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Dear Investor,

Further to our previous communication to all our stakeholders about the legacy liquidity issues around ESW Investment Group Limited (“**ESW**”) which were caused at the hand of its former South Africa shareholder, the new controlling shareholder has continued with its efforts to salvage the business and protect Eswatini investors. Despite our best efforts to sustain the business operations and maintain monthly dividend payments to you, we are continuing to face significant difficulties due to the legacy issues we inherited and continuously challenging business environment.

Furthermore, our efforts to transform the business from a retail to an institutional supported investment management firm are showing positive signs through the demonstration of interest in our listed One Billion Emalangen Medium Term Note Programme (“**MTN**”) though it is taking very long to conclude on allocations on the MTN from institutional investors.

Taking the above into account and with our commitment to continue to find ways of salvaging value for our linked loan unit investors, ESW is pursuing and evaluating various strategic options which may have an impact for investors.

Payment of Dividends

The ESW Board continues discussions with Key Stakeholders on the strategic matters to ensure sustainability of the Group and the impact on Investors. All investors and stakeholders will be advised on the resolution of these sessions in the month of February 2022.

The Board therefore has decided to postpone dividends for the month of January 2022 until the Group finalises these strategic discussions.

Update on Inquiry in South Africa

Our former controlling shareholder, previously known as Ecsponent Limited, through its investee company, Luxembourg based Mybucks S.A, initiated various forensic investigation on VSS Financial Services (“**VSS**”) which resulted in the granting of an order by the High Court of South Africa to the liquidators of VSS to convene an ongoing enquiry into alleged financial mismanagement and accounting irregularities at VSS under its previous management. Further updates on this matter will be communicated.

The group further advises investors that Ms. Lindiwe Vilakati, Head of Financial Services has decided to step down from her role including her role as a ESW Board Member. The Group wishes to express its gratitude to Ms. Vilakati for her contribution the company since 2013 and wishes her well in her future endeavours.

Lastly, ESW wishes to advise that Chief Executive Officer Mr. Mlungisi Lukhele will at the end of January 2022 step down from his role. This decision was informed by Lukhele’s personal decision and his search for a new challenge having served the organisation for the past 3 years. He led the successful transition from Ecsponent Eswatini Limited to ESW Investment Group resulting to a diversified investment firm focusing on private credit, private equity, corporate advisory, and formation of ESW Securities, a licenced stockbroker, and the listing of E1 billion Medium Term Note on the Eswatini Stock Exchange. The Board wishes Lukhele well in his future endeavours and it looked forward to his continued contribution prior to his departure. George Manyere shall be the interim Chief Executive Officer while ESW Nomination Committee has started the process to identify a successor.

Further information and progress will be shared with Investors in the coming weeks.

Regards,

The Chairman of the Board