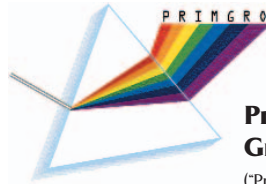




Surge Technology (Pty) Ltd
(“Surgetek”)



**Prime Empowerment
Group Limited**
(“Primgro”)

Acquisition by Primgro of the business of Surgetek

1. Introduction

The directors of Surgetek and Primgro are pleased to announce that Primgro, a Black Economic Empowerment (“BEE”) company, has acquired the business of Surgetek via a 75% owned subsidiary, Precious Prospect Trading 27 (Pty) Ltd.

2. Nature of business

Surgetek is the leading distributor of earthing, lightning and overvoltage protection products in Africa. The company has produced significant growth in recent years and has the exclusive distribution rights to Dehn & Söhne’s products in sub-Saharan Africa.

3. Rationale for the transaction

Surgetek aspires to be the leading black economically empowered distributor of its range of products in South Africa. Primgro is a broad-based BEE company which intends to build a portfolio of power-related businesses. This transaction achieves Surgetek’s empowerment aspirations and is the first step in Primgro’s portfolio investment strategy.

4. Terms of the transaction

The effective date of the transaction is 1 March 2005. The purchase consideration has been funded via a combination of the following: equity investment by Absa Incubator Fund; equity investment by Primgro and a term loan provided by Absa Business Banking.

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