

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES AND APPROVAL

The Board are required in terms of the Companies Act to maintain adequate accounting records and are responsible for the content and integrity of the consolidated annual financial statements and related financial information included in this report. It is their responsibility to ensure that the consolidated financial statements fairly present the state of affairs of the Group as at the end of the financial year and the financial position, changes in equity results of its operations and cash flows for the period 31 August 2021, in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards "IFRS", the SAICA Financial Reporting Guides issued by the Accounting Practices Committee, the Financial Reporting Pronouncements as issued by the Financial Reporting Standards Council, the requirements of the Companies Act, as amended, and the JSE Listings Requirements. The external auditors are engaged to express an independent opinion on the financial statements.

The consolidated annual financial statements are prepared in accordance with "IFRS" and is based upon appropriate accounting policies consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates. Refer to accounting policy 1 for completeness of basis of preparation.

The Board acknowledge that they are ultimately responsible for the system of internal financial control established by the Group and place considerable importance on maintaining a strong control environment. To enable the directors to meet these responsibilities, the Board sets standards for internal control aimed at reducing the risk of error or loss in a cost-effective manner. The standards include the proper delegation of responsibilities within a clearly defined framework, effective accounting procedures and adequate segregation of duties to ensure an acceptable level of risk. These controls are monitored throughout the Group. All employees are required to maintain the highest ethical standards in ensuring the Group's business is conducted in a manner that in all reasonable circumstances is above reproach. The focus of risk management in the Group is on identifying, assessing, managing and monitoring all known forms of risk across the Group. While operating risk cannot be fully eliminated, the Group endeavours to minimise it by ensuring that appropriate infrastructure, controls, systems and ethical behaviour are applied and managed within predetermined procedures and constraints.

The Board are of the opinion, based on the information and explanations given by management, that the system of internal control provides reasonable assurance that the financial records may be relied upon for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements. However, any system of internal financial control can provide only reasonable and not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The directors reviewed the Group's cash flow requirements for the year to 31 August 2022. In light of this review and the current financial position, they are satisfied that the Group has or had access to adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

The external auditors are responsible for independently auditing and reporting on the Group's consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements have been examined by the Group's external auditors, and their report is presented on pages 7 to 14.

The directors, whose names are stated below, hereby confirm that:

- the annual financial statements set out on pages 21 to 27, fairly present in all material respects the financial position, financial performance and cash flows of the issuer in terms of IFRS;
- no facts have been omitted or untrue statements made that would make the annual financial statements false or misleading;
- internal financial controls have been put in place to ensure that material information relating to the issuer and its consolidated subsidiaries have been provided to effectively prepare the financial statements of the issuer; and
- the internal financial controls are adequate and effective and can be relied upon in compiling the annual financial statements, having fulfilled our role and function within the combined assurance model pursuant to principle 15 of the King Code. Where we are not satisfied, we have disclosed to the audit committee and the auditors the deficiencies in design and operational effectiveness of the internal financial controls and any fraud that involves directors, and have taken the necessary remedial action.

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The consolidated financial statements set out on pages 21 to 133, which have been prepared on the going concern basis, were approved by the Board on 23 December 2021 and were signed on their behalf by:



Mrs. V Dzvova (CA)SA
Chief executive officer



Mr. JS Van Wyk (CA)SA
Chief financial officer