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To: All Regional Offices and Clients

SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF REGIONAL ABSA BANK ACCOUNTS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW BANKING ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Valued Client / Regional Office
Government Printing Works (GPW) advises all clients and regional offices that the following ABSA bank accounts will close permanently on **30 November 2026**:

- **ABSA Polokwane**: 4057113947
- **ABSA East London**: 4057113971
- **ABSA Mmabatho**: 4057113840

With immediate effect, direct all payments to the appropriate account below according to the type of transaction.

Account Holders

Account holders must pay in the ABSA Pretoria account and use the relevant invoice number as payment reference.

- **Payment term** : Invoice payable within 30 days
- **Account holder** : Government Printing Works
- **Account** : ABSA Pretoria
- **Account number** : 1044610074
- **Branch code** : ABSA Universal Branch Code 632005
- **Payment reference:** Invoice number

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Cash Customers

Cash customers in all regions, including Zandfontein, must pay into the ABSA Publications account and use the quotation number beginning with “SQUO” as the payment reference.

- **Payment term** : Invoice payable within 30 days
- **Account holder** : Government Printing Works
- **Account** : ABSA Publications
- **Account number** : 4057114032
- **Branch code** : ABSA Universal Branch Code 632005
- **Payment reference:** Quotation number beginning with “SQUO”

eGazette Customers

eGazette cash customers must pay into the ABSA Advertisements account and use the quotation number beginning with “QUO” as the payment reference.

- **Payment term** : Cash on delivery
- **Account holder** : Government Printing Works
- **Account** : ABSA Advertisements
- **Account number** : 4057114016
- **Branch code** : ABSA Universal Branch Code 632005
- **Payment reference:** Quotation number beginning with “QUO”

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support during this transition.

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MS. ALINAH FOSI

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DATE: 10/11/2026

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION

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PUBLICATION OF THE IMPACT STUDY ON THE ACQUISITION OF INDEPENDENT RETAIL PHARMACY STORES BY DIS-CHEM PHARMACIES LIMITED

20 NOVEMBER 2026

Notice is hereby given that the Competition Commission (Commission) has published the Impact Study on the impact, on competition, of the acquisition of independent retail pharmacy stores by Dis-Chem Pharmacies Limited (Dis-Chem). The Impact Study is published on the Commission's website and is gazetted in terms of Section 79 of the Competition Act, 89 of 1998, as amended (the Act).

The Impact Study assesses the extent to which the Dis-Chem's acquisitions have shaped the current state of competition in the retail pharmacy services market. It also raises key policy questions regarding the ability of independently owned pharmacies to compete and participate in the market, particularly given the rapidly changing landscape in the retail pharmaceutical sector and the implications for the implementation of the National Health Insurance.

The Impact Study makes various recommendations, including the need for a review of the licensing regime with a view to ensuring a competitive future retail pharmacy services market; a reconfiguration of the Commission's approach to merger control and unilateral conduct enforcement; and the need for the strengthening of smaller corporate groups and independent franchisors in order to ensure that they pose a stronger competitive constraint in the pharmacy retail services market.

The Impact Study is available at https://www.compcom.co.za.

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