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THIRTY-FOURTH BUSINESS RESCUE STATUS REPORT

Report in terms of Section 132(3) of the Companies Act 71 of 2008 (as amended)

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Date of Appointment:	10 October 2022

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1. Introduction:

1.1. This Report is prepared in terms of section 132(3) of the Companies Act, 2008 (as amended) (the "**Companies Act**") in respect of the business rescue proceedings of Arnot Opco Proprietary Limited (in business rescue) (the "**Company**").

1.2. The purpose of this Report is to update creditors and affected persons on the progress of the business rescue proceedings of the Company.

1.3. This Report is required if a company's business rescue proceedings have not been finalised within three months after the commencement of the business rescue proceedings.

1.4. The Report must be read together with other reports previously issued, in the business rescue proceedings of the Company, in terms of section 132(3) of the Act.

2. Business Rescue Update:

The hearing date for the appeal to the Constitutional Court in the matter between *Salungano Group Limited v Mashwayi Proprietary Limited and others* has been allocated to 19 February 2026.

3. Operational Update and Business Rescue Initiatives:

3.1. Mooifontein Pit 1A Development ("Pit 1a")

The Company has progressed through the ramp-up phase of mining at Pit 1a, having achieved production of just over 100,000 (one hundred thousand) tonnes in November 2025. Sales, however, have been impacted by the rainy season, particularly due to adverse pit, road conditions and approved stockpiles contained high moisture content more than allowable in the offtake contract. Operations will now transition toward achieving and maintaining steady-state production levels.

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3.2. The Company and the appointed contractor are in the final stages of concluding agreements for post-commencement financing ("**PCF**"), which includes working capital and general facility arrangements designated as PCF under section 135(2) of the Companies Act. The remaining surface and auxiliary infrastructure development is expected to commence in Q1 2026, once the seasonal rainfall has subsided.

3.3. **Consolidated Pits (Pits 2, 3, and 5)**

The Company has concluded a Resettlement Agreement with the thirteen (13) families currently residing on the Pit 2 property. A contractor has been appointed to develop the resettlement properties, a process expected to take approximately six to twelve months.

Mining operations at Pit 2 are expected to commence in Q1 2026. The commencement of mining at Pits 3 and 5 remains subject to the finalisation of discussions with surface rights holders, as well as further drilling and the receipt of necessary regulatory authorisations.

3.4. **Underground Mining Operations**

A mining contractor has been appointed to develop and operate the underground mining reserve at 12 Shaft. The contract mining agreement has been executed, and the contractor will also provide support for care and maintenance activities at 10 and 11 Shafts. Mining operations at 12 Shaft are expected to commence in Q2 2026.

The contractor, together with Arnot, has initiated an extensive drilling program to confirm stable ground conditions for accessing the underground workings of 12 Shaft via the portal.

4. Closing Remarks:

4.1. The BRP will keep creditors and other affected persons abreast of any new developments.

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4.2. The BRP undertakes to continue providing monthly reports to the Creditors, CIPC and other affected persons on the progress of the business rescue proceedings as required by Act.

4.3. All queries regarding the business rescue proceedings of the Company may be addressed to: ArnotOpcobr@gcs-sa.co.za. Creditors are reminded that all relevant notices and documents are available online on this link: https://arnot-opco.com/business-resscue/

Yours faithfully,



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