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Remgro's CIVH partners with Vodacom in pursuit of democratising the internet in South Africa

Remgro (JSE: REM) released an announcement today that will result in Remgro's 57% owned Community Investment Ventures Holdings Proprietary Limited ("CIVH") partnering with Vodacom Proprietary Limited ("Vodacom").

Broadly summarised, Vodacom will inject R6 billion in cash and sell the Vodacom fibre network to CIVH. Upon completion of the transaction, Vodacom will hold a 30% interest in the CIVH fibre companies, with CIVH retaining the balance.

The implementation of the transaction will directly benefit the public as it will open up access to the Vodacom fibre networks. Combining the operations of Vumatel, DFA and the Vodacom fibre assets will enable wider access to the internet, and create more compelling fibre propositions, adding to CIVH's open access fibre network.

The new capital will enable CIVH to accelerate and expand its FTTH in all market segments, especially the lower and middle LSM product offerings. These products deliver high speed affordable access to a much broader segment of the population, including small and medium enterprises. In line with CIVH's purpose of positively and tangibly impacting the quality of people's lives in South Africa, CIVH's continued expansion into underserved areas and lower LSM homes will assist in narrowing the "digital divide" by providing previously unserved homes with internet connectivity.

Vumatel, through its schools project, continues to provide every school that its fibre network passes, with a free 1 Gbps fibre internet access. To date, almost 500 schools have been connected and more than 300,000 learners and teachers positively impacted in areas where fibre has been deployed. Vuma also continues its partnership with iSchoolAfrica, which has empowered over 100,000 South African learners and 3,000 teachers in rural and township-based schools.

Extending beyond education, Vumatel partners with other organisations to meet the needs of the communities they connect, with a specific focus on the lower LSM market through its Reach product. The partnership with PinkDrive NPC was established to assist and provide services, such as cancer and COVID-19 screening in communities such as Phoenix, Chatsworth and Mitchells Plain.

CIVH still has many opportunities for expansion in its quest to expand access to the internet in South Africa and having a strategic investor such as Vodacom, increases the ability of CIVH to capitalise on the many available opportunities in the market, further aiding the Group's aspirations to become South Africa's premier open access wholesale transmission network, comprising of many carrier-grade fibre assets.

Pieter Uys, Investment Executive of Remgro and CIVH Chairman, concluded: *"CIVH constitutes one of Remgro's main growth assets. To date it has exceeded all expectations and we are confident that Vodacom, as a new strategic partner, will be instrumental in achieving CIVH's goal of democratising the internet, becoming South Africa's premier open access wholesale transmission network, serving and improving the quality of lives in South*

Africa.”

For detailed information regarding the sequence of transactions and relevant conditions related to the transaction (which include required approvals by the Competition Authorities of South Africa and the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa), please consult the attached announcement released on the Stock Exchange News Service (SENS) earlier today, 10 November 2021.

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Background on CIVH operations

CIVH's subsidiaries deliver a variety of products to a differentiated customer base in the telecommunications and information technology sectors and is the holding company of a group of companies, of which DFA and Vumatel are its largest operating subsidiaries.

DFA is the premier open-access fibre infrastructure and connectivity provider in South Africa. It builds, installs, manages and maintains a world class fibre network to transmit metro and long-haul telecommunications traffic, which is leased to its customers (Telecommunication Companies and Internet Service Providers ("ISPs")) using an open access wholesale commercial model. DFA has in excess of 13 000 km of fibre assets and owns fibre networks in Johannesburg, Cape Town, Durban, Midrand, Centurion and Pretoria, as well as in twenty-five smaller metros including East London, Polokwane, Tlokwe, Emalahleni and George.

Vumatel is an open access fibre provider at the last mile level and provides FTTH products and services to ISPs. Vumatel installs FTTH in residential suburbs and has in excess of 30 000 km of fibre assets. After the fibre has been installed, Vumatel leases its infrastructure to ISPs, who then provide broadband retail internet services to the end customers.

Remgro Group profile

Originally established in the 1940s by the late Dr Anton Rupert, Remgro's investment portfolio has evolved substantially and currently includes investee companies across nine platforms. The Company is listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE), operated by the JSE Limited in South Africa under the "Financials – Financial Services – Investment Banking and Brokerage Services – Diversified Financial Services" sector, with the share code "REM". Remgro's interests consist mainly of investments in the healthcare, consumer products, financial services, infrastructure, industrial and media industries. Remgro's most significant investments are Mediclinic International plc (44.6% interest), Rand Merchant Investment Holdings Limited (30.6% interest), CIVH (57.0% interest), Distell Group Holdings Limited (31.7% interest), FirstRand Limited (3.3% interest), Siqualo Foods Proprietary Limited (100.0% interest), RCL Foods Limited (80.4% interest), Air Products South Africa Proprietary Limited (50.0% interest), TotalEnergies Marketing South Africa Proprietary Limited (24.9% interest) and Kagiso Tiso Holdings Proprietary Limited (KTH) (43.5% interest). These investments contribute approximately 89% to Remgro's intrinsic net asset value (INAV after tax).