

Basil Read Holdings Limited
Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa
Registration Number 1984/007758/06
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("Basil Read Holdings" or "the company")

UPDATE TO THE BASIL READ LIMITED BUSINESS RESCUE PLAN

Shareholders are referred to the last announcement released on SENS on 15 November 2021 in relation to the Business Rescue proceedings for Basil Read Limited ("BRL"), a subsidiary of the Company.

Given that the Business Rescue proceedings of BRL have not been concluded within three months of the commencement thereof, the Business Rescue Practitioners ("BRPs") publish a monthly update report in terms of section 132(3)(a) of the Companies Act 71 of 2008 ("Companies Act"). In this regard, twenty three update reports are available on www.matusonsassociates.co.za/basilread/ along with the Business Rescue Plan and these Update Reports should be read in conjunction with the Business Rescue Plan.

These latest reports indicate the following:

1. The Group continued operating steadily despite Covid-19 challenges and has implemented health protocols to limit the of virus.
2. There are three remaining construction contracts in the defects liability period and the anticipated end dates are as follows:
 - 2.1. Umgeni Water (Rosetta Water Treatment Works) - March 2022;
 - 2.2. TCTA (Olifants River Water Resources Development Project - Phase 2) - the last defect rehabilitation was completed in December 2021. Commercial closure, which involves the determination of the final

account, inclusive of contract claims, is expected in Q2 2022;

2.3. Eskom (Various Medupi Projects) - Three (3) out of the 4 projects have received the Performance certificates and it is anticipated that the final account will be determined by April 2022. The remaining project, the Buildings Project, is anticipated to receive a performance certificate which also in April 2022, with the determination of the final account before the end of Q2 2022

3. BRL, through a joint venture partnership, concluded a contract in the civils construction area.

4. The aggregate contingent liability in the form of construction guarantees have been reduced to R72.8 million versus R1.1 billion at the beginning of the rescue proceedings.

5. BRL continues to pursue contract claims as it relies heavily on claims proceeds to meet its commitments. Although there has been considerable progress in obtaining favourable rulings with respect to certain of these claims, some Employers continue withholding payments necessitating additional legal action to enforce the rulings. Thus, the timing of receipts of funds for these claims remains uncertain.

6. The BRPs have reported no further developments in the realisation of the non-core assets given the prevailing depressed economic conditions domestically and globally because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

7. The business rescue practitioners remain of the view that a full implementation of the Business Rescue Plan will achieve a better result than a liquidation.
8. From a Basil Read Holdings Limited perspective, the implementation of the Business Rescue Plan of Basil Read Limited continues. However, its effect at a group level remains uncertain until it is completed. Therefore, the suspension will remain in place until the implementation is complete and the effects on the group can be determined.
9. Due to the ongoing business rescue process of BRL, the Company will not be in a position to release financial results for the six months ending 31 December 2021.

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