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Unaudited results for the half-year ended December 31 2016

Bid Corporation Limited
("Bidcorp" or "the Group" or "the Company")
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Financial highlights

Trading profit
H1 2017 R2,8 bn
H1 2016 R2,4 bn*
+15,7%

HEPS
H1 2017 600,3 cents
H1 2016 499,1 cents*
+20,3%

Net debt
H1 2017 R1,7 bn
H1 2016 R4,3 bn*
-R2,6bn

Distribution
Cents per share
250,0

* Reviewed pro forma financial information

Bidcorp's focus remains on realising the potential that exists in its current foodservice operations as well as acquisitive growth opportunities.

The business comprises a mix of well-established operations in leading and rapidly growing markets, offering significant future upside. The profile of the customer base is strategically targeted to fully cater to the foodservice industry's needs.

Condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss
for the

Pro forma financial information (Note 2)

Half year ended		Year ended		Actual (Note 1)	
ended		Year ended		Half year ended	
December 31		June 30		December 31	
2015	%	2016		2016	2015
R000s				Unaudited	Reviewed
Reviewed	change	Reviewed			

Revenue			67 821 938	64 755 706
68 168 588	(0,5)	140 523 301		
Cost of revenue			(53 294 762)	(51 736 560)
(54 383 309)	2,0	(111 339 336)		
Gross profit			14 527 176	13 019 146
13 785 279	5,4	29 183 965		
Operating expenses			(11 701 263)	(10 820 874)
(11 343 495)	(3,2)	(24 033 352)		
Sales and distribution costs			(9 583 395)	(8 966 888)
(9 297 045)		(19 810 106)		
Administration expenses			(2 039 159)	(1 751 620)
(1 920 896)		(3 636 044)		
Other costs			(78 709)	(102 366)
(125 554)		(587 202)		
Trading profit			2 825 913	2 198 272
2 441 784	15,7	5 150 613		
Share-based payment expense			(46 486)	(32 051)
(51 807)		(63 984)		
Acquisition costs			(14 089)	(328)
(328)		(8 947)		
Net capital items			-	-
(9 149)		(157 921)		
Operating profit			2 765 338	2 165 893
2 380 500	16,2	4 919 761		
Net finance charges			(118 521)	(108 410)
(156 810)		(294 553)		
Finance income			53 549	21 669
22 275		106 230		
Finance charges			(172 070)	(130 079)
(179 085)		(400 783)		
Share of profit of associates			11 546	6 981
4 580		23 985		
Profit before taxation			2 658 363	2 064 464
2 228 270	19,3	4 649 193		
Taxation			(657 118)	(522 322)
(571 955)	(14,9)	(1 179 027)		
Profit for the period			2 001 245	1 542 142
1 656 315	20,8	3 470 166		
Attributable to:				
Shareholders of the Company			1 993 020	1 524 435
1 638 908	21,6	3 430 711		
Non-controlling interest			8 225	17 707
17 407		39 455		
			2 001 245	1 542 142
1 656 315	20,8	3 470 166		
Shares in issue				
Total ('000)			335 404	10
335 404		335 404		
Weighted ('000)			332 000	10
329 517		331 791		
Diluted weighted ('000)			332 859	10
331 300		332 555		
Basic earnings per share (cents)			600,3	15 093 415,8
497,4	20,7	1 034,0		
Diluted basic earnings per share (cents)			598,8	15 093 415,8
494,7	21,0	1 031,6		
Headline earnings per share (cents)			600,3	15 059 118,8
499,1	20,3	1 080,0		
Diluted headline earnings per				

share (cents)		598,8	15 059 118,8
496,4	20,6	1 077,5	
Distributions per share (cents)		250,0	
-	241,0		
Headline earnings			
The following adjustments to profit attributable to shareholders were taken into account in the calculation of headline earnings:			
Profit attributable to shareholders of the Company		1 993 020	1 524 435
1 638 908	3 430 711		
Net impairments		-	-
-	156 126		
Available-for-sale investment		-	-
-	119 076		
Property, plant and equipment		-	-
-	41 463		
Intangible assets		-	-
-	3 817		
Tax relief		-	-
-	(8 230)		
Net (profit) loss on disposal of interests in subsidiaries, disposal or closure of businesses		-	(3 464)
5 685	(25 656)		
(Profit) loss on disposal and closure		-	(3 464)
5 685	(26 670)		
Tax charge		-	-
-	1 014		
Net loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets		-	-
-	11 499		
Property, plant and equipment		-	-
-	4 256		
Intangible assets		-	-
-	5 280		
Tax charge		-	-
-	1 963		
Impairment of associate		-	-
10 699			
Headline earnings		1 993 020	1 520 971
1 644 593	21,2	3 583 379	

Note 1: Actual financial results of Bidcorp for the half year ended December 31 2015, do not include assets

transferred to Bidcorp from Bidvest as part of the internal restructuring of Bidcorp, as this transfer was effective from April 1 2016.

Note 2: Pro forma financial results of Bidcorp assume that all the assets (referred to in note 1) transferred into Bidcorp by Bidvest as part of the internal restructuring prior to its listing and unbundling had been part of Bidcorp for the full 2016 financial year.

Condensed consolidated statement of other comprehensive income for the

Actual

Half year

ended

Year ended

31	June 30	December	
2015	2016	2016	
R000s		Unaudited	
Reviewed	Audited		
Profit for the period		2 001 245	1
542 142	3 320 044		
Other comprehensive income		(2 994 906)	3
842 629	2 214 461		
Items that may be classified subsequently to profit or loss		(2 994 906)	3
842 629	2 262 343		
Foreign currency translation reserve			
Exchange differences arising during the period		(2 993 477)	3
840 871	2 259 035		
Available-for-sale financial assets		-	
-	-		
Net change in fair value		-	
-	(119 076)		
Reclassified to profit or loss		-	
-	119 076		
Cash flow hedges			
Fair value (loss) gain arising during the period		(1 765)	
2 239	607		
Taxation effects			
Taxation relief (charge) for the period		336	
(481)	2 701		
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		-	
-	(47 882)		
Defined benefit obligations			
Net remeasurement of defined benefit obligations during the period		-	
-	(57 243)		
Taxation effects			
Taxation charge for the period		-	
-	9 361		
Total comprehensive income for the period		(993 661)	5
384 771	5 534 505		
Attributable to:			
Shareholders of the Company		(990 064)	5
353 406	5 486 534		
Non-controlling interest		(3 597)	
31 365	47 971		
		(993 661)	5
384 771	5 534 505		

Condensed consolidated statement of cash flows for the

Actual		Half year
ended	Year ended	December
31	June 30	
2015	2016	2016
R000s		Unaudited
Reviewed	Audited	

Cash flows from operating activities	571 167	
713 096	4 740 623	
Operating profit	2 765 338	2
165 893	4 626 518	
Dividends from associates	15 395	
15 013	23 467	
Acquisition costs	14 089	
328	8 947	
Depreciation and amortisation	608 039	
571 577	1 237 482	
Increase in post-retirement obligations	(355)	
(28 719)	(224 391)	
Other non-cash items	(1 357)	
(16 991)	207 872	
Cash generated by operations before		
changes in working capital	3 401 149	2
707 101	5 879 895	
Changes in working capital	(1 325 472)	(1
344 788)	762 572	
Cash generated by operations	2 075 677	1
362 313	6 642 467	
Net finance charges paid	(138 526)	
(108 410)	(200 533)	
Taxation paid	(565 671)	
(528 218)	(1 150 888)	
Dividends paid	(800 313)	
(12 589)	(550 423)	
Cash effects of investment activities	(608 841)	(1
105 544)	(2 349 552)	
Net additions to property, plant		
and equipment	(679 844)	
(757 986)	(1 901 242)	
Net additions to intangible assets	(50 392)	
(52 326)	(123 906)	
Net disposal (acquisition) of subsidiaries,		
businesses, associates and investments	121 395	
(295 232)	(324 404)	
Cash effects of financing activities	428 957	
(223 341)	(808 142)	
Net borrowings raised (repaid)	494 951	
(223 341)	(820 562)	
Movement in non-controlling interests	(65 994)	
-	-	
Disposal of treasury shares	-	
-	12 420	
Net increase (decrease) in cash and		
cash equivalents	391 283	
(615 789)	1 582 929	
Net cash and cash equivalents at the		
beginning of the period	5 505 509	3
632 604	3 632 604	
Exchange rate adjustment	(565 014)	
694 062	289 976	
Net cash and cash equivalents at		
end of the period	5 331 778	3
710 877	5 505 509	
Net cash and cash equivalents comprise:		
Cash and cash equivalents	5 360 130	3
763 710	5 505 509	
Bank overdrafts included in short-term		

portion of interest-bearing borrowings		(28 352)	
(52 833)	-		
710 877	5 505 509	5 331 778	3

Condensed consolidated statement of financial position
as at

Actual		December	
31	June 30	2016	
2015	2016	Unaudited	
Reviewed	Audited		
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
751 641	26 792 068	23 739 890	26
Property, plant and equipment			
474 777	11 016 705	10 059 972	10
Intangible assets			
396 599	1 212 758	1 003 240	1
Goodwill			
754 559	13 184 782	11 724 225	13
Deferred tax asset			
561 391	491 766	602 101	
Defined benefit pension surplus			
-	15 255	15 255	
Interest in associates			
126 514	116 903	91 492	
Investments			
437 801	753 899	243 605	
Current assets			
815 504	29 548 613	27 653 002	28
Inventories			
595 514	8 828 939	8 488 481	8
Trade and other receivables			
456 280	15 214 165	13 804 391	16
Cash and cash equivalents			
763 710	5 505 509	5 360 130	3
Total assets			
567 145	56 340 681	51 392 892	55
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Capital and reserves			
110 466	24 217 574	22 275 780	23
Attributable to shareholders of the Company			
023 870	24 080 624	22 208 421	23
Non-controlling interest			
86 596	136 950	67 359	
Non-current liabilities			
953 302	4 490 970	5 983 531	4
Deferred tax liability			
486 095	524 243	569 310	
Long-term portion of borrowings			
552 838	2 342 670	3 843 911	2
Post-retirement obligations			
203 045	50 836	46 108	
Puttable non-controlling			

interest liabilities		1 043 023	1
058 611	1 168 921		
Long-term portion of provisions		471 761	
649 534	397 970		
Long-term portion of operating lease liabilities		9 418	
3 179	6 330		
Current liabilities		23 133 581	27
503 377	27 632 137		
Trade and other payables		18 661 190	20
829 123	21 505 266		
Short-term portion of provisions		304 494	
570 439	358 319		
Vendors for acquisition		446 910	
631 646	513 308		
Taxation		531 804	
440 237	409 760		
Short-term portion of borrowings		3 189 183	5
031 932	4 845 484		
Total equity and liabilities		51 392 892	55
567 145	56 340 681		
Number of shares in issue ('000)		335 404	
10	335 404		
Net tangible asset value per share (cents)		2 827	77
947 644	2 887		
Net asset value per share (cents)		6 621	227
959 109	7 180		

Condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity
for the

Year		Actual
ended	ended	Half year
December 31	June 30	2016
2015	2016	Unaudited
R000s		
Reviewed	Audited	
Equity attributable to shareholders of the Company		
Stated capital		
#	5 428 016	5 428 016
Balance at beginning of the period		
#	#	5 428 016
Shares issued during the period		
-	5 428 016	-
Treasury shares		
-	(949 731)	(881 550)
Balance at the beginning of the period		
-	-	(949 731)
Shares disposed of in terms of share option scheme		
-	12 421	68 181
Transfer in from unbundling		
-	(962 152)	-
Foreign currency translation reserve		
8 693 762	7 111 926	4 130 271

Balance at beginning of the period		7 111 926
4 852 891	4 852 891	
Movement during the period		(2 981 655)
3 840 871	2 256 344	
Realisation of foreign currency translation reserve on sale of subsidiaries and associates		-
-	2 691	
Hedging reserve		(1 429)
(1 550)	-	
Balance at beginning of the period		-
(3 308)	(3 308)	
Fair value (loss) gain arising during the period		(1 765)
2 239	607	
Deferred tax recognised directly in reserve		336
(481)	2 701	
Equity-settled share-based payment reserve		(32 532)
29 174	(2 025)	
Balance at beginning of the period		(2 025)
54 857	54 857	
Arising during the period		47 065
32 051	48 653	
Utilisation during the period		(76 426)
(67 043)	(133 660)	
Deferred tax recognised directly in reserve		(1 146)
9 309	27 776	
Transfer as a result of unbundling		-
-	(28 947)	
Transfer from retained earnings		-
-	29 296	
Retained earnings		13 565 645
14 302 484	12 492 438	
Balance at the beginning of the period		12 492 438
12 778 926	12 778 926	
Attributable profit		1 993 020
1 524 435	3 279 576	
Dividends paid		(800 964)
-	(537 283)	
Transfer of reserves as a result of changes in shareholding of subsidiaries		(118 849)
(877)	(7 503)	
Net remeasurement of defined benefit obligations during the period		-
-	(47 882)	
Transfers of subsidiaries under common control		-
-	(2 973 047)	
Transfer from unbundling for equity-settled share-based payment reserve		-
-	28 947	
Transfer to share-based payment reserve		-
-	(29 296)	
		22 208 421
23 023 870	24 080 624	
Equity attributable to non-controlling interests of the Company		
Balance at beginning of the period		136 950
65 946	65 946	
Attributable profit		8 225
17 707	40 468	
Movement in foreign currency translation reserve		(11 822)
13 658	7 503	
Transfer of reserves as a result of changes		

in shareholding of subsidiaries		(59 728)
-	7 503	
Movement in equity-settled share-based payment reserve		(579)
-	(253)	
Dividends paid		(5 687)
(12 589)	(13 140)	
Changes in shareholding		-
997	73 623	
Transfer to puttable non-controlling interest liability		-
877	(44 700)	
		67 359
86 596	136 950	
Total equity		22 275 780
23 110 466	24 217 574	
# Amount below R1 000.		

Condensed segmental analysis for the

financial information (Note 2)		Pro forma		
		Actual (Note 1) Half year ended		Half year ended
Year ended		December 31		December 31
June 30		2016		2015
%	2016	2016	2015	2015
R000s	Reviewed	Unaudited	Reviewed	Reviewed
REVENUE				
Foodservice		67 821 938	64 751 696	68 168 588
140 523 301				
Australasia		15 318 269	14 568 000	14 568 000
5,2	30 333 998			
United Kingdom		26 164 977	30 367 308	30 367 308
(13,8)	60 991 803			
Europe		16 292 978	14 479 504	14 479 504
12,5	30 988 054			
Emerging Markets		10 045 714	5 336 884	8 753 776
14,8	18 209 446			
Bidvest Services		-	4 010	-
-				
(0,5)	140 523 301	67 821 938	64 755 706	68 168 588
TRADING PROFIT				
Foodservice		2 867 081	2 207 545	2 458 345
5 240 051				
Australasia		943 601	770 231	770 231
22,5	1 778 121			
United Kingdom		749 751	757 726	757 726
(1,1)	1 473 925			
Europe		588 952	463 630	463 630
27,0	1 053 640			
Emerging Markets		584 777	215 958	466 758
25,3	934 365			
Corporate		(41 168)	(12 826)	(16 561)
(89 438)				

Bidvest Services	-	3 553	-
-			
	2 825 913	2 198 272	2 441 784
15,7	5 150 613		

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listing and unbundling had been part of Bidcorp for the full 2016 financial year.

Comment

Bidcorp has, in addition to its actual results, provided shareholders with pro forma financial information in relation to the comparative half year end due to the unbundling from The Bidvest Group Limited in May 2016, to enable a full appreciation of the true performance of the Group. The following comment is based on the comparison to that pro forma information.

Highlights

The Group delivered very pleasing results for the half year ended December 31 2016. Headline earnings per share (HEPS) increased by 20,3% to 600,3 cents per share (PF2015: 499,1 cents) with basic earnings per share (EPS) increasing by 20,7% to 600,3 cents per share (PF2015: 497,4 cents).

Bidcorp's businesses continue to perform well across all geographies, driven by good organic growth in home currencies and benefiting from market share gains. Our strategic focus of balancing the exposure between contract, national and independent customers in the respective markets has driven margin improvement, despite generally very low inflation environments. Significant volatility across many major currencies, not only versus the rand, has not materially impacted our rand translated results in the period.

Bidcorp has commenced a global rebranding exercise trading as "Bidfood", which will reinforce our image as "value-add food people" rather than logistics providers.

Distribution

In accordance with its dividend policy, Bidcorp has declared an interim cash dividend of 250,0 cents per share.

Financial overview

Overall net revenue of R67,8 billion (PF2015: R68,2 billion) was impacted by the ongoing deliberate and planned exit of some large contract business in various geographies, which still reflect to some extent in the comparative base. In the core foodservice businesses, solid revenue growth was achieved at improved margins in all geographies.

Gross profit percentage increased to 21,4% (PF2015: 20,2%) reflecting the benefit of focusing on the correct mix of business. Operating expenses remained well controlled, increasing 3,2% despite some wage pressure in a number of growing economies and higher sales and distribution costs reflecting higher activity levels.

Group trading profit increased by 15,7% to R2,8 billion (PF2015: R2,4 billion) and the trading margin improved to 4,2% (PF2015: 3,6%), a direct consequence of the operational focus to grow the independent trade and rebalance the customer portfolio.

Share-based payment costs of R46,5 million (PF2015: R51,8 million) reflect the costs of long-term incentivisation across the Group, which remains a key performance driver.

Acquisition costs of R14,1 million (PF2015: R0,3 million) reflect some small bolt-on acquisition activity, the benefits of which will manifest going forward.

Net finance charges are 24,4% lower at R118,5 million (PF2015: R156,8 million). Cash generation has been solid despite greater utilisation of working capital, typical of the normal absorption experienced in the first half of the financial year. Bidcorp remains well capitalised, with trading profit interest cover at 23,8 times (PF2015: 15,6 times). Where appropriate, funding has been renegotiated to avail ourselves of the current low interest rate environment. We remain conservative in our approach to gearing but ongoing work is being undertaken to create adequate capacity for organic and acquisitive growth.

The Group's financial position remains strong. Total assets have grown reflecting replacement and expansionary capital expenditure on fixed assets, and the higher trading activity in inventories and receivables. Net debt is R1,7 billion, the same level as June 30 2016 but significantly improved on the R4,3 billion at December 2015.

Cash generated by operations was robust, net working capital days increased to 3 days (June 2016: -1 day) and net investment activities consumed R608,8 million. Free cash flow was positive at R762,6 million.

Acquisitions

There have been no material acquisitions in the period. However, a number of smaller bolt-on acquisitions were concluded in Australia, Brazil, Belgium, Italy and Fresh UK totalling R495,8 million.

Bidcorp has concluded an agreement which will enable Puratos Group NV to acquire joint control of our South African-based Bakery Supplies business. The transaction will enable the business to develop new products using international innovation for the baking industry. The transaction is estimated to complete in April 2017.

Prospects

Our foodservice businesses worldwide are executing on the strategy of rebalancing the exposure between contract,

national and independent customers in their respective markets. We see our future as a "foodservice" provider, as opposed to a "logistics" operator. Innovative technology-based solutions for customers and global procurement opportunities continue to gain traction as part of our value-add service to grow market share. Fresh produce, Meat categories and Value Add Processing continue to be areas of unexploited potential in many regions.

Our financial position is strong, cash generation is expected to remain robust, and we retain significant headroom to accommodate expansion opportunities, both acquisitive and organic.

Management remains alert to opportunities; organically through a focus on the appropriate business mix and bolt-on acquisitions in territory to expand geographic reach and product range extension; and via larger acquisitions to enter new markets. Despite our appetite for acquisitions, we remain disciplined in our approach to accessing the "right" opportunities.

Bidcorp's decentralised business model, the depth and experience of our entrepreneurial management team and the strength of the Group's culture enables us to continue to drive above-average returns for our shareholders.

Management remain firmly of the view that over the medium term, overall returns on our internationally diversified businesses will far outstrip the negative effects of global volatility. Overall fundamentals in the global foodservice industry remain positive. Bidcorp will further leverage these conditions in its respective markets and anticipates continued real growth.

DIVISIONAL REVIEW

Australasia

The region continues to make a substantial contribution as the biggest profit generator. Revenue moved 5,2% higher to R15,3 billion (PF2015: R14,6 billion). Trading profit rose 22,5% to R943,6 million (PF2015: R770,2 million). The successful strategy of bringing the "food" focus back into the businesses is reflected in these results.

Australia put in a strong first half. Total sales fell in line with the strategy of exiting logistics revenue while growing independent freetrade volumes through the Foodservice, Fresh and Meat divisions. Profit and margins rose, a commendable performance and an indication the long-term strategy is working.

Foodservice made an outstanding contribution. The number of branches rose to 33 following the acquisitions of Pye Providores (Port Macquarie) and Central Choice (Launceston). Branch network growth remains a focus area.

Imports division had a great six months, concentrating on new product development. Fresh is starting to fulfil its potential and delivered profit improvements. Meat made a small, opportunistic acquisition

in Canberra.

New Zealand performance was buoyed by a positive macro-economic environment and the success of several initiatives, including the growth of the Processing and Imports divisions. Revenue and trading profit rose significantly.

Gains were driven by increased freetrade focus at branch level and supply chain efficiencies. Cash flow remained strong and returns rose substantially. Work continues on four new distribution facilities.

Foodservice performed strongly. The division's import capability became a source of competitive advantage. Fresh delivered excellent results, containing costs and protecting margins, and our Auckland business won a significant contract. Processing went from strength to strength.

Europe

The eastern European businesses delivered superior growth bolstering the results in this division. Revenue rose 12,5% to R16,3 billion (PF2015: R14,5 billion) while trading profit rose 27,0% to R589,0 million (PF2015: R463,6 million).

The Netherlands business achieved revenue gains despite second quarter pressure. Trading profit growth was slightly below expectation as institutional sales volumes declined and catering volumes disappointed. A strong hospitality performance helped offset institutional and catering setbacks. National account business also grew.

Belgium operations gained further traction. Revenue grew and trading profits rose. Catering remained under pressure, but Horeca, Institutional and Chain business exceeded expectation and the business remained strongly cash generative. The acquisition of Bestfood, a multi-temp Horeca wholesaler, was finalised. A significant institutional contract win was recorded late in the period.

DAC Italy registered strong trading profit and revenue growth that was substantially higher than prior year, notwithstanding the benefit of the acquisition of Quartiglia Food Service. Growth of the independent market continued and now represents about 75% of turnover. International revenue increased, boosted by sales to Bidcorp sister companies. Cash generation remains strong.

Czech and Slovakia secured pleasing growth despite the summer not being as favourable for ice cream sales as last year. Revenue and trading profit were well above last year and margins were well managed. In the Horeca space our main focus remains on growing our red meat, poultry and fish categories. Fresh vegetable distribution has begun. Retail activity centres on frozen products and ice cream. We launched pork, beef and game sales to butcheries. Slovakia made an improved contribution on strong retail and Horeca performance.

Poland continued the trend of strong revenue growth. Margins were maintained and overheads well controlled. Trading profit exceeded expectation. The freetrade share of the sales mix continues to expand. Working capital was well managed and investment in plant and vehicles continued, as we continue to see the benefits of this growing market.

Baltics revenue showed pleasing growth, underpinned by strong foodservice results. Strong ambient and chilled growth is evident. The business is at breakeven levels.

Spain made continued progress albeit a small loss was recorded, down on the loss recorded previously, and remains a very interesting market for us.

Aktaes Turkey was impacted by political uncertainty and terrorism, affecting tourism with major customer groups. Depreciation of the Turkish lira had a severe effect on margins. Aktaes achieved sales gains, but recorded a loss. An Aegean acquisition is being explored.

United Kingdom (UK)

Trading profit decreased by 1,1% to R749,8 million (PF2015: R757,7 million); however, on a constant currency basis, trading profit grew 15,1%. Excluding the Logistics business, our UK Foodservice and Fresh business grew trading profit by 18,9% in sterling.

Bidfood UK delivered an excellent result bolstered by a positive second quarter. Trading profit was comfortably above budget and the prior period, even though there is one less trading week in the current period. Overall revenue declined off the back of the intentional exiting of low margin contracts. Customer margins were well managed. In line with our long-term strategy, the freetrade volume mix showed good improvement. Like-for-like own brand volumes grew. National account business retention levels were pleasing.

Fresh profit rose, but was below expectation in view of the weaker sterling causing significant product cost inflation within potatoes, salmon and butter product categories. Some margin has been sacrificed in order to maintain volumes. Hardest hit was Seafood however margins have begun to stabilise. Oliver Kay (fresh produce) achieved encouraging sales gains. Recently acquired R Noone (fresh produce) performed well. Meat sales were strong in December, supported by solid contributions from Campbell's and Henson's.

Logistics results remain disappointing, weaker than the comparative period trading profit. Volumes rose though margin per case was under pressure. Distribution, storage and handling costs were poorly managed and increased beyond expectation.

Ongoing review of the commercial scope of contracts, service levels and costs is underway by the new management team. The management irregularities that were reported on during the previous financial year remain the subject

of ongoing legal processes. Abnormal costs in respect of these matters have been provided for at the corporate level. Any impact on non-current assets is continually being monitored by management however no adjustments have been made to the financial position to date. The future strategic options for this business are under consideration.

Emerging Markets

These businesses continue to deliver commendable results in light of the many economic challenges faced in these regions. Revenue moved 14,8% higher to R10,0 billion (PF2015: R8,8 billion), with trading profit up 25,3% at R584,8 million (PF2015: R463,6 million).

Food Africa returned excellent results. Sales growth was underpinned by continued independent channel gains. Strong trading profit improvements were registered across all businesses. Cash flow remained strong while investment in vehicles and facilities was maintained. Developments to the IT and business collaboration systems continue to add value. Within Foodservice the online ordering platform and private label sales were enablers of growth. Crown Food Group grew its own manufactured lines and products. At Bakery Solutions the focus on innovation and product development yielded positive results. Within the export business, despite challenges in a number of geographies, excellent results were achieved by the Zambian operations.

Greater China

Hong Kong topped budgetary expectations for trading profit and sales in a challenging market. Margins came under renewed pressure impacted by sluggish tourism, notably Macau. Across the wider business, sales of dairy and dry products were especially strong. Natural and Organic Global grew beef and poultry volumes. In the mainland China business, second-tier cities were growth points. Hotel and restaurant customers supported Shanghai gains. Beijing saw good demand from supermarket and bakery customers. Guangzhou was buoyed by a strong second quarter. Shenzhen drove improvements in the restaurant and foodservice channels. Late in the period we bought out our 40% partner in this business.

Singapore operations were challenged by declines across the food and beverage sector yet registered a significantly improved result. Foodservice secured continued growth with beef, poultry and butchery categories all strong contributors. Gourmet sales were strong but changes to the product mix affected margins.

Brazil secured pleasing growth in revenue and trading profit despite customer liquidity constraints. Economic and political conditions remained challenging. A new acquisition, Mariusso, based in the São Paulo area, is being integrated in order to extract synergies. Our disciplined approach to credit extension inhibits the potential growth of the customer-base; however, caution is deemed prudent at this stage.

Chile achieved pleasing gains in a stagnant economy. Sales volumes outperformed budget. The new Concepcion branch moved into profit following the acquisition of a small distribution company. Santiago Foodservice did well, freezer capacity expansion has begun and debtors' collections showed improvement.

Middle East businesses registered revenue growth while trading profit was in line with expectation, underpinned by good contributions from Saudi Arabia and the smaller regional markets. UAE put in another strong showing, and we are benefiting from our previous investment into our operational capacity.

Directorate

At the annual general meeting (AGM), Mrs CWL Phalatse retired from the board. The board thanked Mrs Phalatse for her contribution. Mrs DD Mokgatle was appointed as a non-executive director with effect from October 4 2016.

B Joffe
Executive chairman
officer

BL Berson
Chief executive

DE Cleasby
Chief financial

Dividend declaration

In line with the Group dividend policy, the directors have declared an interim cash dividend of 250,0 cents (212,5 cents net of dividend withholding tax, where applicable) per ordinary share for the six months ended December 31 2016 to those members registered on the record date, being Friday, March 24 2017.

The dividend has been declared from income reserves. A dividend withholding tax of 15% (or as legislated) will be applicable to all shareholders who are not exempt.

Share code:	BID
ISIN:	ZAE000216537
Company registration number:	1995/008615/06
Company tax reference number:	9040946841
Gross cash dividend amount per share:	250,0 cents
Net dividend amount per share:	212,5 cents
Issued shares at declaration date ('000):	335 404
Declaration date:	Thursday, February 23 2017
Last day to trade cum dividend:	Monday, March 20 2017
First day to trade ex dividend:	Wednesday, March 22 2017
Record date:	Friday, March 24 2017
Payment date:	Monday, March 27 2017

Share certificates may not be dematerialised or rematerialised between Wednesday, March 22 2017 and Friday, March 24 2017, both days inclusive.

For and on behalf of the board

AK Biggs
Company secretary

Johannesburg

February 23 2017

Basis of presentation of condensed consolidated financial statements
These interim condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the framework concepts and the measurement and recognition requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and the SAICA Financial Reporting Guides as issued by the Accounting Practices Committee and Financial Reporting Pronouncements as issued by Financial Reporting Standards Council, and include disclosure as required by IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting and the Companies Act of South Africa. They do not include all the information required for a complete set of IFRS financial statements. However, selected explanatory notes are included to explain events and transactions that are significant to an understanding to the changes in the Group's financial position and performance since the last annual consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended June 30 2016.

In preparing these interim condensed consolidated financial statements, management make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expense. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The significant judgements made by management in applying the Group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those that applied to the consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended June 30 2016.

Certain segments were reclassified during the year. The comparative year's segmental information has been represented to reflect these insignificant changes.

Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies applied in these interim condensed consolidated financial statements are the same as those applied in the Group's consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended June 30 2016.

Financial instruments

When measuring the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Group uses market observable data as far as possible. Fair values are categorised into different levels in a fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used in the valuation techniques categorised as follows:

- Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included in level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (ie as prices) or indirectly (ie derived from prices).

- Level 3: inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

The following table shows the carrying amounts and fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities, including their levels in the fair value hierarchy for financial instruments measured at fair value. It does not include fair value information for financial assets and financial liabilities not measured at fair value if the carrying amount is a reasonable approximation of fair value.

Fair value R000s		Non-current assets (liabilities)			Current liabilities	
		Puttable non- controlling interests	Invest- ments	Vendors for acquisition		
Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3			
December 31 2016						
Financial assets						
measured at fair value				-	8 405	-
405	-	1 801	6 604			8
Financial liabilities						
measured				(1 043 023)	-	(446 910)
933)	-	-	(1 489 933)			(1 489
December 31 2015						
Financial assets						
measured at fair value				-	15 574	-
574	-	1 877	13 697			15
Financial liabilities						
measured at fair value				(1 058 611)	-	(631 646)
257)	-	-	(1 690 257)			(1 690
June 30 2016						
Financial assets						
measured at fair value				-	511 122	-
- 501 293		2 054	7 775			
Financial liabilities						
measured at fair value				(1 168 921)	-	(513 308)
229)	-	-	(1 682 229)			(1 682

Valuation technique

The expected payments are determined by considering the possible scenarios of forecast EBITDAs, the amount to be paid under each scenario and the probability of each scenario. The valuation models consider the present value of expected payment, discounted using a risk-adjusted discount rate.

Significant unobservable inputs

- EBITDA growth rates: 10% - 23% (2015: 10% - 23%)
- EBITDA multiples: 4,8x - 7x (2015: 4,8x - 7x)
- Risk-adjusted discount rate: 1,99% - 5,00% (2015: 1,99% - 5,00%)

Inter-relationship between significant unobservable inputs and fair value measurement

The estimated fair value would increase (decrease) if:

- The EBITDA was higher (lower); or
- The risk-adjusted discount rate was lower (higher).

Related parties

The identification of related parties and transactions with key management personnel as of and for the period ended December 31 2016 have been the same as those applied in the Group's consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended June 30 2016.

Unaudited results

These results have not been audited or reviewed by the Group's auditors. The interim condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared by CAM Bishop (CA)SA, under the supervision of DE Cleasby CA(SA), and were approved by the board of directors on February 22 2017.

Exchange rates

The following exchange rates were used in the conversion of foreign interests and foreign transactions during the periods:

	December 31	
	2016 Unaudited	2015 Reviewed
Rand/sterling		
Closing rate	16,83	23,03
Average rate	17,94	20,86
Rand/euro		
Closing rate	14,41	16,95
Average rate	15,40	15,01
Rand/Australian dollar		
Closing rate	9,88	11,35
Average rate	10,57	9,84

Supplementary pro forma information regarding the currency effects of the translation of foreign operations on the Group

The pro forma financial information has been compiled for illustrative purposes only and is the responsibility of the board. Due to the nature of this information, it may not fairly present the Group's financial position, changes in equity and results of operations or cash flows. The pro forma information has been compiled in terms of the JSE Listings Requirements and the Revised Guide on Pro Forma Information by SAICA.

The Group underwent an internal restructuring with effect from April 1 2016 in anticipation of the listing and unbundling of Bidcorp on May 30 2016. The illustrative information, detailed in the statement of profit or loss, has been prepared on the basis that the internal restructuring had been effective July 1 2015 and includes pro forma adjustments on a basis consistent with those of the pre-listing statement of Bidcorp, dated April 14 2016.

The average rand exchange rate weakened against most of the significant currencies in which the Group's foreign operations trade, namely the euro (15,01 in 2015 to 15,40 in 2016) and the Australian dollar (9,84 in 2015 to 10,57 in 2016), however, this was offset by an appreciation in the rand against sterling (20,86 in 2015 to 17,94 in 2016) following the UK referendum to leave the EU in June 2016 (Brexit).

The illustrative information, detailed below, has been prepared on the basis of applying the 2015 average rand exchange rates to the 2016 foreign subsidiary income statements and recalculating the reported income of the Group for the period.

Illustrative 2016 at 2015 exchange rates	For the half year ended		average
	December 31		
	Actual	Pro forma	Actual
%	2016	2015	2016
change			
Revenue (Rm)	67 821 938	68 168 588	70 259 912
3,1			
Trading profit (Rm)	2 825 913	2 441 784	2 847 814
16,6			
Headline earnings (Rm)	1 993 020	1 644 593	2 023 194
23,0			
HEPS (cps)	600,3	499,1	609,4
22,1			

Administration

Directors

Executive chairman: B Joffe

Lead independent director: DDB Band

Independent non-executive: PC Baloyi, DD Mokgatle, NG Payne, H Wiseman*

Executive directors: BL Berson* (chief executive), DE Cleasby (chief financial officer)

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