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SA shareholders get central platform to view multiple AGMs

Computershare and Lumi have launched the first portal in South Africa that will allow shareholders to access and register for multiple AGMs from a central platform.

The new portal, SmartAGM, will allow shareholders to view upcoming AGMs across a range of Computershare's clients, electronically register to receive a link to participate in the AGMs, and access important documents and information as authorised shareholders across a range of Computershare South Africa's issuer clients that has been loaded on the SmartAGM portal, <https://smartagm.co.za/>.

Bennie van der Westhuizen, Computershare South Africa's CEO, said many issuers had been turning to remote virtual and hybrid meetings to boost shareholder engagement during the Covid-19 pandemic to restrict physical contact, movement and public gatherings, and the adoption of smart solutions would become the investment industry norm.

"The fundamental importance of corporate governance, shareholder inclusion and engagement are top of the South African governance agenda. As more issuers join the SmartAGM Portal, we can achieve the ultimate objective of adopting a greater level of shareholder engagement and good corporate governance," said van der Westhuizen.

Lumi CEO Richard Taylor said, "The current restrictions imposed on all aspects of daily life, including AGMs, are really showing those organisations that can rise to a challenge and respond positively. We are proud to collaborate with Computershare on the launch of this portal, which has so many benefits for both issuers and shareholders alike – and it's great to see how many organisations want to be a part of it."

With the majority of listed entities expected to hold their upcoming AGM over the next six months, we look forward to working with them to enhance the portal and assist them in further entrenching shareholder engagement

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