Profit announcement



for the six months ended 31 March 2017

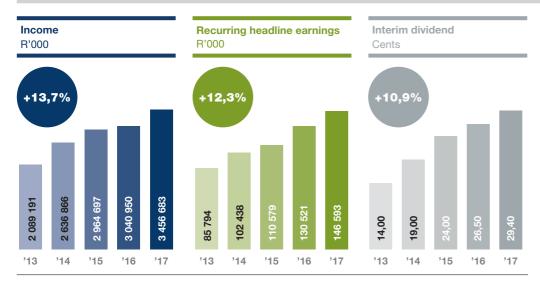












	Unaudited 31 March 2017 R'000	Unaudited 31 March 2016 R'000	% Change	Audited 30 Sept 2016 R'000
Income statement				
Turnover: Value of business transacted	4 497 579	3 953 218	13,8	7 646 062
(including total turnover of direct transactions)				
Income: Excluding direct transactions	3 456 683	3 040 950	13,7	5 652 843
Profit before tax	200 871	178 839	12,3	290 798
Earnings	144 706	130 576	10,8	210 422
Earnings per share (cents)	205,37	185,31	10,8	298,63
Recurring headline earnings	146 593	130 521	12,3	210 304
Recurring headline earnings per share (cents)	208,05	185,24	12,3	298,46
Interim dividend per share (cents)	29,40	26,50	10,9	
Statement of financial position Non-current assets	904 176	696 100		807 695
Current assets	2 282 995	1 978 630		2 325 180
Gross assets	3 187 171	2 674 730	_	3 132 875
Capital and reserves Non-current liabilities Current liabilities	1 502 469 32 838 1 651 864	1 344 930 32 049 1 297 751		1 405 677 29 861 1 697 337
Total equity and liabilities	3 187 171	2 674 730	-	3 132 875
Net asset value per share (rand) Shares issued (number – '000)	21,32 70 462	19,09 70 462		19,95 70 462

Results

The business continues to invest significantly in growth and diversification. With the upgrade of a number of agriculture and retail sites and the addition and upgrade of further fuel service stations, our offering as well as our footprint have improved.

The value of business transacted increased by 13,8% and income increased by 13,7%, which was supported by inflation of 4,6%. Real comparable stores turnover grew by 11,7%. All channels delivered strong turnover performances with retail and fuel turnover exceeding expectations.

Fuel prices are subject to volatility as a result of exchange fluctuations. This leads to opportunistic profits or losses which are accounted for in the income statement.

Recurring headline earnings increased by 12,3%.

The statement of financial position is well-structured and the ability to further gear the business to support growth remains strong.

Dividend

An interim dividend of 29,40 cents per share (2016: 26,50 cents) will be paid to registered shareholders of the company on 9 June 2017.

Last date to trade cum dividend	12 May 2017
Record date to qualify for dividend	19 May 2017
Date of payment	9 June 2017

Prospects

While the general sentiment of the agricultural environment in the northern parts of South Africa has improved significantly due to good rainfall, conditions in the majority of the areas in which Kaap Agri operates remain under stress as a result of weather uncertainty. Although the general retail index is still under pressure, Kaap Agri expects above-market growth in this area as new and improved offerings start to contribute more significantly. Retail fuel growth remains an aggressive part of the expansion strategy.

Improved earnings growth is expected for the next six months and the business remains on track to achieve its strategic medium-term targets.

The JSE listing is on track for later this year.















