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## **ADR ANNOUNCEMENT**

## BIDVEST GROUP LIMITED

The Bidvest Group Limited has appointed The Bank of New York as successor Depositary to Citibank for its Level I ADR program. Bidvest is one of South Africa's largest investment holding companies with operations in numerous industries including financial services, hospitality, manufacturing, and technology. Bidfreight is a leading freight management group. Bidserv provides a comprehensive range of outsourcing services. Rennies Financial Services is South Africa's leading travel-related financial services group. Caterplus is a leading distributor of products in the catering, hospitality and food service industries. Bidoffice is engaged in the manufacture, distribution and supply of commercial office products. Bidpac is the market and technology leader of nailing, stapling, packaging closures, strapping, adhesive tape, marking and coding, construction fasteners, labels and stationery products. The BidIT division houses the information technology interests of the Group. Please find below the pertinent details.

**Effective Date:**January 23, 2002 **Country of Incorporation:**South Africa

**Local Custodian:** Nedcor Limited; Mercantile Bank

Limited; Societe Generale South Africa Ltd.; FirstRand Bank Ltd.; Standard Bank of South Africa

Par Value: 5.00 ZAR

**Underlying Share Description:** Ordinary Shares

**Ratio:** 1 ADR : 2 Ordinary Shares

**CUSIP Number:** 088836101

**Exchange:** OTC **Symbol:** BDVSY

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