

## ACTION REQUIRED BY "B1" PREFERENCE SHAREHOLDERS

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"B1" preference shareholders wishing to attend the "B1" general meeting have to ensure beforehand with the Transfer Secretaries of the Company that their "B1" preference shares are in fact registered in their name.

**If you have not dematerialised your "B1" preference shares and therefore hold documents of title in respect of your "B1" preference shares:**

- "B1" preference shareholders who have not dematerialised their "B1" preference shares or have dematerialised their "B1" preference shares with "own name" registration are entitled to attend and vote at the "B1" general meeting and are entitled to appoint a proxy or proxies to attend, speak and vote in their stead. The person appointed need not be a "B1" preference shareholder.
- Proxy forms must be forwarded to reach the Company's Transfer Secretaries by no later than 48 hours (forty eight hours) prior to the "B1" general meeting excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.
- Certificated holders of "B1" preference shares in FirstRand are required to surrender their documents of title prior to the record date, which is expected to be Friday, 8 January 2009. The documents of title so surrendered will be held in trust by the Transfer Secretaries on behalf of the registered "B1" preference shareholder by the Transfer Secretaries pending the proposed re-designation of the Company's "B1" preference shares as "B" preference shares becoming operative.
- In the event that the proposed re-designation does not become operative, the Transfer Secretaries will, within five business days of such event, return the documents of title to the certificated "B1" preference shareholders, by registered post, at the risk of such "B1" preference shareholder.

**If you have dematerialised your "B1" preference shares or have dematerialised your "B1" preference shares with "own name" registration:**

"B1" preference shareholders who have dematerialised their "B1" preference shares must contact their Central Securities Depository Participant ("CSDP") or broker in the manner and time stipulated in the agreement with their CSDP or broker:

- to furnish the CSDP or broker with their voting instructions; and
- in the event that they wish to attend the "B1" general meeting, to obtain the necessary authority to do so.

**Voting**

Voting will be by way of a poll and every "B1" preference shareholder of the Company present in person or represented by proxy shall have one vote for every "B1" preference share held in the Company by such "B1" preference shareholder.