

PUBLIC NOTICE NO.CSD20/10/10

PRESS STATEMENT ON THE OPENING OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTRAL SECURITIES DEPOSITORY AND SETTLEMENT SYSTEM

1. The Securities Commission of Zimbabwe (SECZ) is mandated in the Securities Act [Chapter 24:25] to approve the establishment of a Central Securities Depository. In terms of section 69 of the Act, any person may establish a central securities depository under a scheme that is approved by the Commission. Section 15 of the same Act empowers SECZ to establish Panels and working groups for the better exercise of its functions.
2. Guided by the above provisions in the Securities Act, SECZ is facilitating the establishment of a national Central Securities Depository and Settlement System. A Committee comprising representatives from the following organisation was set up and mandated to initiate the process ;
 - Securities Commission of Zimbabwe
 - Zimbabwe Stock Exchange
 - Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe
 - Transfer Secretaries
 - Asset Managers and

- Ministry of Finance
3. SECZ floated a tender on the Expression of Interest for the establishment of the CSD to accord any person an opportunity to present a scheme for consideration. The tender period ran from the 16th of April to the 17th of May 2010.
 4. Conflicted parties in the CSD Committee were recused leading to the establishment of the CSD Adjudication Committee which comprised of representatives from the;
 - Securities Commission of Zimbabwe
 - Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe
 - Ministry of Finance
 - University of Zimbabwe- ICT Expert
 - A Legal Practitioner
 5. The following four consortia submitted tender documents:
 - Chengetedzai Depository Company Limited
 - Zimbabwe Central Securities Depository Company
 - CDF Trust
 - Land Fortune Farming Limited
 6. Camelsa Chartered Accountants were engaged to observe the opening of tenders on the 18th May 2010.
 7. SECZ engaged the services of Ernst & Young Chartered Accountants to carry out an independent evaluation of the bids. The evaluation process saw CDF Trust and Land Fortune Farming Limited being eliminated at the preliminary stage, while Chengetedzai and Zimbabwe Central Depository Company progressed to the second Request for Proposals (RFP) stage.

8. The opening of the RFP documents will take place at SECZ offices on the 21st of October 2010 at 12.00 hours. Deloitte & Touché were appointed to oversee the process.
9. The evaluation of the RFP will result in the successful bidder being authorised to establish the Central Securities Depository and Settlement System by SECZ.

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE SECURITIES COMMISSION OF
ZIMBABWE

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