

COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

Brainworks recognized at the London Stock Exchange's *Companies to Inspire Africa 2017* event, George Manyere featured as a panellist

MAURITIUS, 6th April 2017 – Brainworks' Founder and Non-Executive Director, George Manyere, was invited to feature on a panel, *Celebrating Africa's Entrepreneurial Achievements*, alongside other company founders and CEOs, as part of The London Stock Exchange Group's (LSEG) flagship launch event, *Companies to Inspire Africa*, on 31st March 2017 at the London Stock Exchange in Paternoster Square, London.

The LSEG, in partnership with Africa Development Bank Group, CDC Group and PwC, is undertaking a research project to identify Africa's most inspiring small and medium-sized enterprises. This initiative follows the acclaimed annual publication of "*1000 Companies to Inspire Britain*" and "*1000 Companies to Inspire Europe*". The Africa-focused report was unveiled at the launch event, which also featured segments on the Private Equity Landscape in Africa, Celebrating Africa's Success as well as keynote addresses from major financial institutions.

Brainworks' profile was featured alongside other growing, outstanding companies from Africa as part of the LSEG's *Companies to Inspire Africa* publication, which will be distributed to stakeholders across Africa and Europe. The LSE will support the publication launch with a full international PR campaign via media partnerships with African and international players, global launch events, and distribution to every major African and international newspaper and newswire. To be included in the list, companies needed to show an excellent rate of growth and potential to power African development.

Companies to Inspire Africa is part of LSEG's broader support campaign for ambitious SMEs which includes ELITE, the innovative programme now counting almost 500 international businesses. LSEG is planning further regional launch events in major African cities throughout April and May 2017, as follows:

- 26 April, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
- 27 April, Lagos, Nigeria
- 9 May, Casablanca, Morocco
- 12 May, Nairobi, Kenya
- 29 May, Johannesburg, South Africa

George Manyere says, "We believe that this flagship event, coupled with the publication, will bring further visibility to Brainworks in Zimbabwe and globally, and provide the company with the opportunity to access the globally-minded investor base in Europe, many of whom are seeking exposure to new geographies and opportunities. It also highlights the prominence of Brainworks as a rising African business and provides an invaluable opportunity for building an international media and investor profile".

- [Find out more about these events](#)
- [View the London Stock Exchange Group's press release](#)
- [Download the full report](#)

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Brainworks Limited ("Brainworks" or "the Company") is a Mauritian registered investment holding focused on Zimbabwe. Since its founding, Brainworks has built a diversified portfolio of assets in the microbanking, insurance, mobile payments, real estate, hospitality and logistics sectors. In addition to its proprietary investment arm, Brainworks has an active advisory business which offers a range of corporate finance services. For more information visit the Company's website at www.brainworkslimited.com

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