

## MEDIA RELEASE

### **PIC Media Release on Barloworld Limited**

**PRETORIA, 28 February 2025** – The Public Investment Corporation (PIC), a 21.97% shareholder in Barloworld Limited (Barloworld), has voted against the proposed takeover of the company, at R123.10 per share, and has expressed its concerns with corporate governance processes at the company.

The PIC also exercised its right to vote against board members that were up for re-election at the company's AGM last Friday.

The PIC's mandate is to generate value and financial returns for its clients whilst ensuring positive socio-economic outcomes. The PIC does not, in the ordinary course of business, comment on specific transactions. Given considerable media attention on the proposed transaction and the gravity of the issues outlined below, the PIC believes a public statement is justified.

The PIC understands the strategic direction that OEM Caterpillar has taken to increasingly place the running of their dealerships into private hands.

The PIC is concerned with corporate governance standards at Barloworld and the steps its board followed in considering the transaction in question. These concerns have been expressed to the board over a series of robust engagements. The PIC will continue to engage the board accordingly.

The PIC supports the empowerment of previously disadvantaged groups in South Africa. The PIC prefers transactions that are inclusive and broad-based. The benefit of empowerment or any transactions should cover a wide range of stakeholders.

The PIC expects boards of its investee companies to act in the best interests of the company and all its stakeholders.

The PIC believes the current offer for Barloworld still presents a premium to the company's fair value, and at a premium to the pre-price offer. This is within the valuation range as recommended by the independent valuer, Rothschild. The PIC remains open to engage all stakeholders to amicably resolve the concerns expressed to the board of Barloworld.

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