# EcoCash

HOLDINGS ZIMBABWE LIMITED

(formerly Cassava Smartech Zimbabwe Limited)

(Incorporated in Zimbabwe on 29 March 2012 under Company Registration Number 2487/2012) ZSE Alpha Code: EHZL.zw ISIN ZW0009012437

# Reviewed Abridged Consolidated **Financial Statements**

For the half year ended 31 August 2022



HIGHLIGHTS

Key Performance Indicators

# Revenue



**ZW\$45.4** billion

from ZW\$42.5 billion (31 August 2021)

Profit before tax



**ZW**\$911.1 million

from ZW\$-106.2 million (31 August 2021)

**Total equity** 



TW\$38.7 billion

from ZW\$31.8 billion (28 February 2022)

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#### Chairperson's statement

For the half year ended 31st August 2022, Ecocash Holdings has continued to make positive economic and social impact on the lives of people in Zimbabwe through financial inclusion. We have accelerated our digital transformation, disrupting ourselves to positively impact the lives of people. Despite the challenging operating environment during the period under review, we have continued to identify and pursue new opportunities, formulating winning strategies to drive business performance and positive socio-economic

#### **Business Highlights**

Our mandate is to transform the lives of people in Zimbabwe through digital technology, and we are pleased to report on some key innovations we launched over the period. Through the mobile money business, we launched EcoCash Bill Manager, a platform that aggregates service providers and allows customers to conveniently pay their bills. This product is transforming the payments space as we make further enhancements to cater for the various use-cases. We have, to date, over 200 000 customers onboarded on the platform. We launched the EcoCash chatbot, an Al driven customer experience solution to improve efficiencies in query resolution as well as improve the overall mobile money experience. Through this innovation, we have started to record positive gains on our customer effort scores from the 250 000 registered customers. We are happy to harness these new technologies to enhance our value proposition, reduce customer pain points and improve financial services adoption.

Building on the success of the first phase of our digital transformation "Purple Ark," Steward Bank continued the journey with the commencement of the second phase of the upgrade. The second phase will see an increased automation and digitalization of the Bank's systems and processes as well as enhanced capacity to launch new banking innovations. The Bank also further enhanced its digital products offering through the revamp of the low Know-Your-Customer (KYC) iSave accounts platform. Following the revamp, we managed to onboard 234 000 customers on iSave accounts and achieved a 10% reduction in mobile banking registration queries.

We have continued to build around the core life and short-term insurance products for the Insurtech business focusing on expanding our channel network to enhance service delivery and experience across all our insurance products. The group also continues to develop the value proposition of our nascent businesses, which have exhibited potential for growth and scale, going into the future.

### Inflation adjusted financial Performance

EcoCash Holdings recorded revenue of ZW\$45.4 billion for the period, compared to ZW\$42.5 billion in 2021. Most of our revenue was driven by the Fintech business followed by Insurtech and lastly Digital Platforms. The Fintech business, anchored by EcoCash and Steward Bank, remains the largest contributor with performance being driven by new product innovations, and growth in the banks' forex revenue, a result of the deliberate growth in the USD loan book and foreign currency accounts. The Group achieved a profit before tax of ZW\$911.1 million, an improvement from the prior period's loss before tax position of ZW\$ 106.2 million. This positive development reflects the benefits of our ongoing digital transformation journey which has seen an improvement in operational efficiencies, as well as the support of all our stakeholders. We will continue to build on this business strategy to ensure we deliver value for our shareholders.

### Dividend

The Directors resolved not to declare an interim dividend.

### **Social Responsibility**

In everything we do at EcoCash Holdings, we are mindful of the responsibility we have to the communities in which we operate. Through the work of the Higherlife Foundation, we continue to promote sustainable development for marginalized communities, anchored on three main pillars. Education, Global Health as well as Rural Transformation and Sustainable Livelihoods. The foundation equipped 421 000 people in hotspot districts with disaster risk management knowledge and supported 16 hospitals on maternal health, with 4 of the hospitals recording a 40% reduction in maternal deaths. We remain dedicated to investing in our community in line with the values we hold.

EcoCash Holdings continues to see exciting opportunities in the market for social and financial inclusion through technology. We are making a lasting difference by empowering people through reliable and resilient digital solutions that enhance people's ability to be economically active. We look forward to contributing towards sustained innovations in the Fintech, Insurtech, Healthtech, Agritech and On Demand Services space, which we believe we can accelerate, spurred by the gains recorded in the current period. Despite the environmental headwinds and volatile operating environment, EcoCash Holdings is committed to build upon the successes of the past and to continue delivering value for all our stakeholders. We see opportunities in the market, and we are excited about the new and transformational innovations in our pipeline.

### **Acknowledgements**

I am grateful to our valued customers for the trust and support they have extended to us in good and challenging times; our gratitude cannot be expressed enough. To all our partners, regulators, shareholders, I thank you for your support and confidence, which we continue to rely on as we advance on this transformation journey. Lastly, I would like to express my gratitude to our staff, management and my fellow directors for the focus, hard work and resilience in driving our vision.

### On behalf of the Board



Sherree Shereni **Board Chairperson** 

10 November 2022

#### **Abridged Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income**

For the half year ended 31 August 20	022				
		INFLATION	ADJUSTED	HISTORICA	AL COST*
	Notes	Reviewed 31 August 2022 ZW\$ '000	Reviewed 31 August 2021 ZW\$ '000	Unreviewed 31 August 2022 ZW\$ '000	Unreviewed 31 August 2021 ZW\$ '000
Revenue	6.1	45,356,168	42,529,695	27,216,065	10,307,851
- Interest revenue calculated using the effective interest method - Non-interest revenue	-	5,957,545 39,398,623	2,716,429 39,813,266	3,108,910 24,107,155	647,845 9,660,006
Cost of sales and external services rendered Impairment on financial assets charge: expected credit loss allowances on loans and advances to bank customers		(6,797,547)	(11,793,627)	(4,527,090)	(2,821,910)
		(218,607)	(1,125,838)	(218,607)	(311,438)
Gross profit		38,340,014	29,610,230	22,470,368	7,174,503
Other income Other expenses General administrative expenses: - Administration expenses - Impairment on financial assets		2,787,860 (10,009,581) (26,071,165) (28,649,250)	2,446,648 (605,114) (22,690,539) (18,975,239)	10,774,197 (695,173) (16,053,984) (17,222,272)	730,055 (11,950) (5,618,787) (4,641,798)
charge: expected credit loss allowances on items other than loans and advances - Depreciation, amortisation and		(501,867)	(615,278)	(379,273)	(163,990)
impairment - Foreign exchange gains / (losses) arising from items other than		(3,093,764)	(2,994,068)	(1,121,484)	(583,028)
debenture related liabilities Marketing and sales expenses Foreign exchange losses arising from		6,173,716 (4,431,185)	(105,954) (2,122,592)	2,669,045 (2,553,332)	(229,971) (504,595)
debenture related liabilities Gain/ (loss) on net monetary position		(17,002,508) 18,010,827	(276,950) (5,882,637)	(11,397,777)	(66,202)
Profit before net finance costs		1,624,262	479,046	2,544,299	1,703,024
Finance income Finance costs		80,037 (793,181)	69,074 (654,306)	51,735 (636,277)	16,883 (156,651)
Profit / (loss) before taxation		911,118	(106,186)	1,959,757	1,563,256
Income tax expense		(1,402,398)	(2,443,972)	(1,136,353)	(625,583)
(Loss) / profit for the period		(491,280)	(2,550,158)	823,404	937,673
(Loss) / profit for the half year attributable to: Equity holders of EcoCash Holdings		(491,280)	(2,550,158)	823,404	937,673
Zimbabwe Limited Non-controlling interest		15,431 (506,711)	(2,059,360) (490,798)	729,657 93,747	928,885 8,788
Items that may not to be reclassified to profit or loss: Gain arising on revaluation of					
property and equipment and intangible assets Taxation effect of other		9,204,105	-	19,519,176	-
comprehensive income		(2,306,655) <b>6,897,450</b>	-	(4,801,934) <b>14,717,242</b>	
Total comprehensive income/ (loss)					
for the period		6,406,170	(2,550,158)	15,540,646	937,673
Other comprehensive income attributable to: Equity holders of EcoCash Holdings Zimbabwe Limited Non-controlling interest		6,919,506 (22,056)	- -	14,700,933 16,309	- -
		6,897,450	-	14,717,242	
Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the period attributable to: Equity holders of EcoCash Holdings Zimbabwe Limited		6,934,937	(2,059,360)	15,430,590	928,885
Non-controlling interest  Total comprehensive income /(loss)		(528,767)	(490,798)	110,056	8,788
Earnings / (loss) per share Basic and diluted earnings / (loss) per	6.2	6,406,170	(2,550,158)	15,540,646	937,673
share (ZW\$ cents)	6.2	0.60	(79.49)	28.17	35.86

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### **Abridged Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**

As at 31 August 2022

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		INFLATION		HISTORICA		
		Reviewed	Audited	Unreviewed	Unaudited	
		31 August 2022	28 February 2022	31 August 2022	28 February 2022	
	Notes	ZW\$ '000	ZW\$ '000	ZW\$ '000	ZW\$ '000	
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Assets						
Intangible assets		7,966,925	8,144,019	784,454	684,994	
Property and equipment		31,572,190	26,524,648	26,246,994	8,490,288	
Right of use assets		297,303	393,446	128,201	43,306	
Investment properties		12,831,372	5,176,327	12,831,372	1,888,757	
Inventory		1,077,320	2,166,688	230,476	115,592	
Current tax assets		398,915	_,,	398,915	-	
Amounts owed by related party		000,010		000,010		
companies		9,437	329,650	9,437	120,284	
Trade and other receivables		15,571,872	18,872,897	11,261,919	5,953,961	
Loans and advances to bank		15 242 521	10 211 227	15 242 521	C CO1 FO2	
customers Treasury bills and government		15,343,531	18,311,327	15,343,531	6,681,503	
bonds		5,447,223	16,015,411	5,447,223	5,843,761	
Financial assets at fair value						
through profit and loss	7	6,361,435	16,742,045	6,361,435	6,108,898	
Assets held for sale		23,599	1,431	23,599	522	
Mobile money trust bank balances - restricted balances	8	11,979,199	14,837,021	11,979,199	5,413,786	
Cash and cash equivalents	0	8,605,968	3,321,330	8,605,968	1,211,899	
Cash and Cash equivalents		0,000,000	3,321,330	0,000,000	1,211,033	
Total assets		117,486,289	130,836,240	99,652,723	42,557,551	
<b>Equity and Liabilities</b>						
Capital and reserves						
Share capital and share premium (Accumulated losses) / retained		390,770	390,770	2,591	2,591	
earnings		(8,120,029)	(8,421,400)	2,013,450	1,229,712	
Other reserves		47,037,181	39,925,153	20,690,561	5,902,755	
Equity attributable to owners		17,007,101	00,020,100	20,000,001	0,002,700	
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Limited		39,307,922	31,894,523	22,706,602	7,135,058	
Non-controlling interest		(613,416)	(84,649)	510,488	400,432	
Total equity		38,694,506	31,809,874	23,217,090	7,535,490	
Liabilities						
Lease Liabilities		320,761	6,095,272	320,761	1,498,199	
Provisions		2,450,351	167,505	2,406,138	61,120	
Current tax liability		-	4,064,216	-	1,470,349	
Deferred tax Liabilities		8,070,823	284,022	6,364,624	96,625	
Loans and Borrowings		4,187,057	11,142,591	4,187,057	4,065,749	
Amounts owed to related party	40	1E E22 200	11 6 41 0 5 6	1E E22 200	1 217710	
companies	10	15,532,366	11,641,356	15,532,366	4,247,740	
Trade and other payables		17,123,245	15,797,355	16,517,507	5,398,652	
Mobile money trust liabilities Deposits due to banks and	8	11,979,199	14,837,021	11,979,199	5,413,786	
customers		19,127,981	34,997,028	19,127,981	12,769,841	
Total liabilities		78,791,783	99,026,366	76,435,633	35,022,061	
		70,751,705	55,525,500	70,433,033	33,322,001	
Total equity and liabilities		117,486,289	130,836,240	99,652,723	42,557,551	

<sup>\*</sup>The historical cost financial results have been presented as supplementary information, in line with the PAAB's recommendation set out in Pronouncement 01/2019.

### **Abridged Consolidated Statement of Cashflows**

For the half year ended 31 August 2022

	INFLATION		HISTORICA		
	Reviewed	Reviewed	Unreviewed	Unreviewed	
	31 August 2022	31 August 2021	31 August 2022	31 August 2021	
	ZW\$ '000	ZW\$ '000	ZW\$ '000	ZW\$ '000	
Cash generated from operations	20,941,556	22,308,298	17,334,312	6,844,083	
Income tax paid	(2,137,784)	(1,675,415)	(1,608,713)	(586,078)	
Net cash generated from operations	18,803,772	20,632,883	15,725,599	6,258,005	
Investing activities					
Finance income received	2,385	41,577	21,882	9,940	
Dividends received	3,237	2,237	1,526	543	
Acquisition of intangible assets	(162,648)	(942,341)	(133,701)	(181,872)	
Acquisition of a subsidiary	45,433	-	45,433	-	
Net acquisition of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(755,239)	(732,828)	(478,214)	22,399	
Net (acquisition) / disposal of held-to-	(10.615.640)	(20, 462, 700)	602.105	(6.012.0.41)	
maturity investments	(10,615,643)	(28,462,708)	682,195	(6,813,041)	
Net (acquisition) of right of use assets	(23,252)	- (4 07C 7F0)	(101,283)	-	
Purchase of property and equipment Proceeds on disposal of property and	(4,940,823)	(1,076,750)	(2,050,165)	(237,757)	
equipment	5,873	6,741	25,585	-	
Net cash used in investing activities	(16,440,677)	(31,164,072)	(1,986,742)	(7,199,788)	
Cash flows from financing activities					
cash nows from financing activities					
Finance costs paid	(793,181)	(654,310)	(636,277)	(156,651)	
Proceeds from loans and borrowings	856,902	-	856,902		
Purchase of treasury shares	-	(258,851)	-	(67,233)	
Net cash flows from / (used in) financing activities	63,721	(913,161)	220,625	(223,884)	
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	2,426,816	(11,444,349)	13,959,482	(1,165,667)	
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	18,158,351	45,093,199	6,625,685	9,905,492	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	20,585,167	33,648,850	20,585,167	8,739,825	
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Comprising:					
Cash and cash equivalents restricted	11,979,199	21,416,413	11,979,199	5,562,618	
Cash and cash equivalents restricted	8,605,968	12,232,437	8,605,968	3,177,207	
Cash and cash equivalents non restricted	20,585,167	33,648,850	20,585,167	8,739,825	
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### **Abridged Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity**

For the half year ended 31 August 2022

			INFLATION			
	Share			Attributable		
	capital	earnings /		to equity		
		(Accumulat-	Other		controlling	
	premium	•	reserves	the entity ZW\$'000		Total ZW\$'000
	ZW\$'000	ZW\$ '000	ZW\$ '000	2005,000	ZW\$'000	ZW\$*000
Balance at 1 March 2021						
(Audited)	390,770	(8,086,396)	36,908,137	29,212,511	(655,723)	28,556,788
Profit for the period	_	(2,059,359)		(2,059,359)	(490,798)	(2,550,157)
Total comprehensive income		(2,059,359)		(2,059,359)	(400 700)	(2,550,157)
income	<u>-</u>	(2,059,359)	<u>-</u>	(2,059,559)	(490,796)	(2,550,157)
Transfer out of reserves	-	-	(258,851)	(258,851)	-	(258,851)
Balance at 31 August 2021 (Reviewed)	390,770	(10,145,755)	36,649,286	26,894,301	(1,146,521)	25,747,780
Balance at 1 March 2022 (Audited)	390,770	(8,421,400)	39,925,153	31,894,523	(84,649)	31,809,874
Profit/ (loss) for the period		15,431		15,431	(506,711)	(491,280)
Other comprehensive	-	15,451	-	•	, , ,	, , ,
income			6,919,506	6,919,506	(22,056)	6,897,450
Total comprehensive income	_	15,431	6.919.506	6,934,937	(528,767)	6,406,170
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Acquisition of subsidiaries	-	285,940	195,825	481,765	-	481,765
Transfer out of reserves	-	-	(3,303)	(3,303)	-	(3,303)
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Balance at 31 August 2022 (Reviewed)	390,770	(8,120,029)	47,037,181	39,307,922	(613,416)	38,694,506

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			HISTORIC	AL COST*		
	Share capital and share premium ZW\$'000	Retained earnings / (Accumulat- ed losses) ZW\$ '000	Other reserves ZW\$ '000	Attributable to equity	Non- controlling interest ZW\$'000	Total ZW\$'000
Balance at 1 March 2021 (Unaudited)	2,591	(465,081)	3,116,902	2,654,412	150,462	2,804,874
Profit for the year Other comprehensive income for the year	-	928,886	-	928,886	8,788	937,674
Total comprehensive (loss) / income for the year	-	928,886	-	928,886	8,788	937,674
Purchase of Treasury Shares	-	-	(67,233)	(67,233)	-	(67,233)
Balance at 31 August 2021 (Unreviewed)	2,591	463,805	3,049,669	3,516,065	159,250	3,675,315
Balance at 1 March 2022 (Unaudited)	2,591	1,229,712	5,902,755	7,135,058	400,432	7,535,490
Profit for the period Other comprehensive	-	729,657	-	729,657	93,747	823,404
income Total comprehensive income	<u>-</u>	729 657	14,700,933 14,700,933	14,700,933 15,430,590	16,309 <b>110,056</b>	14,717,242 15,540,646
income		723,037	17,700,933	13,430,390	110,030	13,340,040
Acquisition of subsidiaries	-	55,333	89,651	144,984	-	144,984
Transfer out of reserves	-	(1,252)	(2,778)	(4,030)	-	(4,030)
Balance at 31 August 2022 (Unreviewed)	2,591	2,013,450	20,690,561	22,706,602	510,488	23,217,090

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### **Abridged Consolidated Segment Information**

For the half year ended 31 August 2022

	Mobile	Digital		Other		
	Money	Bank	InsurTech	Segments	Eliminations	Total
	ZW\$'000	ZW\$'000	ZW\$'000	ZW\$'000	ZW\$ '000	ZW\$'000
Half year ended 31 August 2022 (Reviewed)						
Revenue Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	20,420,916 (1,729,412)	17,316,883 (639,422)	6,825,716 (173,194)	2,643,829 (551,575)	,,,,,	45,356,168 (3,093,764)
Segment profit	(4,863,603)	5,781,207	(4,881,500)	5,362,362	, ,	(491,280)
Segment assets	38,146,552	72,079,419	12,388,177	57,310,345	(62,438,204)	117,486,289
Segment liabilities	22,483,027	40,767,464	7,494,527	23,938,851	(15,892,086)	78,791,783
Half year ended 31 August 2021 (Reviewed)						
Revenue Depreciation, amortisation	24,242,784	11,114,338	6,397,733	2,254,229	, , ,	42,529,695
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Segment assets	49,156,071	97,276,476	13,100,129	51,717,455	(65,616,198)	145,633,933
Segment liabilities	32,398,993	83,633,774	9,243,805	17,236,976	(22,627,395)	119,886,153
Year ended 28 February 2022 (Audited)						
Segment assets	43,674,770	78,795,032	17,715,715	55,092,776	(64,442,053)	130,836,240
Segment liabilities	24,255,885	54,605,612	7,668,558	28,375,974	(15,879,663)	99,026,366
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment Segment profit Segment assets Segment liabilities  Year ended 28 February 2022 (Audited) Segment assets	(1,340,482) 4,916,692 49,156,071 32,398,993	(681,611) 1,366,479 97,276,476 83,633,774 78,795,032	(460,552) (4,575,250) 13,100,129 9,243,805	(511,423) (535,216) 51,717,455 17,236,976 55,092,776	(3,722,863) (65,616,198) (22,627,395) (64,442,053)	(2,994,06 (2,550,19 145,633,9 119,886,1



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### **Abridged Consolidated Segment Information (continued)**

For the half year ended 31 August 2022

			HISTORIC	AL COST*		
	Mobile Money	Digital Bank	InsurTech	Other Segments	Eliminations	Total
	ZW\$'000	ZW\$'000	ZW\$'000	ZW\$'000		ZW\$'000
Half year ended 31 August 2022 (Unreviewed)						
Revenue	13,429,997	7,947,776	4,925,592	1,728,259	(815,559)	27,216,065
Depreciation, amortisation						
and impairment	(632,846)	(364,103)	(62,914)	(61,621)	-	(1,121,484)
Segment profit/ (loss)	417,535	12,728,067	477,116	(10,051,280)	(2,748,035)	823,404
Segment assets	33,317,997	63,728,595	11,178,546	9,983,286	(18,555,701)	99,652,723
Segment liabilities	21,534,015	39,326,786	7,036,020	24,430,896	(15,892,084)	76,435,633
Half year ended 31 August 2021 (Unreviewed)						
Revenue	5,821,615	2,765,408	1,536,761	547,690	(363,623)	10,307,85
Depreciation, amortisation						
and impairment	(295,007)	(150,670)	(89,332)	(48,019)	-	(583,028)
Segment profit	1,204,230	263,561	202,257	(572,950)	(159,425)	937,673
Segment assets	11,627,551	23,906,188	3,250,152	2,130,000	(7,120,463)	33,793,428
Segment liabilities	8,291,987	21,674,817	1,733,561	4,350,256	(5,932,508)	30,118,113
Year ended 28 February 2022 (Unaudited)						
Segment assets	15,070,757	26,118,059	3,304,128	6,974,117	(8,909,510)	42,557,55
Segment liabilities	8,551,725	19,184,442	2,390,109	10,690,015	(5,794,230)	35,022,061

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#### Notes to the abridged consolidated financial statements

For the half year ended 31 August 2022

#### . GENERAL INFORMATION

#### Corporate information

EcoCash Holdings Zimbabwe Limited ("EHZL" or "the Company") and its subsidiaries were demerged from Econet Wireless Zimbabwe Limited ("EWZL"), effective 1 November 2018.

These interim consolidated financial statements comprise the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively "the Group" and individually the "Group companies"). The Group's subsidiaries and main activities are as follows:

- EcoCash (Private) Limited (mobile money transfer and payments services);
- Steward Bank Limited (digital commercial bank);
- Econet Life (Private) Limited (mobile based funeral and life assurance);
- Econet Insurance (Private) Limited (short-term insurance);
- Econet Services (Private) Limited (on-demand services, e-commerce, farming technology and digital education services);
- Maisha Health Fund (Private) Limited (medical aid services provider); and
- MARS (Private) Limited (medical air and road rescue service provider);

EHZL and its subsidiaries are incorporated in Zimbabwe. EHZL's registered office is 1906 Liberation Legacy Way (formerly Borrowdale Road), Harare. The ultimate holding company for the Group is Econet Global Limited, which is registered in Mauritius.

These interim consolidated financial statements are presented in Zimbabwe Dollars ("ZW\$"), which is the functional and presentation currency of the primary economic environment in which the Group's entities operate.

The historical cost results have been presented as supplementary information, in line with the Public Accountants and Auditors Board ("PAAB") recommendation set out in Pronouncement 01/2019. The inflation adjusted results represent the primary financial information required by IAS 29 and these have been reviewed by the auditors.

### 2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The Group prepares consolidated financial statements with the aim to fully comply with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs"), which comprise standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and interpretations developed and issued by the International Financial Reporting Standards Interpretations Committee ("IFRS IC"). Compliance with IFRSs is intended to achieve consistency and comparability of financial statements.

Given the impact of non-compliances with IFRS13, 'Fair value measurement' and IAS1, 'Presentation of financial statements' only partial compliance has been achieved for the 6 months ended 31 August 2022. Consequently, the Directors advise users of these half year abridged consolidated financial statements to exercise caution

The principal accounting policies of the Group have been applied consistently in all material respects with those of the previous period, unless otherwise stated and except for the adoption of new standards and amendments that became effective for the year 6 months ended 31 August 2022.

These interim consolidated financial statements do not include all of the information and disclosures required to fully comply with IFRSs and should be read in conjunction with the Group's complete consolidated financial statements for the year ended 28 February 2022, which are available for inspection at the Company's registered office.

### 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### 3.1 Basis of preparation and consolidation

The underlying interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared, to the extent legally possible, in accordance with IFRSs applicable to interim financial reporting and the disclosure requirements of the Securities and Exchange (Zimbabwe Stock Exchange Listings Requirements) Rules 2019, the Companies and Other Business Entities Act (Chapter 24:31), the Banking Act (Chapter 24:20), the Insurance Act (Chapter 24:07), the Medical Services Act (Chapter 15:13), and related regulations. They are based on accounting policies which have been consistently applied and modified where necessary by the impact of new and revised IFRSs, unless otherwise stated. The condensed consolidated financial statements comprise the financial results of the Company and its subsidiaries as at 31 August 2022.

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#### 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 3.2 Application of IAS 29 - Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies

In the current year, because it is still reporting in the currency of a hyperinflationary environment, the Group has applied the requirements of IAS 29 and is presenting inflation adjusted consolidated financial statements as its primary financial statements.

The PAAB issued Pronouncement 01/2019 in October 2019 prescribing application of inflation accounting for reporting periods ended on or after 1 July 2019. Historical cost financial results have been presented as supplementary information, and as a result the auditors have not reviewed the historical cost information.

The conversion factors used to restate the underlying historical cost numbers for the consolidated financial statements for the 6 months period ended 31 August 2022 are as follows;

	CPI Index	Conversion Factor
31 August 2022	12,286.26	1.0000
28 February 2022	4,483.06	2.7406
31 August 2021	3,191.19	3.8501

Non-monetary assets and liabilities carried at historical cost have been restated to reflect the change in the general price index from 1 October 2018 to the end of the reporting period. Monetary assets and liabilities, and non-monetary assets and liabilities carried at revalued amounts have not been restated as they are presented at the measuring unit current at the end of the reporting period. Items recognised in the statement of profit or loss have been restated by applying the change in the general price index from the dates when the transactions were initially earned or incurred. A net monetary adjustment was recognised in the statement of profit or loss. All items in the statement of cash flows are expressed in terms of the general price index at the end of the reporting period.

#### 4. INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW CONCLUSION

The interim consolidated financial statements have been reviewed by BDO Zimbabwe Chartered Accountants in accordance with International Standards on Review Engagements ("ISRE") 2410 "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity". A qualified review conclusion has been issued thereon, with respect to the following matters:

- Non-compliance with IFRS 13 (Fair value measurement) impacting valuation of property and equipment, investment property and unquoted shares;
- Non-compliance with IAS 1 (Presentation of Financial Statements) impacting separate disclosure of exchange gains and losses.

The auditor's review conclusion is available for inspection at the Ecocash Holdings Zimbabwe Limited's registered offices. The engagement partner responsible for the review was Mr Gilbert Gwatiringa PAAB Practice Certificate number 0475.

# 5. INTERPRETATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PREPARED UNDER HYPERINFLATIONARY

In as much as all reasonable care and attention has been taken by the Directors to present information that is meaningful and relevant to the users of the financial statements, it is not always possible to present this information in a way that is not contradictory to International Financial Reporting Standards when reporting is impacted by multiple factors in the environment, including but not limited to the legislative framework and economic variables affecting companies operating in Zimbabwe. This has resulted in certain qualifications to these interim consolidated financial statements. Economic variables changed at an extremely fast pace during the period under consideration. These circumstances require care and attention by users of financial statements in their interpretation of financial information presented under such conditions.

## 6 OTHER INFORMATION

		INFLATION		HISTORICAL COST*	
		Reviewed	Reviewed	Unreviewed	Unreviewed
		31 August	31 August	31 August	31 August
		2022	2021	2022	2021
		ZW\$ '000	ZW\$ '000	ZW\$ '000	ZW\$ '000
6.1	Revenue				
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	Revenue	47,207,344	44,009,084	28,031,624	10,671,474
	Inter-segment revenue	(1,851,176)	(1,479,389)	(815,559)	(363,623)
	Revenue from external customers	45,356,168	42,529,695	27,216,065	10,307,851
6.2	Earnings per share				
	go per entire				
	Weighted number of ordinary shares for the				
	purposes of calculating basic, diluted and				
	headline earnings per share ('000s)	2,590,577	2,590,577	2,590,577	2,590,577
	Basic and diluted earnings per share (ZW\$				
	cents)	0.60	(79.49)	28.17	35.86
	Headline earnings per share (ZW\$ cents)	(8.28)	(73.63)	15.85	35.91
	Reconciliation of profit / (loss) used to				
	calculate headline profit / (loss) per share: Profit / (loss) for the period attributable to				
	ordinary shareholders of the parent	15,431	(2,059,360)	729,657	928,885
	Adjustment for capital items, net of tax:	10, 101	(2,000,000)	723,007	320,000
	(Loss)/ profit on disposal of property and				
	equipment	(234,478)	151,776	(323,559)	1,336
	Write off of property and equipment	4,594		4,594	
	Headline (loss) / earnings attributable to				
	ordinary shareholders of the parent	(214,453)	(1,907,584)	410,692	930,221

\*The historical cost financial results have been presented as supplementary information, in line with the PAAB's recommendation set out in Pronouncement 01/2019.



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# FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial instruments in the condensed consolidated statement of financial position include equity investments that are measured at fair value.

### Fair value hierarchy

The Group is guided by the following hierarchy as fair value measurement criteria for assets measured using the fair value model. The hierarchy levels 1 to 3 are based on the degree to which the fair value is observable:

- Level 1: quoted (unadjusted) prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2: other techniques for which all inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value are observable, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3: techniques which use inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value that are not based on observable market data.

		INFLATION	ADJUSTED	
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
	ZW\$ '000	ZW\$ '000	ZW\$ '000	ZW\$ '000
At 31 August 2022				
Investment in Financial Assets	6,361,435	5,795,679	-	565,756
	6,361,435	5,795,679	_	565,756
At 28 February 2022				
Investment in Financial Assets	16,742,045	16,287,445	-	454,600
	16,742,045	16,287,445	-	454,600
		HISTORIC	AL COST*	
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
	ZW\$ '000	ZW\$ '000	ZW\$ '000	ZW\$ '000
At 31 August 2022				
Investment in Financial Assets	6,361,435	5,795,679	-	565,756
	6,361,435	5,795,679		565,756
At 28 February 2022				
Investment in Financial Assets	6,108,898	5,943,022	-	165,876
	6,108,898	5,943,022	_	165,876

<sup>\*</sup>The historical cost financial results have been presented as supplementary information, in line with the PAAB's recommendation set out in Pronouncement 01/2019.

### 8. MOBILE MONEY TRUST BALANCES

"Mobile money trust bank balances - restricted balances" and "Mobile money trust liabilities" represent restricted and reserved cash balances held in trust for the EcoCash customers.

### Notes to the abridged consolidated financial statements (continued)

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### 9. GOING CONCERN

The Board regularly considers and records the facts and assumptions on which it relies to conclude that EcoCash Holdings will continue in operational existence into the foreseeable future at each reporting date.

Macroeconomic uncertainties characterised by hyperinflation, rapid changes in policies and challenges in accessing foreign currency have resulted in a challenging operating environment for the Group. The Group will continue to adopt mitigatory measures, within the bounds of the country's laws, to minimise the adverse impacts of the challenging operating environment.

The Directors have assessed the ability of the Group to continue operating as a going concern subsequent to the date of authorisation of the half year interim consolidated financial statements. The Directors believe that the preparation of these financial statements on a going concern basis remains

## 10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES

### Balances

	INFLATION ADJUSTED		HISTORIC	AL COST*	
	Reviewed	Audited	Unreviewed	Unaudited	
	31 August	28 February	31 August	28 February	
	2022	2022	2022	2022	
	ZW\$ '000	ZW\$ '000	ZW\$ '000	ZW\$ '000	
Amounts owed to related party companies comprise of the following:					
Long-term payables	14,897,640	9,003,381	14,897,640	3,285,186	
Inter-company trade payables	634,726	2,637,975	634,726	962,554	
	15,532,366	11,641,356	15,532,366	4,247,740	

<sup>\*</sup>The historical cost financial results have been presented as supplementary information, in line with the PAAB's recommendation set out in Pronouncement 01/2019.

### 11. EVENTS AFTER REPORTING DATE

There were no significant events subsequent to the period end requiring adjustment or disclosure.



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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF ECOCASH HOLDINGS ZIMBABWE LIMITED

REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Introduction

We have reviewed the interim consolidated financial statements of EcoCash Holdings Zimbabwe Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (together the "Group"), contained in the accompanying report which comprise the interim consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 August 2022, the interim consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the interim consolidated statement of changes in equity and the interim consolidated statement of cash flows for the six months then ended, and the explanatory information to the interim consolidated financial statements (together, "the interim financial information"). The Directors are responsible for the preparation and presentation of this interim financial information in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and Securities and Exchange (Zimbabwe Stock Exchange Listings Requirements) Rules 2019 requirements.

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on this interim financial information 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 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.

**Basis for Qualified Conclusion** 

- (i) Non-compliance with IFRS 13: "Fair value measurement"
- (a) Valuation of property & equipment and investment property

At the reporting date, the carrying amount of the Group's property & equipment and investment property was ZWL26 246 993 635 (February 2022: ZWL 26 524 647 705) and ZWL12 831 372 137 (February 2022: ZWL 5 176 327 434) respectively. In prior and current periods, the Group engaged an external valuer who valued property & equipment and investment property in USD and converted values to ZWL using the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) auction exchange rates.

The use of the RBZ auction exchange rates might not give a reasonable indication of fair value as defined by International Financial Reporting Standard 13, "Fair Value Measurement", ("IFRS 13"). IFRS 13 paragraph 2 defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (exit price). In the current environment, it is not likely that the ZWL price derived from translating the USD value at the RBZ auction exchange rates would be the price at which a ZWL denominated transaction would occur.

Consequently, we were unable to determine whether adjustments to the carrying amounts of property and equipment, investment property, revaluation surplus, fair value gains and related deferred tax balances and movements were appropriate in these circumstances. However, the misstatements are likely to be material to the interim financial information.

#### (b) Valuation of unquoted investments

The Group had unquoted investments measured at fair value through profit or loss with a carrying amount of ZWL565 418 627 (February 2022: ZWL586 488 400) at the reporting date. The fair values were determined in USD and translated to ZWL using internally determined exchange rates. The use of the internally determined exchange rates results in inconsistencies as all other foreign denominated transactions and balances were converted using the RBZ auction exchange rates.

We were also unable to obtain adequate and appropriate audit evidence that the ZWL equivalent after translating from USD using the internally generated exchange rates represents fair value as defined in IFRS 13. Consequently, we could not quantify the extent of the resultant misstatements in fair value gains, unquoted investments and the related deferred tax movements and closing deferred tax balances. However, the misstatements are likely to be material to the interim financial information.

#### (ii) Non-compliance with IAS 1: Presentation of financial statements

The interim consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income and related notes include net exchange gains of ZWL10,031,870,000 (August 2021: exchange loss of ZWL283,392,000) which are presented on a net basis. Presentation of this account on a net basis is a non-compliance with IAS 1 which requires exchange gains and losses to be disaggregated and disclosed separately, when material. The net exchange gains and losses are material and hence should not have been presented on a net basis.

#### **Qualified Conclusion**

Based on our review, with the exception of the matters described in paragraphs (i) and (ii) above, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying interim consolidated financial information does not give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group as at 31 August 2022, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the six month then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the Securities and Exchange (Zimbabwe Stock Exchange Listings Requirements) Rules 2019 requirements.

The engagement partner on the review resulting in this review conclusion is Gilbert Gwatiringa.

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Gilbert Gwatiringa CA(Z) Partner PAAB No. 0475 Registered Public Auditor

10 November 2022