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THE REGISTRAR OF FINANCIAL SERVICES PROVIDERS and

The Applicant

SIPHIWO FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS (PTY) LIMITED

Respondent

#### **ORDER**

WITH DUE CONSIDERATION to the settlement agreement 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 has contravened section 7(1) of the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act, 37 of 2002, read with Notice No. 270 published in Gazette No. 26080 on 5 March 2004 and impose a penalty of R10 000 on the Respondent.

I make no order regarding costs.

Signed at **PRETORIA** on the ................. day of **MAY 2011**.

**CF Eloff** 

**Chairperson of the Enforcement Committee** 

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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN TERMS OF SECTION 6B(7)(a) OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (PROTECTION OF FUNDS) ACT, 28 OF 2001

### 1. The parties

- 1.1. The parties to the agreement are the Registrar of Financial Services Providers ("the Registrar") herein represented by German Emanuel Anderson; and
- 1.2. Siphiwo Financial and Management Consultants (Pty) Limited ("Siphiwo"), herein represented by Hendrik Mathys Jacobus Petrus van Zyl ("Van Zyl") with identity number 550712 5046 085.

#### 2. The contravention

- 2.1. It is agreed between the parties that Siphiwo contravened section 7(1) of the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act, no 37 of 2002 ("the Act"), read with Notice No 270 published in Gazette No. 26080 on 5 March 2004, in that:
  - 2.1.1. Siphiwo entered into an agreement with Nestlife Assurance Corporation Limited ("Nestlife") on 24 February 2009, in terms whereof Siphiwo furnished advice and rendered intermediary services with regard to long-term insurance financial products of Nestlife. As a result, Siphiwo was acting as a financial services provider as contemplated in section 7(1) of the Act, from 24 February 2009 to 12 November 2010.
  - 2.1.2. At all times relevant to this case, Van Zyl acted on behalf of Siphiwo.

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2.1.3. Siphiwo has not been authorised to act as a financial services provider by the Registrar as contemplated in section 8 of the Act.

## 3. The mitigating circumstances

- 3.1. It is also been agreed that the following mitigating factors are relevant to the matter:
  - 3.1.1. The contravention was a *bona fide* oversight and Siphiwo and Van Zyl accepted accountability for it;
  - 3.1.2. There is no evidence of any prejudice resulting from the contravention;
  - 3.1.3. Van Zyl, who was at all relevant times in control of Siphiwo, is an authorised financial services provider;
  - 3.1.4. When Van Zyl became aware of the contravention, he attempted to rectify the situation by engaging with Nestlife to enter into a replacement agreement;

- 3.1.5. Siphiwo is a relatively new company with a small income and no material assets;
- 3.1.6. The previous owner of Siphiwo could not attend to its duties because of a life-threatening medical condition; and
- 3.1.7. Van Zyl and Siphiwo fully co-operated with the Registrar's investigation and the enforcement action, and displayed sincere remorse for the oversight.

### 4. The agreed penalty

- 4.1. In the light of the above, and in terms of section 6B(7)(a) of the Financial Institutions (Protection of Funds) Act, No 28 of 2001, the parties have agreed that Siphiwo will pay a penalty of R10 000 in settlement of the matter.
- 4.2. The parties humbly request that the Honorable Chairperson makes the settlement an order, as envisaged in section6B(7)(b) of the Financial Institutions (Protection of Funds) Act.



#### 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 Siphiwo does not comply with the terms of this agreement and it is necessary for the FSB to proceed with legal proceedings, Siphiwo 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 Siphiwo 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 shall not be a novation of the cause of action in terms whereof Siphiwo was found to have contravened the Act.
- 5.6. This agreement constitutes the whole agreement between the parties in respect of the offer to pay a penalty.

Signed at PRETORIA on  $3 \text{ May}^{2011}$  on behalf of the Registrar

G E Anderson

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Signed at Mercein on 28 Here 2200 behalf of Siphiwo Financial and Management Consultants (Pty) Limited

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