

FSCA Press Release

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The FSCA takes regulatory action against N-e-FG Key Persons

Following an extensive investigation and sanctions process, the Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA) has imposed an administrative penalty of **R30 million** each on Messrs. Stephanus Cornelius Jansen van Rensburg and Frederick Young Du Preez and debarred them for a period of **30 years** each. The FSCA further imposed an administrative penalty of **R8 million** on Mr Jeremia Jesaja Steyn Jansen van Rensburg and debarred him for a period of **20 years**. In addition, Mr Elia Christiaan Janse van Rensburg has been debarred for a period of **10 years**.

The regulatory action followed an investigation by the FSCA in respect of Phahamisa Administrators (Pty) Ltd (Previously N-e-FG Administrators (Pty) Ltd), N-e-FG Fund Management (Pty) Ltd, The Wealth Strategist (Pty) Ltd and the key persons. Before taking this action, the FSCA handed its investigation report over to the National Prosecution Authority and is aware that some of the complainants also opened criminal cases. The FSCA will actively assist the NPA if requested.

The findings of the FSCA investigation include that clients' funds were invested without the requisite mandate from clients. The investments were made in entities that are not regulated by the FSCA. The Authority also found that some of the key persons of the N-e-FG entities had an interest in the entities that the clients' funds were invested in. The investigated parties contravened provisions of the Financial Sector Regulation Act, 9 of 2017; Financial Advisory and Intermediaries Services Act, 37 of 2002; General Code of Conduct for Authorised Financial Services Providers and Representatives, 2003; Financial Institutions (Protection of Funds) Act 28 of 2001; and Determination of Fit and Proper Requirements for Financial Services Providers, 2017.

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