





August 2015

# WINDING UP OF THE IF AND DYNAM-IQUE RETIREMENT FUNDS

Dynam-ique SA Umbrella Pension Fund Dynam-ique SA Umbrella Provident Fund IF Umbrella Pension Fund (In Liquidation) IF Umbrella Provident Fund ("the Fund" or "the Funds" as appropriate)

Communication from the Trustees to members, employers and brokers regarding the Winding up of the Funds

#### **UPDATE ON PROGRESS**

Since the previous communication on 28 May 2015, the Funds have made the following progress:

## 1. Benefit statements for IF Umbrella Pension Fund

Following the completion of the Annual Financial Statements as at 28 February 2015 and the approval by the FSB of the Statutory Actuarial Valuation of the IF Umbrella Pension Fund as at 31 May 2013, the rebuild exercise of member records up to 28 February 2015 could be finalised. The rebuild data was used to produce Benefit Statements for all members (actives, exits with or without partial payments and unclaimed benefits).

These Benefit Statements were distributed to the Brokers of the relevant participating employers in the IF Umbrella Pension Fund as well as directly to the employers where a secure contact could be established. Kindly contact your employer's broker or send an email to <u>if-dynam-liq@argen.solutions</u> if you have not yet received your Benefit Statement.

The covering letter with further information that was sent to all Brokers, "Broker covering letter with Benefit Statements Final", dated 31 July 2015 can also be found on the Fund's website (<a href="www.funds-info.co.za/if">www.funds-info.co.za/if</a>).

Benefit Statements for the other 3 Funds will follow once their statutory affairs are in order just prior to the Funds being placed into liquidation.

# 2. Annual Financial Statement submissions

We have made good progress with the annual financial statements of all the Funds.

Fund	2013	2014	2015
IF Umbrella Pension Fund	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted
IF Umbrella Provident Fund	Submitted	Audit completed	Outstanding
Dynam-ique SA Umbrella Pension Fund	Submitted	Completed (not yet submitted)	Outstanding
Dynam-ique SA Umbrella Provident Fund	Submitted	Audit in progress	Outstanding

# 3. Valuation submissions

For all 4 Funds, the statutory actuarial valuations as at the financial year ending 2013 have been completed by the Funds' valuator, accepted by the Trustees and submitted to the FSB.

Fund	Valuation status
IF Umbrella Pension Fund	31 May 2013 Submitted and approved by Registrar
IF Umbrella Provident Fund	31 May 2013 Submitted
Dynam-ique SA Umbrella Pension Fund	28 February 2013 Submitted
Dynam-ique SA Umbrella Provident Fund	28 February 2013 Submitted

## 4. IF Umbrella Pension Fund Liquidator appointment at FSB

The Trustee resolution to appoint Mr Francois Rosslee and Mr Arthur Els as joint liquidators of the IF Umbrella Pension Fund was submitted to the FSB for approval during August. We received the Liquidator appointment letter from the Registrar on 28 August 2015. This date will therefore be the effective date of the liquidation of the IF Umbrella Pension Fund.

The operation of the IF Umbrella Pension Fund changed as follows with effect from the liquidation date:

- The Liquidator replaced the Board of Trustees and is now responsible for the management of the fund;
- All existing agreements with the Trustees have been terminated. No further fees will therefore accrue to the administrator, valuator, brokers or auditor after the liquidation date since these functions have now been taken over by the Liquidator;
- All Fund assets are effectively frozen. Any further benefits and/or accounts payable can only be settled once the liquidation accounts have been approved by the Registrar; and
- The Liquidator is currently in the process to consolidate the assets in the Fund to ensure adequate liquidity and capital protection during the liquidation process.

The Liquidator is currently collecting information from the administrator and respective investment managers as at the liquidation date in order to reconcile this data with the previous set of audited financial statements and prepare preliminary liquidation accounts. It is the intention to submit these accounts to the Registrar for approval during the course of September.

Please refer to previous correspondence and your benefit statements where the liquidation process has been described in more detail.

#### 5. Direct contact with members

The Liquidator has a statutory duty to ensure that adequate communication takes place to all stakeholders throughout the liquidation process. The Liquidator is therefore required to communicate directly with the respective employers and former members. In order to establish this communication channel, we distributed the benefit statements for IF Umbrella Pension Fund not only to the employers' Brokers, but also directly to the employers (where a secure contact person could be established) and, where applicable, to any former members where direct contact details were available.

Any future correspondence from the Liquidator will be addressed directly to the employers (via email correspondence) and members (via emails and SMS messages, depending on contact details provided). The Liquidator will advise the Brokers of any further developments through regular updates on the Funds' website.

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers are also available on the Funds' website which should address most of the questions that interested parties may have (www.funds-info.co.za/if).

You can contact the office of the Liquidator by e-mail (IF-Dynam-Liq@argen.solutions) or you can contact the Call Centre on 0860 383 683 if you have any queries.

# 6. Member information to third parties

We have received a number of requests from third parties to provide current and historic benefit statements to them. The Funds can only provide such information to the member, the Broker of the employer or such person that has been mandated by the member to receive the relevant information.

Please provide the necessary mandate when requesting any information. The Office of the Liquidator may request further information prior to sending any detail to a third party.

### 7. Governance

The following Rule Amendments were introduced since the previous communication:

Fund	Rule Amendment	Reason for amendment
IF Umbrella Pension Fund	None	N/A
IF Umbrella Provident Fund	Rule Amendment 3	Registered address change and other semantic changes (In principle approved by Trustees – to be submitted for approval)
Dynam-ique SA Umbrella Pension Fund	Rule Amendment 3 & 4 submitted for approval	Year-end change to 31 May 2015 (Approved) Registered address change (Submitted)
Dynam-ique SA Umbrella Provident Fund	Rule Amendment 3	3. Registered address change and other semantic changes (In principle approved by Trustees – to be submitted for approval)

#### 8. Timelines

#### Milestones for IF Umbrella Pension Fund

**Target date** 

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Employer/broker communication, followed by bulk	Done
member communication	
Financial statements at 28 February 2015 and	Done
actuarial review of experience from 2013 valuation	
date to 2015 year-end	
Benefit statements as at 28 February 2015 to	Done
members	
Portfolios closed for switching	No further switches after 31 July
Liquidator appointment (exit benefit payments	28 August
cease)	
FSB approval of preliminary liquidation accounts	End October
Advertising, complaints resolutions, accounts	During November/December
approved	
Payments	1st quarter of 2016

#### **Provisional timeframes**

The expected dates for the Funds going into liquidation and expected payment dates have not changed since our previous communication and we are still on target to meet these dates. The expected dates are repeated for your convenience as follows:

Fund	Expected liquidation date	Payment of benefits
IF Umbrella Pension Fund (In Liquidation)	28 August 2015	1st quarter of 2016
Dynam-ique SA Umbrella Pension Fund	4th quarter of 2015	1st quarter of 2016
IF Umbrella Provident Fund	1st quarter of 2016	2nd quarter of 2016
Dynam-ique SA Umbrella Provident Fund	2 <sub>nd</sub> quarter of 2016	3 <sub>rd</sub> quarter of 2016

## 9. Legal action (see previous communications)

Discussions with the administrator and the legal process in respect of the case against former trustees to recover any of the Funds' losses are still in progress. All recoveries made, if any, will be allocated pro-rata to the respective Funds.

The remaining shortfall (if any) after all possible recoveries have been settled will be recouped from members in terms of approved Rule Amendment No 2.

## 10. AON Call Centre closed

The Aon Call Centre is no longer operational. All correspondence regarding the Funds must please be sent to the Office of the Liquidator at <u>if-dynam-liq@argen.solutions</u>. The Call Centre can also be contacted on 0860 383 683 during office hours (Monday to Thursday 08:00 to 17:00 and Fridays 08:00 to 15:00).

The fact that the Aon Call Centre is no longer operational does not, however, change the operation of the Fund. All exit forms, switch forms (IF Umbrella Pension Fund can no longer submit investment switch forms, see Broker and previous communication dated 28 May 2015) and other Fund documents must be sent to <a href="mailto:if-dynam-liq@argen.solutions">if-dynam-liq@argen.solutions</a> who will forward them to the relevant people for processing. Please make sure that all submissions are accompanied by the relevant and necessary additional documents and/or information and company stamp where applicable.

Yours faithfully

### The Trustees