

REUNERT

REUNERT LIMITED



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VISION

REUNERT MANAGES
BUSINESSES IN THE
ELECTRONICS AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
SECTORS SUPPLYING VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS, SYSTEMS
AND SOLUTIONS TO LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL
GROWTH MARKETS.

EACH OF THESE BUSINESSES WILL REMAIN
CAPABLE OF MEETING THE GROUP'S OBJECTIVES FOR
SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND RETURNS.

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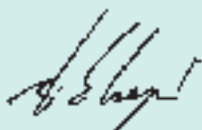
PROSPECTS

We are confident earnings growth will continue in the next financial year. Our focus remains on ensuring sustainable longer-term growth in headline earnings per share.

APPRECIATION

Without the support and advice of our board of directors and our loyal employees, Reunert would not have been able to achieve what it has during the past year. Our heartfelt thanks to all of you.

Earlier this year, Mr Charles Valkin retired from the Reunert board. His much-valued input over the years is deeply appreciated and we wish him well for the future. We welcome Ms Khumo Radebe to the board and look forward to a mutually beneficial relationship.



Derek Cooper
Chairman



Gerrit Pretorius
Chief executive

Sandton
15 November 2004

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RC&C HOLDINGS

Reunert Consumer and Commercial Holdings (RC&C) is the exclusive importer and distributor of such well known brands as Panasonic, Technics, Futronic and Nintendo in southern Africa. Panasonic boasts an extensive range of upper end consumer products and business systems products. Futronic is targeting the value-for-money, entry-level consumer electronics market, whereas Nintendo is the exclusive distributor of Nintendo Games hardware and software.

The consumer is thus offered a wide range of products such as television sets, hi-fi equipment, digital cameras, interactive entertainment products, home appliances and gaming products from the foremost international manufacturers.

A comprehensive range of business systems products such as office automation equipment, telecommunications products and systems, broadcasting and security systems and airconditioning units are also available for a variety of commercial applications.

Most of these products use leading-edge technology from Matsushita Electric Industrial Corporation (MEI), supplemented, where required, by third-party products or technologies.

Products are distributed through major chain stores, discounters, franchises, independent buying groups and specialised dealers or directly through Panasonic Business Systems. The head office operations are based at Midrand in Gauteng.

Group managing director:
Reunert Consumer and Commercial
Holdings Limited

Martin Maddox (43)

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With the Reunert group since 1983

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BUILDING AND DEVELOPING PEOPLE

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The Reunert group of companies retains a strong commitment to building and developing people. This group-wide commitment encompasses all employees, as well as the group's corporate social investment programme, where the emphasis over the last decade has been on enhancing the quality and efficiency of students who are about to enter the labour market.

REUNERT COLLEGE

Over the last 12 years, the Reunert College, which was established as an academic advancement programme for matriculants from disadvantaged communities, has become the cornerstone of our social development activities and a primary recruitment source of the group's employment equity programme. The college helps students from historically disadvantaged communities to improve their matriculation results for mathematics, science, english and accounting.

More than 400 of the 500 students who have graduated from the college have received technikon and university study bursaries. College employees remain in contact with each bursar until he or she has completed his or her studies as part of an integrated mentorship programme. This programme has been designed to ensure students can overcome obstacles during training. The college's overall pass rate is between 98% and 99% and students have accumulated 60 distinctions over the last decade.

Because each student is regarded as a potential Reunert employee, in most instances they receive experiential training from group companies during their final study year at a tertiary educational institution. This is an important step in forging strong business and cultural links between the prospective employee and group companies.

Most of the students have qualifications in electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, civil engineering and computer sciences because the college focuses on subjects normally required for entry into the Reunert group. Over the last five years, Reunert companies employed 40 college graduates and further new employment opportunities are being created for graduates. The group appointed eight graduates during the 2004 financial year.

	2004 Rm	2003 Rm	2002 Rm	2001* Rm	2000* Rm
CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENTS					
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	1 094,1	258,3	(58,9)	197,6	360,4
Investments net of disposals to maintain operating capacity	18,0	(15,6)	1,9	(9,8)	(33,2)
Cash available for investments to increase operating capacity	1 112,1	242,7	(57,0)	187,8	327,2
Investments to (increase)/decrease operating capacity (net)	(268,1)	(87,2)	(468,2)	(75,9)	83,0
Net cash internally generated/(utilised)	844,0	155,5	(525,2)	111,9	410,2

* The 2000 and 2001 information has been restated to take account of the effect of the accounting policies adopted on 1 October 2001 of depreciating all properties and accounting for dividends in the period that the declaration takes place.

20. EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS

Extraordinary items are income or expenses that arise from events or transactions that are clearly distinct from the ordinary activities of the group and therefore are not expected to occur frequently or regularly.

The following events give rise to extraordinary items:

- The expropriation of assets
- An earthquake or other natural disaster

21. RETIREMENT BENEFIT COSTS

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit plans are charged as an expense as they fall due. Payments made to state-managed retirement benefit schemes are dealt with as defined contribution plans where the group's obligations under the schemes are equivalent to those arising in a defined contribution retirement benefit plan.

For defined benefit retirement plans, the cost of providing benefits is determined using the projected unit credit method, with actuarial valuations being carried out at each balance sheet date. Actuarial gains and losses which exceed 10% of the greater of the present value of the group's pension obligations and the fair value of plan assets are amortised over the expected average remaining working lives of the participating employees. Past service cost is recognised immediately to the extent that the benefits are already vested, and otherwise is amortised on a straight-line basis over the average period until the amended benefits become vested.

The amount recognised in the balance sheet represents the present value of the defined benefit obligation as adjusted for unrecognised actuarial gains and losses and unrecognised past service cost, and reduced by the fair value of plan assets. Any asset resulting from this calculation is limited to unrecognised actuarial losses and past service cost, plus the present value of available refunds and reductions in future contributions to the plan.

22. INFLATION ACCOUNTING

At present inflation is at historically low levels which means that any distortion caused by inflation is likely to be minimal. In addition, conventionally prepared financial statements still form the basis upon which business decisions are made and the yardstick by which companies are judged. Until a method of accounting for the effect of changing prices is developed which is meaningful, standardised, generally accepted and of benefit to users of financial statements, the group prefers to refrain from any attempt to disclose such effect.

	GROUP		COMPANY	
	2004 Rm	2003 Rm	2004 Rm	2003 Rm
9. NUMBER OF SHARES USED TO CALCULATE EARNINGS PER SHARE				
Weighted average number of shares in issue used to determine basic earnings per share and headline earnings per share (millions of shares)	189,9	188,3		
Adjusted by the dilutive effect of unexercised share options available to executives employed in the group (millions of shares)	2,7	2,6		
Weighted average number of shares used to determine diluted earnings per share and diluted headline earnings per share (millions of shares)	192,6	190,9		
10. HEADLINE EARNINGS				
Headline earnings are determined by eliminating the effect of the following items in attributable earnings:				
Earnings attributable to Reunert Limited shareholders	478,4	295,4		
Adjusted for:	46,9	50,1		
Surplus on sale of property, plant and equipment	(21,7)	(0,2)		
Goodwill	53,5	50,3		
Attributable portion of impairment (refer to note 5)	15,1			
Tax	1,6	0,1		
Headline earnings attributable to Reunert Limited shareholders	526,9	345,6		

32. ACQUISITION OF SUBSIDIARIES AND OTHER BUSINESSES

In October 2003 the group acquired 32% of the share capital of CS Computer Services Holdings Limited at a cost of R42,9 million, including goodwill of R21,2 million. Reunert has recently accepted the Bytes Technology Group offer for its CS Computer Services Holdings shares resulting in a total loss of R31,2 million should the offer become unconditional. This offer is worth approximately R11,7 million.

In July 2004 100% of the share capital of Heinemann Electric was purchased for R25,1 million. This included goodwill of R1,3 million.

In September 2004 the remaining 50% of Afcab Holdings (Pty) Limited (owner of 100% of African Cables Limited) not previously owned by the group was purchased from Pirelli. Goodwill on this transaction amounted to R58,3 million and the total cost was R166,2 million.

	Heinemann Electric Rm	Afcab Holdings (Pty) Limited Rm	CS Computer Services Holdings Limited Rm	Total Rm
NET ASSETS ACQUIRED				
Property, plant and equipment	3,5			3,5
Inventory	11,1			11,1
Accounts receivable	16,6			16,6
Payables and provisions	(7,1)			(7,1)
Net cash/(overdraft)	(0,3)			(0,3)
Attributable share of net assets at date of acquisition			21,7	21,7
Outside shareholders' interest		107,9		107,9
Goodwill on acquisition	1,3	58,3	21,2	80,8
Cost of investment	25,1	166,2	42,9	234,2

and vote in his/her stead. A proxy need not be a member of the company. For the convenience of registered members of the company, a form of proxy is enclosed herewith.

The attached form of proxy is only to be completed by those shareholders who:

- hold Reunert ordinary shares in certificated form; or
- are recorded on the electronic sub-register in "own name" dematerialised form.

On a show of hands, every member of the company present in person or represented by proxy shall have one vote only. On a poll, every member of the company shall have one vote for every share held in the company by such member.

Shareholders who have dematerialised their shares through a Central Securities Depository Participant ("CSDP") or broker and wish to attend the annual general meeting, must instruct their CSDP or broker to provide them with a letter of representation, or they must provide the CSDP or broker with their voting instructions in terms of the relevant custody agreement/mandate entered into between them and the CSDP or broker.

Proxy forms should be forwarded to reach the share transfer secretaries, Computershare Investor Services 2004 (Proprietary) Limited, at least 24 hours before the time of the meeting (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays).

By order of the board

Reunert Management Services Limited
Company secretaries

Sandton
15 November 2004

CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND BANKING DETAILS

Shareholders are requested to notify any change of address or banking details to the share transfer secretaries.

Contact details are listed on page 86.

CURRENCY CONVERSION TABLE

To assist foreign investors, the table below gives the approximate value of R1,00 against selected currencies at 30 September.

	2004	2003
US dollar	0,1549	0,1441
Pound sterling	0,0856	0,0866
Swiss franc	0,1933	0,1904
Japanese yen	17,0750	16,0250
Euro	0,1247	0,1235

NOTES TO PROXY

1. A member entitled to attend and vote at the aforementioned meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend, speak and upon a poll, vote in his/her stead or abstain from voting. The proxy need not be a member of the company.
2. To be valid this form of proxy must be completed and returned to Computershare Investor Services 2004 (Pty) Limited, 70 Marshall Street, Johannesburg, 2001, Republic of South Africa (PO Box 61051, Marshalltown, 2107), to be received by no later than 24 (twenty-four) hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) prior to the meeting.
3. In case of a joint holding, the first-named only need sign.
4. A minor must be assisted by his/her guardian, unless proof of competency to sign has been recorded by the company.
5. The authority of a person signing a proxy in a representative capacity must be attached to the proxy unless that authority has already been recorded by the company.
6. Any alteration or correction made to this form of proxy must be initialled by the signatory/(ies).
7. If this form of proxy is returned without any indication of how the proxy should vote, the proxy will exercise his/her discretion both as to how he/she votes and as to whether or not he/she abstains from voting.



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