

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

## **Financial Highlights**

	2025 US\$	2024 US\$
Revenue – millions	59.7	51.8
Operating income – millions	5.6	6.6
Total Comprehensive Income - millions	5.1	3.6
Earnings per share – cents	4.3	6.4
Government taxes remitted - millions	20.1	16.9
Dividend per share - cents	1.0	0.9

## **Chairman's Statement**

### Overview

The new currency, Zimbabwe Gold (ZWG), which was introduced in April 2024 suffered from inflationary and widening disparity of market exchange rates leading to the 43% devaluation at the end of September 2024 and the implementation of monetary and fiscal measures that severely restricted money supply and constrained ZWG liquidity. This resulted in an increase in USD transactions and relative exchange rate stability. During the third quarter authorities tightened controls on illegal imports, illicit and counterfeit products to ensure compliance with regulations in the informal trade which resulted in improved demand and stable prices in the formal business sectors.

### **Caution on Financial Reporting Conversion**

As previously highlighted, it is important to note that the comparative figures included in the statement of profit or loss and comprehensive income, statement of cash flow and statement of changes in equity may exhibit notable disparities when viewed from a market perspective. The prior year financial information included inflation adjusted figures that were converted to US Dollars, thereby reflects distortions from exchange rates and hyper-inflation. While the conversion process was mathematically accurate, users of these financial statements are advised to exercise caution when making comparisons with prior year figures.

### Volume performance

The Company recorded a volume growth of 15% over prior year, with notable growth in wines (29%), spirits (7%) and ready-to-drink (RTD) up 21%. The ongoing shift of the route to market to the independent trade played a pivotal role in driving volumes in view of the challenges faced by the formal retail chains. Consumer demand was further strengthened by persistent Recommended Retail Price compliance initiatives, the impact of the reduction in informal imports in response to the anti-smuggling campaign and the expansion of the RTD portfolio through the launch of NightSky Gin and Tonic and Hunters 660ml pack

### **Financial performance**

Revenue grew by 15% to US\$59.7 million, driven by increased volumes. Operating income was at US\$5.6 million, reflecting a decrease compared to prior year, primarily due to holding gains that influenced the previous year's figures. Comparison between periods remains challenging due to variations in methodologies, as well as distortions caused by exchange rates and inflation indices during the prior period.

Cash generated from trading amounted to US\$6.2 million. Total assets increased by 14% to US\$26.9 million driven by the Company's investment of US\$1.8 million in capital expenditure to enhance operational efficiency.

### **Future prospects**

The Company remains optimistic on economic growth from a favourable agricultural season, growth in mining, tourism and infrastructure development. These factors are anticipated to create opportunities for increased activity and business growth. The business is encouraged by the ongoing national anti-smuggling campaign, which is fostering a fair and competitive trading environment.

Management remains focused on identifying opportunities for expanding market share, increasing revenue, and increasing profitability, anchored on product innovation, production efficiencies and cost containment.

### Dividend

The board declared an interim dividend of US\$0.0030 per share during the year and has recommended a final dividend of US\$0.0070 per share bringing the total dividend to US\$0.01 per share.

### Directorate

Effective 01 April 2025, Mr. Stanley Muchenje who had been the Managing Director for the past four years assumed new responsibilities within the Delta Group. The Board expresses its sincere gratitude to him for his leadership and



## **Condensed Statement of Profit or Loss And Other Comprehensive Income** For the year ended 31 March 2025

Notes	March 2025 US\$	March 2024 US\$
Revenue3Cost of sales	59 721 449 (43 504 675)	51 794 630 (32 548 063)
Gross profit	16 216 774	19 246 567
Other operating income Distribution costs Administrative expenses Other operating expenses	206 861 (2 221 308) (1 829 913) (6 816 986)	140 771 (1 785 536) (1 369 011) (9 608 701)
<b>Operating income</b> Interest income Interest expense Net foreign exchange adjustment Net monetary adjustment	5 555 428 58 985 (828 614) 1 436 318 —	6 624 090 5 508 (673 915) 1 161 782 2 641 211
Profit before taxation4Taxation6	6 222 117 (1 099 060)	9 758 676 (2 129 173)
Profit for the year	5 123 057	7 629 503
Other comprehensive income Effects of conversion to presentation currency Total comprehensive income	 5 123 057	(4 078 490) <b>3 551 013</b>
<b>Earnings per share (Cents):</b> Basic Headline Diluted	4.26 4.27 4.25	6.42 6.43 6.30

## **Condensed Statement of Financial Position**

As at 31 March 2025

	Notes	March 2025 US\$	March 2024 US\$
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	8	5 329 016	3 736 581
Long term loans receivable		809 519	151 821
		6 138 535	3 888 402
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Current assets	10	1 1 2 0 2 2 1	420.025
Current tax asset	13	1 130 221	439 825
Inventories	9	11 387 346	11 178 333
Trade and other receivables	10	7 098 432	7 336 828
Cash and cash equivalents		1 162 649	863 322
		20 778 648	19818308
Total assets		26 917 183	23 706 710
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Capital and reserves			
Share capital		124 974	124 972
Share premium		810 717	549 592
Share option reserve		130 941	201 119
Accumulated profit		14 718 250	10 804 184
Total capital and reserves		15 784 882	11 679 867
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Non-current liabilities			
Deferred taxation		642 017	960 149
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	11	3 682 937	4 674 457
Current tax liability		117 462	879 619
Short-term borrowings	12	6 689 885	5 512 618
		10 490 284	11 066 694
Total liabilities		11 132 301	12 026 843
Total equity and liabilities		26 917 183	23 706 710
Ordinary shares in issue (Actual) (millions)		125	124
Ordinary shares in issue (Weighted average) (millions)		120	119
Current ratio (: 1)		2	2
Shareholders' equity per share (US\$ Cents)		13	9
Middle market price (US\$ Cents)		22	20
Middle market price (ZW\$ Cents)		660	191*

dedicated service to the Company. Mrs. Muchaneta Ndachena was appointed as Managing Director with effect from 01 April 2025.

In addition, the Board has appointed Mr. Anele Ncube as Finance Director, with effect from 01 May 2025. The Board extends its congratulations to both appointees and look forward to their contribution to the Company's growth and success.



**M M Valela** Chairman

#### **DIVIDEND DECLARATION**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors declared a final dividend, number 99, of US\$0.0070 per share payable in respect of all the qualifying ordinary shares of the Company. This dividend is in respect of the year ended 31 March 2025.

	FINAL DIVIDEND
Dividend Number	99
Announcement Date	14 May 2025
Record Date	30 May 2025
Last Date to Trade	28 May 2025
Ex-Dividend Date	29 May 2025
Payment Date	04 July 2025
Dividend Amount	US\$849 193
Dividend per Share	US\$0.0070

By order of the Board

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## **Condensed Statement of Cash Flows**

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	March 2025	March 2024
Notes	US\$	US\$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash generated from trading after non-cash items 7	7 387 597	6 100 243
Changes in working capital	(1 212 768)	(4 287 305)
Cash generated from operations	6 174 829	1 812 938
Interest received	58 985	5 508
Interest paid	(828 614)	(673 915)
Income tax paid	(2869743)	(1 781 796)
Net cash flows generated from /(utilised in) operating activities	2 535 457	(637 265)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment 8	(1795553)	(1 775 684)
Increase in long-term loans receivable	(809 275)	(235 625)
Proceeds from repayment of long-term loans receivable	151 577	118 214
Net cash flows utilised in investing activities	(2 453 251)	(1 893 095)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Dividend paid to owners of the Company	(1 087 071)	(949 265)
Proceeds from short-term borrowings	7 933 670	7 426 586
Repayment of short term borrowings	(6 307 171)	(6 561 588)
Net cash flows generated from /(utilised in) financing activities	539 428	(84 267)
Net movement in cash and cash equivalents	621 634	(2 614 627)
Net foreign exchange difference	126 925	(116 439)
Inflation effect on cash and cash equivalents	—	(170 812)
Effects of conversion to presentation currency	—	30 952
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	(2 552 534)	318 392
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	(1 803 975)	(2 552 534)
Comprising:-		
Bank balances and cash	1 162 649	863 322
Bank overdraft 12	(2 966 624)	(3 415 856)
	(1 803 975)	(2 552 534)

### **Condensed Statement of Changes in Shareholders' Equity** For the year ended 31 March 2025

	March 2025 US\$	March 2024 US\$
Shareholders' equity at beginning of the year	11 679 867	9 213 052
<b>Changes in issued share capital</b> Share options exercised Other comprehensive income	2	3 (97 896)
<b>Changes in share premium</b> Share options exercised Other comprehensive income	261 125 —	3 508 (427 795)
<b>Changes in share option reserve</b> Share based payment Other comprehensive income Transfer from share option reserve due to exercise of share options	69 029 — (139 207)	63 222 (137 267) (37 324)
<b>Changes in distributable reserves</b> Transfer from share option reserve due to exercise of share options Profit for the year	(121 920) 5 123 057	33 813 7 629 503

## Notes to the Condensed Financial Results (continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	March 2025 US\$	March 2024 US\$
<ul> <li>Profit before tax         This is stated after charging/(crediting) the         following items of significance:         Depreciation         Impairment recognised on trade and other receivables         Royalties         Staff costs         Retirement benefit costs     </li> </ul>	443 919 86 487 1 576 834 6 007 343 355 278	370 245 38 623 1 255 274 6 590 481 505 317
<b>Compensation of directors and key management:</b> for services as directors for management services	80 517 1 063 915 <b>1 144 432</b>	90 953 1 031 761 <b>1 122 714</b>
<b>Other operating income:</b> Sale of pallets and layer boards (Loss)/profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment	216 690 (9 830)	151 168 (10 397)
<b>5 Related party transactions</b> Delta Corporation Limited ("Delta") and Heineken Beverages ("Heineken")/Distell Ltd each have an effective shareholding of 50.57% (2024: 50.67%) and 28.82% (2024: 29.07%) respectively in the Company. Effective 26 April 2023, Heineken acquired the Company's major shareholder and partner, Distell Ltd. This resulted in dissolution of Distell Ltd and the formation of Heineken Beverages, a company created by merger of Heineken South African unit, Distell and Namibia Breweries. Consequently, Distell Ltd's shareholding in the Company was transferred to Heineken Beverages effective 26 April 2023.		
The following transactions of significance were carried out with related parties at arm's length and in accordance with normal business operations of the Company:		
Heineken Beverages ("Heineken")/Distell Ltd Purchase of raw materials Purchase of finished products for sale Purchase of property, plant and equipment and spares Royalties on finished goods produced and sold under license	1 520 467 2 946 418 	1 189 333 3 272 346 37 797 1 143 029 5 642 505
<b>Delta Corporation Limited</b> Purchase of raw materials Information Technology costs	111 026 91 770 <b>202 796</b>	59 930 79 180 <b>139 110</b>
6 Taxation Current income tax expense Deferred taxation - arising on current period temporary differences - arising on change in current tax rate	1 417 190 (318 130) — <b>1 099 060</b>	1 542 513 558 982 27 678 <b>2 129 173</b>
<ul> <li>Cash generated from trading         Profit before taxation         Depreciation         Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment         Share option expense         Interest income         Interest expense         Foreign exchange adjustment         Effects of conversion to presentation currency     </li> </ul>	6 222 117 443 919 9 830 69 028 (58 985) 828 614 (126 925) — <b>7 387 597</b>	9 758 676 370 245 10 397 63 222 (5 508) 673 915 (2 129 493) (2 641 211) <b>6 100 243</b>
<ul> <li>B Property, plant and equipment</li> <li>Movement in the property, plant and equipment balance for the year:</li> <li>Balance at the beginning of the year</li> <li>Capital expenditure</li> <li>Transfer from Inventory</li> <li>Depreciation</li> <li>Disposals</li> <li>Effects of conversion to presentation currency</li> <li>Balance at the end of the year</li> </ul>	3 736 581 1 795 553 250 631 (443 919) (9 830) — <b>5 329 016</b>	3 351 931 1 775 684 (370 245) (10 397) (1 010 392) <b>3 736 581</b>
9 Inventories Finished products Maturing spirits and wines Raw materials Inventories at end of the year	3 565 256 551 616 7 270 474 <b>11 387 346</b>	3 708 918 294 135 7 175 280 <b>11 178 333</b>
Allowance for obsolete inventories is insignificant in current year.		
10 Trade and other receivables Trade receivables Prepayments - relating to inventory purchases# Other receivables* Allowance for credit losses	2 617 454 4 581 127 46 184 (146 333) <b>7 098 432</b>	3 605 320 3 759 008 32 346 (59 846) <b>7 336 828</b>
* Other receivables includes sundry debtors and staff welfare loans. # Included in prepayments are balances with related parties as follows: Heineken Beverages ("Heineken")/Distell Ltd	1 266 263	87 468
11 Trade and other payables Trade payables - local Trade payables - foreign Accruals and other payables^	940 160 58 457 2 684 320 <b>3 682 937</b>	1 309 658 1 042 173 2 322 626 <b>4 674 457</b>
<ul> <li>Accruals and other payables includes leave pay provision, long service awards, accruals for statutory payments and other sundry creditors.</li> <li>Included in trade payables are balances with related parties as follows;</li> <li>Heineken Beverages ("Heineken")/Distell Ltd</li> <li>Delta Corporation Limited</li> </ul>	368 902 2 550	573 792 170 926

Other comprehensive income	—	(3 415 532)
Dividend	(1 087 071)	(1 147 420)
Shareholders' equity at end of the year	15 784 882	11 679 867

## **Notes to the Condensed Financial Results**

For the year ended 31 March 2025

### **1** Basis of preparation

The condensed financial statements of African Distillers Limited have been prepared in accordance with IFRS® Accounting Standards and in a manner required by the Companies and Other Business Entities Act (Chapter 24:31) and the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange Listing Requirements.

### 1.1 Currency of reporting

The financial statements are presented in the United States Dollars ("US\$") currency which is also the functional currency of the Company.

### **1.2** Accounting Policies

Accounting policies and critical judgements are consistent with those applied in prior year, except for the addition of a policy on returnable containers. The condensed financial results should be read in conjunction with the latest annual report of the Company.

#### Share buy back 2

The Company is holding 3 434 842 (2024: 3 434 842) of its own shares as treasury stock. No additional shares were acquired during the period.

		March 2025 US\$	March 2024 US\$
3	Revenue		
	Spirits	32 702 796	30 248 428
	Ready-to-drink (RTDs)	24 028 866	19 740 710
	Wines	4 476 641	3 480 499
	Discounts	(1 486 854)	(1675007)
		59 721 449	51 794 630

The average credit period on local purchases is 30 days (2024: 30 days) while the average credit period for foreign purchases is 90 days (2024: 90 days).





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## Notes to the Condensed Financial Results (continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	March 2025 US\$	March 2024 US\$
12 Short-term borrowings		
Short-term borrowings comprise of;		
Short term loans	3 723 261	2 096 762
Bank Overdraft	2 966 624	3 415 856
	6 689 885	5 512 618

Short term loans include US\$1 200 000 (2024: US\$600 000) unsecured loan at 8.5% (2024: 8.5%) interest from Delta with a six-month tenure and bank loans at 12-month tenure at 8% (2024: 8.5%) interest.

The company also has the following facilities with the banks: US\$2.5 million (2024: US\$3 million) overdraft at 14% (2024: 10%) interest and ZWG22.2 million (2024: ZWG8 million) overdraft at 43% (2024: 75%) interest.

### 13 Uncertain tax treatment

As previously reported as at 30 September 2024, there were certain areas of disagreement regarding the currency of payment for certain taxes and the methods of splitting the taxes by currency for the period 2019 to 2022. The Zimbabwe Revenue Authority (ZIMRA) issued income tax assessments, including penalties and interest against the Company amounting to US\$1 841 221. ZIMRA contends that these amounts should have been paid exclusively in foreign currency and the amounts originally paid to be refunded in the debased nominal values. Whilst the recent court judgments on similar cases (Delta vs ZIMRA) support ZIMRA's position on the matter, there are significant legal and factual issues still to be addressed. ZIMRA is empowered to collect any taxes it deems due under the "pay now, argue later" principle. The Company had accumulated payments amounting to US\$1,130,221 as of 31 March 2025 in line with this principle and as per agreed payment plans. We believe any revisions to the payment plan will be rational, taking into account the financial health of the business and the fact that the principal amounts were fully paid in legal tender at the relevant periods, based on the best available interpretation of the legislation. There are still areas that require clarity and adjustment in the assessments raised. Management continues to engage with ZIMRA while appealing certain areas of the assessments and the judgments, with guidance from tax experts and legal counsel. This assessment could have a material impact on the Company's operations, if it materialise as per the extant assessments. The outcome of these engagements will determine the accounting treatment and recognition of the assessment and payments made to date.

### 14 Contingent liabilities

With regards to Note 13 above, no provision for any interest and penalty liability, arising from the claims by ZIMRA against the Company, has been made in these financial statements. The Company has been advised by its legal advisers that it is possible, but not probable, that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the interest and penalty. The total interest and penalty amounts to US\$588,247.

### **15** Capital commitments

The Company has no firm capital commitments.

### 16 Going concern

The Directors have assessed the ability of the Company to continue as a going concern and believe that the preparation of these financial statements on a going concern basis is appropriate.It is anticipated that the economy will grow positively in the ensuing year and with the promised growth in GDP level, this will also trigger Company growth. Accessibility of foreign currency is key to smooth running of the business, and the extension of the multi currency use to 2030 will strengthen this growth. The company has been able to assess its foreign currency requirements needs both from trading and financial sector and this is also anticipated to continue in the ensuing year.

### 17 Events after the reporting period

There were no significant subsequent events affecting the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2025

### 18 Audit Opinion

The condensed financial results should be read in conjunction with the complete set of financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 which have been audited by the Company's external auditors, Ernst & Young Chartered Accountants (Zimbabwe) who have issued a qualified audit opinion due to the impact of the prior year matter on comparability of the current year figures with those of the prior year. The prior year matter related to non-compliance with International Accounting Standard 21 "The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates" and international Accounting Standards 8 "Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors". No other key audit matters have been identified. The auditor's report is available for inspection at the registered office of the Company. The engagement partner responsible for this audit is Mrs. Wadzanai Makuwa (PAAB Practising Certificate Number 0636).

### Condensed Statement of Profit or Loss And Other Comprehensive Income For the year ended 31 March 2025

Notes	March 2025 Audited ZWG	March 2024 Unaudited ZWG
Revenue 3 Cost of sales	1 596 228 917 (1 162 788 603)	702 335 183 (441 351 734)
Gross profit	433 440 314	260 983 449
Other operating income Distribution costs Administrative expenses Other operating expenses	5 528 933 (59 370 898) (48 909 732) (182 203 720)	1 908 855 (24 211 868) (18 563 789) (130 293 986)
<b>Operating income</b> Interest income Interest expense Net foreign exchange adjustment Net monetary adjustment	148 484 897 1 576 545 (22 147 112) 38 389 764 —	89 822 660 74 688 (9 138 287) 15 753 764 35 814 821
Profit before taxation4Taxation6	166 304 094 (29 375 566)	132 327 647 (28 871 586)
Profit for the year	136 928 528	103 456 061
Other comprehensive income Effects of conversion to presentation currency Total comprehensive income	153 799 347 <b>290 727 876</b>	(55 304 324) <b>48 151 736</b>
<b>Earnings per share (Cents):</b> Basic Headline Diluted	113.80 114.02 113.65	87.11 87.23 85.49

## **Condensed Statement of Financial Position**

As at 31 March 2025

Non-current liabilities

	Notes	March 2025 Audited ZWG	March 2024 Unaudited ZWG
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	8	142 433 407	50 668 038
Long term loans receivable		21 636 743	2 058 693
		164 070 150	52 726 731
Current assets			
Current tax asset	13	30 208 434	5 964 027
Inventories	9	304 359 845	151 578 195
Trade and other receivables	10	189 726 181	99 487 388
Cash and cash equivalents		31 075 166	11 706 646
		555 369 626	268 736 256
Total assets		719 439 776	321 462 988
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Capital and reserves		2 2 4 2 2 2 2	1 60 4 60 0
Share capital		3 340 293	1 694 620
Share premium		21 668 763	7 452 468
Share option reserve		3 499 778	2 727 174
Accumulated profit		393 387 914	146 504 735
Total capital and reserves		421 896 748	158 378 997

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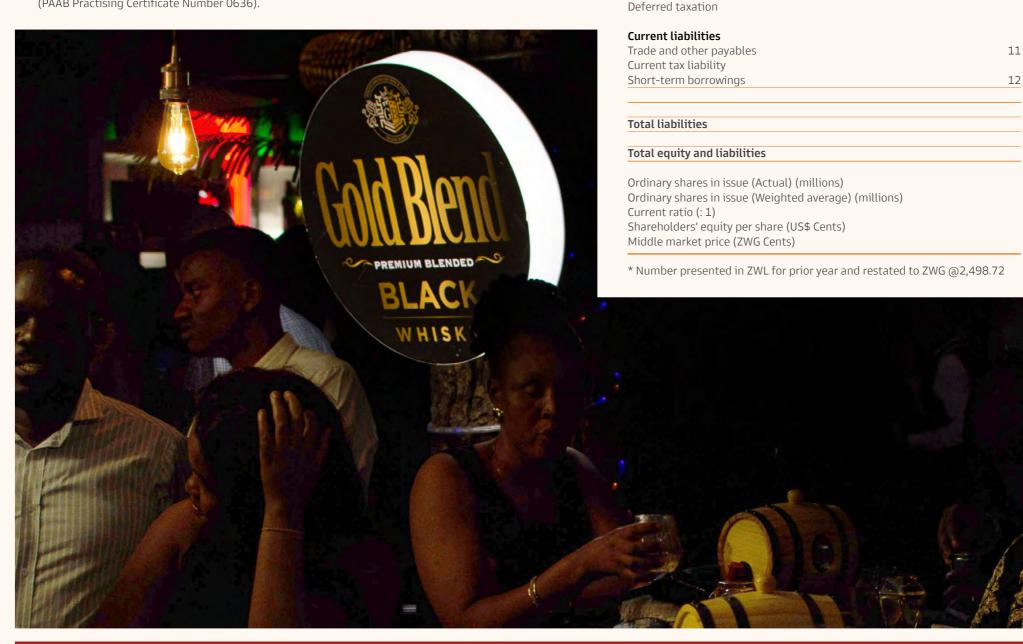
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DIRECTORATE: M M Valela (Chairman), \*S Muchenje (Managing Director), D R Alexandre, S W Klopper, A. Makamure, R H M Maunsell, C Muzondo, M Ndachena, N Samuriwo - \*Executive Directors





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## **Condensed Statement of Cash Flows**

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Notes	March 2025 Audited ZWG	March 2024 Unaudited ZWG
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash generated from trading after non-cash items 7	197 454 954	82 719 295
Changes in working capital	(32 414 742)	(58 135 856)
Cash generated from operations	165 040 212	24 583 439
Interest received	1 576 545	74 688
Interest paid	(22 147 112)	(9 138 287)
Income tax paid	(76 702 204)	(24 161 154)
Net cash flows generated from/(utilised in) operating activities	67 767 441	(8 641 313)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment 8	(47 991 361)	(24 078 275)
Increase in long-term loans receivable	(21 630 221)	(3 195 075)
Proceeds from repayment of long-term loans receivable	4 051 335	1 602 982
Net cash flows utilised in investing activities	(65 570 247)	(25 670 368)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b> Dividend paid to owners of the Company Proceeds from short-term borrowings Repayment of short term borrowings	(29 055 125) 212 050 365 (168 577 462)	(12 872 032) 100 704 506 (88 975 133)
Net cash flows generated from/(utilised in) financing activities	14 417 778	(1 142 659)
Net movement in cash and cash equivalents	16 614 971	(35 454 342)
Net foreign exchange difference	3 392 439	(1 578 913)
Inflation effect on cash and cash equivalents	—	(2 316 211)
Effects of conversion to presentation currency	—	419 709
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	(68 223 873)	4 317 396
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	(48 216 464)	(34 612 361)
Comprising:-		
Bank balances and cash	31 075 166	11 706 646
Bank overdraft 12	(79 291 630)	(46 319 007)
	(15251050)	(+0 515 007)

### **Condensed Statement of Changes in Shareholders' Equity** For the year ended 31 March 2025

	March 2025 Audited ZWG	March 2024 Unaudited ZWG
Shareholders' equity at beginning of the year	158 378 997	124 928 985
<b>Changes in issued share capital</b> Share options exercised Other comprehensive income	53	41 (1 327 470)
<b>Changes in share premium</b> Share options exercised Other comprehensive income	6 979 323 —	47 568 (5 800 900)
<b>Changes in share option reserve</b> Share based payment Other comprehensive income Transfer from share option reserve due to exercise of share options	1 845 000  (3 720 711)	857 290 (1 861 341) (506 113)
<b>Changes in distributable reserves</b> Transfer from share option reserve due to exercise of share options	(3 258 666)	458 504

## Notes to the Condensed Financial Results (continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	·	March 2025 Audited ZWG	March 2024 Unaudited ZWG
3	Revenue Spirits Ready to drink (RTDs) Wines Discounts	874 077 061 642 241 128 119 651 213 (39 740 485) <b>1 596 228 917</b>	410 168 684 267 684 028 47 195 566 (22 713 095) <b>702 335 183</b>
4	Profit before tax This is stated after charging/(crediting) the following items of significance: Depreciation Impairment recognised on trade and other receivables Royalties Staff costs Retirement benefit costs	11 864 996 2 311 635 42 145 461 160 563 674 9 495 823	5 020 522 523 728 17 021 515 89 366 922 6 852 099
	Compensation of directors and key management: for services as directors for management services	2 152 039 28 436 227 <b>30 588 265</b>	1 233 323 13 990 679 <b>15 224 002</b>
	Other operating income: Sale of pallets and layer boards (Loss)/profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment	5 791 669 (262 735)	2 049 838 (140 983)
5	<b>Related party transactions</b> Delta Corporation Limited ("Delta") and Heineken Beverages ("Heineken")/Distell Ltd each have an effective shareholding of 50.57% (2024: 50.67%) and 28.82% (2024: 29.07%) respectively in the Company. Effective 26 April 2023, Heineken acquired the Company's major shareholder and partner, Distell Ltd. This resulted in dissolution of Distell Ltd and the formation of Heineken Beverages, a company created by merger of Heineken South African unit, Distell and Namibia Breweries. Consequently, Distell Ltd's shareholding in the Company was transferred to Heineken Beverages effective 26 April 2023.		
	The following transactions of significance were carried out with related parties at arm's length and in accordance with normal business operations of the Company:		
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	Delta Corporation Limited Purchase of raw materials Information Technology costs	2 967 492 2 452 819 <b>5 420 311</b>	812 651 1 073 681 <b>1 886 332</b>
6	Taxation         Current income tax expense         Deferred taxation - arising on current period temporary differences         - arising on change in current tax rate	37 878 513 ( 8 502 947)  <b>29 375 566</b>	20 916 476 7 579 796 375 314 <b>28 871 586</b>
7	Cash generated from trading Profit before taxation Depreciation Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment Share option expense Interest income Interest expense Foreign exchange adjustment Effects of conversion to presentation currency	166 304 094 11 865 023 262 735 1 845 000 (1 576 545) 22 147 112 (3 392 465) — <b>197 454 954</b>	132 327 647 5 020 522 140 983 857 290 (74 688) 9 138 287 (28 875 925) (35 814 821) <b>82 719 295</b>
8	Property, plant and equipment Movement in the property, plant and equipment balance for the year: Balance at the beginning of the year Capital expenditure Transfer from Inventory Depreciation Disposals Effects of conversion to presentation currency Balance at the end of the year	99 870 963 47 991 361 6 698 840 (11 865 023) (262 735)  <b>142 433 407</b>	45 452 184 24 078 275 (5 020 522) (140 983) (13 700 916) <b>50 668 038</b>
9	Inventories Finished products Maturing spirits and wines Raw materials Inventories at end of the year	95 291 806 14 743 537 194 324 502 <b>304 359 845</b>	50 292 928 3 988 471 97 296 797 <b>151 578 195</b>
	Allowance for obsolete inventories is insignificant in current year.		
10	Trade and other receivables Trade receivables Prepayments - relating to inventory purchases# Other receivables* Allowance for credit losses	69 959 049 122 443 904 1 234 401 (3 911 174) <b>189 726 181</b>	48 888 139 50 972 148 438 612 (811 512) <b>99 487 388</b>
	<ul> <li>* Other receivables includes sundry debtors and staff welfare loans.</li> <li># Included in prepayments are balances with related parties as follows:</li> <li>Heineken Beverages ("Heineken")/Distell Ltd</li> </ul>	33 844 551	1 186 066

Profit for the year	136 928 528	103 456 061
Other comprehensive income	153 799 347	(46 314 614)
Dividend	(29 055 125)	(15 559 015)
Shareholders' equity at end of the year	421 896 748	158 378 997

## **Notes to the Condensed Financial Results**

For the year ended 31 March 2025

### 1 Basis of preparation

The Company's special purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with in accordance with the requirements of Regulatory Notice Number: SECZ070325 ; pursuant to paragraph 21 of the First Schedule of the Securities and Exchange Act [Chapter 24:25], paragraph 194 of the Monetary Policy Statement presented by the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe Governor on 6 February 2025 and the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange Notice dated 12 March 2025. The ZWG financials are prepared based on the Company's USD audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025. The underlying USD audited financial statements were prepared in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and in a manner required by the Zimbabwe Companies and Other Business Entities Act (Chapter 24:31) of 2019.

### 1.1 Currency of reporting

The special purpose financial statements are presented in Zimbabwean Dollars ('ZWG'). However, the functional currency of the Company is the United States Dollar ('US\$').

### 1.2 Accounting Policies

Accounting policies and critical judgements are consistent with those applied in prior year, except for the addition of a policy on returnable containers. The condensed financial results should be read in conjunction with the latest annual report of the Company.

### 2 Share buy back

The Company is holding 3 434 842 (2024: 3 434 842) of its own shares as treasury stock and no additional shares were acquired during the year.

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## Notes to the Condensed Financial Results (continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	March 2025 Audited ZWG	March 2024 Unaudited ZWG
11 Trade and other payables		
Trade payables - local	25 128 502	17 758 962
Trade payables - foreign	1 562 433	14 131 866
Accruals and other payables^	71 746 237	31 494 809
	98 437 172	63 385 637
<ul> <li>Accruals and other payables includes leave pay provision, long service awards, accruals for statutory payments and other sundry creditors. Included in trade payables are balances with related parties as follows; Heineken Beverages ("Heineken")/Distell Ltd Delta Corporation Limited</li> <li>The average credit period on local purchases is 30 days (2024: 30 days) while the average credit period for foreign purchases is 90 days (2024: 90 days).</li> </ul>	9 859 981 68 156	7 780 615 2 317 757
12 Short-term borrowings Short-term borrowings comprise of; Short term loans Bank Overdraft	99 514 948 79 291 630	28 432 093 46 319 007
	178 806 577	74 751 100

Short term loans include US\$1 200 000 [(ZWG32 076 000) (2024: US\$600 000 (ZWG8 136 000)] unsecured loan at 8.5% (2024: 8.5%) interest from Delta with a six-month tenure and bank loans at 12-month tenure at 8% (2024: 8.5%) interest.

The company also has the following facilities with the banks: US\$2.5 million [(ZWG 66.8 million) (2024: US\$ 3million (ZWG 40.6 million)] overdraft at 14% (2024: 10%) interest and ZWG22.2 million (2024: ZWG8 million overdraft at 43% (2024: 75%) interest.

### 13 Uncertain tax treatment

As previously reported as at 30 September 2024, there were certain areas of disagreement regarding the currency of payment for certain taxes and the methods of splitting the taxes by currency for the period 2019 to 2022. The Zimbabwe Revenue Authority (ZIMRA) issued income tax assessments, including penalties and interest against the Company amounting to US\$1,841,221 [(ZWG49,225,939) (2024: ZWG24,966,957)]. ZIMRA contends that these amounts should have been paid exclusively in foreign currency and the amounts originally paid to be refunded in the debased nominal values. Whilst the recent court judgments on similar cases (Delta vs ZIMRA) support ZIMRA's position on the matter, there are significant legal and factual issues still to be addressed. ZIMRA is empowered to collect any taxes it deems due under the "pay now, argue later" principle. The Company had accumulated payments amounting to US\$1,130,221 [(ZWG30,208,434) (2024: ZWG5,964,027)] as of 31 March 2025 in line with this principle and as per agreed payment plans. We believe any revisions to the payment plan will be rational, taking into account the financial health of the business and the fact that the principal amounts were fully paid in legal tender at the relevant periods, based on the best available interpretation of the legislation. There are still areas that require clarity and adjustment in the assessments raised. Management continues to engage with ZIMRA while appealing certain areas of assessments and the judgments, with guidance from tax experts and legal counsel. This assessment could have a material impact on the Company's operations, if it materialise as per the extant assessments. The outcome of these engagements will determine the accounting treatment and recognition of the assessment and payments made to date.

### 14 Contingent liabilities

With regards to Note 13 above, no provision for any interest and penalty liability, arising from the claims by ZIMRA against the Company, has been made in these financial statements. The Company has been advised by its legal advisers that it is possible, but not probable, that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the interest and penalty. The total interest and penalty amounts to US\$588,247 (ZWG15,729,828).

## 15 Capital commitments

The Company has no firm capital commitments.



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#### 16 Going concern

The Directors have assessed the ability of the Company to continue as a going concern and believe that the preparation of these financial statements on a going concern basis is appropriate. It is anticipated that the economy will grow positively in the ensuing year and with the promised growth in GDP level, this will also trigger Company growth. Accessibility of foreign currency is key to smooth running of the business, and the extension of the multi currency use to 2030 will strengthen this growth. The company has been able to assess its foreign currency requirements needs both from trading and financial sector and this is also anticipated to continue in the ensuing year.

### 17 Events after the reporting period

There were no significant subsequent events affecting the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2025.

### 18 Audit Opinion

These special purpose financial results for the year ended 31 March 2025 have been audited by Ernst & Young Chartered Accountants (Zimbabwe). The special purpose financial results have been prepared with the objective of satisfying the reporting requirements of Regulatory Notice Number: SECZ070325; pursuant to paragraph 21 of the First Schedule of the Securities and Exchange Act [Chapter 24:25], paragraph 194 of the Monetary Policy Statement presented by the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe Governor on 6 February 2025 and the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange Notice dated 12 March 2025. An unmodified opinion has been issued thereon. The auditor's report is available for inspection at the registered office of the Company. The engagement partner responsible for this audit is Mrs. Wadzanai Makuwa (PAAB Practising Certificate Number 0636).



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Independent Auditor's Report

## To the Shareholders of African Distillers Limited

## Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

## Qualified Opinion

We have audited the Financial Statements of African Distillers Limited ('the Company") set out on pages 18 to 52, which comprise of the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2025, and the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, and notes to the Financial Statements, including material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the accompanying Financial Statements present fairly, in all material respects, the Statement of Financial Position of the Company as at 31 March 2025 and its Financial Performance and Cash Flows for the year then ended in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and the requirements of the Companies and Other Business Entities Act (Chapter 24:31).

## Basis for Qualified Opinion

Non-compliance with International Accounting Standard 21- The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates (IAS 21) and International Accounting Standard 8 - Accounting Polices, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors (IAS 8):

### Exchange rate used in the prior year.

Management applied an internally generated exchange rate (transaction rate) to translate foreign denominated transactions and balances to the functional and reporting currency, the United States Dollar (US\$). We believe that the use of a transaction rate was inappropriate for financial reporting as it did not meet the definition of a spot rate as the rate was not accessible through a legal exchange mechanism. We believe that management should have applied the auction exchange rate and/or the Willing-Buyer-Willing-Seller (WBWS) exchange rate as determined by the interbank market, as either one of these two rates met the IFRS Accounting Standards definition of a spot rate.

The errors resultant from the use of incorrect exchange rates impacted prior year numbers and our prior year audit report was modified accordingly. The prior year errors should have been corrected retrospectively in accordance with IAS 8 – *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors*. Further impacting the prior year financial statements was the consequential impact this matter had on application of IAS 29-Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies in the first half of prior year.

As no retrospective adjustments in terms of IAS 8 have been made, the corresponding amounts for Accumulated Profit on the Statement of Financial Position and Revenue, Cost of Sales, Other Operating Expenses, Net Foreign Exchange Adjustment, Net Monetary adjustment and Taxation on the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income remain impacted. Our audit report is therefore modified due to possible impact of this matter on comparability of the prior year and current year amounts.

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The effects of the above departures from IFRS Accounting Standards are material but not pervasive to the Financial Statements.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA Code) and other independence requirements applicable to performing audits of financial statements in Zimbabwe. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code and in accordance with other ethical requirements applicable to performing audits in Zimbabwe. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

### Emphasis of matter - Material uncertainty relating to a Tax Court Case

We draw attention to Note 7.3 of the financial statements, which describes the uncertainty relating to the future outcome of an ongoing tax dispute between the company and the Zimbabwe Revenue Authority. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

### Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. Except for the matters described in the Basis for qualified opinion section, we have determined that there are no other key audit matters to communicate in our report.

### Other Information

The directors are responsible for the Other Information. The Other Information includes the Company Profile, Financial Highlights, Chairman's Statement, Review of Operations, Directors' Report, Corporate Governance, Directors' Responsibility Statement and Supplementary Information. The Other Information does not include the Financial Statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the Financial Statements does not cover the Other Information and we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the Financial Statements, our responsibility is to read the Other Information and, in doing so, consider whether the Other Information is materially inconsistent with the Financial Statements, or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this Other Information, we are required to report that fact. As described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section above, the comparability of the current year and prior year amounts is impacted due to non-compliance with the requirements of IAS 21 – *The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates* and IAS8–*Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors* in prior year. This had a consequential impact on application of IAS 29 – *Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies* in prior year as well. We have concluded that the Other Information is materially misstated for the same reasons.

### Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Financial Statements in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and the requirements of the Companies and Other Business Entities Act (Chapter 24:31), and



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for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of Financial Statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these Financial Statements.

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

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

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

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

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

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Mrs Wadzanai Makuwa (PAAB Practicing Certificate Number 0636).

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Independent Auditor's Report

## To the Shareholders of African Distillers Limited

Report on the Audit of the Condensed Financial Statements - ZWG

Opinion

We have audited the Condensed Financial Statements - ZWG of African Distillers Limited, set out on pages 7 to 13, which comprise the Condensed Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2025, and Condensed Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, Condensed Statement of Changes in Equity and the Condensed Statement of Cashflows for the year then ended, and material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the accompanying Condensed Financial Statements - ZWG of African Distillers Limited as at 31 March 2025 are prepared in all material respects, in accordance with the Regulatory Notice Number: SECZ070325 ; pursuant to paragraph 21 of the First Schedule of the Securities and Exchange Act [Chapter 24:25], paragraph 194 of the Monetary Policy Statement presented by the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe Governor on 06 February 2025 and the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange Notice dated 12 March 2025.

**Basis for Opinion** 

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the entity in accordance with the International Code of Ethics for professional Accountants (IESBA Code) and other independence requirements applicable to performing audits of financial statements in Zimbabwe. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Other Information

The Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Directors' responsibility statement but does not include the Condensed Financial Statements - ZWG and our auditor's report thereon. The other information does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the Condensed Financial Statements - ZWG, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the Condensed Financial Statements - ZWG or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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## Emphasis of Matter: Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the Condensed Financial Statements - ZWG, which describes the basis of accounting. The Condensed Financial Statements - ZWG are prepared to assist African Distillers Limited to comply with Regulatory Notice Number: SECZ070325; pursuant to paragraph 21 of the First Schedule of the Securities and Exchange Act [Chapter 24:25], paragraph 194 of the Monetary Policy Statement presented by the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe Governor on 6 February 2025 and the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange Notice dated 12 March 2025. Consequently, the Condensed Financial Statements - ZWG and the related auditor's report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Emphasis of matter - Material uncertainty relating to a Tax Court Case

We draw attention to Note 13 of the Condensed Financial Statements - ZWG, which describes the uncertainty relating to the future outcome of an ongoing tax dispute between the company and the Zimbabwe Revenue Authority. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

## Other matters

African Distillers Limited has prepared a general-purpose set of financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with IFRS accounting standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board on which we issued a separate auditor's report to the shareholders of African Distillers Limited dated 9 May 2025.

Further, this is the first year the directors have prepared this Condensed Financial Statements - ZWG to comply with the basis of preparation as indicated in note 1 to the Condensed Financial Statements - ZWG, therefore the ZWG comparative financial information presented on the Condensed Financial Statements - ZWG for the year ended 31 March 2024 was not audited.

## Responsibilities of the Director for the Financial Statements

The Directors of African Distillers Limited are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Condensed Financial Statements - ZWG in accordance with the financial reporting provisions established by the Regulatory Notice Number: SECZ070325 ; pursuant to paragraph 21 of the First Schedule of the Securities and Exchange Act [Chapter 24:25], paragraph 194 of the Monetary Policy Statement presented by the Reserve Bank Governor on 06 February 2025 and the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange Notice dated 12 March 2025 and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the special purpose financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the Condensed Financial Statements - ZWG, the directors are responsible for assessing the African Distillers Limited's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Condensed Financial Statements - ZWG as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could

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reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due
  to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain
  audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of
  not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from
  error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the
  override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. <sup>33</sup>
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.

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

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Mrs Wadzanai Makuwa (PAAB Practicing Certificate Number 0636).

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