

# Register of Financial Interests, Ownership Interests and Business Relationships

STEPP (PTY) LTD

#### Dear Client,

At STEPP (PTY) LTD we believe in open, honest and transparent interactions with our clients. In the course of our business activities situations may arise whereby we may become entitled to certain financial interests supplied by external parties in addition to the commission that we earn or the fees that we charge.

At STEPP (PTY) LTD we take pride therein that our advice is objective and free of external influence, but wish to disclose to you, our valued client, that we have received the following financial interests and wish to disclose the value and the reason for receiving the financial interests.

We do not believe that the financial interests received constitute a conflict of interest, but would gladly address any concerns you may have. Please refer to annexure 1 to this register for a complete list.

We may also enjoy a preferred status with one or more of the product supplier companies with whom we hold contracts. This status allows us and our customers certain benefits when dealing with these providers.

We similarly make every effort to ensure that our advice is not influenced by our status with any one product supplier, but believe that disclosure of these business relationships and the benefits they include, allow you to make informed decisions. Please refer to annexure 2 for complete details of these business relationships.

In accordance with the General Code of Conduct for Financial Services Intermediaries we are required to disclose any ownership interest we may have in external parties. These are contained in annexure 3.

### FIA Membership

We are proud to state that we are members of the Financial and Intermediaries Association (FIA). This association is a voluntary body of independent financial advisors, regulated by its own constitution and code of conduct. This code of conduct requires its members to adhere to ethical and professional standards and to act in the best interest of our clients.

### **Financial Interest Received**

Any cash, cash equivalent, voucher, gift, service, advantage, benefit, discount, domestic or foreign travel, hospitality, accommodation, sponsorship, valuable consideration, other incentive or valuable consideration (exceeding R1000 per annum) other than —

- a) An ownership interest;
- b) Training, that is not exclusively available to a selected group of providers or representatives, on
  - i. Products and legal matters relating to those products;
  - ii. General financial and industry information;
  - iii. Specialised technological systems of a third party necessary for the rendering of a financial service, but excluding travel and accommodation associated with that training.

Description	Date Received	From	Reason	Value
NONE				

## **Business Relationship**

Company	Nature of relationship	Status	Benefits
NONE			

## **Ownership Interest**

Any equity or proprietary interest, for which fair value was paid by the owner at the time of acquisition, other than equity or a proprietary interest held as an approved nominee of behalf of another person. This includes any dividend, profit share or similar benefit derived from that equity or ownership interest.

Company Name	Percentage Ownership	Date Obtained
NONE		