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### **TO BE PUBLISHED BY THE FSCA**

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In the matter between:
The Financial Sector Conduct Authority
And
Seretse Funeral Parlour CC
Harry Seleke Serunye

# ENFORCEABLE UNDERTAKING IN TERMS OF SECTION 151(1) OF THE FINANCIAL SECTOR REGULATION ACT 9 OF 2017

#### **DEFINITIONS**

- 1. For purposes of this undertaking, the following definitions shall apply:
- 1.1. "Seretse Funeral Parlour CC" means a private company with limited liability, duly incorporated and registered in accordance with the Close Corporations Act 69 of 1984 of the Republic of South Africa, under registration number 2010/146693/23, with its principal place of business situated at 369 Are-Yeng Street, Seretse Township, Boshof. Free State.
- 1.2. "Effective Date" means the date on which this undertaking becomes enforceable which is upon signature by a duly authorised officer acting on behalf of the Authority.
- 1.3. "Enforceable Undertaking" means this undertaking duly signed and concluded between the Authority and Seretse Funeral Parlour CC.

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- 1.4. "FAIS Act" means the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act No. 37 of 2002, as amended.
- 1.5. "The Authority" means the Financial Sector Conduct Authority.
- 1.6. "FSR Act" means the Financial Sector Regulation Act No. 9 of 2017, as amended.
- 1.7. "FSP" means an authorised Financial Services Provider.
- 1.8. "Mr. Serunye" means Mr. Harry Seleke Serunye, a director of Seretse Funeral Parlour CC.
- 1.9. "Tribunal" means the independent Financial Services Tribunal, a statutory body established in terms of section 219 of the FSR Act, with its principal place of business at Kasteel Office Park, Orange Building, 546 Jochemus street, Erasmuskloof, Pretoria, Gauteng.

#### COMPLAINT

- The Authority is the market conduct regulator of financial institutions that are licensed in terms of a financial sector law. The Authority is empowered by the FSR Act to supervise and enforce compliance with financial sector laws.
- 3. On 14 May 2024, the Authority received information that Seretse Funeral Parlour CC was issuing funeral polices (insurance business) without having an insurer, which was a contravention of section 5(1) of the Insurance Act 18 of 2017 (the Insurance Act).
- 4. Mr. Serunye confirmed that from 01 01 2023 to 28 02 2025, Seretse Funeral Parlour CC advised a total of 49 clients, collected a total amount of R234830 in premiums and settled a total number of 4 claims valued R 40.000.00.00
- 5. Mr. Serunye further confirmed that the clients/policyholders of Seretse Funeral Parlour CC are currently not placed with any licensed insurer.

#### INVESTIGATION AND CONTRAVENTIONS

 On 15 July 2024, the Authority commenced an investigation into the conduct of Seretse Funeral Parlour CC and Mr. Serunye in terms of section 135(1)(a) of the FSR Act. The investigation was in respect of their conduct during the period 1 March 2024 to 30 April 2025, to determine whether there was a reasonable suspicion of contraventions of the following financial sector law(s):

- 6.1. Section 7(1) of the FAIS Act which provides that "a person may not act or offer to act as a financial services provider unless such person has been issued with a license under section 8, or, unless such a person has been appointed as a representative of an authorised financial services provider under section 13 of the FAIS Act".
- 6.2. Section 5(1) of the Insurance Act which provides that "no person may conduct insurance business in the Republic unless that person is licensed under the Insurance Act".
- 7. The investigation revealed that during the period from 1 December 2023 to 30 April 2025, Mr. Serunye caused and/or permitted Seretse Funeral Parlour CC to issue funeral policies without having a licensed underwriter. Mr Serunye further caused and/or permitted Seretse Funeral Parlour CC to collect premiums and processed claims in respect of Seretse Funeral Parlour CC policy holders.
- 8. Mr. Serunye did not dispute his knowledge and/or involvement in the conduct of Seretse Funeral Parlour CC and as a result, he caused and/or permitted the contraventions of sections 7(1) of the FAIS Act and 5(1) of the Insurance Act.
- 9. Mr. Serunye have cooperated with the Authority and admitted all the facts and contraventions in respect of this investigation.

#### **ENFORCEABLE UNDERTAKING**

- 10. Mr. Serunye gives the following Enforceable Undertaking to the Authority in terms of section 151(1) of the FSR Act:
  - 10.1. They will provide proof of their insurance business underwriting within 30 working days from the date of signing this enforceable undertaking:
  - 10.2. They will ensure that all their representatives are added to the representative register of a financial service provider or an underwriter within 30 working days from the date of signing this Enforceable Undertaking; and
  - 10.3. They will ensure that at all relevant times their clients' insurance business is placed with a licensed underwriter.

## **NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNDERTAKING**

- 11. Seretse Funeral Parlour CC and Mr. Serunye understand that if any term contained in this Enforceable Undertaking is breached or contravened, the Authority:
  - 11.1. may impose an administrative penalty against Seretse Funeral Parlour CC and Mr. Serunye on the basis of joint and several liability;
  - 11.2. may debar Mr. Serunye; and/or
  - 11.3. may approach the Tribunal to make certain orders in respect of the Enforceable Undertaking.
- 12. Seretse Funeral Parlour CC and Mr. Serunye acknowledge that they are familiar with all the provisions of section 151 of the FSR Act.

DATED AT Bosho F ON THIS OF	DAY OF May 2025
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Harry Seleke Serunye	Harry Seleke Serunye
(On behalf of Seretse Funeral Parlour CC)	(In his personal Canacity)

The aforesaid Enforceable Undertaking is accepted by the Financial Conduct Authority in terms of section 151(1) of the Financial Sector Regulation Act, 2017

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Gerhard van Deventer

(For the Authority)