IN THE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED IN TERMS OF SECTION 10(3), READ WITH SECTION 10A OF THE FINANCIAL SERVICES BOARD ACT, 97 OF 1990

CASE NO: 16/2014

In the matter of:

THE REGISTRAR OF FINANCIAL SERVICES PROVIDERS

Applicant

and

GOUS, JACOBUS

Respondent

ORDER

WITH DUE CONSIDERATION to the settlement agreement (attached marked annexure "A") in terms of section 6B(7)(a) of the Financial Institutions (Protection of Funds) Act, No 28 of 2001, I hereby determine that the Respondent contravened section 7 (3) of the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act, 37 of 2002 and Section 2 of the General Code of Conduct For Authorized Financial Services Providers and Representatives, 2003 and impose a penalty of R200 000.

I make no order as to costs.

The remaining terms and conditions of the settlement agreement are incorporated and made an order of the Enforcement Committee.

Signed at **PRETORIA** on the day of **February 2015**.

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Chairperson of the Enforcement Committee

IN THE PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED IN TERMS OF SECTION 10(3) OF THE FINANCIAL SERVICES BOARD ACT, NO 97 OF 1990

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AGREEMENT IN TERMS OF SECTION 6B(7)(a) OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (PROTECTION OF FUNDS) ACT, NO 28 OF 2001

- 1. The parties to the agreement are:
 - 1.1. The Registrar of Financial Services Providers, Caroline Dey da Silva, ("the Registrar"), who is the Applicant in this matter;

and

1.2. Jacobus Gous who at all relevant times to this matter was the key individual of Impact Corporate Brokers CC, a licenced financial services provider with FSP licence 29851 and whose



principal place of business was at relevant times at Block C Kilwa House, 5 Cattle Egret Road, Eldoraigne, 0181.

2. Preamble to the agreement

- 2.1. In April 2008 Joy Finance (Pty) Limited (Joy Finance) was duly authorised by the Registrar of Financial Services Providers (the Registrar) to render financial services as contemplated by section 1 read with the provisions of section 8 of the FAIS Act.
- 2.2. On 15 April 2008 Joy Finance's licence to act as a financial services provider was withdrawn by the Registrar and Joy Finance was debarred from applying for a new FSP licence for a period of five years.
- 2.3. Following the licence withdrawal, during October 2008, Joy
 Finance entered into a "strategic alliance" with Impact in terms of which Joy Finance would transfer its financial services' clients to Impact.
- 2.4. During the period from November 2008 to April 2013, the Respondent as the key individual and representative of Impact caused Impact to conduct financial services related business



with Joy Finance whilst the latter was not licenced to render financial services.

2.5. The Respondent's conduct constituted a contravention of section 7 (3) of the FAIS Act which provides as follows:

"An authorised financial services provider or representative may only conduct financial services related business with a person rendering financial services if that person has, where lawfully required, been issued with a licence for the rendering of such financial services and the conditions and restrictions of that licence authorises the rendering of those financial services, or is a representative as contemplated in this Act."

2.6. Moreover, the Respondent's conduct constituted a breach of section 2 of the General Code of Conduct for Authorised Financial Services Providers and Representatives, 2003 (the Code which provides that:

"A provider must at all times render financial services honestly, fairly, with due skill, care and diligence, and in the interests of clients and the integrity of the financial services industry."

2.7. In light of the Respondent's conduct mentioned hereinabove, the Registrar referred the case against him to the Enforcement Committee of the Financial Services Board in terms of section 6A(1)(a) of the Financial Institutions (Protection of Funds) Act, No 28 of 2001 (the FI Act).

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3. The admissions and agreed penalty

- 3.1. The Respondent admits that his actions constituted contraventions of section 7 (3) of the FAIS Act and section 2 of the Code as set out above.
- 3.2. The parties agree that the Respondent will pay a penalty, as envisaged in section 6D(2)(a) of the FI Act, in the total amount of R200 000 (two hundred thousand rand).
- 3.3. The parties humbly request that the Honourable Chairperson of the Enforcement Committee makes the settlement an order, as envisaged in section 6B(7)(b) of the FI Act.

4. The mitigating circumstances

- 4.1. It is also agreed that the following mitigating factors are relevant to the matter:
 - 4.1.1. The Respondent has co-operated with the Registrar regarding the enforcement action and has accepted its wrongful conduct. It has not wasted the Enforcement Committee's resources on a protracted case.

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- 4.1.2. The Respondent has not been found to have breached any of the laws administered by the FSB prior to this matter.
- 4.1.3. The investigation of this matter has not revealed that any clients were financially prejudiced as a result of incorrect financial advice given during the period of the contravention.
- 4.1.4. The Respondent did at the time liaise with Impact's compliance officer and wrongfully interpreted the law in good faith. This is why the infringement took place.

5. Other conditions

- 5.1. This agreement is subject to approval by the Enforcement Committee and the parties specifically record that they are aware of the possibility that the Enforcement Committee may not accept the terms of this agreement.
- 5.2. If the Respondent does not comply with the terms of this agreement and it is necessary for the Financial Services Board



(FSB) to proceed with legal proceedings, the Respondent herewith consents to pay all legal costs to the FSB on the Attorney and Client scale in terms of the High Court Rules inclusive of collection commission and Value Added Tax.

- 5.3. No leniency or postponement given by the FSB to the Respondent or any amendment to the terms and conditions of this agreement will be binding unless such postponement, leniency or amendment is reduced to writing and signed by the parties.
- 5.4. Any receipt of a payment by the FSB after the due date shall be without prejudice to any of the rights of the FSB.
- 5.5. This agreement constitutes the whole agreement between the parties in respect of the offer to pay the penalty and costs.
- 5.6. The parties elect the addresses below as their *domicilium*citandi et executandi for the purposes of service of the

 Enforcement Committee order and any Notice or pleadings
 related to the breach of this agreement:
 - 5.6.1. The Financial Services Board

 Block B, Riverwalk Office Park

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No. 41 Matroosberg Road
Ashlea Gardens
Pretoria

5.6.2 Block C Kilwa House5 Cattle Egret Road

Eldoraigne, 0181.

Signed at **PRETORIA** on the ...23... day of ... Feloviery **2015** on behalf of the Registrar of Financial Services Providers

C D da Silva

Signed at Pretoria the 23 day of Felomany

2015 by the Respondent.

Jacobus Gous

Respondent

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