





## Independent auditor's report

To the Shareholder of First Mutual Properties Limited

### *Our adverse opinion*

In our opinion, because of significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion* section of our report, the consolidated and separate financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated and separate financial position of First Mutual Properties Limited (the Company) and its subsidiaries (together the Group) as at 31 December 2018, and its consolidated performance and consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and in the manner required by the Zimbabwe Companies Act (Chapter 24:03).

### *What we have audited*

First Mutual Properties Limited's financial statements, set out on pages xx to xx, comprise:

- the consolidated statements of financial position as at 31 December 2018;
- the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- the consolidated statement of changes in equity for the year then ended;
- the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended;
- the notes to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies, the accompanying statement of financial position of the company standing alone as at 31 December 2018.

### *Basis for adverse opinion*

The Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe issued a monetary policy statement on 1 October 2018, which directed a separation of FCA Accounts into two categories, Nostro FCA and RTGS FCA and these would be denominated at parity i.e. an exchange rate of 1:1. As described in Note 2.2, during the year ended 31 December 2018, the Group and Company transacted using a combination of the Nostro FCA (US\$) and RTGS FCA (electronic payment) as well as mobile money, bond notes and bond coins) and therefore the statements of operations, comprehensive income and cash flows have a mix of these transactions denominated at parity; i.e. at an exchange rate of 1:1. As at 31 December 2018, the statements of financial position for the Group and Company has a mix of balances denominated owing and receivable in US\$ and RTGS FCA, mobile money, bond notes and bond coins also at parity. This has resulted in transactions and balances bearing similarities to what one would expect with transactions that are undertaken in different currencies to which IAS 21 *The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates* (IAS 21) would apply. Had the financial statements been prepared in accordance with the requirements of IAS 21, we believe that it would have had a material and pervasive effect on the consolidated and separate financial statements.

The directors have performed a sensitivity analysis of how different exchange rates would have impacted the consolidated and separate financial statements as at 31 December 2018 and disclosed this sensitivity analysis in note xx to the financial statements.

In February 2019, an electronic currency called the RTGS Dollar was introduced through Statutory Instrument 33 of 2019 (S.I 33) with an effective date of 22 February 2019 and the currency commenced trading at a rate of RTGS dollar 2.5 to the US\$ 1. In addition S.I. 33 fixed the exchange rate between the RTGS dollar and the US\$ at a rate of 1:1 for periods before the effective date. The rate of 1:1 is consistent with the rate mandated by the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) at the time it issued the bond notes as currency and the time that the bank account balances were split between RTGS FCA bank balances and Nostro FCA bank balances in October, through 22 February 2019. .

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs).

Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Consolidated and Separate the Financial Statements* section of our report.


We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our adverse opinion. In addition to the matter described in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion* section, we have determined the matters described below to be the key audit matters to be communicated in our report.

## Independence

We are independent of the Group in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (Parts A and B) (the "IESBA Code"). We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code.

## Our audit approach

### Overview

	<b>Overall group materiality</b> US\$230 000 which represents 5% of consolidated average profit before income tax for the past three years.
	<b>Group audit scope</b> Due to statutory audit requirements, we conducted full scope audits for First Mutual Properties Limited and its operating subsidiary. The group audit team was involved in the audit of all components.
	<b>Key audit matters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Valuation of investment property</li><li>• Allowance for credit losses.</li></ul>

As part of designing our audit, we determined materiality and assessed the risks of material misstatement in the consolidated and separate financial statements. In particular, we considered where the directors made subjective judgements; for example, in respect of significant accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. As in all of our audits, we also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including among other matters, consideration of whether there was evidence of bias that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

## Materiality

The scope of our audit was influenced by our application of materiality. An audit is designed to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. Misstatements may arise due to fraud or error. They are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the consolidated financial statements.

Based on our professional judgement, we determined certain quantitative thresholds for materiality, including the overall materiality for the consolidated financial statements as a whole as set out in the table below. These, together with qualitative considerations, helped us to determine the scope of our audit and the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures and to evaluate the effect of misstatements, both individually and in aggregate, on the financial statements as a whole.

<b>Overall materiality</b>	US\$230 000
<b>How we determined it</b>	5% of consolidated average profit before income tax for the past three years.
<b>Rationale for the materiality benchmark applied</b>	We chose profit before income tax as the benchmark because, in our view, it is the most commonly used benchmark against which the performance of profit-oriented entities in the industry is measured by users, and is a generally accepted benchmark. Since 2016, the Group's profit before income tax has fluctuated significantly, resulting in the need for us to average profit before income tax over the last three years for purposes of determining materiality. We chose 5% which is consistent with quantitative

materiality thresholds used for profit-oriented companies.

#### **How we tailored our group audit scope**

We tailored the scope of our audit in order to perform sufficient work to enable us to provide an opinion on the consolidated financial statements as a whole, taking into account the structure of the Group, the accounting processes and controls, and the industry in which the Group operates.

The Company and its operating subsidiary were subjected to full scope audits. The subsidiary is incorporated in Zimbabwe. Ten dormant entities have been scoped out as these were not material to the Group. The Group audit team performed the audit of all the components of the Group.

#### **Key audit matters**

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated and separate financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

## Consolidated financial statements

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
<p><b>Valuation of investment property</b></p> <p>The valuation of investment property was considered a matter of most significance to our audit due to the magnitude of the investment property balance and the significant judgement applied by management to determine the fair values of the investment properties at reporting date.</p> <p>All the investment properties have been categorised as level 3 in the IFRS 13 - <i>Fair value measurement</i> hierarchy. This implies that the fair value is determined with reference to unobservable inputs. These unobservable inputs include rental per square metre, capital rate/prime yield and vacancy rates.</p> <p>For investment properties classified as land and residential properties, the group applies the income capitalisation valuation technique to determine the fair value. For all other classes of investment property, the group applies market comparable valuation techniques to determine their fair values.</p> <p>The group engages an independent property valuer to determine the fair values of all classes of investment property at reporting date.</p> <p>The valuation of investment properties are disclosed in the following notes to the financial statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● note xxx, investment property;</li> <li>● note xxx, Valuation of investment property and</li> <li>● note xxx, Investment property</li> </ul>	<p>Our audit addressed the valuation of investment property as follows:</p> <p>We evaluated controls over the valuation of the investment property, including the management committee's recommendation for approval by the audit committee of the independent property valuer ("management's expert"), and the assessment and approval of the valuation results.</p> <p>We evaluated the competence, capabilities, independence and objectivity of management's expert and obtained an understanding of their work. We inspected the company profile of management's expert and the <i>curricula vitae</i> of the individuals involved in performing the valuation in order to assess their experience and competence.</p> <p>We obtained the valuation report directly from management's expert and performed the following procedures to assess the appropriateness of the valuation techniques adopted by management's expert in determining the fair values of the investment properties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● we met with management's expert to obtain an understanding of the assumptions used in applying the respective valuation techniques, and</li> <li>● we assessed whether the valuation techniques are considered to be generally accepted valuation methodologies for valuing investment properties.</li> </ul> <p>No inconsistencies were identified.</p> <p>We assessed the reasonableness of the assumptions applied by management's expert in determining the unobservable inputs used in both valuation methods with reference to prevailing market rentals, market yields and for land, the prevailing market price per square metre. Our audit procedures also included comparing these assumptions to those used by other external property valuers for similar property types. No material differences were noted.</p> <p>On a sample basis, we agreed the key assumptions applied by management's expert to supporting evidence, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● agreeing rentals noted on the tenancy schedule to the underlying lease agreements;</li> <li>● agreeing occupancy levels to the tenancy schedule; and</li> <li>● for land, price per square metre was agreed to</li> </ul>

prevailing market prices.

On a sample basis, we also performed an independent calculation of potential annual rental income using average rentals per square metre and lettable space, and prime yield using an interpolation formula. We recomputed the market value by capitalising the potential annual income by the yield. No material differences were noted.

Key audit matter

How our audit addressed the key audit matter

#### *Allowance for credit losses on trade and other receivables*

The allowance for credit losses on trade and other receivables was considered to be a matter of most significance to our audit due to the magnitude of the trade and other receivables balance and the judgement applied in the determination of the allowance for credit losses.

The group has adopted IFRS 9 - *Financial Instruments* ("IFRS 9) for the first time in the 2018 financial year (Previously IAS 39 - *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement* was applied). As a result, the accounting policies applicable to financial instruments have been amended accordingly.

The group applies the simplified approach under IFRS 9 to measure expected credit losses (ECLs) on trade and other receivables. In measuring ECLs, trade and other receivables have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due.

Management has performed an impairment assessment resulting in an impairment allowance of US\$1.6 million relating to trade receivables as at 31 December 2018.

Management applied their judgment to the assessment of the recoverability of individual trade receivable balances, on a case by case basis, taking into consideration the history of payments and the financial condition of the tenant.

Management has set criteria for determining whether trade receivables are impaired. Trade receivables are assessed on a monthly basis to determine whether the impairment allowance is adequate.

Through inquiry of management and inspection of the Group's policies, we obtained an understanding of the Group's processes relating to the estimation of the allowance for credit losses on trade and other receivables.

We inspected management's policy for impairment provisioning on all financial assets held at amortised cost or at fair value through other comprehensive income, including trade and other receivables, and assessed it for appropriateness in line with the requirements of IFRS 9, 'Financial instruments'. No issues were noted.

We evaluated management's implementation of IFRS 9 as well as changes made to the accounting policies for consistency with IFRS 9. No issues were noted.

We evaluated the reliability of historical macroeconomic and forward-looking information and appropriateness given the entity's business profile. No issues were noted.

We tested the application of management's methodology by obtaining management's impairment computations of tenant receivables and assessed the reasonableness of management's estimation process used with regards to the assessment of the credit quality of trade receivables, using the following broad criteria:

- occupancy status of the tenant;
- length of period of non-payment or adherence to agreed payment plans;
- analysis of results of collection efforts undertaken so far in order to recover the amounts that are past due through inspection of subsequent receipts from tenants, consideration of adherence to payment plans that were in place, and through inspection of lawyer's confirmations in instances where customers have been handed over;

Management made assumptions based on their knowledge of their customers and prevailing economic conditions to determine whether the receivable is impaired.

Disclosure is provided in accounting policy notes:

xxx: Allowance for credit losses;  
xxx: Credit risk; and  
xxx: Trade and other receivables

- liquidity, solvency and past payment status of the tenant; and
- security arrangements in place.

We verified the mathematical accuracy of the computation and considered its accuracy against the provisioning criteria set out in the methodology.

### **Company standing alone balance sheet**

We have determined that there are no additional key audit matters to communicate in our report with regard to the audit of the company standing alone statement of financial position for the current period.

#### **Other information**

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the financial statements, but does not include the consolidated and separate financial statements on pages xx to xx and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the consolidated and separate financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated and separate financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated and separate financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. As described in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion* section above, the group and company have not applied IAS 21 in preparing the consolidated and separate financial statements. We have concluded that the other information is materially misstated for the same reason, with respect to the amounts or other items as described in the Basis of adverse opinion section above.

#### **Responsibilities of the directors for the consolidated and separate financial statements**

The directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated and separate financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and in the manner required the Zimbabwe Companies Act (Chapter 24:03), and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated and separate financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated and separate financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the consolidated and separate's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group and/or the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated and separate financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated and separate financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or



in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated and separate financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated and separate financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's and the Company's internal control;
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors;
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group and the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group and / or Company to cease to continue as a going concern;
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated and separate financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation; and
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

From the matters communicated with the directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.



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