

# PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

## Equity Group Holdings Plc

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The Capital Markets Act, Chapter 485A of the Laws of Kenya  
The Capital Markets (Securities) (Public Offers, Listing and  
Disclosures) Regulations, 2002

## COMPLETION OF THE ACQUISITION OF BANQUE COMMERCIALE DU CONGO BY EQUITY GROUP HOLDINGS PLC (EGH)

On 18 November 2019, EGH published a notice of the entry into a share purchase agreement (the **Agreement**) with George Arthur Forrest (the **Seller**) for the acquisition of 66.53% of the shares in the capital of Banque Commerciale du Congo (**BCDC**) (the **Acquisition**) from the Seller at a price of United States Dollars one hundred and five million (USD 105,000,000) (the **Consideration**) with a view to eventually amalgamating the business of BCDC with that of EGH's existing banking subsidiary in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Equity Bank Congo S.A.

The announcement specified that the Acquisition was subject to conditions that are customary to transactions of this nature including all regulatory approvals from amongst others, the Central Bank of Kenya, Banque Centrale du Congo and the COMESA Competition Commission and the board approvals of BCDC and EGH. The parties to the Agreement have since the entry into the Agreement, been working on the fulfilment of the conditions provided in the Agreement to enable the completion of the Acquisition.

EGH is pleased to inform its shareholders and the public that the conditions precedent to the Acquisition including the receipt of corporate and regulatory approvals have been fulfilled and/or waived and the Acquisition was completed on **7 August 2020**. EGH and the Seller also agreed to a reduction in the Consideration from United States Dollars one hundred and five million (USD 105,000,000) to United States Dollars ninety five million (USD 95,000,000), both parties having taken into account the events that have taken place since the entry into the Agreement and particularly that the COVID-19 pandemic is having adverse effects on the economies of the World and the economy of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

As a result of the completion of the Acquisition, EGH now owns 66.53% of the issued share capital of BCDC, making BCDC its subsidiary.

We take this opportunity to welcome BCDC directors and employees to the EGH Group and look forward to working together to provide BCDC's current and new customers with access to competitive, tailored financial services to improve people's lives and livelihoods whilst also delivering significant value to our stakeholders.



**Dr. James Mwangi**  
**Group Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer**  
**Equity Group Holdings Plc**  
**Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

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