

#### TRUSTCO GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED

Incorporated in the Republic of Namibia

(Registration number 2003/058)

Registered as an external company in South Africa

(External registration number 2009/002634/10)

JSE share code: TTO

**NSX share code: TUC** 

**OTCQX** share code: TSCHY

ISIN Number: NA000A0RF067

("Trustco" or "the Group")

#### **UPDATE ON NON-BINDING ADVISORY VOTE**

Trustco Shareholders are referred to the announcements released on SENS on 1 December 2021 and 3 December 2021 in terms whereof minority shareholders were encouraged to cast their non-binding advisory votes on key matters. This non-binding advisory vote enabled Shareholders to express their views after an interactive online session with board members and the independent non-executive chairman of the board, Adv Raymond Heathcote SC. A large group of the minority Shareholders indicated that they obtained independent financial and legal advice before casting their vote.

The online session was for the benefit of the minority Shareholders, who would ordinarily only be able to engage the Chairman and the Board as a collective at an Annual General Meeting. The session was attended by 76.73% of all the minority shareholders.

The calculation of the percentage of non-binding advisory votes was determined by using the total issued shares (less treasury shares) and also excluding all shares held by the majority Shareholder and his associates (approximately 64% of the total issued shares). Of the total remaining shares, 73.13% of all minority Shareholders voted.

Of the Shareholders that voted before the deadline, the outcome of the non-binding advisory vote was as follows:

No	Key matter	For	Against	Abstain
		% of shares	% of shares	% of shares
		that voted	that voted	that voted
1.1	To endorse and confirm the accounting treatment of the	99.25%	0%	0.75%
	NAD 546 million loan forgiveness transaction by the			
	majority shareholder, Next Capital Limited as set out in			
	the audited financial statements (Note 26, Page 65 of the			
	March 2019 Annual Financial Statements).			
1.2	To endorse and confirm the accounting treatment of the	99.24%	0.01%	0.75%
	NAD 1 billion loan forgiveness transaction by the majority			
	shareholder, Next Capital Limited, as set out in the			
	audited financial statements (Note 27, Page 153 of the			
	September 2020 Financial Statements).			
1.3	To endorse the accounting treatment of the property	99.24%	0.01%	0.75%
	reclassification as set out in the audited financial			
	statements (Note 8, Page 49 of the March 2019 Annual			
	Financial Statements)			
2.1	To confirm and endorse the auditors' opinions as	99.25%	0%	0.75%
	contained in the audited financial statements for the			
	financial year ending March 2019.			
2.2	To confirm and endorse the auditors' opinions as	99.25%	0%	0.75%
	contained in the audited financial statements for the			
	financial period ending September 2020.			
3	To confirm and agree that the Board followed due process	99.25%	0%	0.75%
	and remains best placed to do so in the future, in			
	recommending the financial statements to the			
	shareholders for approval.			
4.1	To endorse that the loan write-offs set out in 1.1 and 1.2	99.22%	0%	0.78%
	above triggered a contractual earn-out clause in terms of			
	the amended Huso Transaction as approved by			
	Shareholders on 13 June 2017.			
4.2	To endorse that the share issue at NAD 4.69 was in line	99.22%	0%	0.78%
	with the amended Huso Transaction as previously			
	approved by Shareholders on 13 June 2017.			

4.3	To endorse the amended Huso Transaction as approved	97.70%	0%	2.30%
	by Shareholders on 13 June 2017.			
4.4	To endorse the Related Party Loan Transaction (One	97.70%	0%	2.30%
	Billion Namibia Dollar Loan) as approved by Shareholders			
	on 22 January 2019.			
4.5	To confirm that the Board acted in the best interest of	97.72%	0%	2.28%
	minority Shareholders by accepting the total of NAD1.546			
	billion loan write-offs by the majority shareholder to			
	Trustco.			
5	To confirm that the information and disclosures	97.70%	0%	2.30%
	(including pro forma financial information) presented to			
	Shareholders in the Huso circular, the amended Huso			
	circular and the audited financial statements were			
	adequate to approve the Huso Transaction, the amended			
	Huso Transaction and the Related Party Loan Transaction.			
6.1	The Board is considering its options regarding the benefits	99.59%	0.36%	0.05%
	of Trustco's current listings. To move a listing to a more			
	beneficial exchange, a majority vote from minority			
	Shareholders is required. Should Trustco delist from the			
	JSE, Trustco would also automatically delist from the NSX			
	in Namibia and the OTCQX in the United States of			
	America.			
	To support the Board's position that Trustco's current			
	listings are not in the best interest of all Shareholders.			
6.2	To support the Board's position for Trustco to list on a	99.23%	0.02%	0.75%
	business-friendly international exchange as soon as			
	practical.			
7.1	To elect to remain as a Shareholder in an unlisted	99.94%	0.02%	0.04%
	environment until Trustco relists on an international			
	stock exchange within a period of not more than 36			
	(thirty-six) months from the date of delisting from the JSE			
	("Delisting Date")			
	Should Trustco fail to relist on an international exchange			
	within 36 (thirty-six) months from the Delisting Date,			
	Shareholders may give notice of their intention to sell			
	their shares to Trustco at a price of 10% above the			
	average VWAP price of the TTO Share between the 1st of			
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	January 2021 to the 30 <sup>th</sup> of November 2021 plus 8.5%			
	compound interest from the Delisting Date to the end of			
	the 36 (thirty-six) month period.			
7.2	To elect not to remain a Shareholder after delisting, with	93.85%	6.08%	0.07%
	Trustco acquiring the Shareholder's Trustco shares ("TTO			
	Shares") within 36 (thirty-six) months from the Delisting			
	Date at a price of 10% above the average VWAP price of			
	the TTO Share between the 1st of January 2021 to the 30th			
	of November 2021.			
8	As a minority Shareholder, to consent to a reduced	99.92%	0.04%	0.04%
	timeframe for the above delisting transactions when a			
	formal vote is required.			
9	To agree that any announced transactions currently in	99.24%	0%	0.76%
	process be implemented subsequent to the potential			
	delisting.			
10	To hold the responsible parties, jointly and severally,	98.08%	1.86%	0.06%
	accountable for shareholder value destruction during the			
	process.			

The Board welcomed the input as received from the minority Shareholders and noted the contents thereof. The minority Shareholders concurred that they benefitted from the loan write-offs by the majority Shareholder and therefore endorse it. The Shareholders further opined that they don't believe Trustco's current listings are in the best interest of all Shareholders.

"We take note of the direction minority Shareholders have indicated to us. The Board will consider the outcome of the votes to develop an optimal roadmap forward for all Trustco Shareholders. I thank each and every Shareholder who made their voice known in this non-binding advisory vote, despite inconvenient time zones. We listened, and any action resulting from the engagement with minority Shareholders, will be implemented in accordance with the Listings Requirements" said Chairman Heathcote.

Windhoek, Namibia,

8 December 2021

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