



## **MURRAY & ROBERTS HOLDINGS LIMITED**

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(“Murray & Roberts”, “Group” or “the Company”)

## **MARKET UPDATE ON THE COLLAPSE OF THE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT STRUCTURE**

Shareholders are referred to the SENS announcement of 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015, following the collapse of the pedestrian bridge construction support structure on Wednesday afternoon, 14 October 2015 at approximately 15h30, on the M1 highway next to the Grayston Drive bridge in Sandton, Johannesburg (“the incident”). The incident regrettably claimed two lives and injured several others and we would like to reiterate our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved and offer our sincere sympathy to those injured.

### **GROUP STRUCTURE**

Murray & Roberts has delivered infrastructure projects throughout South and Southern Africa for more than 110 years, and is recognised as a leading international engineering and construction group.

The Group is structured into four business platforms namely:

- Oil & Gas;
- Underground Mining;
- Power & Water; and
- Infrastructure & Building.

The first two business platforms are predominantly internationally focused, while the last two are predominantly sub-Saharan focused.

The collapse of the pedestrian bridge construction support structure occurred at a project which was being carried out in the Infrastructure & Building business platform.

The Group continues to implement its growth strategy, i.e. the New Strategic Future, which is focused on growth in the international natural resources markets, where it is able to leverage its current capabilities.

### **UPDATE ON THE INCIDENT**

Following the incident, the board of directors of Murray & Roberts ("the Board") and its executive management prioritised the provision of appropriate medical care and support to those injured.

The Board recognises that this is a tragic event with severe reputational consequences for the Company.

The purpose of this announcement is to provide shareholders, stakeholders and other interested parties with an update on the current state of affairs:

### **CONDITION OF THE INJURED**

- Immediately on becoming aware of the incident at around 15:40 on 14 October 2015, the Company established a crisis management team ("CMT") consisting of a number of directors, including the Chairman of the Board, Group Chief Executive and Financial Director, as well as the Group Investor and Media Executive
- The Company mobilised one of its service providers, ICAS (Independent Counselling and Advisory Services), specialists in the provision of behavioural risk management and employee wellbeing/care programmes. ICAS was tasked with establishing accurate information on the condition and medical treatment all the injured were receiving
- The CMT recognised the need for provision of appropriate medical intervention for the injured and to this end, the Company undertook (on a no-liability basis) to cover the immediate medical expenses of the injured, and contribute towards the funeral expenses of the deceased
- Those injured who could not receive immediate treatment at provincial hospitals, due to capacity constraints, were transferred to private hospitals
- ICAS has followed up on the injured, including those who have been discharged from hospitals
- Through ICAS, the Company offered and administered counselling to the injured, family members of the injured, the bereaved as well as uninjured witnesses who were affected by the incident
- Our Group Chief Executive, Henry Laas, personally visited a number of the injured on the evening of the incident to enquire after their wellbeing and to express his sympathies. Henry Laas and other executives conducted further hospital visits to the injured from Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015 and continues to do so on a regular basis
- Arrangements have been made for the provision of transport services for family members to visit their injured relatives at each of the hospitals where the injured were being treated
- Our Group Chief Executive met with family members of both the deceased. Further contact regarding support for the funeral was initiated

### **UPDATE ON THE INVESTIGATION**

- On becoming aware of the incident at around 15:40 on 14 October 2015, the Chief Executive Officer of our Infrastructure & Building business platform, Jerome Govender,

as well as the Group Health Safety and Environment (“HSE”) Director, Thokozani Mdluli, immediately travelled to the site

- A Loss Adjuster, arranged by our insurance broker Marsh & McLennan, was deployed to the site, as well as an external forensic engineer who has been appointed to represent the Company in the investigations. It is always important to gather as much evidence as possible from the scene of the incident before any clearing operations commence
- Approval was received from the Department of Labour at about midnight on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015 for clearing operations to commence
- At 05h30 on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015, our Group Chief Executive met with representatives of the City of Johannesburg and the Johannesburg Development Agency at the Sandton Fire Station to coordinate clearing efforts that were underway
- The Company formalised its internal investigation process under the Group HSE Director. The Company’s investigation team comprises an external consultant (who is an expert in tap-root investigation), an external forensic engineer, the in-house legal representative, legal counsel from Webber Wentzel, the Chief Executive Officer of the Infrastructure & Building business platform, as well as the Managing Director of Murray & Roberts Infrastructure
- At 14h00 on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015, the Company had an initial meeting with Marsh & McLennan and underwriters (SHA) to ensure its actions did not compromise the covers in place, and that the relevant policies will respond as expected in the circumstances
- The M1 highway was re-opened at approximately 15h00 on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015
- At 08h00 on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015, the Group HSE Director and his team started the formal internal investigation by taking statements from site management and others. The Company also commissioned an independent engineering review of the pedestrian bridge construction support structure

## **ONGOING SITUATION**

At this stage, we do not have any information on the cause or causes of the incident. We also do not want to speculate on possible causes. The investigation process must run its course to establish what led to this tragic incident. To achieve this, we are working closely with the various external investigations.

Our immediate focus remains on providing continued support to the injured and the families of the deceased, and to the investigation process.

Further information will be released as soon as it becomes available.

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