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REQUEST FOR CREDITORS' CONSENT IN TERMS OF SECTION 150(5) OF THE COMPANIES ACT 71 OF 2008, AS AMENDED ("Companies Act") FOR EXTENSION OF THE PUBLICATION OF THE BUSINESS RESCUE PLAN OF TONGAAT HULETT LIMITED (in business rescue) ("Company")

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. Section 150(5) of the Companies Act requires that a business rescue plan ("**Plan**") for the Company should be published within 25 business days after the date on which the business rescue practitioners ("the **Practitioners**") were appointed, or such longer time as may be allowed by the holders of a majority of the creditors' voting interests.
- 1.2. The currently agreed date for publication of the Plan is on or before 28 February 2023.

2. CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING THE BUSINESS RESCUE PROCEEDINGS

- 2.1. The Practitioners continue with engagements to obtain post-commencement finance ("**PCF**") for the Company, meeting with affected persons and other stakeholders and assessing the affairs of the Company, all of which are very time consuming and complex and were severely restricted during the immediately preceding holiday season.
- 2.2. In addition, the Practitioners are continuing with the development of a Plan which will primarily be aimed at saving the SA Sugar business, among other things. Discussions and/or negotiations

are ongoing with various stakeholders regarding the development of the Plan, which will ideally culminate in the incorporation of more specific details relating to a transaction and/or structure that the creditors will be asked to vote on. At present, with multiple outcomes possible, the details of this are vague and would be difficult to include in a Plan.

- 2.3. A process has been embarked upon by the Company to secure a strategic equity partner (“SEP”). There are a number of potential restructuring permutations which would likely flow from this SEP process. Outcomes from this process will become known in mid-June 2023.
- 2.4. It is a condition of the current funding arrangements that a standstill be adhered to until 30 June 2023. As a result, it makes great sense to align the Plan publication date with the agreed standstill arrangement.
- 2.5. It is the Practitioners view that the net result of the above will be that, with a deferment to the end of June, the Practitioners would be in a better position to publish a more meaningful Plan, which will contain greater detail and certainty on the abovementioned matters, thus enabling Affected Persons to make an informed decision on the adoption of the Plan (or any further extensions). Conversely, the publishing of a Plan based on currently available information will result in the publication of a Plan which is somewhat speculative and lacking in detail and thus, the Practitioners are concerned that Affected Persons are unlikely to have sufficient information upon which to meaningfully base their decision to vote on the adoption or otherwise of the Plan.

3. PRACTITIONERS REQUEST FOR FURTHER EXTENSION TO THE DATE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE PLAN

- 3.1. In light of the above, the Practitioners request the creditors of the Company to provide their consent for the extension of the date by when the Plan is required to be published to 30 June 2023, in accordance with the terms of section 150(5)(b) of the Companies Act.
- 3.2. In order for the consent to be granted, the Practitioners require the holders of a majority of the creditors’ voting interests to vote in favour of the request.
- 3.3. The Practitioners believe that this request for extension is not unduly prejudicial to any creditors and if approved, will result in an enhancement of the confidence in the business rescue plan and process. It is also important to note that the date of publication of the Plan has no material impact the ongoing operational aspects of the Company and the Practitioners’ endeavours to




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ensure that the Company continues to trade during the business rescue proceedings. The Company is consistently engaged in their regular business operations and in the completion of off-crop maintenance, which is progressing well, and the operations are on track to be ready for the commencement of the 2023/24 season.

- 3.4. Furthermore, creditors are advised that the date of the publication of the Plan will have no material impact on the duration of the business rescue proceedings or the costs thereof. The same work will need to be done irrespective of the Plan publication date, all that is changing is the sequence of events (publishing the Plan after completion of the SEP process rather than before it).
- 3.5. Creditors are requested to provide their consent to the extension of the date by when the Plan is required to be published to 30 June 2023 by signifying such consent to the Practitioners, in writing (including in the form of an e-mail), by no later than **21:00 on Friday, 24 February 2023**, such notification to be sent to: lauren.arnold@tongaat.com.
4. Creditors are reminded that all notices and documents regarding the business rescue proceedings of the Company are made available to Affected Persons on the Tongaat website at: www.tongaat.com, under the 'Business Rescue' tab.

Yours faithfully,



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