

REVENUE Δ 15% • NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE Δ 33%
 OPERATING PROFIT Δ 21% • HEADLINE EARNINGS Δ 28%
 CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS Δ 71% • DIVIDENDS Δ 28%

Cashbuild

CONDENSED GROUP INCOME STATEMENT - AUDITED

R'000	Six months ended 31 December 2007 (26 weeks)	Six months ended 31 December 2006 (26 weeks)	% Change	Year ended 30 June 2007 (53 weeks)
Revenue	2 011 325	1 744 427	15	3 448 386
Cost of sales	(1 589 876)	(1 383 998)	15	(2 709 854)
Gross profit	421 449	360 429	17	738 532
Selling and marketing expenses	(263 185)	(224 148)	17	(474 334)
Administrative expenses	(46 515)	(44 543)	4	(85 404)
Other operating expenses	(2 089)	(1 001)	109	(3 674)
Other income	1 469	908	62	7 228
Operating profit	111 129	91 645	21	182 348
Finance cost	(911)	(854)	7	(2 533)
Finance income	9 463	4 927	92	11 856
Profit before income tax	119 681	95 718	25	191 671
Income tax expense	(37 412)	(31 585)	18	(63 333)
Profit for the period	82 269	64 133	28	128 338
Attributable to:				
Equity holders of the company	78 213	60 848	29	121 640
Minority interest	4 056	3 285	23	6 698
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Earnings per share (cents)	344.4	268.4	28	536.3
Diluted earnings per share (cents)	344.4	268.4	28	536.3

CONDENSED GROUP CASH FLOW STATEMENT - AUDITED

R'000	Six months ended 31 December 2007	Six months ended 31 December 2006	Year ended 30 June 2007
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	487 006	250 777	120 421
Interest paid	(911)	(854)	(2 533)
Taxation paid	(47 688)	(44 384)	(64 838)
Net cash generated from operating activities	438 407	205 539	53 050
Cash flows from investing activities			
Net investment in assets	(26 212)	(39 139)	(66 233)
Interest received	9 463	4 927	11 856
Net cash used in investing activities	(16 749)	(34 212)	(54 377)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Net treasury shares movement	-	-	2 313
Increase in borrowings	106	92	191
Dividends paid			
- own equity	(21 347)	(13 150)	(31 062)
- minorities	(6 576)	(2 559)	(2 559)
Net cash used in financing activities	(27 817)	(15 617)	(31 117)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	393 841	155 710	(32 444)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	99 580	132 024	132 024
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	493 421	287 734	99 580

CONDENSED GROUP STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY - AUDITED

R'000	Attributable to equity holders of the company						Minority interest	Total equity
	Share capital	Treasury share capital	Share premium	Treasury share premium	Cum. translation adjustment	Retained earnings		
Balance at 1 July 2006	258	(30)	115 817	(85 998)	(6 850)	235 712	27 936	286 845
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	60 848	3 285	64 133
Dividend paid - final 2006	-	-	-	-	-	(13 150)	(2 559)	(15 709)
Currency translation adjustments	-	-	-	-	85	-	-	85
Balance at 31 December 2006	258	(30)	115 817	(85 998)	(6 765)	283 410	28 662	335 354
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	60 792	3 413	64 205
Dividend paid - interim 2007	-	-	-	-	-	(17 912)	-	(17 912)
Treasury shares movement	-	1	-	2 312	-	-	-	2 313
Currency translation adjustments	-	-	-	-	(667)	-	-	(667)
Balance at 30 June 2007	258	(29)	115 817	(83 686)	(7 432)	326 290	32 075	383 293
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	78 213	4 056	82 269
Dividend paid - final 2007	-	-	-	-	-	(21 347)	(6 576)	(27 923)
Currency translation adjustments	-	-	-	-	(648)	-	-	(648)
Balance at 31 December 2007	258	(29)	115 817	(83 686)	(8 080)	383 156	29 555	436 991

CONDENSED GROUP SEGMENTAL ANALYSIS - AUDITED

R'000	South Africa			Other members of common monetary area*			Botswana and Malawi			Group		
	Six months ended 31 December 2007	Six months ended 31 December 2006	Year ended 30 June 2007	Six months ended 31 December 2007	Six months ended 31 December 2006	Year ended 30 June 2007	Six months ended 31 December 2007	Six months ended 31 December 2006	Year ended 30 June 2007	Six months ended 31 December 2007	Six months ended 31 December 2006	Year ended 30 June 2007
Income statement												
Revenue	1 659 897	1 430 440	2 843 136	213 110	198 951	382 039	138 318	115 036	223 211	2 011 325	1 744 427	3 448 386
Operating profit	88 111	72 043	150 272	11 583	7 554	16 593	11 435	12 048	15 483	111 129	91 645	182 348
Balance sheet												
Segment assets	1 206 464	859 197	814 280	172 104	192 207	118 612	128 549	105 880	101 412	1 507 117	1 157 284	1 034 304
Segment liabilities	880 198	619 987	536 731	99 833	122 434	42 157	90 095	79 509	72 123	1 070 126	821 930	651 011
Other segment items												
Depreciation	13 542	11 186	24 618	1 405	1 495	2 927	619	493	1 090	15 566	13 174	28 635
Amortisation	1 061	549	1 298	-	-	-	17	-	35	1 078	549	1 333
Impairment	-	462	462	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	462	462
Capital expenditure	25 934	34 178	66 926	418	4 644	6 476	69	337	2 516	26 421	39 159	75 918

* Includes Namibia, Swaziland and Lesotho

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED GROUP INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- Basis of preparation.** The condensed consolidated interim financial information ("financial information") announcement is based on the audited interim financial statements of the group for the period ended 31 December 2007 which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and the presentation and disclosure requirements of IAS 34 - Interim Financial Reporting, the Listings Requirements of the JSE Limited and the South African Companies Act (1973).
- Independent audit by the auditors.** These condensed consolidated interim results have been audited by our auditors PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc., who have performed their audit in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing. A copy of their unqualified audit report is available for inspection at the registered office of the company.
- Reporting period.** The group adopts the retail accounting calendar, which comprises the reporting period ending on the last Saturday of the month (2007: 29 December (26 weeks); 2006: 23 December (26 weeks); June 2007: 30 June (53 weeks)).
- Earnings per share.** Earnings per share is calculated by dividing the earnings attributable to shareholders for the period by the weighted average number of 22 709 487 ordinary shares in issue during the year. (December 2006: 22 672 800 shares; June 2007: 22 680 722 shares).
- Headline earnings per ordinary share.** The calculations of headline earnings and diluted headline earnings per ordinary share are based on headline earnings of R 78.7 million (December 2006: R 61.3 million; June 2007: R 119.8 million) and a weighted average of 22 709 487 (December 2006: 22 672 800; June 2007: 22 680 722) and fully diluted of 22 709 487 (December 2006: 22 672 800; June 2007: 22 680 722) ordinary shares in issue. Reconciliation between net profit attributable to the equity holders of the company and headline earnings:

R'000	Dec-07	Dec-06	% Change	Jun-07
Net profit attributable to the company's equity holders	78 213	60 848	29	121 640
Impairment of goodwill	-	462		462
Loss/(profit) on sale of assets after taxation	464	30		(2 351)
Headline earnings	78 677	61 340	28	119 751
Headline earnings per share (cents)	346.5	270.6	28	528.0
Diluted headline earnings per share (cents)	346.5	270.6	28	528.0

- Declaration of dividend.** The board has declared an interim dividend (No. 30), of 101 cents (December 2006: 79 cents) per ordinary share to all shareholders of Cashbuild Limited. The dividend per share is calculated based on 25 805 347 shares in issue at date of dividend declaration.

Date dividend declared: Monday, 17 March 2008
 Last day to trade "CUIM" the dividend: Friday, 4 April 2008
 Date commence trading "EX" the dividend: Monday, 7 April 2008
 Record date: Friday, 11 April 2008
 Date of payment: Monday, 14 April 2008
 Share certificates may not be dematerialised or rematerialised between Monday, 7 April 2008 and Friday, 11 April 2008, both dates inclusive.

On behalf of the board

DONALD MASSON
 Chairman

Johannesburg
 17 March 2008

PAT GOLDRICK
 Chief executive

COMMENTS

NATURE OF BUSINESS

Cashbuild is southern Africa's largest retailer of quality building materials and associated products, selling direct to a cash-paying customer-base through our constantly expanding chain of stores (166 at the end of this reporting period). Cashbuild carries an in-depth quality product range tailored to the specific needs of the communities we serve. Our customers are typically home-builders and improvers, contractors, farmers, traders, large construction companies and government-related infrastructure developers, as well as all customers requiring quality building materials at lowest prices.

Cashbuild has built its credibility and reputation by consistently offering its customers quality building materials at the lowest prices and through a purchasing and inventory policy that ensures customers' requirements are always in stock.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Revenue for the period increased by 15% whilst profit increased by 28%. This growth in profit was the result of an improvement in operating profit of 21% as well as a 110% increase in net finance income. Basic earnings per share as well as headline earnings per share improved by 28%. Net asset value per share has increased by 33%, from 1 188 cents (December 2006) to 1 579 cents. Cash and cash equivalents have increased by 71% supported by a favourable December trading period, fewer stores opened, as well as a 31% increase in trade payables.

Stores in existence since the beginning of July 2006 (pre-existing stores) accounted for 9% of the increase in revenue with the remaining 6% increase due to the 17 new stores the group has opened since July 2006. The increase for the period has been achieved on the back of steady revenue growth in both the first and second quarters of this financial year. Gross profit margins for the period were slightly higher in percentage terms at 21.0% (December 2006 - 20.7%), but in rand terms the increase is a pleasing 17%.

Operational expenses for the period remained well controlled with existing stores accounting for 10% of the increase. New stores accounted for 5%, the total increase for the period being 15%. The main contributor to the higher than inflation increase on existing stores is the continued investment in people to maintain and improve customer service standards, as well as customer delivery expenses that follow in close correlation to revenue movements. The lower number of stores opened during the half year had a positive impact on expenses as the pre-opening costs were lower than those of the comparable period. These costs will be higher during the second half due to the number of stores we plan to open and refit during the second half.

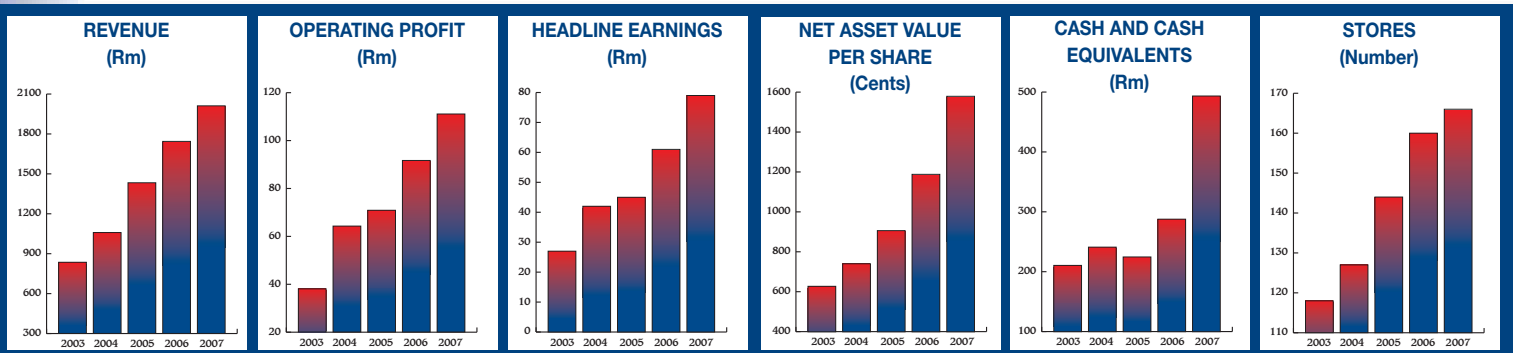
The effective tax rate of 31% for the period is lower than the prior period, mainly due to the 1% reduction in the South African Companies tax rate from 29% to 28%.

Cashbuild's balance sheet remains solid. Stock levels have increased by 20% on the back of higher trading volumes with the Cashbuild stock model being adhered to by line management. This increase is further attributable to the stocking of seven additional stores since the previous half year (accounting for 5% of the increase). Overall stockholding at 68 days (December 2006: 69 days; June 2007: 72 days) showed a slight improvement on the prior period and remains well within acceptable parameters. Trade receivables remain well under control.

During the period Cashbuild opened two new stores. One store was relocated during the period as well as five stores refurbished. Cashbuild will continue its store expansion, relocation and refurbishment strategy in a controlled manner, with eight to ten new stores planned to open during the second half.

PROSPECTS

Management remains confident about the trading prospects for the remainder of the financial year. The first 10 trading weeks since half year-end have reported an increase in revenue in the region of 21% on that of the comparable 10 weeks.



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