Real People Investment Holdings Limited (Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa) (Registration No. 1999/020093/06) ("Real People")

MOODY'S INVESTORS SERVICE DOWNGRADES THE NATIONAL SCALE RATINGS OF REAL PEOPLE INVESTMENT HOLDINGS LIMITED

Noteholders are advised that Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's") has, on  $28^{\rm th}$  of February 2017, downgraded the National Scale Rating of Real People to Caa2.za from B3.za and maintained the ratings outlook as negative.

According to Moody's the downgrade is a result of a deteriorating solvency position as the company's capital adequacy ratio approaches its covenanted level of 30%, weak income generating capacity and further expected losses, especially in East Africa and a weakened liquidity position.

Noteholders are referred to the credit opinion released by Moody's for any additional information also available on the company's website at  $\frac{\text{http://www.realpeoplegroup.co.za/index.php?nav=credit-rating-reports}}{\text{noteholders}}.$ 

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