FINANCIAL ADVISORY AND INTERMEDIARY SERVICES ACT, NO. 37 OF 2002 ("FAIS ACT")

# **COMPLAINTS POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

**FSP Name:** Multilect Administrators (Pty) Ltd ("FSP")

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This document constitutes the complaints policy and internal complaint resolution system and procedures of the FSP as required by the FAIS Act.

# 2. COMPLAINTS POLICY

The FSP is committed to an internal complaint resolution system and procedures based on the following principles:

- 2.1 to maintain and remain committed to an efficient internal complaint resolution system with adequate resources;
- 2.2 transparency and visibility by ensuring that clients have full knowledge of the procedures for resolution of their complaints;
- 2.3 accessibility of facilities by ensuring the existence of easy access to such procedures at any of the FSP's business premises open to clients, and through ancillary postal, fax, telephone and/or electronic means;
- 2.4 fairness by ensuring that resolution of a complaint will be effected in a manner which is fair to both clients, the FSP and staff; and
- 2.5 adequate training of all relevant staff including imparting and ensuring full knowledge of the provisions of the legislation with regard to the resolution of complaints.

# 3. DEFINITION OF COMPLAINT

"Complaint" means a specific complaint relating to a financial service rendered by the FSP or a representative to the complainant on or after the date of commencement of the FAIS Act and in which complaint it is alleged that the FSP or representative:

- 3.1 has contravened or failed to comply with a provision of the FAIS Act and that as a result thereof the complainant has suffered or is likely to suffer financial prejudice or damage;
- 3.2 has willfully or negligently rendered a financial service to the complainant which has caused prejudice or damage to the complainant or which is likely to result in such prejudice or damage; or

3.3 has treated the complainant unfairly.

### 4. PROCEDURE FOR LODGING A COMPLAINT

- 4.1 Any client who wishes to lodge a complaint against the FSP or any employee must lodge such complaint in writing.
- 4.2 The complaint must provide full details and be accompanied by supporting documentation.
- 4.3 All complaints must be addressed to:

FSP name: Multilect Administrators (Pty) Ltd postal address: PO Box 3029 Saxonwold 2132

fax no: +27(0)11 486 4607 e-mail address: claires@multilect.co.za

for the attention of: Claire Smith

- 4.4 The FSP will acknowledge receipt of the complaint in writing.
- 4.5 The FSP will respond promptly to any complaint.
- 4.6 The FSP will notify the complainant in writing of the outcome of the resolution of the complaint within 6 weeks of receipt thereof.
- 4.7 Should the complaint not be resolved to the complainant's satisfaction within 6 weeks of lodging such complaint, the complainant may lodge the complaint with the Ombud of Financial Services Providers within 6 months of receiving notification from the FSP regarding the resolution/dismissal of the complaint.
- 4.8 Should the complainant not lodge the complaint with the Ombud, the complainant may pursue any other avenue of law which is available to it.
- 4.9 Contact details of the Ombud:

name: Naresh Toresh Tulsie

postal address: P.O. Box 74571

Linwood Ridge

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tel no: 012-470-9080/99 fax: 012-348-3447

# 5. INTERNAL COMPLAINT RESOLUTION SYSTEM

5.1 The FSP must nominate a contact person responsible for managing and overseeing the effective resolution of complaints and compliance with this complaints policy and procedures ("the contact person").

- 5.2 All clients must be advised in writing that the FSP has a complaints policy and procedures which communication must contain the FSP's contact details.
- 5.3 Clients must be provided access to this complaints policy and procedures at all business premises as well as through ancillary postal, fax, telephone and/or electronic means.
- 5.4 Any employee who receives a complaint from a client must request the client to lodge such complaint in writing and simultaneously provide the client with the communication particulars of the contact person.
- 5.5 Upon receipt, the contact person must enter the complaint in the complaints register which is held by the contact person.
- 5.6 If the complaint is received by any employee other than the contact person, the complaint should be handed to the contact person immediately.
- 5.7 The contact person may delegate resolution of the complaint to an appropriate person.
- 5.8 Complaints must be investigated and responded to promptly.
- 5.9 Complaints must be handled in a timely and fair manner.
- 5.10 Non-routine serious complaints must be handled at an appropriate level and by staff with adequate expertise.
- 5.11 All complaints must be resolved within 6 weeks of receipt thereof.
- 5.12 Should a complaint not be resolved to the satisfaction of the complainant, the complainant must be notified thereof within 6 weeks of receipt of the complaint and be advised of its right to lodge such complaint with the Ombud within 6 months of receipt of such notification, as well as be advised of any other legal remedies it may have.
- 5.13 The notification after dismissal of a complaint must include the name, address and other contact particulars of the Ombud.
- 5.14 If an outcome is not favourable to the client, full written reasons must be furnished to the client.
- 5.15 Where the complaint is resolved in the favour of the client, a full and appropriate level of redress must be offered to the client without any delay.
- 5.16 All complaints must be followed-up to ensure avoidance of occurrences giving rise to complaints and/or to improve services and systems and procedures, where necessary.
- 5.17 The complaints register must regularly be completed and inspected by the contact person who will excise management control to ensure effective control and supervision of the complaints process.
- 5.18 The Compliance Officer will inspect the complaints register from time to time and monitor effective complaint resolution and compliance with the complaints process.
- 5.19 Records must be kept for a minimum period of 5 years together with an indication whether or not such complaint has been resolved, cases of non-compliance with the legislation and the reasons for such non-compliance.

# COMPLAINTS PROCESS

