opportunities to accelerate capital deployment plans within the division. TCRS's funding requirements for the acquisition of NPL portfolios into the 2022 financial year are already secured.

#### 4. UPDATE ON TRADING ENVIRONMENT

Our divisions, SA Taxi and TCRS, and our investment in WeBuyCars, continue to demonstrate resilience and relevance despite the effects of COVID-19 on the market environment. Notwithstanding uneven rates of recovery in their markets, they are well positioned to drive organic growth. Their highly relevant business models and leading positions in defensive market sectors, alongside the diversification across and within each of them, underpin our expectations for growth and returns in the 2021 financial year, and beyond.

The recent announcement of lockdown Level 4 in South Africa has not had a material impact on any of the divisions in the Group. Based on our current assessment of operating conditions and growth prospects, headline earnings per share for the full 2021 financial year should exceed 2019 levels, with the Group resuming dividend payments.

Shareholders are referred to Transaction Capital's interim results announcement released on SENS on 12 May 2021 for a detailed report of the Group's trading environment and short to medium term prospects.

#### 5. THE PLACING

The Placing is offered to qualifying investors (with the criteria set out in the Important Notes Section below) and will not be offered to the public in any jurisdiction. The Placing is not an offer to the public as contemplated under the South African Companies Act, No.71 of 2008, as amended (the "South African Companies Act"), having regard to the provisions of section 96(1)(a) and 96(1)(b) of the South African Companies Act.

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The price per ordinary share at which the Placing Shares will be placed (the "Placing Price") will be decided at the close of the Bookbuild. The timing of the closing of the Bookbuild, the Placing Price and allocations are at the discretion of the Company and the Managers. The Placing Price will be announced as soon as practicable on the Stock Exchange News Service of the exchange operated by the JSE Limited (the "JSE") after the close of the Bookbuild.

Pursuant to the terms of the placing agreement entered into between the Company and the Managers, the Company has agreed to customary lock-up arrangements for a period of 90 days from the closing date of the Placing.

The Placing Shares, when issued, will be credited as fully paid and will rank *pari passu* in all respects with the existing ordinary shares in the share capital of the Company, including the right to receive all dividends and other distributions declared, made or paid after the date of issue of the Placing Shares.

Subject to the approval by the JSE, listing and trading of the Placing Shares on the JSE is expected to commence at 09h00 on 9 July 2021 (or such time and/or date as may be agreed between the Company and the Managers). Investors will receive Placing Shares listed and trading on the JSE.

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In terms of the Exchange Control Regulations of South Africa, any share certificates that might be issued to non-resident shareholders will be endorsed "Non-Resident". Any new share certificates, dividend and residual cash payments based on emigrants' shares controlled in terms of the Exchange Control Regulations, will be forwarded to the Authorised Dealer controlling their remaining assets. The election by emigrants for the above purpose must be made through the Authorised Dealer controlling their remaining assets. Such share certificates will be endorsed 'Non-Resident'. Dividend and residual cash payments due to non-residents are freely transferable from South Africa. Nothing in this Announcement should be viewed, or construed, as "advice", as that term is used in the South African Financial Markets Act, 2012, and/or FAIS Act by any of the Managers.

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Any offering of the Placing Shares to be made (i) in the United States will be made only to a limited number of "qualified institutional buyers" ("QIBs") within the meaning of Rule 144A under the Securities Act ("Rule 144A") and, (ii) outside the United States in offshore transactions within the meaning of, and in reliance on, Regulation S under the Securities Act ("Regulation S"). QIBs purchasing shares will be required to execute an investor letter in a form provided to it and deliver the same to a Manager or one of its affiliates and to the Company in connection with its investment.

This announcement is for information purposes only and in Member States of the European Economic Area is directed only at persons who are qualified investors (as defined in Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 (the "Prospectus Regulation"). In the United Kingdom, this announcement is directed only at qualified investors (as defined above) who are also either: investment professionals falling within article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005 (the "Order"); or high net worth entities falling within article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Order, or are otherwise persons to whom it may lawfully be communicated.

Each Manager and its respective affiliates are acting solely for the Company and no one else in connection with the Placing and will not be responsible to anyone other than the Company for providing the protections afforded to its clients nor for providing advice in relation to the Placing and/or any other matter referred to in this Announcement. Apart from the responsibilities and liabilities, if any, which may be imposed on the Managers or their affiliates by their respective regulatory regimes, neither of the Managers nor any of their respective affiliates accepts any responsibility whatsoever for the contents of the information contained in this Announcement or for any other statement made or purported to be made by or on behalf of such Manager or any of its respective affiliates in connection with the Company, the Placing Shares or the Placing. The Managers and each of their respective affiliates accordingly disclaim all and any responsibility and liability whatsoever, whether arising in tort, contract or otherwise (save as referred to above) in respect of any statements or other information contained in this Announcement and no representation or warranty, express or implied, is made by the Managers or any of their respective affiliates as to the accuracy, completeness or sufficiency of the information contained in this Announcement.

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The Placing Shares to be issued pursuant to the Placing will not be admitted to trading on any stock exchange other than the JSE.

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