

## COMPETITION TRIBUNAL APPROVAL

### 1. Introduction

Further to the announcement published by JDG and Connection on 8 November 2005 relating to the scheme of arrangement in terms of section 311 of the Companies Act No 61 of 1973, as amended ("the Act"), proposed by JDG between Connection and its shareholders ("the scheme") [other than Software Connection (Pty) Limited (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Connection) in respect of its 3 636 514 treasury shares and Connection Group Holdings Share Trust Scheme, in respect of its 7 166 297 shares], shareholders are advised that the Competition Tribunal has approved the merger on an unconditional basis.

### 2. Scheme conditions precedent

The implementation of the scheme is still subject to and will only become operative upon the fulfilment, by no later than 31 March 2006, of the following remaining conditions precedent:

- 2.1 the High Court of South Africa (Witwatersrand Local Division) ("the Court") sanctioning the scheme; and
- 2.2 a certified copy of the Order of Court sanctioning the scheme being registered by the Registrar in terms of the Act.

### 3. Salient dates and times

The expected dates and times in relation to the scheme, for the attention of Connection shareholders, are set out below:

	<b>2005</b>
Court hearing to sanction the scheme on	Tuesday, 29 November
Announcement of Court sanctioning of the scheme published on the Securities Exchange News Service ("SENS") on	Tuesday, 29 November
Announcement of Court sanctioning of the scheme published in the press on	Wednesday, 30 November
<b>If the scheme is sanctioned and implemented:</b>	
Last day to trade for shareholders to be eligible to receive the scheme consideration on (after which no dematerialisation or rematerialisation of Connection share certificates may take place)	Thursday, 8 December
Suspension of listing of Connection shares on the JSE Limited ("JSE") at commencement of trading on	Friday, 9 December
Last day on which shareholders must be recorded in the register in order to receive the scheme consideration by close of trading on	Thursday, 15 December
Operative date of the scheme at the commencement of trading on	Monday, 19 December
Scheme consideration posted to certificated scheme participants (if documents of title are received on or prior to the record date) on or about or, failing receipt of documents of title on or before the record date, within five business days of receipt thereof by the transfer secretaries	Monday, 19 December
Dematerialised scheme participants who have their accounts held at their CSDP/broker, credited with the scheme consideration on	Monday, 19 December
Termination of listing of the Connection shares on the JSE at the commencement of trading on	Tuesday, 20 December

These dates and times are subject to change. Any such change will be released on SENS and published in the press.

### 4. Further announcement

A further announcement regarding the fulfilment of the remaining conditions precedent will be released on SENS and published in the press.

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