



CHOBE HOLDINGS LIMITED

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("the Group" or "the Company")

Incorporated in the Republic of Botswana (Registration Number BW00001487283)

CONDENSED AUDITED RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Year ended 28/02/2023 P'000's Audited	Year ended 28/02/2022 P'000's Audited
Revenue	410 917	118 336
Other operating income	17 070	7 134
Amortisation of intangible assets	(4 015)	(5 638)
Depreciation	(34 048)	(34 171)
Other operating expenses	(250 043)	(132 789)
Operating profit/ (loss)	139 881	(47 128)
Finance income	923	130
Finance cost	(4 238)	(3 862)
Share of net loss of associates accounted for using equity method	(935)	(969)
Profit / (loss) before income tax	135 631	(51 829)
Income tax (expense) / credit	(31 045)	9 380
Profit / (Loss) for the period	104 586	(42 449)
Other comprehensive income		
Exchange difference on translation of foreign operations	(335)	216
Other comprehensive income for the period	(335)	216
Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the period	104 251	(42 233)
Attributable to		
Owners of the parent	104 278	(42 135)
Non-controlling interest	(27)	(98)
	104 251	(42 233)
Earnings / (loss) per share (thebe) - basic	116.96	(47.35)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	As at 28/02/2023 P'000's Audited	As at 28/02/2022 P'000's Audited
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	216 573	213 482
Right of use assets	28 087	32 502
Goodwill	67 963	54 227
Land lease rights	59 778	63 487
Other intangible assets	932	1 238
Investment in associate	-	935
Deferred income tax assets	8 228	24 061
	381 561	389 932
Current assets		
Inventory	12 168	11 142
Trade and other receivables	23 276	9 393
Assets classified as held for sale	-	-
Current income tax receivable	2 747	3 613
Cash and cash equivalents	131 009	17 535
	169 200	41 683
Total assets	550 761	431 615
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity		
Stated capital	102 899	102 899
Foreign currency translation reserve	(1 441)	(1 106)
Other reserves	7 295	5 486
Retained income	259 044	156 240
	367 797	263 519
Non-controlling interest	734	761
Total equity	368 531	264 280
Liabilities		
Non-current liabilities		
Deferred income tax liabilities	18 147	14 639
Lease liability	42 060	46 594
	60 207	61 233
Current liabilities		
Current income tax payable	9 340	515
Bank overdraft	-	12 519
Borrowings	190	-
Advance travel receipts	57 813	52 850
Lease liability	4 461	4 037
Trade and other payables	50 219	36 181
	122 023	106 102
Total liabilities	182 230	167 335
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	550 761	431 615

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Year ended 28/02/2023 P'000's Audited	Year ended 28/02/2022 P'000's Audited
Operating activities		
Cash generated from operations	179 898	6 778
Interest paid	(1 041)	(416)
Income tax paid	(2 020)	(5 693)
Cash generated from operating activities	176 837	669
Investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(28 179)	(6 790)
Proceeds on sale of property, plant and equipment	1 434	2 459
Payment for acquisition of a subsidiary	(17 770)	-
Proceeds from sale of assets held for disposal	-	11 251
Interest received	923	130
Net cash (used in) / generated from investing activities	(43 592)	7 050
Financing activities		
Lease rental paid	(7 442)	(7 032)
Net borrowings	190	-
Net cash used in financing activities	(7 252)	(7 032)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	125 993	687
Movement in cash and cash equivalents		
At beginning of period	5 016	4 329
Increase in the period	125 993	687
At end of period	131 009	5 016
Represented by:		
Cash and cash equivalents	131 009	5 016

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Attributable to owners of the parent					Total P'000's
	Stated capital P'000's	Retained earnings P'000's	Foreign currency translation reserve P'000's	Other reserves P'000's	Non- controlling interest P'000's	
Balance at 1 March 2022	102 899	156 240	(1 106)	5 486	761	264 280
Profit for the year	-	104 613	-	-	(27)	104 586
Other comprehensive income	-	-	(335)	-	-	(335)
Transfer to other reserves	-	(1 809)	-	1 809	-	-
Balance at 28 February 2023	102 899	259 044	(1 441)	7 295	734	368 531

HIGHLIGHTS

- A 138% increase in occupancy levels.
- A 247% increase in revenue.
- A BWP 187 million increase in operating profits resulting BWP 140 million operating profit against BWP 47 million operating loss in last year.
- Cash and cash equivalents of BWP 131 million.

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The audited financial statements for the year ended 28 February 2023 have been prepared based on accounting policies which comply with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 28 February 2022, as described in those annual financial statements, save for new standards that became effective during this financial year, the impact of those being immaterial.

This summarized financial information has been extracted from the audited financial statements. The Group's external auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers ("PwC"), have issued an un-qualified audit opinion on the consolidated and separate financial statements of the Group and Company (respectively) for the year ended 28 February 2023. This summary has not been audited or reviewed by PwC.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

This reporting period has been characterized by the rapid dismantling of COVID-19 restrictions across the globe and the

resumption of international travel. Chobe has seen a significant improvement in trading with a strong recovery across all our brands. Both revenue and comprehensive income have exceeded that experienced pre-COVID-19.

Throughout COVID-19 Chobe worked closely with all stakeholders to mitigate the impact of the pandemic. We did this by protecting both our people and business partners, ensuring our mutual resilience and ensuring that we emerged from the pandemic stronger together.

We have continued to invest in our people and remain committed to ensuring that our people receive an industry-leading remuneration package including health, welfare and pension benefits.

Chobe's marketing teams continue to explore new opportunities both geographically and within specific targeted niches. These efforts serve to grow our agent base, improving yield and occupancies throughout the year.

The effects of global inflation, particularly with respect to food and energy, have been seen across the Group, but these are mitigated by the strengthening of the United States Dollar against the Botswana Pula.

FUTURE OUTLOOK

Despite the headwinds international demand for travel remains robust particularly, in the Group's traditional source markets. This strong demand can be seen in the Group's forward bookings for Financial Year 2023/24.

The dividend policy guideline remains to pay a dividend that is at least twice covered by attributable fully taxed earnings subject to the prudent ongoing liquidity requirements of the Group. Advanced Travel Receipts should be segmented and not paid as dividends.

The Group's strong cash position provides us with the opportunity to take advantage of any expansion opportunities that may arise with capital expenditure historically funded by internally generated cashflows.

Chobe, through its listing on the Botswana Stock Exchange, continues to provide an important mechanism for citizens to invest in the tourism sector.

DIVIDENDS

In keeping with the Company's dividend distribution policy and the solvency requirements of the Companies Act, 2003, your Directors have declared a net dividend of 60 thebe per share, payable to shareholders registered at the close of business on 15 June 2023, with an ex-dividend date of 13 June 2023, for payment on 27 June 2023.

UNCLAIMED DIVIDENDS

The Directors wish to bring to the notice of shareholders that there are certain amounts of unclaimed dividends in the Company's records. Shareholders are reminded to contact the Transfer Secretaries to claim their outstanding dividends.

By order of the Board of Directors
John K Gibson, Chief Executive Officer
25 May 2023



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