

# **GBHOLDINGS LIMITED ABRIDGED AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS**

# for the year ended 31 December 2019

## CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

#### Introduction

The results for the financial year ended 31 December 2019 are presented to you on the back of multiple statutory provisions promulgated during 2019 which had a profound effect on the company's performance.

According to the 2019 Zimstats report, the year on year inflation as at December 2019 was recorded at 540 % despite the various macroeconomic interventions which among others included the change of the functional currency from United States dollars to RTGS Dollars on 22 February 2019. In addition, statutory instrument 142 of 2019 removed the use of the multicurrency system for legal tender purposes and simultaneously replaced it with the use of the Zimbabwe Dollar in June 2019.

The complex operating environment was further constrained by unrelenting power outages, a worsening foreign currency shortage and surging inflation which inadvertently eroded purchasing power. As a result, downstream demand for the company's products was negatively affected as entities remodelled their businesses to suit the new operating models. The company responded to the challenges by a strict surveillance on costs and competitive pricing in its effort to continuously deliver a commensurate value proposition to its customers.

#### Company performance

Total volumes declined by 36 % at 636 tonnes when compared with prior year same period volumes of 995 metric tonnes due to reduced

#### AUDITORS' STATEMENT

The condensed audited inflation adjusted financial results should be read in conjunction with the full set of financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019, which have been audited by BDO Zimbabwe Chartered Accountants. An adverse opinion has been issued thereon in respect of non-compliance with International Accounting Standard 21 "The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates" as it relates to the opening balances that were translated from USD functional currency to ZWL as guided by \$1.33 of 2019. In addition, a material uncertainity pertaining to going concern has been included. The audit report also includes key audit matters. The key audit matters were on impairment assessment of plant and equipment and valuation of trade and other receivables. The auditor's report on these inflation adjusted financial statements is available for inspection at the Company's registered office. The engagement partner for the engagement is Mr Martin Makaya (PAAB Practicing Number 03473)

#### DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The directors are required by the Companies Act (Chapter 24:03) to maintain adequate accounting records and are responsible for the content and integrity of the Company's full year abridged financial statements and related financial information included in this report. It is their responsibility to ensure that the Company's full year abridged financial statements fairly present the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the year and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with Internationa Financial Reporting Standards.

#### STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

for the year ended 31 December 2019	INFLATION A		HISTORICAL COST		
	2019 ZWL	2018 ZWL	2019 ZWL	2018 ZWL	
	ZWL	ZWL	ZVVL	ZVVL	
Revenue	48,811,402	34,663,340	21,011,593	4,742,341	
Cost of sales	(19,682,766)	(12,584,408)	(9,410,870)	(3,374,576)	
Gross profit	29,128,636	22,078,932	11,600,723	1,367,765	
Other income	181,440	262,891	102,028	34,036	
Operating expenses	(12,276,454)	(12,640,902)	(5,293,901)	(1,724,593)	
Profit/ (loss) from operations	17,033,622	9,700,921	6,408,850	(322,792)	
Finance charges	(394,701)	(1,754,190)	(133,642)	(242,569)	
Profit/ (loss) before tax and monetary gain	16,638,921	7,946,731	6,275,208	(565,361)	
Monetary gain/loss	49,222,503	2,298,739	-	-	
Profit/ (loss) before tax after monetary gair	65,861,424	10,445,470	6,275,208	(565,361)	
Income tax (expense)/ credit	(8,192,121)	134,502	(1,807,620)	(147,698)	
Profit/(loss) for the year	57,669,303	10,579,972	4,467,588	(713,059)	
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the y	ear 57,669,303	10,579,972	4,467,588	(713,059)	
Number of shares in issue	536,588,624	536,588,624	536,588,624	536,588,624	
Basic profit/ (loss) per share (cents)	0.10747	0.01972	0.00833	(0.00133)	
Diluted loss per share (cents)	0.10621	0.01948	0.00823	(0.00131)	
Headline loss per share (cents)	0.10747	0.01931	0.00832	(0.00139)	

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 31 December 201

INFLATION ADJUSTED HISTORICAL COST 2018 2018 2019 ZWL ZWI ZWL ZWL

activity in the first quarter of 2019 as the business remodelled in the wake of multiple statutory promulgations. Both chemicals and rubber divisions reported reduced volumes when compared with prior year due to depressed downstream demand although there were significant recoveries in the later part of the year at the rubber division.

On an inflation adjusted basis turnover at ZWL 49 million was a 40% increase compared to prior year's same period ZWL 35 million due to improved internal efficiencies, a favourable product mix at the Chemicals Division and benefits from technical partnerships. Continued monitoring of pricing models in relation to cost volatility enabled the company to gain more ground in the mining sector while at the same time consolidated its market position in the Chemicals division.

As a result, operating profit at ZWL 17 million increased by 70% on an inflation adjusted basis compared to prior year's ZWL 9.7 million as the company benefited from its cost rationalisation processes implemented in its turnaround strategy. Due to improved liquidity in the company, finance costs at ZWL 395 000 were contained at 22 % of prior year's ZWL 1,754 million on an inflation adjusted basis.

#### **Divisional performance General Beltings**

Volumes at the rubber division declined by 34 % to 169 metric tonnes compared with the 257 metric tonnes recorded in the same period prior year due to shortages of foreign currency and reduced downstream demand. Despite the volumes decline, the division improved its

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processes and compared favourably with its regional competitors in terms of pricing and factory turnaround time

The division recorded improved offtake from the platinum and gold sectors while declines were recorded in the energy and cement sectors. The turnover at ZWL 22.4 million on an inflation adjusted basis was a 149% increase on prior year's ZWL 9 million.

#### **Cernol Chemicals**

Cernol Chemicals volumes at 467 metric tonnes were 11 % lower than prior year's same period volume of 526 metric tonnes due to the persistent shortages of foreign currency. However, a favourable product mix and pricing opportunities buoyed its turnover to ZWL 27 million representing a 132% increase on prior year's ZWL 11.6 million on an inflation adjusted basis.

#### Outlook

The expected surge in the inflationary trends will challenge the manufacturing sector in 2020 due to persistent shortages of foreign currency in the absence of significant external inflows into the economy. The liberalisation in the management of the available foreign currency is expected to enhance a more efficient allocation mechanism which would assist the company to procure raw materials more competitively. The mining sector which the company serves is expected to grow on the basis of expected improved commodity prices and deliberate support strategies by Government aimed at generating foreign currency and employment. The rubber division expects to grow its market share on the basis of price competitiveness

and back up service.

The advent of the CORVID-19 pandemic and its devastating effects has reignited debate on personal hygiene issues at the Global and country level. It is expected that new measures will be taken to improve institutional hygiene which would create opportunities for the Chemicals Division. Overally the business will continue to benefit from the divisional synergies through skills retention and funding models.

#### Dividend

At their meeting on 26 March 2020, the Board considered the envisaged additional working capital requirements and resolved not to declare a dividend.

#### Appreciation

The events of the past year would have not been contained were it not for the support of employees, all stakeholders and management whose resilience kept the company afloat. I thank my fellow Directors for their wise counsel and look forward to their continued support

A significant portion of the Company's revenue is derived from the sale of rubber and chemical products Due to the nature of the Company's income, there is no defined pattern of cyclicality or seasonality of

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS	INFLATION AL		HISTORICAL	7001			INFLATION AD	JUSTED	HISTORICAL C	051
	2019	2018	2019	2018			2019	2018	2019	2018
	ZWL	ZWL	ZWL	ZWL			ZWL	ZWL	ZWL	ZWL
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVI	IES				10	TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES				
Profit/(loss) before tax before monetary go	in 16.638.921	7,946,731	6.275.208	(565,361)	10	IRADE AND OTHER PATABLES				
		.,	-,,	(,		Trade	4,150,922	9,084,683	4,150,922	1,450,980
Adjusted for:						Other payables	8,999,976	37,084,792	8,999,976	5,923,079
Depreciation of property, plant and equipmen Interest expense	1,856,670 394,701	1,980,622 1,754,190	287,689 133,642	292,075 242.569		Total financial liabilities, excluding	loans and			
Profit on disposal of vehicles	- 374,701	(148,360)	100,042	(20,065)		borrowings, classified as financial				
Unrealised exchange gains	(712,820)	-	(712,820)			measured at amortised cost	13,150,898	46,169,475	13,150,898	7,374,059
Deferred revenue	(4,035)	(13,679)	(1,758)	(1,850)						
Monetary gain/loss Effect of other non cash items	49,222,523	(11,104,779)				Other payables-VAT, PAYE and so payables	4.612.253	28,796,458	4,612,253	4.599.289
Operating (cash outflows) / cash inflow		[11,104,777]	-	-		Total trade and other payables	17,763,151	74,965,933	17,763,151	11,973,348
before working capital changes	67,395,960	414,725	5,981,961	(52,632)				,		
					11	INCOME TAX CREDIT /(EXPENSE)				
Changes in working capital (Increase)/Decrease in inventories	(1,148,758)	702,384	(5,346,987)	(446,733)		Current tax	446,189	_	446,189	
(Increase)/decrease in trade and	(1,140,730)	702,504	(3,340,707)	(440,700)		Deferred tax	7,745,932	(134,502)	1,361,431	147,698
other receivables	(311,451)	4,274,996	(3,928,380)	468,557			8,192,121	(134,502)	1,807,620	147,698
Increase in trade and other payables	(57,202,782)	(12,953,368)	5,789,803	84,503						
Net cash generated from (utilised in) operating activities	8.732.969	(7,561,263)	2.496.397	53.696	12	PROFIT / (LOSS) PER SHARE (LPS)				
operating derivites		(7,001,200)				Profit/ (loss) from continuing operat	ions			
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITI	ES					attributable to equity holders of the comp	any 57,669,303	10,579,972	4,467,588	(713,059)
Proceeds from disposal of vehicles	-	148,360	-	20,065		Number of the second in a standard		- I		
Purchase of equipment Net cash utilised in investing activities	(241,984)	(222,133) (73,773)	(149,209)	(37,746)		Number of shares used in calculatin Weighted average number of	ng protit/(loss) per	snare		
the cash office in investing dentifies	(141,704)	(/0,//0)				shares used in basic EPS	536,588,624	536,588,624	536,588,624	536,588,624
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVI						Effect of employee share options	6,400,000	6,400,000	6,400,000	6,400,000
Interest paid	(394,701)	(1,754,190)	(133,129)	(242,569)		Weighted average number of shares used in diluted EPS	542,988,624	542,988,624	542,988,624	542,988,624
Loans raised Loans paid	(7,066,414)	12,334,663 (3,954,685)	(496,420)	1,668,176 (1,577,011)		shares used in diluted EPS	342,788,624	542,788,624	342,788,624	342,988,624
Net cash (utilised in)/generated from	(,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		(170,120)	(1)077,011		Basic profit/ (loss) per share				
financing activities	(7,461,115)	6,625,788	(629,549)	(151,404)		Basic loss per share is calculated b				ers of the parent
NET INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH						company by the average numbe	er ot ordinary sha	res in issue during the	e year.	
AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	1,029,870	(1,009,248)	1,717,639	(115,390)		Headline loss per share				
						Headline loss per share is calculat				
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE	010 707	1 000 004	101.077	047.057		equity holders of the parent comp	cany by the weig	hted average numb	per of shares in issu	ue during the
BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	819,736	1,828,984	131,967	247,357		year.				
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE						Headline profit/ (loss) is calculate	d as follows:-			
END OF THE YEAR	1,849,606	819,736	1,849,606	131,967		Profit/(loss) for the year attributab				
NOTES TO THE ABRIDGED FINANCIAL STA	TEAAENITS					holders of the company Profit on disposal of vehicles	57,669,303	10,579,972 (148,360)	4,467,588	(713,059) (20,065)
						Differed revenue realised	(4,035)	(148,360) (13,679)	- (1,758)	(1,850)
1. Accounting policies The principal accounting policies	adopted in the	preparation of the	se abridaed finar			Decrease in allowance for credit	losses -	(57,320)		(9,208)
have been consistently applied to			se abnagea illiai			Headline profit/ (loss)	57,665,268	10,360,613	4,465,830	(744,182)
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Supplementary information

Approved but not contracted

BUSINESS SEGMENT INFORMATION

Approved and contracted

Depreciation 14.2 Capital commitments

have been consistently applied to all the years presented.

Nature of business The main business of the company, which is incorporated in Zimbabwe (Registration Number 510/68), is that of producing rubber and chemical products.

Functional and presentation currency

The Company has in previous financial periods assessed and concluded that the United States Dollar (US\$) had been its functional and presentation currency. For the 2019 financial period, the Board of Directors assessed and concluded that the Zimbabwe dollar (ZWL) is the functional and presentation currency of the company.

## Accounting policies

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and International Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and Interpretations (collectively IFRSs).

Statement of compliance

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Non-current assets	10 50 4 2 4 0	(0.000.040		7 110 020
Property, plant and equipment	60,594,362	62,209,048	6,971,551	7,110,030
Current assets				
Inventories	9,415,288	8,266,530	7,006,537	1,659,550
Trade and other receivables	4,620,611	4,309,160	4,620,611	692,231
Bank and cash balances	1,858,266	980,578	1,858,266	157,860
	15,894,165	13,556,268	13,485,414	2,509,641
Total assets	76,488,527	75,765,316	20,456,965	9,619,671
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
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Equity Share capital	3,968,127	3,968,127	536,588	536,588
Share options reserve	141,986	141,986	19,200	19,200
Foreign currency translation reserve	(712,820)	-	(712,820)	-
Retained earnings/loss	40,598,187	(17,071,116)	27,717	(4,439,871)
	43,995,480	(12,961,003)	(129,315)	(3,884,083
Non-current liabilities				
Deferred tax	13.254.278	5,508,346	1.569.987	208.556
	13,254,278	5,508,346 2,579,469	1,569,987	208,556 415,283
Deferred tax	255,868	2,579,469 259,903	33,392	
Deferred tax Long term portion of borrowings	-	2,579,469	-	415,283
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Deferred tax Long term portion of borrowings Deferred revenue Current liabilities Borrowings Trade and other payables Bank overdraft	255,868 13,510,146 764,901 17,763,151 8,660	2,579,469 259,903 <b>8,347,718</b> 5,251,846	33,392 1,603,379 764,901 17,763,151 8,660	415,283 35,150 <b>658,989</b> 845,524
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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Share capital	Share options reserve	Foreign currency translation reserve	Accumulated profit/(loss)	Total
	ZWL	ZWL	ZWL	ZWL	ZWL
INFLATION ADJUSTED					
Balance at 1 January 2018	3,968,127	141,986	-	(27,651,088)	(23,540,975)
Total comprehensive income	-	-	-	10,579,972	10,579,972
Balance at 31 December 2018	3,968,127	141,986	-	(17,071,116)	(12,961,003)
Foreign currency translation rese	erve -	-	(712,820)	-	(712,820)
Total comprehensive income	-	-	-	57,669,303	57,669,303
Balance at 31 December 2019	3,968,127	141,986	(712,820)	40,598,187	43,995,480

Balance at 31 December 2019	536,588	19,200	(712,820)	27,717	(129,315)
Total comprehensive profit for the	e year -	-	-	4,467,588	4,467,588
Foreign currency translation rese	ve -	-	(712,820)	-	(712,820)
Balance at 31 December 2018	536,588	19,200	-	(4,439,871)	(3,884,083)
Total comprehensive loss for the	year -	-	-	(713,059)	(713,059)
Balance at 1 January 2018	536,588	19,200	-	(3,726,812)	(3,171,024)
HISTORICAL COST					

ancial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board IASB) and the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) except for the non compliance with IAS21, and in the manner required by the Companies Act (Chapter 23:03) and the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange regulations

#### Basis of preparation

The condensed financial statements are presented in ZWL. They have been prepared under the inflation adjusted acounting basis in line with the provisions of International Accounting Standard (IAS) 29-Financial Reporting in Hyper inflationery economies. The directors have also applied the guidelines provided by the Public Accounting and Auditors Board (PAAB).

Inflation adjusted financial statement have been drawn up using the conversion factors derived from the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and prepared by the Zimbabwe Central Statistical Offic. The indices and conversion factors used are as follows:

Month	CPI	Conversion Factor
January 2019	98.35	5.61
February 2019	100.00	5.52
March 2019	104.38	5.28
April 2019	110.14	5.01
May 2019	123.95	4.45
June 2019	172.61	3.20
July 2019	208.92	2.64
August 2019	246.68	2.24
September 2019	290.39	1.90
October 2019	402.92	1.37
November 2019	473.28	1.17
December 2019	551.63	1.00

	IN	FLATION ADJUSTED	HISTORICAL COST			
	2019 ZWL	2018 ZWL	2019 ZWL	2018 ZWL		
INVENTORIES						
Raw materials Finished goods Consumables Work-in-progress	7,309,056 2,061,205 44,905 122 <b>9,415,288</b>	4,624,686 3,504,337 59,232 <u>78,275</u> <b>8,266,530</b>	2,021,612 1,862,170 172,576 2,950,179 <b>7,006,537</b>	638,573 828,346 164,494 <u>28,137</u> <b>1,659,550</b>		
TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES						
Trade receivables	4,683,873	3,885,504	4,683,873	624,174		
Less: Allowance for credit losses	(456,171)	(1,770,050)	(456,171)	(284,344)		
Trade receivables-net	4,227,702	2,115,454	4,227,702	339,830		
Other receivables	392,909	2,193,706	392,909	352,401		
Less: Allowance for credit losses	-	-	-			
Financial assets other than cash and	d cash					
equivalents classified as loans						
and receivables	4,620,611	4,309,160	4,620,611	692,231		
The carrying value of trade and c	ther receivables	at amortised cost ap	proximates fair vo	alue.		
ROBROWINCS	2010	2019	2010	2019		

BORROWINGS	2019	2018	2019	2018
CABS	762,912	5,251,847	762,912	845,524
Other borrowings	1,989	-	1,989	-
FBC Bank	-	2,579,468	-	415,283
	764,901	7,831,315	764,901	1,260,807
Less: Short term portion of borrow	ings 764,901	(5,251,846)	764,901	(845,524)
Long term portion of borrowings	-	2,579,469	-	415,283

	ZWVL	ZVVL	ZVVL	ZVVL	ZWL	ZWL
Revenue Inter-segmental reve	26,993,982 nue -	21,817,420	48,811,402	11,619,961 -	9,391,632	21,011,593
Revenue from external customers	26,993,982	21,817,420	48,811,402	11,619,961	9,391,632	21,011,593
Depreciation charge	(617,993)	(1,238,677)	(1,856,670)	(95,757)	(191,931)	(287,688
Segment profit / (loss	) 11,632,559	5,401,063	17,033,622	4,376,716	1,660,434	6,408,850
Finance expense	-	-	(394,701)	(69,147)	(64,495)	(133,642)
Company loss before	etax -	-	16,638,921	-	-	6,275,208
2018 Revenue Inter-segmental reve Revenue from	17,721,039 nue -	16,942,300 -	34,663,340	2,424,441	2,317,900	4,742,341
external customers	17,721,040	16,942,300	34,663,340	2,424,441	2,317,900	4,742,341
Depreciation charge	(675,197)	(1,305,425)	(1,980,622)	(99,569)	(192,506)	(292,075
Segment (loss) / profi	it (1,228,551)	10,929,472	9,700,921	40,879	(363,671)	(322,792)
Finance expense	(735,993)	(1,018,196)	(1,754,190)	(101,773)	(140,796)	(242,569
Company loss before	etax -	-	7,946,731	-	-	(565,361)
2019						
Additions to non-current c	issets 229,373	12,611	241,984	141,501	7,708	149,209
Reportable segment as Corporate head office		43,598,460	75,723,642	8,591,925	11,837,477	20,429,402
Total company asset		-	76,488,527	-	-	20,456,965
2019						
Reportable segment liab Borrowings Corporate liabilities	oilities 2,646,878 -	10,971,275 1,989	13,618,153 1,989	2,646,878 1,989	10,971,275 1,989	13,618,153 764,901
Liabilities Borrowings	-	-	4,580,150 762,912	-	-	4,633,239 762,912
Deferred tax liabilities Total company liabili		10.973.264	13,529,843	2.646.878	10.973.264	1,569,987 20,586,280
		10,773,204	32,493,047	2,040,070	10,773,204	20,500,200
2018						
Additions to non-current assets Reportable segment	176,772	45,361	222,133	30,038	7,708	37,746
assets Corporate head offic	31,989,192	43,701,940	75,691,132	4,057,585	5,552,667	9,610,252
Total company asset		-	75,765,316	-	-	9,619,671
Reportable segment liabilities Borrowings <b>Corporate liabilities</b>	8,856,504 621,132	66,109,429 1,958,337	74,965,933 2,579,469	914,497 100,000	6,826,272 315,285	7,740,770 415,285
Liabilities Borrowings	-	-	420,725 5,251,846	-	-	4,293,621 845,522
Deferred tax liabilities Total company liabili		68,067,766	5,508,346 88,726,319	1,014,497	7,141,557	208,556 13,503,754

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# REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

TO THE MEMBERS OF

**GB HOLDINGS LIMITED** 

# Adverse Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of GB HOLDINGS LIMITED set out on pages 8 to 35, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2019, statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion section of our report, the financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of GB HOLDINGS LIMITED as at 31 December 2019, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

# **Basis for Adverse Opinion**

Non-compliance with IAS 21 The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates

During the period prior to 22 February 2019, the Zimbabwean economy was characterised by a multi-tiered pricing model. Under the model, a single product had different prices depending on the mode of payment, whether United States Dollar cash, electronic money (RTGS), mobile money or bond notes. This resulted in transactions 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, would apply. Market wide, entities experienced premiums and discounts on the official foreign exchange rate of 1:1 between the RTGS balances and Bond notes and the United States Dollar.

In February 2019, the Government of Zimbabwe issued Statutory Instrument 33 of 2019 (S.I 33) "Presidential Powers (Temporary Measures) Amendment of Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe Act and Issue of Real Time Gross Settlement Electronic Dollars (RTGS Dollar) Regulations, 2019", which, for accounting and other purposes, prescribed parity between the US Dollar and local currency as at and up to the effective date of 22 February 2019, and also prescribed the manner in which US dollar balances as at 22 February 2019 were to migrate to the Zimbabwe dollar which was contrary to the requirements of IAS 21. The presentation in USD of financial statements at a rate of exchange 1:1 to the local currency resulted in material misstatement of the comparative financial statements.

These financial statements, which are expressed in Zimbabwean dollars, have been prepared using the official exchange rate of 1:1 for the period up to 22 February 2019. Transition of US dollar balances to Zimbabwe dollar balances on 22 February 2019 at 1:1 with exception of foreign currency denominated balances is contrary to the requirements of IAS 21 which requires the use of the closing rate in translating all balances on change in functional currency.

The directors have determined that it is not practically possible to comply with the requirements of IAS 21 in the circumstances. The effect of the noncompliance with IAS 21 has not been quantified but it is considered significant for these financial statements.

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 the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards

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Board for Accountants Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (Parts A and B), together with other ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Zimbabwe, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

# Material uncertainty related to going concern

We draw your attention to note 26 to the financial statements which indicates that the company's current liabilities exceeded its current assets by ZWL3,088,737 (2018: ZWL66,822,333). This condition indicates the existence of a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue operating as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

# Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that in our professional judgment were of most significance in our audit of financial statements. 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.

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
<ul> <li>(i) Impairment of plant and equipment</li> <li>The carrying amount of plant and equipment is material to the financial statements of the company. The directors identified the following potential indicators of impairment of plant and equipment: <ul> <li>Low capacity utilization resulting in recurring losses.</li> <li>Aged equipment which results in regular breakdowns.</li> </ul> </li> <li>In assessing impairment, the directors used a number of significant assumptions in calculating the value in use which include: <ul> <li>Projections of future performance by the company and the related cash flows.</li> <li>Determining a discount rate to use on discounting the projected cash flows to the present value.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The above factors resulted in the issue being a key audit</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Our procedures included the following:</li> <li>Inspecting the physical condition of the plant and equipment.</li> <li>Assessing the reasonableness of the significant assumptions used in coming up with the projected cash flows.</li> <li>Testing the reasonableness of the discount rate used by reference to what has been determined by entities with similar operations and the company's borrowing rate.</li> <li>Testing the arithmetic accuracy of the calculations.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>matter during the audit.</li> <li>(ii) Valuation of trade receivables</li> <li>The trade receivables balance is material to the financial statements of the company. Due to the general decline in business levels in the economy, most of the debtors are facing liquidity challenges and are struggling to pay.</li> <li>The company applies IFRS 9 which is a forward looking, expected credit loss ("ECL") impairment model. We considered this as a key audit matter as the determination of ECL involves significant management judgement and this has a material impact on the financial statements of the company. The key areas of judgement were;</li> <li>Assumptions used in the ECL modelling such as financial condition of counterparty, expected future cash flows, forward looking macroeconomic factors.</li> <li>Assumptions on the grouping of debtors into</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>and the expected credit losses determined by management.</li> <li>We checked the completeness and accuracy of data underlying the ECL calculation as of December 31, 2019</li> <li>We assessed the transition adjustments and considered the completeness of data and appropriateness of assumptions used by</li> </ul>

categories and the risk rating allocated to that	•	We	assessed	the	disclosures	included	by
group of debtors.		man	agement in	n the i	financial stat	ements	

Responsibilities of the directors for the financial statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue operating 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 company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 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 the financial statements.

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the 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 company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- 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 company's ability to continue operating 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 auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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.

We also provide the directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

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 auditors' 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.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

In our opinion, the financial statements have been prepared in compliance with the disclosure requirements of the Companies Act (Chapter 24:03).

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Martin Makaya.

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BDO Zimbabwe Chartered Accountants 3 Baines Avenue, Harare

Martin Makaya (CA) Z Registered Public Auditor Partner

5 June 2020