



INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

| R'000 | % change | Unaudited six months to 31 December 2019 | Unaudited six months to 31 December 2018 | Audited year to 30 June 2019 |
|---|----------|--|--|------------------------------|
| Revenue | (1.9) | 3 340 208 | 3 404 591 | 6 320 895 |
| Other operating income | | 60 069 | 49 786 | 114 306 |
| Total operating income | | 3 400 277 | 3 454 377 | 6 435 201 |
| Changes in inventories of finished goods and work in progress | | (45 116) | (43 383) | 67 075 |
| Raw materials and consumables used | | 1 642 902 | 1 638 877 | 2 860 826 |
| Staff costs | | 769 479 | 760 637 | 1 505 151 |
| Other operating expenses | | 746 980 | 756 013 | 1 348 489 |
| Total operating expenses | 0.1 | 3 114 245 | 3 112 144 | 5 781 541 |
| Profit from operating activities before depreciation and amortisation | (16.4) | 286 032 | 342 233 | 653 660 |
| Depreciation and amortisation | | 145 101 | 146 809 | 288 560 |
| Profit from operating activities after depreciation and amortisation | (27.9) | 140 931 | 195 425 | 365 100 |
| Impairment of goodwill | | - | - | 1 182 |
| Loss on disposal of subsidiary | | - | 1 274 | - |
| Loss on disposal of associate | | 5 097 | - | - |
| Loss on step acquisition of Cognition Holdings | | - | - | 37 212 |
| Impairment of loans | | 163 | - | 2 105 |
| Impairment of plant | | - | - | 26 136 |
| Profit from operating activities | | 135 671 | 194 151 | 298 465 |
| Net finance income | | 97 643 | 71 680 | 133 253 |
| - dividends | | 38 054 | 44 229 | 74 596 |
| - interest income | | 34 520 | 24 105 | 65 859 |
| - interest expense | | 322 | 590 | 1 338 |
| - deemed interest on loans to directors | | 25 391 | 3 936 | 4 340 |
| - loss on foreign exchange | | - | - | 10 204 |
| Income from associates | | 2 820 | 17 803 | 20 214 |
| Profit before taxation | (16.7) | 236 134 | 283 633 | 451 932 |
| Taxation | | 60 603 | 69 385 | 96 602 |
| Profit for the period | (18.1) | 175 531 | 214 248 | 355 330 |
| Other comprehensive income: Items that will be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss | | (25 168) | 18 906 | (25 497) |
| Fair value adjustment - investments | | (25 168) | 18 906 | (25 497) |
| Total comprehensive income for the period | | 150 363 | 233 154 | 329 833 |
| Total comprehensive income attributable to: | | | | |
| Non-controlling interests | | 7 049 | 12 494 | 19 323 |
| Equity holders of the parent | | 143 314 | 220 660 | 310 510 |
| | | 150 363 | 233 154 | 329 833 |
| Profit attributable to: | | | | |
| Non-controlling interests | | 7 049 | 12 494 | 19 323 |
| Equity holders of the parent | | 168 482 | 201 754 | 336 007 |
| | | 175 531 | 214 248 | 355 330 |
| Earnings per ordinary share (cents) | (15.1) | 44.0 | 51.8 | 86.7 |
| Headline earnings per ordinary share (cents) | (12.5) | 45.3 | 51.8 | 101.6 |
| Ordinary dividend paid per share in respect of the previous year (cents) | | 60 | 60 | 60 |
| Preference dividend paid per share in respect of the previous year (cents) | | 490 | 490 | 490 |
| Weighted average number of shares in issue | | 382 888 967 | 389 859 292 | 387 422 175 |
| Reconciliation between earnings and headline earnings | | | | |
| Earnings attributable to equity holders of the parent | | 168 482 | 201 754 | 336 007 |
| Adjustments | | 4 893 | 38 | 57 465 |
| Impairment of goodwill | | - | - | 1 182 |
| Loss on step acquisition of Cognition Holdings | | - | - | 37 212 |
| Impairment of plant | | - | - | 26 136 |
| Loss on disposal of associate | | 5 097 | - | - |
| Loss on disposal of subsidiary | | - | 1 274 | - |
| (Profit)/loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment | | (284) | (1 716) | 351 |
| Tax effect on above adjustments | | 80 | 480 | (7 416) |
| Headline earnings | | 173 375 | 201 792 | 393 472 |

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

| R'000 | Unaudited six months to 31 December 2019 | Restated* six months to 31 December 2018 | Audited year to 30 June 2019 |
|---|--|--|------------------------------|
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Cash generated by operations | 288 322 | 312 244 | 661 638 |
| Changes in working capital | (14 073) | (95 987) | (183 981) |
| Cash generated by operating activities | 274 249 | 216 257 | 477 657 |
| Taxation paid | (64 178) | (80 898) | (124 091) |
| Cash flows from operating activities | 210 071 | 135 359 | 353 566 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Property, plant, equipment and intangibles | (42 823) | (87 712) | (180 868) |
| - additions to maintain operations | (22 271) | - | (6 478) |
| - additions to expand operations | 4 948 | 14 582 | 30 418 |
| - proceeds from disposals | (60 146) | (73 130) | (156 928) |
| Investments | - | - | 95 498 |
| Acquisition of subsidiary | (59 848) | (26 557) | (10 626) |
| Associates, investments and loans | 114 000 | - | - |
| Loans to directors repaid | 35 565 | 28 041 | 65 859 |
| Interest received | - | (590) | (1 338) |
| Interest paid | 38 054 | 44 229 | 74 596 |
| Dividends received | 127 771 | 45 123 | 223 989 |
| Cash flow from investing activities | 67 625 | (28 007) | 67 061 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Dividends paid | (242 640) | (242 999) | (246 178) |
| Increase in subsidiary shareholding | (44 781) | - | - |
| Interest paid | (322) | - | - |
| Principal paid on lease liabilities | (4 176) | - | - |
| Own shares acquired | (126 149) | (2 335) | (20 732) |
| Cash flow from financing activities | (418 068) | (245 334) | (266 910) |
| Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents | (140 372) | (137 982) | 153 717 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 1 697 650 | 1 543 933 | 1 543 933 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | 1 557 278 | 1 405 951 | 1 697 650 |

* Correction of error: As the listed preference shares do not meet the definition of cash equivalents, they have been reclassified from listed preference shares under current assets to investments under non-current assets. The comparative carrying values of investments have accordingly increased by R57.3 million (2018: R52.0 million) and the comparative current assets have decreased by R57.3 million (2018: R52.0 million).

** Interest paid in the current reporting period moved from investing activities to financing activities.

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

| R'000 | Unaudited six months to 31 December 2019 | Unaudited six months to 31 December 2018 | Audited year to 30 June 2019 |
|---|--|--|------------------------------|
| Balance at beginning of period | 5 844 125 | 5 744 972 | 5 744 972 |
| Total comprehensive income for the period | 150 363 | 233 154 | 329 833 |
| Own shares acquired | (126 149) | (2 335) | (20 732) |
| Non-controlling interest acquired | (21 300) | - | - |
| Increase in subsidiary shareholding | (23 481) | - | - |
| Dilution of interest in Private Property South Africa | - | - | (8 228) |
| Non-controlling interest arising on acquisition of Cognition Holdings | - | - | 44 456 |
| Dividends paid - ordinary and preference shareholders | (242 640) | (242 999) | (246 178) |
| Balance at end of period | 5 580 918 | 5 732 792 | 5 844 125 |

Investments are classified as at fair value through other comprehensive income

Equity price risk refers to the risk that the fair value of the future cash flows of the listed investments will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The group's at fair value through other comprehensive income financial assets are valued using fair market values at 31 December 2019.

Fair value estimation

IFRS 13 requires disclosures of fair value measurements by level of the following fair value measurement hierarchy: Level 1 - Quoted prices available in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Level 2 - Fair value determined by valuation that uses inputs that are not based on observable market data. The level of each investment is determined as follows: - The listed investments are Level 1 - The unlisted investment is Level 3

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

| R'000 | Unaudited as at 31 December 2019 | Restated* Unaudited as at 31 December 2018 | Restated* Unaudited as at 31 December 2017 | Audited as at 30 June 2019 |
|---|----------------------------------|--|--|----------------------------|
| ASSETS | | | | |
| Non-current assets | | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 2 412 806 | 2 582 125 | 2 681 102 | 2 494 612 |
| Right-of-use assets | 17 788 | - | - | - |
| Other intangible assets | 14 340 | - | - | 13 325 |
| Goodwill | 148 753 | 174 463 | 186 345 | 148 753 |
| Interest in associates | 414 540 | 464 744 | 437 188 | 370 383 |
| Investments | 236 912 | 311 845 | 271 640 | 258 839 |
| - Listed ordinary shares | 73 805 | 109 230 | 119 698 | 100 947 |
| - Unlisted ordinary shares | 102 093 | 145 353 | 99 931 | 97 438 |
| - Listed preference shares | 61 014 | 57 262 | 52 011 | 60 454 |
| Deferred taxation | - | - | - | 16 427 |
| Loans to directors | - | 84 269 | 82 300 | 88 609 |
| Total non-current assets | 3 245 139 | 3 617 446 | 3 658 575 | 3 390 948 |
| Current assets | | | | |
| Inventories | 939 648 | 857 890 | 817 758 | 938 924 |
| Trade and other receivables | 1 457 342 | 1 332 105 | 1 526 827 | 1 217 109 |
| Taxation | 3 627 | 17 295 | - | 3 256 |
| Cash | 757 278 | 605 951 | 287 612 | 897 650 |
| Cash equivalents - unlisted preference shares | 800 000 | 800 000 | 800 000 | 800 000 |
| Total current assets | 3 957 895 | 3 613 241 | 3 432 197 | 3 856 939 |
| Total assets | 7 203 034 | 7 230 687 | 7 090 772 | 7 247 887 |
| EQUITY AND LIABILITIES | | | | |
| Equity | | | | |
| Equity attributable to owners of the parent | 5 525 354 | 5 681 120 | 5 537 122 | 5 739 895 |
| Preference share capital | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Non-controlling interest | 55 464 | 51 575 | 64 894 | 104 130 |
| Total equity | 5 580 918 | 5 732 795 | 5 602 116 | 5 844 125 |
| Non-current liabilities | | | | |
| Lease liabilities | 12 810 | - | - | - |
| Deferred taxation | 331 926 | 384 263 | 375 486 | 360 716 |
| | 344 736 | 384 263 | 375 486 | 360 716 |
| Current liabilities | | | | |
| Trade and other payables | 1 027 258 | 916 210 | 907 281 | 803 268 |
| Lease liabilities | 5 727 | - | - | - |
| Provisions | 224 833 | 182 173 | 187 804 | 222 110 |
| Taxation | 19 562 | 15 246 | 18 085 | 17 668 |
| | 1 277 380 | 1 113 629 | 1 113 170 | 1 043 046 |
| Total equity and liabilities | 7 203 034 | 7 230 687 | 7 090 772 | 7 247 887 |
| Net asset value per share (cents) | 14 462 | 14 460 | 14 418 | 14 884 |
| Capital expenditure | 42 823 | 87 712 | 122 172 | 187 346 |
| Capital expenditure committed | 52 000 | 60 000 | 98 000 | 70 000 |

Note: * Correction of error: As the listed preference shares do not meet the definition of cash equivalents, they have been reclassified from listed preference shares under current assets to investments under non-current assets. The comparative carrying values of investments have accordingly increased by R57.3 million (2018: R52.0 million) and the comparative current assets have decreased by R57.3 million (2018: R52.0 million).

| Condensed segmental analysis | Unaudited six months to 31 December 2019 | % | Unaudited six months to 31 December 2018 | % | Audited year to 30 June 2019 | % |
|--|--|------------|--|------------|------------------------------|------------|
| Revenue | | | | | | |
| Publishing, printing and distribution | 1 988 485 | 59 | 2 066 867 | 61 | 3 898 163 | 62 |
| Packaging and stationery | 1 329 537 | 40 | 1 306 182 | 38 | 2 367 392 | 37 |
| Other | 22 186 | 1 | 31 542 | 1 | 55 340 | 1 |
| Total | 3 340 208 | 100 | 3 404 591 | 100 | 6 320 895 | 100 |
| Profit from operating activities before depreciation and amortisation | | | | | | |
| Publishing, printing and distribution | 157 506 | 55 | 213 865 | 62 | 347 246 | 53 |
| Packaging and stationery | 164 009 | 57 | 163 628 | 48 | 257 607 | 39 |
| Other | (35 483) | (12) | (35 260) | (10) | 48 807 | 8 |
| Total | 286 032 | 100 | 342 233 | 100 | 653 660 | 100 |
| Profit from operating activities after depreciation and amortisation | | | | | | |
| Publishing, printing and distribution | 77 252 | 55 | 130 357 | 67 | 184 309 | 50 |
| Packaging and stationery | 110 791 | 79 | 109 481 | 56 | 148 269 | 41 |
| Other | (47 112) | (34) | (44 413) | (23) | 32 522 | 9 |
| Total | 140 931 | 100 | 195 425 | 100 | 365 100 | 100 |

COMMENTARY

Basis of preparation
The unaudited interim financial statements for the six months ended 31 December 2019 have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants Financial Reporting Guides as issued by the Accounting Practices Committee, the Financial Reporting Pronouncement as issued by the Financial Reporting Standards Council (FRSC), the requirements of IAS 34 (Interim Financial Reporting) and the requirements of the South African Companies Act and the JSE Listings Requirements.

Significant accounting policies
Except as noted below, the significant accounting policies applied in preparing these interim financial statements are consistent with those applied in the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2019. These interim financial statements have not been reviewed or reported on by the Caxton Group auditors, BDO South Africa Inc.
The group adopted IFRS 16 Leases on 1 July 2019. IFRS 16 replaced IAS 17 Leases and IFRIC 4 Determining Whether an Arrangement Contains a Lease.
IFRS 16 provides a single lessee accounting model requiring the recognition of assets and liabilities for all leases, with options to exclude leases where the lease term is twelve months or less, and where the underlying asset is of low value.

Transition method and practical expedients utilised
The group adopted IFRS 16 using the modified retrospective approach, with recognition of transitional adjustments on the date of initial application (1 July 2019) without restatement of comparative figures.
The group elected to apply the practical expedient to not reassess whether a contract is, or contains, a lease at the date of initial application. The definition of a lease under IFRS 16 was applied only to contracts entered into or changed on or after 1 July 2019.
IFRS 16 provides for certain optional practical expedients, including those related to the initial adoption of the standard. The group applied the following practical expedients when applying IFRS 16 to leases previously classified as operating leases under IAS 17:
- A single discount rate was applied to a portfolio of leases with reasonably similar characteristics.
- The practical expedient to not recognise right-of-use assets and liabilities for leases with less than twelve months of lease term remaining as at the date of initial application was applied.
- The practical expedient to not recognise right-of-use assets and liabilities for leases for which the underlying asset is of low value was applied.

Upon adoption of IFRS 16, right-of-use assets and lease liabilities were recognised in relation to leases of premises and equipment.
The lease liabilities were measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments, discounted using the group's incremental borrowing rate of 10.25% as at the 1 July 2019 initial application of IFRS 16.
Right-of-use assets amounting to R21.7 million, and lease liabilities of R21.7 million were recognised on 1 July 2019 in respect of leases previously accounted for under IAS 17.
Included in profit or loss for the period are R3.9 million of amortisation, and interest of R1.0 million. The lease expense in respect of short-term and low-value leases included in profit or loss for the period amounted to R4.6 million.
The minimum operating lease commitments under non-cancellable leases disclosed in the group's 30 June 2019 annual financial statements are reconciled as follows to the lease liabilities recognised on 1 July 2019 in respect of leases previously accounted for under IAS 17:
• Minimum operating lease commitments as at 30 June 2019: R31.7 million
• Less: Effect of discounting using the group's incremental borrowing rate as at the date of initial application of IFRS 16: R4.8 million
• Less: Short-term and low-value leases not recognised under IFRS 16: R5.2 million
• Lease liabilities recognised on 1 July 2019 in respect of leases previously accounted for under IAS 17: R21.7 million

Earnings
The group delivered a reasonable set of results in the face of significant economic headwinds that led to a decline in revenues and margin pressure. Although operating expenses were well controlled, this could not compensate for the top line and margin decline that resulted in a decline in headline earnings per share of 12.5%. The bulk of this decline can be attributed to the publishing, printing and distribution segment of our group where the trading environment led to a drop in advertising revenue at a local level and reduced margins as a result of increased input costs in our commercial printing operations, which as a result of intensified competitor activity, could not be passed on. These conditions were highlighted in our financial year-end review, but further intensification was experienced during the current reporting period.
However, it is heartening to report that our packaging operations have managed to maintain turnover. Although margins were under continual pressure in an