



CHOBE HOLDINGS LIMITED

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("the Group" or "the Company")

Incorporated in the Republic of Botswana (UIN BW00001487283)

AUDITED ABRIDGED RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Year ended 29/02/2024 P'000's Audited	Year ended 28/02/2023 P'000's Audited
Revenue	543 135	410 917
Other operating income	28 112	17 070
Depreciation and amortisation	(37 964)	(38 063)
Other operating expenses	(328 360)	(250 043)
Operating profit	204 923	139 881
Finance income	730	923
Finance cost	(3 391)	(4 238)
Net income before share of results of associate	202 262	136 566
Share of net loss of associates accounted for using equity method	-	(935)
Profit before income tax	202 262	135 631
Income tax expense	(54 142)	(31 045)
Profit for the year	148 120	104 586
Other comprehensive income		
Exchange difference on translation of foreign operations	(33)	(335)
Other comprehensive loss for the year	(33)	(335)
Total comprehensive income for the year	148 087	104 251
Attributable to		
Owners of the parent	148 114	104 278
Non-controlling interest	(27)	(27)
	148 087	104 251
Earnings per share (thebe) - basic	165.64	116.96
No of bed nights	66 987	57 328
Occupancy	60%	47%

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	As at 29/02/2024 P'000's Audited	As at 28/02/2023 P'000's Audited
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	319 094	216 573
Right of use assets	24 266	28 087
Goodwill	67 963	67 963
Intangible assets	57 180	60 710
Deferred tax assets	10 126	8 228
	478 629	381 561
Current assets		
Inventories	16 420	12 168
Trade and other receivables	36 866	23 276
Current tax receivable	3 301	2 747
Cash and cash equivalents	141 084	131 009
	197 671	169 200
TOTAL ASSETS	676 300	550 761
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity		
Stated capital	102 899	102 899
Foreign currency translation reserve	(1 474)	(1 441)
Other reserves	8 064	7 295
Retained earnings	352 758	259 044
	462 247	367 797
Non-controlling interest	707	734
Total equity	462 954	368 531
Liabilities		
Non-current liabilities		
Deferred tax liabilities	21 360	18 147
Lease liabilities	37 182	42 060
	58 542	60 207
Current liabilities		
Current tax liabilities	8 548	9 340
Borrowings	100	190
Customer advances received	79 523	57 813
Lease liabilities	5 547	4 461
Trade and other payables	61 086	50 219
	154 804	122 023
Total liabilities	213 346	182 230
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	676 300	550 761

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Year ended 29/02/2024 P'000's Audited	Year ended 28/02/2023 P'000's Audited
Operating activities		
Cash generated from operations	253 449	179 898
Interest paid	(463)	(1 041)
Dividends paid	(53 001)	-
Income tax paid	(54 042)	(2 020)
Net cash generated from operating activities	145 943	176 837
Investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(132 740)	(28 179)
Proceeds on sale of property, plant and equipment	110	1 434
Payment for acquisition of a subsidiary	-	(17 770)
Interest received	730	923
Net cash used in investing activities	(131 900)	(43 592)
Financing activities		
Proceeds from borrowings	-	20,000
Repayment of borrowings	(90)	(19,810)
Lease rental paid	(7 430)	(7 442)
Net cash used in financing activities	(7 520)	(7 252)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	6 523	125 993
Movement in cash and cash equivalents		
At beginning of year	131 009	5 016
Increase in the year	6 523	125 993
Net foreign exchange difference	3 552	-
At end of year	141 084	131 009
Represented by:		
Cash and cash equivalents	141 084	131 009

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 2023	102 899	259 044	(1 441)	7 295	734	368 531
Profit for the year	-	148 147	-	-	(27)	148 120
Other comprehensive income	-	-	(33)	-	-	(33)
Transfer to other reserves	-	(769)	-	769	-	-
Dividends paid	-	(53 664)	-	-	-	(53 664)
Balance at 29 February 2024	102 899	352 758	(1 474)	8 064	707	462 954

HIGHLIGHTS

- A 28% increase in occupancy levels.
- A 32% increase in revenue.
- A record profit before tax of BWP 202 million.
- Cash and cash equivalents of BWP 141 million.

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The audited financial statements for the year ended 29 February 2024 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 2023, 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 summarised financial information has been extracted from the audited financial statements. The Group's external auditors, EY, have issued an un-qualified audit opinion on the consolidated and separate financial statements of the Group and Company (respectively) for the year ended 29 February 2024. This summary has not been audited or reviewed by EY.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

These extremely strong results, both revenue and profit for the year, have built upon the improvements of the previous year and have significantly surpassed those reported prior to the COVID-19 pandemic as a result in strong demand from source markets as well as effective marketing growing our agent base, improving yield and Revenue per Available Room ("RevPAR") as well as occupancies.

These improvements have been felt across the business with the performance of our hospitality brands Desert & Delta Safaris and Ker & Downey Botswana being particularly strong.

FUTURE OUTLOOK

Chobe continues to harness talent at all levels, developing a highly capable team to aggressively leverage our strong balance sheet to drive growth in line with our shareholders' investment horizons. We continue to invest in our marketing effort, exploring new opportunities within our historic markets as well as wider opportunities globally. Several new products will be launched

in the coming year. Additionally, Chobe is proactively looking at investment opportunities across the region and has completed negotiations to market and operate a premier lodge in Zambia.

Conflict in Europe and the Middle East has not had a discernible impact on forward reservations, and thus forecast revenue, however the inflationary effect of uncertainty and pressure on the supplies of fuel, imported material and essential foodstuff has increased our costs. Chobe's operations have faced further challenges from the significant delays and uncertainties in international supply chains. Wider conflict remains a risk.

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, as the only ecotourism company listed on the Botswana Stock Exchange, continues to provide an important mechanism for citizens to invest in and derive benefit from Botswana's tourism sector.

DIVIDENDS

In keeping with the Company's dividend distribution policy and the solvency requirements of the Companies Act, 2007, your Directors have declared a net dividend of 80 thebe per share, payable to shareholders registered at the close of business on 13 June 2024, with an ex-dividend date of 11 June 2024, for payment on 25 June 2024.

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
30 May 2024



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