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## OAD Investments Announces Tladi Ditshego as Chairman of the Board

South African investment firm to provide grant funding to support the Swedish AI Fund's purpose of providing financial aid, grants, and scholarships globally to those in the AI industry.

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Johannesburg, South Africa, 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023 - OAO Investments, a leading purpose-driven investment company committed to empowering Africa, is delighted to announce the appointment of Tladi Ditshego as Chairman of the Board effective from August 1, 2023. With his extensive experience in corporate leadership and investment management, Mr. Ditshego will play a pivotal role in driving OAO Investments' mission and strategic vision.

"I feel honoured to be part of the OAO Investment family and look forward to a successful journey," said Ditshego

Mr. Ditshego brings a wealth of expertise to his new role, having served as Chairman of various prominent organisations, including Merchant West Holdings (current), Utho Capital SMME Infrastructure Fund, Toll Infrastructure Service, South Coast Stone Crushers, and the Digmin Group. He also held the esteemed position of Chairman at the Export Credit Insurance Corporation of South Africa Limited (ECIC) and Kelvin Power Holdings. His six-year tenure as CEO of the J&J Group, an investment management company, further exemplifies his exemplary track record in the industry.

Recognised for his leadership acumen and dedication to social and economic development, Mr. Ditshego has been instrumental in project development and implementation, particularly in construction-related Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs). His expertise and commitment align seamlessly with OAO Investments' vision of unlocking Africa's potential, fostering sustainable growth, and positively impacting communities across the continent.

"We are thrilled to welcome Tladi Ditshego as our new Chairman of the Board," said Zamokuhle Aja-Okorie, OAO Investments Managing Director. "His extensive experience and strategic vision will be invaluable as we continue to empower Africa through our diverse pillars and drive positive change on the continent. With Mr. Ditshego's guidance, we are confident in our ability to further our mission and serve as a catalyst for transformation."

Mr. Ditshego's educational background further exemplifies his dedication to personal growth and development. He holds an MA degree (with a functional concentration in Development Economics) from Columbia University in the City of New York and a BA degree from Georgetown University in Washington, DC, USA. His achievements also

include managing the writing of Nelson Mandela's autobiography, "Long Walk to Freedom," where he worked closely with writer Richard Stengel, the then deputy managing director and editor of Time Magazine.

As OAO Investments continues its journey to empower Africa and deliver exceptional services and solutions, Mr. Ditshego's appointment marks an important milestone in the company's leadership. His strategic guidance, extensive network, and unwavering commitment to African development will undoubtedly drive OAO Investments towards even greater heights.

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### **About OAO Investments**

One Africa Odyssey (OAO) Investments, is a South African 100% black-owned company. OAO Investments is a purpose-driven investment company committed to serving, inspiring, and transforming lives across the African continent. Through our six pillars, we empower Africa and unlock its limitless potential, driving growth, innovation, and sustainable development. With a focus on delivering exceptional services, fostering strategic partnerships, and positively impacting communities, OAO Investments strives to be at the forefront of Africa's transformation.

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