

Lagos, 24 November 2021

## RE: PURCHASE OF HONEYWELL GROUP LIMITED'S 71.69% STAKE IN HONEYWELL FLOUR MILLS PLC

Honeywell Flour Mills Plc ('HFMP") assures its stakeholders that the recent announcement on Flour Mills of Nigeria Plc's ('FMN') acquisition of a majority stake in HFMP on Monday  $22^{nd}$  of November 2021, was made in compliance with all rules and regulations. This further assurance has become necessary in view of the publication captioned "Ecobank Warns against Acquisition of Honeywell Flour Mills, Alleges Company Facing Winding Up Proceedings".

It is pertinent to set the record straight that there is no Winding up Petition currently pending or live against HFMP in any Court in Nigeria. There is also no pending Court Order restraining trading in the shares of HFMP or inhibiting HFMP or its owners from dealing in its assets. HFMP assures its investors, regulators and stakeholders that in all of its engagements with FMN, it received independent legal advice and asserts that the transaction is not in breach of any subsisting Order of Court. The issue as to whether HFMP is indebted to Ecobank is still before the Courts and the final decision remains the exclusive preserve of the Courts. It is also important to state that the Court of Appeal judgement being referred to in the reports did not declare HFMP to be indebted to Ecobank.

The assertions lack merit, were written in bad faith and are a deliberate attempt to undermine a transaction that will result in substantial benefit to the Nigerian economy and entrench the collaboration of two publicly quoted companies. As a responsible corporate citizen, we have entered the transaction with FMN having taken all legal issues into consideration.

All stakeholders are hereby assured that management of Honeywell Flour Mills Plc will continue to act in the best interests of all concerned and work diligently to preserve value for all its shareholders.

We expect that from the proposed combination, stakeholders will benefit from the more than 85-year combined track record of FMN and HFMP and their shared goal of making affordable and nutritious food available to Nigeria's population. The country and its food security agenda will benefit from both companies' focus on developing Nigeria's industrial capability, its agricultural value chain and specifically backward integration of the food industry.

## **About Honeywell Flour Mills Plc.**

Honeywell Flour Mills is a leading food producer in Nigeria. Its propelling objective is to provide healthy, nutritious and affordable food products to feed Nigeria's growing population. The company produces a variety of products that have become staples in Nigerian homes including flour, wheat meal, semolina, noodles, and pasta. With three factories in Lagos and Ogun states and a footprint across Nigeria, Honeywell Flour Mills is known for its high-quality standards and operational efficiency.

## **Statement on Investors' Relations**

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Honeywell Flour Mills Plc has a dedicated investors' portal on its corporate website which can be accessed via this link: https://www.honeywellflour.com. The Company's Investors' Relations Officer can also be reached through electronic mail at: <a href="mailto:investorrelations@honeywellflour.com">investorrelations@honeywellflour.com</a> or telephone on +234 1 2121880 for any investment related enquiry.

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