

## **CAUTIONARY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Shareholders are advised that Hippo Valley Estates' ultimate parent company, Tongaat Hulett Limited ("THL"), has been conducting a strategic and financial review since February 2019. On 31 May 2019, THL announced that the financial review had revealed certain past practices that would result in the restatement of THL's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2018 ("2018 Financial Statements"). The Board of THL concluded that reliance on the 2018 Financial Statements is no longer appropriate and that the financial information therein should not be relied upon. To conclude the financial review and the associated forensic investigation, THL has delayed the publishing of its financial statements until October 2019 and has secured a voluntary suspension of the listing of its shares on the Johannesburg and London Stock Exchanges, while these reviews are completed.

In light of the above, the Board of Hippo Valley Estates would like to advise members that it is not aware of any deliberate or fraudulent errors, misstatements or financial malpractices by the Company in the financial information previously released, that might have been aimed at misleading the investing public. Hippo Valley Estates adopted the THL accounting policies and as such, any changes to the Group accounting policies that may result from the THL review of its financials are likely to impact the Company's financials. As a result, the Board is performing its own internal review of the Company's financial statements to critically assess the Company's accounting policies (compared to requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards) in the context of dynamics in the local environment.

The review of the Company's financials has resulted in a delay in the release of the Company's financial results for the year ended 31 March 2019 due by 30 June 2019, which will now be published on or before 31 July 2019, following the granting of an extension by the ZSE for the publication of the abridged audited financial results.

The Board continues to give these matters its urgent attention. A further announcement will be made as and when appropriate.

Accordingly, Shareholders are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the company's securities.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

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