# MEIKLES

#### SHORT-FORM INTERIM FINANCIAL RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

#### Issued in terms of Practice Note 13 of the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange

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A copy of the full announcement is available on the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange website www.zse.co.zw and the Company website link https://meiklesltd.com/press-statments.html. The full announcement is also available on request, at no charge, via email on investorrelations@meikles.com and RMutakwa@zb.co.zw.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	INFLATION ADJ	USTED	HISTORICAL COST*		
	6 MONTHS ENDED 31 AUG 2023 REVIEWED ZWL 000	% change Aug 2023 vs Aug 2022#	6 MONTHS ENDED 31 AUG 2023 UNAUDITED ZWL 000	% change Aug 2023 vs Aug 2022#	
Revenue	869,840,209	135%	625,921,177	721%	
Profit before tax	30,828,792	53%	36,267,373	245%	
Profit for the period	9,569,969	22%	23,574,732	200%	
Basic and diluted earnings per share (ZWL cents)	1,464.43	17%	3,977.86	133%	

	INFLATION ADJ	USTED	HISTORICAL COST*		
	PERIOD ENDED		PERIOD ENDED		
	31 AUG 2023 REVIEWED	% change Aug 2023 vs	31 AUG 2023 UNAUDITED	% change Aug 2023 vs	
	ZWL 000	Feb 2023 VS	ZWL 000	Feb 2023	
Total assets	470,074,831	77%	370,903,632	375%	
Total equity	238,700,431	67%	159,443,844	270%	
Total liabilities	231,374,400	88%	211,459,788	503%	

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#Due to the change in financial year-end in the prior year, the comparative financial results are for the five months period ended 31 August 2022, which is the comparative period of the preceding financial year.

#### Auditor's Statement

The Group's interim condensed inflation adjusted consolidated financial information from which this short-form financial announcement has been extracted, have been reviewed by the Group's external auditors, Ernst & Young Chartered Accountants (Zimbabwe). An unmodified review conclusion has been issued. The auditor's review conclusion on the Group's interim condensed inflation adjusted consolidated financial information is available for inspection at the Group's registered office. The Engagement Partner for this review is Mr. Fungai Kuipa (PAAB Practicing Certificate Number 335).

#### **Dividend Declaration**

The Board has declared an interim dividend of 0.6 US\$ cents per share to be paid on 14 December 2023. The full dividend notice was published on 14 November 2023.

John Moxon

J.R.T. Moxon Chairman 17 November 2023

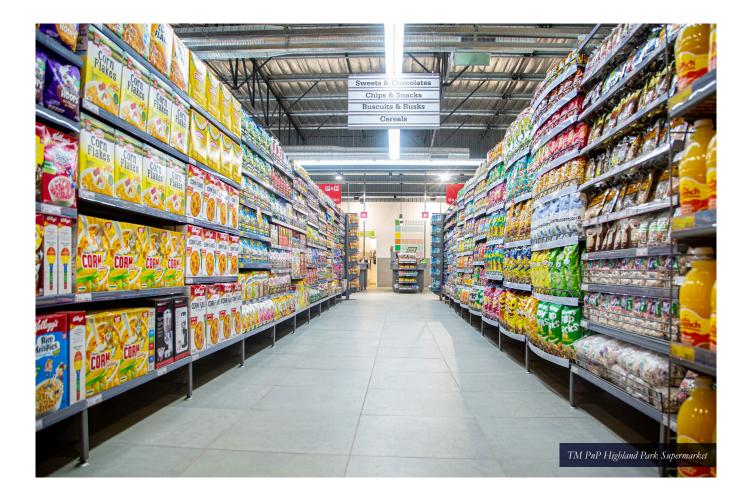




INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	INFLATION ADJUSTED			HIST	ORICAL COST	
			Like-for-like			Like-for-like
	ZWL Million	Change	% Change*	ZWL Million	Change	% Change*
Revenue	869,840	135%	101%	625,921	721%	654%
Gross profit	216,337	195%	158%	217,677	765%	710%
Net operating costs	233,344	193%	147%	164,408	947%	872%
Profit before tax	30,829	53%	17%	36,267	245%	220%
Profit for the period	9,570	22%	(30%)	23,575	200%	180%
Basic earnings per share cents	1,464.43	17%	(15%)	3,977.86	133%	124%

\*Like-for-like change is a comparison of financial results for six months to 31 August 2023 to six months ended 31 August 2022. The Company changed its financial year-end from March to February in prior year. Consequently, the preceding financial year had eleven months, 1 April 2022 to 28 February 2023. The comparative financial results presented in these interim condensed consolidated financial results are for the five months period, 1 April 2022 to 31 August 2022.

## **CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT**

#### **OPERATING ENVIRONMENT**

The operating environment during the period under review was turbulent and characterised by rapid depreciation of the interbank exchange rate to a peak of ZWL 6,950 versus the US\$ in June 2023. The exchange rate appreciated in July and August leading to price deflation, albeit not to the same extent as the price increases witnessed in May and June. On a year-on year basis, the exchange rate rose by 743% as of the end of August 2023. In addition, the authorities restricted ZWL liquidity and maintained high lending interest rates during the period under review. The rapid changes in the exchange rate and prices coupled with limited ZWL liquidity as well as unfavourable interest rates led to depressed consumer demand, escalation in operating costs and challenges in the supply chain.

#### **GROUP FINANCIAL RESULTS**

Commentary on financial results is based on inflation adjusted figures, and in some instances, it is based on historical cost figures to enhance comprehension and analysis.

Group revenue grew to ZWL 869.8 billion representing a like-for-like increase of 101%. (In Historical cost terms, a like-for -like growth of 654%). The growth was primarily due to price adjustments at the supermarkets segment, which contributed 98% of the Group's revenue.

Gross profit margin was above last year by 5.44 percentage points on a like for like basis. In historical cost terms, gross profit margin increased to 34.78% from 32.40% in the same period last year.

Net operating costs increased by 147% (Historical cost: 872%) on a like for like basis. Overall, most prices in the economy were pegged in US\$ and converted to ZWL at the time of payment during the period under review. Resultantly, operating costs increases in ZWL were in the main due to the exchange rate depreciation.

Employee costs, which made up 55% of operating costs increased by 169% (Historical cost: 931%) on a like-for-like basis. In the current period, salaries and wages were fixed in US\$ at collective bargaining forums with an option to pay in ZWL at the interbank exchange rate ruling at the time of payment. Accordingly, employee costs increased in ZWL in line with the exchange rate depreciation. Occupancy costs (23% of operating costs) were 201% (Historical cost: 994%) above the same period last year. Electricity tariffs were increased by 200% in US\$ terms. The retail sector negotiated to pay the bills in ZWL and thus monthly the cost in ZWL escalated in line with the depreciating exchange rate. In prior year, electricity tariffs were pegged in ZWL, and the reviews were not as frequent.

Investment income increased to ZWL 1.3 billion from ZWL 63 million on a like-for-like basis and it was primarily interest received on the Group's offshore subsidiary funds on call. Interest rates on US\$ deposits on call averaged 5% during the period under review up from 1% in the comparative period.

Approximately 83% of finance costs were IFRS 16 related interest charges on lease liabilities, which increased by 91% due to inflation driven rent reviews.

Exchange losses of ZWL 15.6 billion (Historical cost: ZWL 17.0 billion) included ZWL 10.4 billion arising from the remeasurement at the spot exchange rate on 31 August 2023 of lease liability for seven leases with minimum rent denominated in US\$. In terms of IFRS 16, the lease rentals as well as the corresponding lease liability are denominated in US\$. The Group successfully renegotiated a change of the currency of the minimum rent of five out of the seven leases to ZWL from US\$ prior to the approval of these interim financial results. Negotiations on the remaining two leases were in progress and the Group expects a favourable outcome. Consequently, the exchange losses attributable to the five leases that have been modified will be reversed in the second half of the financial year.

Profit before tax ("PBT") for the period increased by 17% to ZWL 30.8 billion translating to a profit margin of 3.54%. In historical cost terms, PBT grew by 220% to ZWL 36.3 billion on a like-for-like basis (a profit margin of 5.79%).

The Group's effective tax rate in historical cost terms was 34.99% (last year 25.70%) compared to the statutory tax rate of 24.72%. The effective tax rate was negatively impacted by significant disallowed expenses mainly intermediated money transfer tax (IMIT) and cost of canteen meals.

Profit for the period of ZWL 9.6 billion decreased by 30% (Historical cost a growth of 180% to ZWL 23.6 billion). Profit growth was curtailed by ZWL 10.4 billion in exchange losses on the seven leases, most of which will be reversed in the second half of the financial year.

Other comprehensive income increased to ZWL 105.8 billion from ZWL 12.1 billion in the previous year due to the 743% year-on-year increase in the exchange rate applied to translate the financial results of the Group's foreign subsidiary to ZWL, the Group's presentation currency.

The Group maintained a strong financial position during the period under review despite the retreat of the current ratio to 1.44 times from 1.74 times at the end of the preceding financial year. Bank balances and receivables denominated in foreign currency stood at US\$ 22.8 million on 31 August 2023 against US\$ 9.7 million foreign currency denominated liabilities. In addition, the Group had no local bank borrowings.

## **CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT**

#### **REVIEW OF OPERATIONS**

#### TM Supermarkets trading as TM and PnP

Revenue for the period grew by 100% to ZWL 854.5 billion on a like-for-like basis. In historical cost terms, revenue grew by 647% to ZWL 613.3 billion. Units sold declined by 10% due to depressed consumer demand in June and July. On a positive note, we have witnessed a recovery in units sold after 31 August 2023. Units sold in September 2023 were 15% above the same month of last year.

Revenue received in foreign currency during the period under review was slightly below 20% of total revenue. The main impediment to the growth of foreign currency revenue was the controlled instore exchange rate on formal retail. The recent recommendation by Monetary Authorities to lift the cap on the instore exchange rate will augur well for the formal retail sector if implemented. Our online store, "Click and Collect" performed well during the period under review and work is in progress to add ZWL as a payment option on the platform.

In historical cost terms, gross profit margin was 34.8% up from 32.40%. Wastage and shrinkage results for the period under review were within our targets.

PBT for the period amounted to ZWL 31.2 billion, compared to ZWL 24.36 billion achieved in the previous period. In historical cost terms, PBT grew by 276% to ZWL 38.4 billion up from ZWL 10.2 billion in the previous period. PBT was adversely impacted by ZWL 10.4 billion exchange losses on seven leases, most of which will be reversed in the second half of the financial year.

The segment opened two new stores, Gwanda, and Robert Mugabe Harare during the period under review. The two new stores performed satisfactorily up to the end of the interim period. The segment leveraged its strong liquidity position and maintained reasonably stocked stores during a tumultuous period with constant changes in suppliers' trading terms.



#### **Hospitality**

Revenue at the hospitality segment grew by 48% in US\$ terms spurred by the eleven (11) percentage points increase in room occupancy coupled with a 9% increase in the average room rate. During the period under review, the segment earned and received 96% of its revenue in foreign currency. The segment continues to benefit from the recovery of international tourism as more and more countries lift travel restrictions.

Profit for the period grew to ZWL 4.3 billion from ZWL 3.4 million in the previous year. In historical cost terms, profit for the period grew by 259% to ZWL 5.1 billion up from ZWL 1.4 billion in the previous period.



## **CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT**

#### **REVIEW OF OPERATIONS (continued)**

#### Properties

The segment earned 70% of its revenue in foreign currency during the period under review up from 20% in prior year. There was notable progress achieved by the properties segment towards their refurbishment plans.

#### OUTLOOK

The Group will continue to leverage its strong liquidity position to adapt to the evolving economic environment during the second half of the financial year and beyond. The supermarket segment is stocking up for the festive season in anticipation of increased sales. The property segment will accelerate the refurbishment of the properties outside Harare.

#### DIVIDEND

The Board has declared an interim dividend of 0.6 US\$ cents per share to be paid on 14 December 2023. The full dividend notice was published on 14 November 2023.

#### APPRECIATION

I would like to extend my appreciation to our customers, suppliers, shareholders, and regulatory authorities for their continued support. I also extend my appreciation to my fellow Directors, and to management and staff for their dedication and commitment.

John Moxa

J.R.T. Moxon Chairman 17 November 2023



## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW CONCLUSION**



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## Report on the Review of the Interim Condensed Inflation Adjusted Consolidated Financial Information

## To the Shareholders of Meikles Limited

### Introduction

We have reviewed the accompanying interim condensed inflation adjusted consolidated financial information of Meikles Limited and its subsidiaries ("the Group"), as set out on pages 6 to 20, which comprise the interim condensed inflation adjusted consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 August 2023 and the related interim condensed inflation adjusted consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the interim condensed inflation adjusted consolidated statement of changes in equity and the interim condensed inflation adjusted consolidated statement of cash flows for the six-month period then ended and explanatory notes.

Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of this interim condensed inflation adjusted consolidated financial information in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). Our responsibility is to express a review conclusion on this interim condense inflation adjusted consolidated financial information based on our review.

## Scope of review

We conducted our review in accordance with 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.

## Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying interim condensed inflation adjusted consolidated financial information, do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the group as at 31 August 2023, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the six-month period then ended in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

The engagement partner on the review audit resulting in this review conclusion report on the interim condensed inflation adjusted consolidated financial information is Mr Fungai Kuipa (PAAB Practicing Certificate Number 335).

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Ernst & Young Chartered Accountants (Zimbabwe) Registered Public Auditors Harare

# $6\mid$ meikles limited interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 31 august 2023

#### INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

		INFLATION	ADJUSTED	HISTORICAL COST*		
		Reviewed	Unaudited <sup>#</sup>	Unaudited	Unaudited#	
		6 months	5 months	6 months	Months	
	Notes	31 Aug 2023 ZWL 000	31 Aug 2022 ZWL 000	31 Aug 2023 ZWL 000	31 Aug 2022 ZWL 000	
Revenue	4.1	869,840,209	369,519,903	625,921,177	76,236,000	
Cost of sales		(653,502,734)	(296,183,316)	(408,243,852)	(51,112,724)	
Net operating costs	5	(233,343,826)	(79,615,040)	(164,008,170)	(15,671,983)	
Operating (loss) / profit	4.1	(17,006,351)	(6,278,453)	E2 ((0 1EE	0 451 202	
				53,669,155	9,451,293	
Investment income	6.1	1,281,174	61,117	1,261,229	16,532	
Finance costs	6.2	(2,134,612)	(1,054,190)	(1,711,505)	(157,248)	
Net exchange (losses) / gains		(15,625,222)	7,002,464	(16,951,506)	1,207,412	
Net monetary gain		64,313,803	20,480,767	-	-	
Profit before tax		30,828,792	20,211,705	36,267,373	10,517,989	
Income tax expense	7.1	(21,258,823)	(12,342,998)	(12,692,641)	(2,655,565)	
Profit for the period		9,569,969	7,868,707	23,574,732	7,862,424	
Other comprehensive income, net of tax						
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:						
Exchange rate adjustments on translation of foreign operations		105,808,288	12,052,051	105,808,288	12,052,051	
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax		105,808,288	12,052,051	105,808,288	12,052,051	
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD		115,378,257	19,920,758	129,383,020	19,914,475	
Profit for the period attributable to:						
Owners of the parent		3,823,112	3,272,569	10,384,778	4,452,944	
Non-controlling interests		5,746,857	4,596,138	13,189,954	3,409,480	
		9,569,969	7,868,707	23,574,732	7,862,424	
Total comprehensive income is attributable to:						
Owners of the parent		109,631,400	15,324,620	116,193,066	16,504,995	
Non-controlling interests		5,746,857	4,596,138	13,189,954	3,409,480	
		115,378,257	19,920,758	129,383,020	19,914,475	
Earnings per share (cents)						
Basic and diluted earnings per share		1,464.43	1,253.55	3,977.86	1,705.69	

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<sup>#</sup>Due to the change in financial year-end in the prior year, the comparative financial results are for the five months period ended 31 August 2022, which is the comparative period of the preceding financial year. See further details on note 2.4.

# INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

		INFLATION	ADJUSTED	HISTORICA	
		Reviewed	Audited	Unaudited	Unaudited
	<b>N</b> T	31 Aug 2023	28 Feb 2023	31 Aug 2023	28 Feb 2023
ASSETS	Notes	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000
Non-current assets	9	83,964,924	80,946,155	20,250,079	0 017 202
Property, plant and equipment Investment property	9	1		1,308,486	8,817,283 447,333
Right of use assets	10	5,148,353 55,337,731	4,074,625 39,879,821	17,907,716	2,239,903
Other financial assets	10	48,917,753	9,928,652	48,917,753	9,558,621
Deferred tax	7.2	52,147	45,919	6,632,056	2,844,441
Total non-current assets	1.4	193,420,908	134,875,172	95,016,090	23,907,581
Iotal non-current assets		195,420,908	134,875,172	95,010,090	23,907,581
Current assets					
Inventories	12	136,486,829	69,469,856	136,482,315	22,504,128
Trade and other receivables	13	24,412,467	20,179,346	23,650,600	6,568,825
Other financial assets	11	64,954	181,054	64,954	58,778
Cash and bank balances	14	115,689,673	41,175,546	115,689,673	25,084,853
Total current assets		276,653,923	131,005,802	275,887,542	54,216,584
Total assets		470,074,831	265,880,974	370,903,632	78,124,165
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES					
Capital and reserves					
Share capital		1,729,445	1,729,445	2,611	2,611
Share premium		2,158,125	2,158,125	3,925	3,925
Other reserves		120,470,168	14,661,880	132,368,542	26,560,254
Retained earnings		57,455,993	67,495,893	8,034,002	8,556,174
Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent		181,813,731	86,045,343	140,409,080	35,122,964
Non-controlling interests		56,886,700	56,713,448		
0				19,034,764	7,942,309
Total equity		238,700,431	142,758,791	159,443,844	43,065,273
Non-current liabilities					
Deferred tax	7.2	19,914,733	15,129,939	121	121
Lease liabilities	15	20,403,257	11,818,783	20,403,257	3,836,869
Total non-current liabilities		40,317,990	26,948,722	20,403,378	3,836,990
Current liabilities					
Trade and other payables	16	175,902,381	91,075,968	175,902,381	29,567,044
Borrowings		4,937,428	2,711,496	4,937,428	880,264
Lease liabilities	15	10,216,601	2,385,997	10,216,601	774,594
Total current liabilities		191,056,410	96,173,461	191,056,410	31,221,902
Total liabilities		231,374,400	123,122,183	211,459,788	35,058,892
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Total equity and liabilities		470,074,831	265,880,974	370,903,632	78,124,165

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John Moxa

J.R.T. Moxon Chairman 17 November 2023

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# INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	INFLATION ADJUSTED							
	Share capital ZWL 000	Share premium ZWL 000	Other reserves ZWL 000	Retained earnings ZWL 000	Attributable to owners of parent ZWL 000	Non- controlling interests ZWL 000	Total ZWL 000	
2023 – Reviewed	242000	2112000	242000	2112000	2112000	242000		
Balance at 1 March 2023	1,729,445	2,158,125	14,661,880	67,495,893	86,045,343	56,713,448	142,758,791	
Profit for the period	-		-	3,823,112	3,823,112	5,746,857	9,569,969	
Other comprehensive income for the period	-	-	105,808,288	-	105,808,288	-	105,808,288	
Dividend paid - ordinary shareholders	-	-	-	(13,863,012)	(13,863,012)	-	(13,863,012)	
Dividend paid - non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	(5,573,605)	(5,573,605)	
Balance at 31 August 2023	1,729,445	2,158,125	120,470,168	57,455,993	181,813,731	56,886,700	238,700,431	
2022 – Unaudited#								
Balance at 1 April 2022	1,729,445	2,158,125	(7,697,334)	71,041,970	67,232,206	50,367,415	117,599,621	
Profit for the period	-	-	-	3,272,569	3,272,569	4,596,138	7,868,707	
Other comprehensive income for the period	-	-	12,052,051	-	12,052,051	-	12,052,051	
Dividend paid - ordinary shareholders	-	-	-	(3,812,579)	(3,812,579)	-	(3,812,579)	
Dividend paid - non-controlling interests		-		-	-	(356,499)	(356,499)	
Balance at 31 August 2022	1,729,445	2,158,125	4,354,717	70,501,960	78,744,247	54,607,054	133,351,301	

	HISTORICAL COST*								
	Share capital ZWL 000	Share premium ZWL 000	Other reserves ZWL 000	Retained earnings ZWL 000	Attributable to owners of parent ZWL 000	Non- controlling interests ZWL 000	Total ZWL 000		
2023 – Unaudited									
Balance at 1 March 2023	2,611	3,925	26,560,254	8,556,174	35,122,964	7,942,309	43,065,273		
Profit for the period	-	-	-	10,384,778	10,384,778	13,189,954	23,574,732		
Other comprehensive income for the period	-	-	105,808,288	-	105,808,288	-	105,808,288		
Dividend paid - ordinary shareholders	-	-	-	(10,906,950)	(10,906,950)	-	(10,906,950)		
Dividend paid - non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	(2,097,499)	(2,097,499)		
Balance at 31 August 2023	2,611	3,925	132,368,542	8,034,002	140,409,080	19,034,764	159,443,844		
2022 – Unaudited#									
Balance at 1 April 2022	2,611	3,925	4,201,040	3,468,750	7,676,326	2,032,541	9,708,867		
Profit for the period	-	-	-	4,452,944	4,452,944	3,409,480	7,862,424		
Other comprehensive income for the period	-	-	12,052,051	-	12,052,051	-	12,052,051		
Dividend paid – ordinary shareholders	-	-	-	(719,876)	(719,876)	-	(719,876)		
Dividend paid - non-controlling interests		-	-	-	-	(106,762)	(106,762)		
Balance at 31 August 2022	2,611	3,925	16,253,091	7,201,818	23,461,445	5,335,259	28,796,704		

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# INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

		INFLATION	N ADJUSTED	HISTORICAL COS	
		Reviewed	Unaudited <sup>#</sup>	Unaudited	Unaudited <sup>#</sup>
		6 months 31 Aug 2023	5 months 31 Aug 2022	6 months 31 Aug 2023	5 months 31 Aug 2022
	Notes	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000
Net cash (used in) / generated from operating activities	8.1	(1,016,721)	(13,293,674)	54,207,968	3,416,366
Cash flows from investing activities					
Payment for property, plant and equipment and investment property		(21,167,437)	(10,249,660)	(13,284,402)	(2,500,306)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment and investment property		321,152	46,826	161,572	10,762
Net movement in service assets		(442)	625	1,317	117
Net movement in other investments		(1,588,609)	(230,179)	(528,741)	(63,497)
Investment income		1,281,174	61,117	1,261,229	16,532
Net cash used in investing activities		(21,154,162)	(10,371,271)	(12,389,025)	(2,536,392)
Cash flows from financing activities					
Finance costs		(4,599)	(220)	(3,968)	(79)
Lease payments		(3,569,897)	(656,944)	(2,608,705)	(189,204)
Dividend paid - ordinary shareholders		(13,723,957)	(3,692,558)	(10,767,898)	(685,309)
Dividend paid - non-controlling interests		(5,573,605)	(356,499)	(2,097,499)	(106,762)
Net cash used in financing activities		(22,872,058)	(4,706,221)	(15,478,070)	(981,354)
Net (decrease) / increase in cash and bank balances		(45,042,941)	(28,371,166)	26,340,873	(101,380)
Cash and bank balances at the beginning of the period		41,175,546	21,891,598	25,084,853	4,874,509
Translation of foreign entity		66,571,438	7,785,431	66,571,438	7,785,431
Net effect of exchange rate changes on cash and bank balances		3,632,003	9,361,667	(2,307,491)	1,928,389
Effects of inflation adjustments		49,353,627	13,681,500	-	-
Cash and bank balances at the end of the period		115,689,673	24,349,030	115,689,673	14,486,949

\*Historical cost financial statements are provided only as supplementary information. The primary financial statements are the inflation adjusted financial statements. The auditor's review conclusion relates only to the inflation adjusted financial statements.

#Due to the change in financial year-end in the prior year, the comparative financial results are for the five months period ended 31 August 2022, which is the comparative period of the preceding financial year. See further details on note 2.4.

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#### 1. Corporate information

Meikles Limited, (the Company), is a limited liability company incorporated in Zimbabwe and is listed on the Zimbabwe and London Stock Exchanges. The address of the Company's registered office and principal place of business is disclosed on page 21. The principal activity of the Company is investments holding and the principal activities of its operating subsidiaries are disclosed below:

Entity	Holding	Principal activity	Country of incorporation
Meikles Hospitality (Private) Limited	100%	Hotels	Zimbabwe
Cape Grace Investments Limited	100%	Investment Company	British Virgin Islands
Thomas Meikle Properties (Private) Limited	100%	Property owning	Zimbabwe
Meikles Guard Services (Private) Limited	100%	Security services	Zimbabwe
TM Supermarkets (Private) Limited	51%	Retail	Zimbabwe

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements of Meikles Limited and its subsidiaries were authorised for issue by the directors on 17 November 2023.

#### 2. Basis of preparation and Group accounting policies

#### 2.1 Basis of preparation

These interim condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared from statutory records that are maintained under the historical cost basis. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for assets. The historical costs have been adjusted for the effects of restatements arising from the application of International Accounting Standard ("IAS") 29 – "Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies". Refer to note 2.5 for further details.

These interim condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard ("IAS") 34 – "Interim Financial Reporting", the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange Listings Requirements and the Companies and Other Business Entities Act [Chapter 24:31]. These interim condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all the information and disclosures included in the annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual report for the 11 months ended 28 February 2023.

These interim condensed consolidated financial statements were prepared under the supervision of Thempson Muzvagwandoga CA (Z), the Group Finance Director, and registered public accountant PAAB Number 2724.

#### 2.2 Accounting policies

Accounting policies and methods of computation applied in the preparation of these interim condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with those used in the preparation of the Group's financial statements for the 11 months ended 28 February 2023. New applicable standards and improvements which became effective in the current period have been complied with and have had no material impact on these interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

#### 2.3 Presentation currency

These interim condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in Zimbabwe Dollars (ZWL) which is the presentation currency of the Group. All foreign currency denominated transactions and balances have been translated to the ZWL in accordance with IAS 21- "The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates" at the interbank rate prevailing on the transaction dates. Use of the interbank rate as spot rate is a management judgement and the Directors are satisfied that it is appropriate for use as a spot rate.

#### 2.4 Comparative information

In prior year, the Group changed its financial year-end from March to February to align with the year-end of its main subsidiary, TM Supermarkets (Private) Limited. Consequently, the preceding financial year ended 28 February 2023 had eleven months. In prior year, the Group presented interim financial statements for six months period to 30 September 2022. The comparative financial statements presented in these interim condensed consolidated financial statements are for the five months period ended 31 August 2022, which is the comparative period of the preceding financial year.

#### 2.5 Hyperinflation

Historical cost transactions and balances have been restated to reflect the general change of the purchasing power of the ZWL reporting currency due to hyperinflation prevailing in the country. Accordingly, the interim condensed consolidated inflation adjusted financial statements, as at 31 August 2023, represent the primary financial statements of the Group. The accompanying interim condensed consolidated historical cost financial statements are provided as supplementary information and as a result the auditors have not expressed a review conclusion on them. Various assumptions have been made, with the significant assumption being the use of the consumer price indices ("CPI").

IAS 29 encourages the use of the same index to achieve the comparability objective amongst the financial statements of different entities operating within the same hyperinflationary economy. The Group used the Consumer Price Index ("CPI") as published by the Zimbabwe National Statistical Agency ("Zimstat") from the inception of the application of IAS 29. However, Zimstat stopped publishing the ZWL CPI after 31 January 2023. Zimstat published a blended inflation rate as defined in Statutory Instrument ("SI") 27 of 2023 from February 2023 onwards. The blended CPI fails to meet the requirements of a general price index for the purposes of IAS 29.

In the absence of a reliable index, IAS 29 allows the use of an estimated index for the purposes of the restatement. The Group opted to estimate the index using the movement in the Total Consumption Poverty Line ("TCPL") index as published by Zimstat. This approach was chosen as the TCPL is a publicly available index. Moreover, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Zimbabwe has recommended the use of the TCPL index for the CPI estimation to achieve the comparability objective of financial statements in the country. Below are the indices and adjustment factors used up to 31 August 2023:

#### 2. Basis of preparation and Group accounting policies (continued)

#### 2.5 Hyperinflation (continued)

		Adjustment
	Indices	Factor
CPI as at 31 August 2023	42,659.97	1.00
CPI as at 28 February 2023	13,849.20	3.08
CPI as at 31 August 2022	12,286.26	3.47
Average CPI for the six months to:		
31 August 2023	30,023.21	1.42
31 August 2022	8,819.15	4.84

#### 3. Going concern

The Directors have adopted the going concern basis in preparing these interim condensed consolidated financial statements. The Directors made this assumption after assessing the impact of principal risks arising from an unstable economic environment to the Group's financial performance for the six months ended 31 August 2023. Management continues to monitor the changes in the operating environment and implement strategies to mitigate adverse impact to profitability and cash flow generation. Whilst the economic environment continues to evolve making planning difficult, the Group has cash reserves to enable it to meet its obligations as they fall due for a period of at least twelve months from the date of signing of these interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

#### 4. Segment information

#### 4.1 Segment financial performance

31 August 2023 - 6 months	INFLATION ADJUSTED							
	Supermarkets ZWL 000	Hotels ZWL 000	Corporate* ZWL 000	Eliminations ZWL 000	Group ZWL 000			
Sale of goods	854,457,663	3,002,990	-	-	857,460,653			
Sale of services	-	9,559,092	7,190,552	(4,370,088)	12,379,556			
Total revenue	854,457,663	12,562,082	7,190,552	(4,370,088)	869,840,209			
Operating (loss) / profit	(15,714,900)	3,743,581	370,840	(5,405,872)	(17,006,351)			
Investment income	38,164	23,692	1,219,318	-	1,281,174			
Finance costs	(1,770,406)	(2,274)	(372,606)	10,674	(2,134,612)			
Net exchange (losses) / gains	(11,693,166)	2,505,435	49,225,118	(55,662,609)	(15,625,222)			
Net monetary adjustment	60,377,531	(371,042)	(26,505,559)	30,812,873	64,313,803			
Income tax (expense) / credit	(20,223,143)	(1,577,542)	541,862	-	(21,258,823)			
Profit for the period	11,014,080	4,321,850	24,478,973	(30,244,934)	9,569,969			
31 August 2022 - 5 months								
Sale of goods	365,311,200	1,445,621	-	-	366,756,821			
Sale of services		1,903,418	2,237,373	(1,377,709)	2,763,082			
Total revenue	365,311,200	3,349,039	2,237,373	(1,377,709)	369,519,903			
Operating (loss) / profit	(4,072,169)	696,052	(2,715,777)	(186,559)	(6,278,453)			
Investment income	50,683	2,692	7,742	-	61,117			
Finance costs	(989,015)	152	(101,532)	36,205	(1,054,190)			
Net exchange (losses) / gains	(90,985)	5,750,135	1,343,314	-	7,002,464			
Net monetary adjustment	26,446,533	(3,561,102)	(1,958,926)	(445,738)	20,480,767			
Income tax expense	(12,267,869)	(65,397)	(9,732)	-	(12,342,998)			
Profit / (loss) for the period	9,077,178	2,822,532	(3,434,911)	(596,092)	7,868,707			

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#### 4. Segment information (continued)

#### 4.1 Segment financial performance (continued)

	HISTORICAL COST				
	Supermarkets	Hotels	Corporate*	Eliminations	Group
31 August 2023 - 6 months	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000
Sale of goods	613,345,935	2,471,257	-	-	615,817,192
Sale of services	-	7,911,789	5,720,759	(3,528,563)	10,103,985
Total revenue	613,345,935	10,383,046	5,720,759	(3,528,563)	625,921,177
Operating profit / (loss)	53,888,179	3,460,457	(1,832,370)	(1,847,111)	53,669,155
Investment income	22,955	21,051	1,217,223	-	1,261,229
Finance costs	(1,424,991)	(1,539)	(291,679)	6,704	(1,711,505)
Net exchange (losses) / gains	(14,123,307)	2,505,435	50,328,975	(55,662,609)	(16,951,506)
Income tax (expense) / credit	(11,956,389)	(883,839)	147,587	-	(12,692,641)
Profit for the period	26,406,447	5,101,565	49,569,736	(57,503,016)	23,574,732
31 August 2022 - 5 months					
Sale of goods	75,303,472	316,141	-	-	75,619,613
Sale of services	-	430,507	484,005	(298,125)	616,387
Total revenue	75,303,472	746,648	484,005	(298,125)	76,236,000
Operating profit / (loss)	9,805,752	176,092	(483,217)	(47,334)	9,451,293
Investment income	14,473	621	1,438	-	16,532
Finance costs	(142,518)	(1)	(21,576)	6,847	(157,248)
Net exchange (losses) / gains	(143,595)	1,154,551	196,456	-	1,207,412
Income tax expense	(2,637,057)	(15,959)	(2,549)		(2,655,565)

\*Corporate includes other operating segments not material enough to warrant separate disclosure.

#### 4.2 Segment assets and liabilities

Profit / (loss) for the period

	INFLATION ADJUSTED				
24 h 2022	Supermarkets	Hotels	Corporate*	Eliminations	Group
31 August 2023	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000
Segment assets	322,102,548	23,468,706	230,664,636	(106,161,059)	470,074,831
Segment liabilities	(213,535,821)	(7,574,059)	(71,646,956)	61,382,436	(231,374,400)
28 February 2023					
Segment assets	219,895,426	15,248,427	123,554,938	(92,817,817)	265,880,974
Segment liabilities	(111,544,470)	(3,675,631)	(56,130,834)	48,228,752	(123,122,183)
		HIST	ORICAL COST		
	Supermarkets	Hotels	Corporate*	Eliminations	Group
31 August 2023	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000
Segment assets	235,121,302	12,648,681	183,703,214	(60,569,565)	370,903,632

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28	February 2023	

Segment liabilities

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Segment assets	48,042,355	1,965,925	43,513,303	(15,397,418)	78,124,165	
Segment liabilities	(32,336,902)	(1,129,593)	(16,988,296)	15,395,899	(35,058,892)	

(196,815,402)

\*Corporate includes other operating segments not material enough to warrant separate disclosure.

The accounting policies of the reportable segments are the same as the Group's accounting policies.

		INFLATION ADJUSTED		HISTORICAL COST	
		31 August 2023	31 August 2022	31 August 2023	31 August 2022
5. Net operating costs	Notes	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000
Net operating costs are arrived at after (charging) / crediting the following:					
Other income	5.1	4,373,179	1,401,163	3,325,335	298,235
Employee costs	5.2	(126,986,183)	(41,607,196)	(98,255,716)	(8,895,045)
Occupancy costs	5.3	(51,292,143)	(14,812,465)	(37,806,186)	(3,178,322)
Other operating costs	5.4	(59,438,679)	(24,596,542)	(31,271,603)	(3,896,851)
		(233,343,826)	(79,615,040)	(164,008,170)	(15,671,983)
5.1 Other income					
Trading income					
Rental income		2,590,920	907,709	1,950,396	195,669
Hotels ancillary services		19,638	10,723	14,431	2,088
Commission income		221,940	68,745	82,045	10,574
		2,832,498	987,177	2,046,872	208,331
Non trading income					
Profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment		320,996	46,826	161,521	10,754
Sundry income*		1,219,685	367,160	1,116,942	79,150
		4,373,179	1,401,163	3,325,335	298,235

\*Due to the nature of the Group's diversified operations in multiple industries, sundry income includes several line items that are not significant enough to be reasonably disaggregated. Examples include waste recovery income, agency fees on flower sales, car park fines and sundry other agency fees.

	INFLATION	INFLATION ADJUSTED		AL COST
	31 August 2023 ZWL 000	0	0	31 August 2022 ZWL 000
5.2 Employee costs				
Wages and salaries	(104,576,588)	(34,508,529)	(80,892,461)	(7,405,361)
Social security costs	(8,180,853)	(2,811,599)	(6,356,557)	(599,509)
Retirement benefits - defined contribution plan	(14,117,999)	(4,177,251)	(10,970,485)	(865,738)
Directors' fees	(110,743)	(109,817)	(36,213)	(24,437)
	(126,986,183)	(41,607,196)	(98,255,716)	(8,895,045)
5.3 Occupancy costs Included in occupancy costs are the following:				
Lease rentals for property	(10,756,973)	(4,452,688)	(7,752,475)	(956,745)
Depreciation of right of use assets and property	(1,106,924)	(400,193)	(641,184)	(61,748)
Electricity and water	(21,305,416)	(4,193,034)	(15,129,156)	(904,072)
Cleaning and fumigation	(9,048,774)	(2,786,663)	(7,147,112)	(597,068)
Rates	(4,516,673)	(1,268,615)	(3,526,483)	(279,012)
Premises repairs and maintenance	(4,462,084)	(1,690,093)	(3,535,515)	(375,037)
Other	(95,299)	(21,179)	(74,261)	(4,640)
	(51,292,143)	(14,812,465)	(37,806,186)	(3,178,322)

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	INFLATION	ADJUSTED	HISTORIC	AL COST
5. Net operating costs (continued)	31 August 2023	31 August 2022	31 August 2023	31 August 2022
	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000
5.4 Other operating costs (continued)				
Included in other operating costs are the following:				
Depreciation of plant and equipment	(16,905,464)	(6,794,166)	(957,134)	(161,632)
2% IMT Tax	(10,390,975)	(6,117,057)	(6,755,457)	(1,274,186)
Repairs and maintenance - other assets	(7,170,437)	(2,757,121)	(5,304,624)	(591,820)
Transport, motor vehicle and communication costs	(2,867,879)	(845,190)	(2,046,218)	(179,098)
Bank charges	(2,697,091)	(1,111,383)	(1,864,097)	(232,454)
Marketing and advertising	(2,586,618)	(1,102,632)	(1,949,468)	(229,296)
Printing and stationery	(2,532,162)	(1,098,122)	(1,903,769)	(243,220)
Packaging and wrapping	(2,329,381)	(260,086)	(1,738,909)	(57,128)
Information and technology	(2,185,062)	(577,133)	(1,589,971)	(121,248)
Insurance	(1,371,038)	(360,576)	(972,252)	(74,187)
Auditors' remuneration and expenses	(1,263,400)	(480,515)	(869,228)	(94,521)
Legal and professional fees	(1,018,192)	(770,092)	(747,844)	(157,150)
Travel expenses	(781,793)	(274,748)	(525,179)	(56,291)
Security	(644,073)	(250,268)	(500,442)	(53,629)
Licenses	(592,395)	(128,074)	(423,522)	(25,137)
Guest supplies and entertainment	(572,651)	(57,730)	(455,056)	(13,786)
Secretarial and listing fees	(463,342)	(156,000)	(294,658)	(32,235)
Provision for expected credit losses	(201,759)	(89,816)	(306,118)	(25,867)
Donations	(60,451)	(10,548)	(46,530)	(2,577)
Other*	(2,804,516)	(1,355,285)	(2,021,127)	(271,389)
	(59,438,679)	(24,596,542)	(31,271,603)	(3,896,851)

\*Due to the nature of the Group's diversified operations in multiple industries, other expenses include several line items that are not material enough to be reasonably disaggregated.

	INFLATION	ADJUSTED	HISTORIC	CAL COST
	31 August 2023	31 August 2022	0	31 August 2022
6. Investment income / finance costs	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000
6.1 Investment income				
Interest on bank deposits	1,239,808	2,459	1,236,864	592
Interest on short term loans	870	7,085	442	1,314
Interest on staff loans	38,294	45,357	22,837	13,790
Interest on other	2,202	6,216	1,086	836
	1,281,174	61,117	1,261,229	16,532
6.2 Finance costs				
Comprising interest payable on:				
Lease liability	(1,782,043)	(952,438)	(1,434,225)	(135,593)
Overdrafts and short-term borrowings	(351,212)	(101,379)	(276,556)	(21,576)
Other finance costs	(1,357)	(373)	(724)	(79)
	(2,134,612)	(1,054,190)	(1,711,505)	(157,248)

Interest from bank deposits is based on interest rates fixed by the banks from time to time. Interest on short-term loans, short-term borrowings and lease liability is calculated using the effective interest rate method.

	INFLATION	ADJUSTED	HISTORIC	AL COST
	31 August 2023	31 August 2022	31 August 2023	31 August 2022
7. Income taxes	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000
7.1 Income tax recognised in profit for the period				
Tax expense comprising the following:				
Current tax expense in respect of the current period	(16,480,254)	(9,206,770)	(16,480,254)	(2,651,591)
Deferred tax arising from temporary differences	(4,778,566)	(3,136,200)	3,787,615	(3,966)
Withholding tax on investment revenue	(3)	(28)	(2)	(8)
Total tax expense	(21,258,823)	(12,342,998)	(12,692,641)	(2,655,565)
Tax rate reconciliation	%	%	%	%
Standard tax rate	24.72	24.72	24.72	24.72%
Effect of revenue that is exempt from income tax	(1.70)	(0.02)	(0.79)	(0.02)
Effect of expenses that are not deductible in determining taxable profit*	45.97	36.37	11.08	0.55
Effect of revenue and expenditure taxed at other rates	(0.03)	(0.00)	(0.02)	(0.00)
Average effective tax rate	68.96	61.07	34.99	25.25

\*Included in expenses not deductible in determining taxable income are IMT tax, staff meals/entertainment, excess pension and share of expenses attributed to the generation of exempt income.

The income tax rate used for the reconciliation above, is the corporate tax rate of 24.72% (2022: 24.72%), payable by corporate entities in Zimbabwe. The deferred tax rate used is the corporate tax rate of 24.72% (2022: 24.72%).

	INFLATION ADJUSTED		HISTORIO	
	0	28 February 2023	0	28 February 2023
	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000
7.2 Deferred tax balances				
Balance at the beginning of the period	15,084,020	21,639,781	(2,844,320)	(114,298)
Recognised in profit or loss	4,778,566	(6,555,761)	(3,787,615)	(2,730,022)
Balance at the end of the period	19,862,586	15,084,020	(6,631,935)	(2,844,320)
Comprising:				
Assessed losses	(145,393)	(157,549)	(145,549)	(51,303)
Property, plant and equipment	13,727,982	8,621,272	(1,568,151)	(1,824,358)
Exchange differences	1,096,365	(130,369)	1,094,147	-
Provisions	(2,169,814)	(376,119)	(2,809,015)	(288,110)
Receivables and prepayments	36,681	13,096	(42,974)	(42,974)
Inventory	(589)	(395,495)	-	-
Lease liability	6,524,643	6,715,874	(3,159,932)	(636,928)
Other	32,721	32,874	(3,588)	(2,736)
Deferred capital gains tax on land	759,990	760,436	3,127	2,089
	19,862,586	15,084,020	(6,631,935)	(2,844,320)
Deferred tax asset	(52,147)	(45,919)	(6,632,056)	(2,844,441)
Deferred tax liability	19,914,733	15,129,939	121	121
Deferred tax liability / (asset)	19,862,586	15,084,020	(6,631,935)	(2,844,320)

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8. Cash flow information	Notes	INFLATION 31 August 2023 ZWL 000	ADJUSTED 31 August 2022 ZWL 000	HISTORIC 31 August 2023 ZWL 000	AL COST 31 August 2022 ZWL 000
8.1 Net cash generated from operating activities	INOICS		ZWL000		ZWL000
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Cash flows from operating activities					
Profit before tax		30,828,792	20,211,705	36,267,373	10,517,989
Adjustments for: - Depreciation and impairment of property, plant and equipment, investment					
property and right-of-use assets		18,086,237	7,195,846	1,600,697	226,531
- Net interest		853,438	993,073	450,276	140,716
- Net monetary gain		(64,313,803)	(20,480,767)	-	-
- Net exchange losses / (gains)		15,625,222	(7,002,464)	16,951,506	(1,207,412)
- (Profit) / loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment		(320,996)	(46,826)	(161,521)	(10,754)
- Provision for expected credit losses		201,759	89,816	306,118	25,867
- Mark to market loss		1,224,090	102,686	400,283	26,778
Operating cash flow before working capital changes		2,184,739	1,063,069	55,814,732	9,719,715
Increase in inventories		(67,016,973)	(10,268,513)	(113,978,187)	(13,135,905)
Increase in trade and other receivables		(4,391,590)	(3,065,551)	(17,344,605)	(3,176,171)
Increase in trade and other payables		71,344,346	2,192,016	132,653,984	10,061,413
Cash generated from / (used in) operations		2,120,522	(10,078,979)	57,145,924	3,469,052
Income taxes paid		(3,137,243)	(3,214,695)	(2,937,956)	(52,686)
Net cash (used in) / generated from operating activities		(1,016,721)	(13,293,674)	54,207,968	3,416,366
8.2 Income taxes paid					
Balance at the beginning of the period		(295,083)	(2,363,829)	(95,797)	(264,094)
Current, capital gains and withholding taxes:					
- current tax	7.1	(16,480,254)	(9,206,770)	(16,480,254)	(2,651,591)
- withholding tax on investment revenue	7.1	(3)	(28)	(2)	(8)
Balance at the end of the period		13,638,097	8,355,932	13,638,097	2,863,007
Income taxes paid		(3,137,243)	(3,214,695)	(2,937,956)	(52,686)

	INFLATION		HISTORIC	
	0	28 February 2023		28 February 2023
9. Property, plant and equipment	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000
Movement in the property, plant and equipment balance for the period:				
Balance at the beginning of the period	80,946,155	80,015,847	8,817,283	2,508,572
Additions	20,019,067	23,916,699	12,421,129	7,196,689
Transfer to investment property	-	(3,862,873)	-	(332,818)
Net movement in service assets	442	10,482	(1,317)	3,403
Disposals	-	(88,870)	-	(187)
Depreciation and impairment	(17,000,740)	(19,045,130)	(987,016)	(558,376)
Balance at the end of the period	83,964,924	80,946,155	20,250,079	8,817,283
At cost	180,860,237	161,918,524	22,075,885	9,658,701
Accumulated depreciation	(96,894,965)	(80,971,842)	(1,818,208)	(834,201)
Accumulated impairment	(348)	(527)	(7,598)	(7,217)
Balance at the end of the period	83,964,924	80,946,155	20,250,079	8,817,283

No freehold land and buildings have been pledged to secure loans of the Group under mortgages.

	INFLATION ADJUSTED		HISTORICAL COST	
	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	31 August 2023	28 February 2023
10. Right of use assets	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000
Opening carrying value	39,879,821	34,077,012	2,239,903	947,664
Additions	178,638	-	178,638	-
Disposals	(744,380)	-	(744,380)	-
Lease modification	17,034,662	6,892,734	16,845,165	1,705,901
Depreciation	(1,011,010)	(1,089,925)	(611,610)	(413,662)
Closing carrying value	55,337,731	39,879,821	17,907,716	2,239,903
Comprising:				
Cost	62,470,394	46,001,474	19,084,185	2,804,762
Accumulated depreciation	(7,132,663)	(6,121,653)	(1,176,469)	(564,859)
	55,337,731	39,879,821	17,907,716	2,239,903

The Group's leases include leases of offices, retail stores and residential property in Zimbabwe. The corresponding lease liability for the above right of use assets is disclosed on note 15.

	INFLATION		HISTORIC	
		28 February 2023	0	28 February 2023
11. Other financial assets	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000
Opening carrying value (short term and long-term portions)	10,109,706	2,985,489	9,617,399	1,668,304
Interest accrual	39,164	145,088	23,279	47,102
Additions	1,563,267	580,961	511,851	188,604
Exchange rate gain on foreign translations	39,236,850	7,878,114	39,236,850	7,878,113
Disposals and repayments	(13,822)	(39,019)	(6,389)	(12,667)
Mark to market loss on initial recognition of staff loans4	(1,224,090)	(468,385)	(400,283)	(152,057)
Monetary adjustment	(728,368)	(972,542)	-	-
	48,982,707	10,109,706	48,982,707	9,617,399
Less: Short term portion in current assets	(64,954)	(181,054)	(64,954)	(58,778)
Non-current closing carrying value	48,917,753	9,928,652	48,917,753	9,558,621
Comprising:				
Carried at amortised cost:				
Funds due from MCH <sup>1</sup>	54,085,656	10,435,808	54,085,656	10,435,808
Staff loans <sup>4</sup>	364,553	728,605	364,553	236,536
Short term loans <sup>2</sup>	556	353	556	115
Provision for credit losses	(5,468,058)	(1,055,060)	(5,468,058)	(1,055,060)
	48,982,707	10,109,706	48,982,707	9,617,399
Movement in provision for credit losses:				
Opening balance	(1,055,060)	(169,002)	(1,055,060)	(169,002)
Exchange rate adjustment – provision for credit losses on funds due from MCH <sup>3</sup>	(4,412,998)	(886,058)	(4,412,998)	(886,058)
	(5,468,058)	(1,055,060)	(5,468,058)	(1,055,060)

<sup>1</sup> Meikles Consolidated Holdings Private Limited ("MCH"), a shareholder entity, owes the Group ZWL 54 billion. A provision for credit losses has been made based on the lifetime ECL model to comply with the relevant standard.

<sup>2</sup> In the interim period, short term loans are represented by Barkpest Investments (Private) Limited ("Barkpest") and Liftbrok Investments (Private) Limited ("Liftbrok"), collectively the "share purchase vehicles". The share purchase vehicles hold shares in the Company under the name Barkpest. The loans are payable on demand.

<sup>3</sup> Management recognised a provision for credit losses on funds due from MCH based on the lifetime expected credit losses model in-line with the requirements of IFRS 9. In determining the provision for credit losses, management considered the security on this balance and was satisfied that it adequately covers the amount receivable to the Group. This balance is denominated in US\$ and hence the provision amount is subject to exchange rate adjustments at each reporting date.

<sup>4</sup> Staff loans relate to amounts advanced to employees for the purchase of motor vehicles at a discounted interest rate. The loans have been discounted to present value using market interest rates, resulting in the recognition of a mark to market loss on initial recognition. The mark to market loss has been included in employee costs per note 5.2. The loans are secured against the vehicles.

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	INFLATION ADJUSTED		HISTORIC	CAL COST
	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	31 August 2023	28 February 2023
12. Inventories	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000
Inventories comprise:				
Raw materials and consumables	13,889,327	5,253,793	13,884,813	1,701,381
Merchandise and manufactured goods	122,597,502	64,216,063	122,597,502	20,802,747
	136,486,829	69,469,856	136,482,315	22,504,128

Cost of inventories recognised as an expense was ZWL 653.5 billion (31 August 2022: ZWL 296.2 billion). The cost of inventories recognised as an expense includes ZWL 2.7 billion (31 August 2022: ZWL 1.7 billion) in respect of write-offs of inventory due to shrinkage.

	INFLATION ADJUSTED		HISTORICAL COST	
	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	31 August 2023	28 February 2023
13. Trade and other receivables	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000
Trade receivables	3,109,852	1,209,231	3,109,852	392,566
Expected credit loss allowance	(356,284)	(154,525)	(356,284)	(50,166)
Net trade receivables	2,753,568	1,054,706	2,753,568	342,400
Prepayments and deposits	2,944,315	3,624,579	2,182,448	1,161,943
Receivables from leased premises	14,195,329	9,175,273	14,195,329	2,978,676
Other receivables	4,519,255	6,324,788	4,519,255	2,085,806
	24,412,467	20,179,346	23,650,600	6,568,825
14. Cash and bank balances				
Bank balances and cash on hand	115,689,673	41,175,546	115,689,673	25,084,853

The Group has a ZWL equivalent amount of ZWL 5,644,930,585 (28 February 2023: ZWL 1,089,184,250) represented by US\$ 1,225,000 (28 February 2023 US\$ 1,225,000), that was not available for use up to 30 September 2023. This amount was a retention amount arising from part of the proceeds on disposal of 35% Investment in Mentor Africa (Pty) Limited pursuant to the sale agreement.

	INFLATION		HISTORIC	
15. Lease liabilities	31 August 2023 ZWL 000	28 February 2023 ZWL 000	31 August 2023 ZWL 000	28 February 2023 ZWL 000
Opening balance	14,204,780	10,412,046	4,611,463	1,110,818
Additions	178,638	-	178,638	-
Disposals	(1,042,103)	-	(913,180)	-
Interest expense	1,782,043	3,455,729	1,434,225	938,643
Rental payments	(3,569,897)	(3,665,750)	(2,608,705)	(1,013,627)
Lease modifications	17,034,662	6,892,734	16,845,165	1,705,901
Exchange rate movements	11,072,252	4,371,420	11,072,252	1,869,728
Monetary adjustment	(9,040,517)	(7,261,399)	-	-
	30,619,858	14,204,780	30,619,858	4,611,463
Less current portion	(10,216,601)	(2,385,997)	(10,216,601)	(774,594)
Non-current portion	20,403,257	11,818,783	20,403,257	3,836,869
Maturity profile				
On demand	10,233,582	2,424,356	10,233,582	787,047
Between one and two years	9,594,971	2,071,651	9,594,971	672,544
Between two and three years	8,188,017	1,716,544	8,188,017	557,262
Between three and four years	6,517,427	1,158,278	6,517,427	376,025
Between four and five years	5,903,927	1,234,080	5,903,927	400,634
After five years	33,522,344	5,645,093	33,522,344	1,832,632
	73,960,268	14,250,002	73,960,268	4,626,144
16. Trade, other payables, and provisions				
Trade payables	131,455,633	68,669,645	131,455,633	22,293,028
Accruals and other payables	26,174,127	14,338,323	26,174,127	4,654,807
Provisions	4,634,524	7,772,917	4,634,524	2,523,413
Tax payable	13,638,097	295,083	13,638,097	95,796
	175,902,381	91,075,968	175,902,381	29,567,044

The credit period on purchases ranges from 7 to 60 days (28 February 2023: 7 to 60 days) from date of statement. Foreign suppliers are paid predominantly on prepayment or cash basis. Interest is charged by certain but not all suppliers on overdue payables.

Trade payables comprise amounts outstanding for trade purchases. The Directors consider that the carrying amount of trade payables approximate their fair values.

	INFLATION ADJUSTED		HISTORIC	
	0	28 February 2023	0	28 February 2023
17. Financial assets and liabilities	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000
Set out below, is an overview of financial assets, other than cash and short-term deposits, held by the Group as at 31 August 2023 and 28 February 2023:				
At amortised cost				
Other financial assets (note 11)	48,982,707	10,109,706	48,982,707	9,617,399
Trade and other receivables - excluding prepayments (note 13)	21,468,152	16,554,767	21,468,152	5,406,882
Total financial assets	70,450,859	26,664,473	70,450,859	15,024,281
Total Current	21,533,106	16,735,821	21,533,106	5,465,660
Total non-current	48,917,753	9,928,652	48,917,753	9,558,621
Total financial assets	70,450,859	26,664,473	70,450,859	15,024,281
Set out below, is an overview of financial liabilities held by the Group as at 31 August 2023 and 28 February 2023:				
At amortised cost				
Unsecured acceptance credits, loans and overdrafts	4,937,428	2,711,496	4,937,428	880,264
Trade and other payables (note 16)	175,902,381	91,075,968	175,902,381	29,567,044
Total financial liabilities	180,839,809	93,787,464	180,839,809	30,447,308
Total Current	180,839,809	93,787,464	180,839,809	30,447,308
Total non-current	-	-	-	-
Total financial liabilities	180,839,809	93,787,464	180,839,809	30,447,308

#### 18. Related parties

Balances between the Company and its subsidiaries and joint operations, which are related parties of the Company, have been eliminated on consolidation and are not disclosed in this note. Details of transactions between the Group and other related parties are disclosed below as well as on note 11.

	INFLATION ADJUSTED		HISTORIC	AL COST
	31 August 2023 ZWL 000	31 August 2022 ZWL 000	0	31 August 2022 ZWL 000
<b>18.1 Related party transactions</b> During the period, group entities entered into the following transactions with related parties that are not members of the Group:				
Interest income - short term loans	870	7,085	442	1,314
Interest payable - Afghan African Holdings Limited	30	73	17	14
Interest payable – Mr. Ian Hannam	96	156	36	30
Rentals - Wingray Properties (Private) Limited	80,448	19,901	63,100	5,731
Donation expense – Meikles Foundation	60,451	10,548	46,531	2,577
Cost recoveries - Meikles Consolidated Holdings (Private) Limited	70,777	28,158	66,975	6,330
Cost recoveries – Tanganda Tea Company	62,559	30,163	49,068	6,794
Dividend paid to Meikles Consolidated Holdings (Private) Limited	6,653,810	1,706,831	5,225,394	326,615

	INFLATION ADJUSTED		HISTORICAL COST	
	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	31 August 2023	28 February 2023
	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000
18.2 Related party balances				
The following balances were outstanding at the end of the reporting date:				
Funds due from MCH (before ECL provisions) - see note 11	54,085,656	10,435,808	54,085,656	10,435,808
Short term loans – see note 11	556	353	556	115
African Afghan Holdings Limited – payable	998	3,025	998	982
Mr. Ian Hannam – payable	1,390	4,172	1,390	1,355
Current account - MCH	532,675	549,156	532,675	210,806
Current account – Tanganda Tea Company	63,886	42,013	63,886	13,639

The loan from African Afghan Holdings Limited, a minority shareholder in Meikles Centar Mining (Private) Limited, attracts interest at 5% including an annual management fee of 4% per annum. There are no fixed repayment terms.

Meikles Consolidated Holdings (Private) Limited ("MCH") is the controlling shareholder of the Company. The current account is unsecured and has no fixed terms of repayment.

The Joan from Mr. Ian Hannam, who is connected with African Afghan Holdings Limited, attracts interest at 10% per annum and is repayable on demand. Tanganda Tea Company and Meikles Limited Company are both controlled by MCH.

Meikles Foundation and Wingray Properties (Private) Limited are affiliated with MCH, the controlling shareholder of the Company.

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	INFLATION ADJUSTED		HISTORIC	CAL COST
	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	31 August 2023	28 February 2023
19. Commitment	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000	ZWL 000
Commitments for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment				
Authorised but not yet contracted for	30,188,421	118,245,403	30,188,421	38,387,384
Group's share of capital commitments of joint operations	2,427,913	3,313,580	2,427,913	1,075,726

#### 20. Subsequent events

The Group successfully renegotiated a change of the minimum rent currency to ZWL from US\$ for five of the seven leases whose minimum rent was denominated in US\$ on 31 August 2023 prior to the approval of these interim financial results. Management determined the change to be a non-adjusting subsequent event at the half year period. Consequently, the change will result in a reversal of the attributable exchange losses on the financial results for the third quarter ending 30 November 2023.

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