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THIRTY-NINTH BUSINESS RESCUE STATUS REPORT

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

Full Name: Arnot Opco Proprietary Limited (in business rescue)

Registration Number: 2019/072282/07

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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 other 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 status quo remains unchanged. The appeal in *Salungano Group Limited v Mashwayi Proprietary Limited and Others* was heard by the Constitutional Court on 19 February 2026, and judgment has been reserved. Creditors will be informed in due course once the Court hands down its decision.

3. Operational Update and Business Rescue Initiatives:

3.1. Mooifontein Pit 1A (“Pit 1A”)

In April, the Company produced 81,548 tonnes of run-of-mine coal from Pit 1a. Approximately 32,588 tonnes were delivered to Eskom, with the balance sold into the spot market. Operations were materially impacted by adverse weather conditions, with rainfall of at least 130 mm recorded during the latter half of the month. This resulted in constrained pit and haul road conditions and elevated moisture levels in approved stockpiles, leading to volumes exceeding the specifications permitted under the offtake agreement and, consequently, negatively affecting production and sales.

3.2. Consolidated Pits (Pits 2, 3, and 5)

The establishment of Pit 2 is expected to commence in Q2 2026. Eskom has granted consent to Arnot to initiate a drilling programme on Eskom-owned land, (Farm Mooifontein 448-JS, Portion 5). Progression to mining at Pits 3 and 5 remains conditional upon the conclusion of engagements with surface rights holders, completion of the required drilling programmes, and receipt of all outstanding regulatory approvals. The resettlement programme is



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progressing as planned, with construction currently underway for housing to accommodate the thirteen (13) families residing on the Pit 2 property.

3.3. 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 finalised.

4. Closing Remarks:

- 4.1. The BRP will keep creditors and other affected persons abreast of any new developments.
- 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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30 April 2026



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