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## **LAWtrust celebrates joining Etion Group**

I am very excited to inform you that LAWtrust has been acquired by Etion Limited (formerly Ansys Limited) and that the acquisition came into effect on 1 June 2018. This is a great leap forward for LAWtrust, which now becomes an essential and valuable part of a listed group.

Both founders of LAWtrust, will be remaining with the company and have driven this acquisition as part of a growth strategy for LAWtrust, which in time will become known as Etion Secure, the subsidiary responsible for digital security. As one of the first accredited authentication service providers operating in South Africa – and as the only non-state owned entity that is able to offer advanced electronic signature solutions, combined with our other best of breed PKI and security solutions – our company will become the cornerstone of Etion’s digital security offering. The merger will also result in a stronger balance sheet which will allow for further acquisitions in the cyber security space as well as more aggressive international growth.

Etion is a leading diversified digital technology group and is at the forefront of the innovation that is spearheading the fourth industrial revolution in South Africa and the southern African region. Using an integrated, solutions-based approach, the group develops customised digital technology solutions for clients in many different sectors, including telecommunications, connectivity, mining, manufacturing, logistics and defence. This approach is based on a strong engineering heritage that dates back 30 years.

Being South African owned, Etion (Ansys) has been recognised by the JSE as the most empowered technology company on the JSE and has repeatedly achieved a level 1 BBBEE rating. Etion is a truly representative South African company which is committed to the future of the country.

LAWtrust clients will now be able to benefit from both this heritage and Etion’s visionary approach in the fields of electronics original design manufacturing, safety and productivity, and digital network solutions. Their unique, single-point access to integrated digital technology solutions can now be developed to suite your unique needs, along with Etion’s excellent client service.

As digital technology irrevocably alters the entire business landscape, the need for trusted digital security solutions is developing exponentially. The acquisition of LAWtrust gives Etion the capability to meet the most stringent digital security requirements, especially in the critical and rapidly developing area of the Internet of Things (IoT).

The process of harnessing the new capabilities into the LAWtrust solution set has already begun and we look forward to adding significant value to the group's existing clients, as well as to being a fundamental component of the group's strategic expansion into new segments, sectors and territories.

As always, thank you for your loyal and valued support shown towards LAWtrust. We look forward to taking this bold step into the future and to strengthening our well-established relationship with you and your company.

Kind regards,

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