



That circular makes no reference to the need to secure the competition authorities' approval. The conditions precedent include approval from the Takeover Regulation Panel and the Northern Cape Gambling Board, but not from the competition authorities.

Two areas of concern for the commission are likely to be that the deal bumps HCI's holding in Tsogo up to 51%, from 47.6% and the possibility that it will affect employment or other public interest matters.

Instead of notifying the commission, HCI turned to the tribunal with an urgent application, seeking a ruling from it that the proposed transaction was not notifiable. On Tuesday, the tribunal dismissed the application. The transaction must, therefore, be notified. The proposed transaction would let Tsogo Sun, which holds numerous casino licences, acquire Niveus's limited-payout machine operations and its electronic bingo terminal operations.

The alternative-gaming assets have been packaged into the entity Gameco, which will be unbundled to Niveus shareholders. Tsogo will acquire HCI's nearly 50% in Gameco and will offer to buy out Gameco minority shareholders.

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