

Reviewed Abridged Report To Shareholders For The Half-year Ended 31 March 2020



Directors' Responsibility

The Company's Directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Group's financial statements, of which this press release represents an extract. These Abridged Group interim financial statements are presented in accordance with the disclosure requirements of the Securities and Exchange (Zimbabwe Stock Exchange Listings Requirements) Rules, 2019 for provisional interim financial statements (Preliminary Reports), and in accordance with the measurement and recognition principles of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and in the manner required by the Companies and Other Business Entities Act (Chapter 24:31). The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these interim financial statements are consistent with those applied in the previous annual financial statements. No significant changes arise from new and revised IFRS which became effective for reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2020.

Cautionary Statement - Reliance on all Financial Statements prepared in Zimbabwe for 2019/2020 financial period

The Directors would like to advise users to exercise caution in their use of these interim financial statements due to the material and pervasive impact of the technicalities arising from functional currency changes in February 2019, its consequent impact on the usefulness of the financial statements for 2019/2020 financial periods and the adoption of International Accounting Standard (IAS) 29 (Financial Reporting in Hyper-inflationary Economies), effective 1 July 2019.

Whilst Directors have exercised due care and applied reasonable judgements they deem appropriate in the preparation and presentation of these interim financial statements, the Directors advise the need for interpretation caution and remind readers that there are significant challenges in ascertaining the underlying business performance in an environment of hyperinflation, multiple exchange rates and rapid changes in economic policies. The review conclusion on these interim financial statements has been modified by the independent auditors, Baker Tilly Zimbabwe Chartered Accountants as indicated in the review conclusion statement below.

Adoption of IAS 29 (Financial Reporting in hyper-inflationary economies)

Effective July 2019, the Public Accountants and Auditors Board (PAAB) advised that conditions for adopting IAS 29 were satisfied. IAS 29 requires that inflation-adjusted financial statements become the entity's primary financial statements. Historical cost financial statements have been presented only as complementary financial information.

External Auditor's Review Conclusion

These Abridged Group interim financial statements have been reviewed by the Group's external auditors, Baker Tilly Chartered Accountants (Zimbabwe), who have issued an adverse opinion given the pervasive technical issues aforementioned above. The auditor's review report on the Group's interim financial statements is available for inspection at the Company's registered office. The engagement partner on the review is Mr. Courage Matsa (PAAB Number 607).

Economic Environment

The trading environment has been marked by growing operational and economic challenges due to hyperinflation, an unstable exchange rate, limited availability of foreign currency in the formal banking channels and drought induced shortages of cereals used in the stockfeeds manufacturing processes. The supply of key utilities such as water, electricity and fuel were erratic, thereby disrupting production and distribution operations. The prevalence of multiple exchange rates distorted operating costs and product pricing. The inflationary environment generally impacted negatively on consumer disposable incomes thereby reducing discretionary household spending.

Subsidies were progressively reduced during the period, with roller meal being the only subsidised product by the end of the period. The Group, through Victoria Foods, has supported Government subsidised maize meal supplies, with over 1,900 tonnes having been milled for the program since it was launched in December 2019.

Financial Performance

During the period, Group revenue increased by 28% to \$581 million in inflation adjusted terms (735% historical), driven by replacement cost product pricing and the effect of consolidating Crest Poultry Group's revenues after it came out of judicial management on 31 January 2020. The historical growth compares to average official inflation of 522% for the period. Retail contributed 96% (98.5% - 2019-H1), whilst farming operations contributed 4% (1.5% - 2019-H1) of the total revenue.

The Group's operating profit before depreciation and financing cost declined by 16% to \$25.0 million, against \$29.6 million for the comparable period, which is broadly in line with volume declines registered in some key product lines during the period. The Group incurred higher depreciation expense at \$11m against \$4.3 million incurred in the prior period following the asset portfolio's revaluation at the end of prior year. Financing costs of \$46.4 million weighted down on the Group's performance. Inflation adjusted profit for the period declined by 12% to \$18 million against a 500% increase in historical profits to \$44 million.

The Group invested \$3.1 million (2019-H1 - \$7.9 million) in maintenance capital expenditure, driven mainly by computer equipment, branch refurbishments and irrigation infrastructure development.

Entities under Judicial management

Victoria Foods posted a historical loss before tax of \$22.8 million, \$21.5 million of which was attributable to unrealised foreign exchange losses on legacy foreign creditors of US\$2.3 million. All proved local creditors' claims were paid during the period.

Victoria Foods resumed mealie-meal production in Gweru during the quarter and is assisting in enhancing food security in the central and southern parts of the country.

Operations Review

During the period, Farm & City (FCC) extended its operations by opening two branches, one in Harare and the second one in Bulawayo, bringing the total branch network to 44. The erratic grid power supply and escalating fuel costs significantly impacted running costs. In order to mitigate the effect of the energy crisis, FCC continues to deploy solar equipment and hybrid batteries across its retail network to mitigate the challenge.

Glenara cropped 450 hectares of maize and 265 hectares of soya beans during the season, against 450 hectares of soya beans in the prior year.

The Group is pleased with the market acceptance of the Agrifoods stockfeeds range, with stockfeed volumes having increased by 26% against the previous year. The removal of subsidies on the maize component of stockfeeds caused a substantial increase in the price of stockfeeds relative to inflation. Whilst painful in the short term, the move is positive in assisting with improving consistent availability of stockfeeds and a generally more sustainable trading model for the poultry and beef breeding value chain in the longer term.

The Group continues with the process of finalising layout plans, regularisations and development preliminaries at both Saturday Retreat and Lot A of the Rest in order to give impetus to the development stage of the project.

Legal proceedings to reverse the illegal Langford Estates transaction are underway, and the market will be updated with progress in due course.

Future Prospects

In response to the advent of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Government declared a state of national disaster in Zimbabwe on 17 March 2020, which was later scaled up to a lockdown from 30 March 2020. Global and regional supply chains, which the country relies on, have been disrupted by the pandemic. This is expected to negatively impact on economic activity levels going forward. Consequently, we project that the third quarter for the Group will be severely impacted by the restrictions on human and economic activity arising. However, we hope this will ease in the event that lockdown restrictions are either softened or lifted altogether in the last quarter of the financial year.

CFI Holdings Limited will continue to play a key role in complimenting Government's efforts in underpinning food security in the country. The 2019/2020 agricultural season was not encouraging, with plantings having been significantly reduced and yields likely to be impacted by the poor weather. This will force the country to augment cereal shortages through imports.

The Group will focus on ensuring consistent raw material supply pipelines are maintained despite poor liquidity obtaining in the market and continued currency devaluation, which will continue to be closely managed. The Group's focus on consolidating recovery efforts whilst preserving shareholders' capital amidst rising cost-push inflationary pressures and continued pricing distortions will be continued.

UPDATE ON COMPANY LISTING SUSPENSION

The Company has maintained efforts to engage the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) to resolve the outstanding issues pertaining to the suspension placed on trading the Company's shares. Your Board is hopeful that the same will be resolved in due course.

Acknowledgment and Appreciation

In spite of the challenging circumstances, the past half-year has been a period of continued progress for the Group, driven by the dedicated team at CFI Holdings Limited. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our staff for their on-going commitment to seeing through the turnaround and consolidation of the Group's fortunes witnessed in the last few years. Lastly, I would also like to record my thanks to my fellow Board members for their wise counsel and stewardship.


Ms. IV Pasi
Chairperson

DIVIDEND DECLARATION

Given the need to fully recapitalise the Group and recover from COVID-19 induced shocks, your Board did not declare a dividend for the half-year ended 31 March 2020.

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COMPANY SECRETARY
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
26 June 2020

ABRIDGED GROUP CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Notes	INFLATION ADJUSTED Half Year to		HISTORICAL Half Year to	
	31 Mar. 2020 ZWL	31 Mar. 2019 ZWL	31 Mar. 2020 ZWL	31 Mar. 2019 ZWL
Turnover	574,670,318	453,973,758	380,768,747	47,178,943
Change in fair value of biological assets	5,919,275	-	13,039,788	-
Revenue	580,589,593	453,973,758	393,808,535	47,178,943
Operating income before depreciation, impairment and financing (costs) income	24,962,231	29,606,484	111,320,747	11,052,416
Depreciation expense	(10,839,612)	(4,368,109)	(4,931,629)	(453,953)
Share of profits from joint ventures	1,966,785	148,618	(18,558)	15,445
Finance (costs) income	(46,390,150)	790,286	(42,609,211)	82,130
Monetary gain	56,772,377	-	-	-
Profit before tax	26,471,631	26,177,279	63,761,349	10,696,038
Income tax expense	(8,458,058)	(5,622,880)	(19,979,693)	(3,401,359)
Profit for the period	18,013,573	20,554,399	43,781,656	7,294,679
Other comprehensive income				
Effects of changes in tax rates	5,738,603	-	563,544	-
Gain on property revaluation	-	(6,813)	-	(708)
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	5,738,603	(6,813)	563,544	(708)
Total comprehensive income	23,752,176	20,547,586	44,345,200	7,293,971
Profit attributable to:				
Equity holders of the parent	18,013,573	20,554,399	43,781,656	7,294,679
Total comprehensive income attributable to:				
Equity holders of the parent	23,752,176	20,547,586	44,345,200	7,293,971
Basic earnings per share (Cents)	16.86	19.24	40.99	3.00
Diluted earnings per share (Cents)	16.86	19.24	40.99	3.00
Headline earnings per share (Cents)	16.86	19.24	40.99	3.00
Net asset value per share (Cents)	657.69	641.89	169.58	43.94
Shares in issue	106,820,875	106,820,875	106,820,875	106,820,875
Weighted shares in issue	106,820,875	106,362,542	106,820,875	106,362,542

ABRIDGED GROUP CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Notes	INFLATION ADJUSTED		HISTORICAL	
	31 Mar. 2020 ZWL	30 Sept. 2019 ZWL	31 Mar. 2020 ZWL	30 Sept. 2019 ZWL
Non-current assets				
Property, plant and equipment	524,589,089	434,894,069	187,519,117	155,842,719
Investments (unlisted)	51,349,831	51,349,831	18,401,000	18,401,000
Investments in joint ventures	(1,619,940)	(3,586,725)	(847,910)	(829,352)
Total non-current assets	574,318,980	482,657,175	211,392,510	173,414,367
Current assets				
Inventories and biological assets	438,818,552	578,999,669	231,829,449	98,391,801
Trade and other receivables	30,655,025	88,708,717	30,655,025	31,782,733
Investments - listed shares	8,845,719	-	8,845,719	-
Cash and bank balances	14,071,999	13,410,870	14,071,999	4,805,730
Total current assets	492,391,295	681,119,256	285,402,192	134,980,264
TOTAL ASSETS	1,066,710,275	1,163,776,431	496,794,702	308,394,631
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
Equity attributable to owners of the parent	702,545,572	685,676,758	181,147,200	145,699,515
Total equity	702,545,572	685,676,758	181,147,200	145,699,515
Non-current liabilities				
Deferred tax liabilities	75,533,590	83,361,523	27,016,389	21,240,306
Accruals and other payables	4,541,686	12,710,008	4,541,686	4,554,579
Long term borrowings	42,276,190	117,975,936	42,276,190	42,276,190
Total non-current liabilities	122,351,466	214,047,467	73,834,265	68,071,075
Current liabilities				
Trade payables	113,994,558	82,924,217	113,994,558	29,715,555
Accruals and other payables	15,866,105	39,366,234	15,866,105	14,106,727
Short term borrowings	77,235,043	117,975,936	77,235,043	42,276,190
Bank overdraft	4,829,037	558,215	4,829,037	200,034
Current tax liabilities	29,888,494	23,227,604	29,888,494	8,325,535
Total current liabilities	241,813,237	264,052,206	241,813,237	94,624,041
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	1,066,710,275	1,163,776,431	496,794,702	308,394,631



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF CFI HOLDINGS LIMITED ("CFI")

REPORT ON REVIEW OF CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 31 MARCH 2020

Introduction

We have reviewed the accompanying consolidated interim inflation adjusted statement of financial position of CFI Holdings Limited ("CFI") as of 31 March 2020 and the consolidated interim inflation adjusted statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, consolidated interim inflation adjusted statement of changes in equity and consolidated interim inflation adjusted statement of cash flows for the six-month period then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. Directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these interim financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on these interim financial statements based on our review.

Scope of Review

We conducted our review in accordance with the International Standard on Review Engagements 2410, "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity." A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these interim financial statements.

Basis for Adverse Conclusion

Application of Exchange Rates (Non-compliance with International Accounting Standard 21) - The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates.

On the 20th of February 2019, a currency called RTGS Dollar (RTGS\$) was promulgated through Statutory Instrument 33 of 2019 ("SI 33/19") with an effective date of 22 February 2019. SI 33/19 fixed the exchange rate between RTGS\$ and USD prior to 22 February at 1:1, consistent with rate directed by RBZ on the introduction of bond coins and notes. Post 22 February 2019, the official interbank market exchange rate commenced at 1 USD:2.5 RTGS\$. SI 33/19 also directed that all assets and liabilities expressed in USD immediately before the effective date be translated at a

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rate of 1: 1. The Group applied interbank exchanges rates to translate foreign denominated balances at 2019-year end.

IAS 21 and IFRs Interpretations Committee guidance in September 2018 paper states that the closing rate is one to which an entity would have access at the end of the reporting period through a legal exchange mechanism and one for immediate delivery. The Group has not been able to readily access foreign currency from the interbank market during the period under review. The Group's application of the interbank rate to translate foreign denominated balances is inconsistent with IAS 21. The effect of departure, which has not been determined, is pervasive to the inflation adjusted interim consolidated financial statements.

The Group applied the exchange rate of 1 USD :1 RTGS\$ from 1 October 2018 to 21 February 2019 in compliance with RBZ directive and SI33/19, despite that fact that the substance of the economic phenomenon, from an accounting perspective indicated that the two currencies were no longer at parity. The Group did not apply the requirements of IAS 21 to properly translate foreign transactions to new functional currency, this resulted in material misstatements to the financial performance and cash flows of the Group. The Group also complied with SI 33/19 in translating USD denominated assets and liabilities to RTGS\$, at 1:1 on the 1st of October 2018 and no further translations were done at balance sheet date as required by IAS 21. The Group also applied interbank rates to record all foreign denominated transactions and balances at half year period end despite not being able to access foreign currency at these rates from inter-bank market.

Had the Group applied fully the requirements of IAS 21 and IFRs Interpretations Committee guidance of September 2018 from 1 October 2018, many of the elements of the accompanying interim consolidated interim financial statements would have been materially different, and hence this departure from IAS 21 is considered to be pervasive. The financial effects of this departure on the inflation adjusted interim consolidated financial statements have not been determined and we have not been able to obtain sufficient and appropriate audit evidence to determine the impact of this departure.

Adverse Conclusion

Due to the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Adverse Conclusion paragraphs, we conclude that the accompanying consolidated interim financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated interim inflation adjusted financial position of CFI as at 31 March 2020, and its consolidated interim inflation adjusted financial performance and cash flows for the six-month period then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.



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Date: 26 June 2020

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