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### **OUR VALUES**



PPC always does the RIGHT thing

Holding each other accountable and always acting with integrity



PPC strives for **EXCELLENCE** 

Striving for excellence in everything



PPC's **PEOPLE** are its strength

PPC values its people and recognises that every person is essential to the company's success



PPC has a **PASSION** for winning

Inspiring each other with a positive attitude and energy in striving to be the best



PPC is **CUSTOMER** focused

Customers are at the heart of everything as PPC strives to exceed expectations every time

### **PPC AT A GLANCE**

### **SNAPSHOT OF PERFORMANCE FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

#### Consolidated group

Revenue up 20,9% to

### R6 172 million

(H1 FY23: R5 103 million)

EBITDA margin up 3% pts to

17,3 %

(H1 FY23: 14,3%)

EBITDA up 46,8% to

### R1 069 million

(H1 FY23: R728 million)

HEPS of

### 26 cents

(H1 FY23: loss of 5 cents)

EPS of

### 24 cents

(H1 FY23: loss of 3 cents)

Agreement to dispose of PPC's 51% stake in CIMERWA (Rwanda) concluded on 17 November 2023 for US\$42,5 million

Reporting simplified due to hyperinflation no longer being applicable in the current reporting period

#### INDIVIDUAL BUSINESSES

#### SA and Botswana group

Resilient performance in a challenging market

Revenue, excluding dividends received, increased 2 0% to

### R3 546 million

(H1 FY23: R3 477 million)

SA and Botswana cement EBITDA margins increased to

12,6 %

After spending R103 million on the share repurchase programme, net debt for the SA and Botswana group nonetheless reduced by R195 million (R70 million since FY23) to

### R730 million

(H1 FY23: R925 million)

### PPC AT A GLANCE continued

### **SNAPSHOT OF PERFORMANCE FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS** continued

#### **PPC Zimbabwe**

Strong recovery following impact of planned extended kiln shutdown in prior comparative period

Revenue up 104% to

R1 743 million

(H1 FY23: R855 million)

EBITDA margins increased to

24,6%

(H1 FY23: 17,3%)

Dividends of

# US\$4,0 million paid

(H1 FY23: US\$5,0 million). A further dividend of US\$7 million was declared by PPC Zimbabwe in November 2023.

#### CIMERWA (Rwanda)

Continued positive trajectory notwithstanding margin pressures

Revenue up 14,5% to

R883 million

(H1 FY23: R771 million)

EBITDA margins decreased to

29,4%

Net cash at 30 September 2023 -

R107 million

(FY23 net debt of R162 million)

### **COMMENTARY**



The period under review reflects an encouraging recovery for the PPC group, albeit off a low base. A key driver is that profitability shows improvement across our core southern African markets, despite the weak macro environment and decline in cement volumes in South Africa. Moreover, the rolling out of the South African government's infrastructure development plans and protection of the local cement market through the introduction of import tariffs to create a level playing field for domestic producers. remain elusive. Increased demand is required to enable us to more effectively utilise the capacity available in our primary market. PPC Zimbabwe saw a strong recovery across all key metrics when compared to the negative impact of the planned shutdown in the prior comparative period. Accounting has been simplified following the adoption of the US dollar as its functional currency. PPC Zimbabwe continues to declare and pay dividends, Reaching an agreement to dispose of PPC's 51% stake in CIMERWA (Rwanda) is an important step in PPC's strategy of focusing on its core southern African markets. PPC has repurchased R103 million worth of its own shares, just over half the R200 million approved for this purpose at its FY23 year-end. I would like to thank the many people who make up the PPC community, and who have been part of the PPC journey during my tenure, for their support, energy and commitment. Also, I wish them, and my successor Matias Cardarelli, all the best for the future.

Roland van Wijnen Chief executive officer

## **COMMENTARY** continued

#### **GROUP PERFORMANCE - CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

PPC delivered a pleasing performance across all its markets for the six months to 30 September 2023 (the current period) despite the weak macro environment for its core SA and Botswana group where it saw a decline in cement volumes. Group revenue for the current period increased by 20,9% to R6 172 million (September 2022: R5 103 million) driven by a 4% increase in group cement volumes, price increases and the rand depreciation against the US\$.

Group cost of sales increased 16,1% to R4 934 million (September 2022: R4 251 million), being a lower rate of increase than revenue, which, when combined with marginally lower administration and other operating expenses resulted in a significant increase in operating profit to R675 million (September 2022: R273 million).

Group EBITDA increased by 46,8% to R1 069 million (September 2022: R728 million) as margins expanded in all the markets, except Rwanda. In addition, there was a significant recovery of market share in Zimbabwe as well as a return to profitability by the overall materials business.

Fair value and foreign exchange gains decreased from R82 million to R4 million due to the adoption of the US\$ as the functional currency for PPC Zimbabwe, thereby eliminating foreign exchange gains on monetary items held in Zimbabwe. Similarly, the R206 million net monetary loss in the prior period due to hyperinflation is not applicable in the current period. An impairment of R53 million relating to property, plant and equipment was made in the current period (September 2022: Rnil). This is related to the mothballing by Cement SA of its Jupiter milling plant to secure cost savings.

Finance costs decreased marginally to R81 million (September 2022: R84 million) notwithstanding the increases in interest rates when compared to the prior period as gross debt continued to reduce. Investment income increased to R15 million (September 2022: R10 million) on higher cash balances and higher market yields.

During the prior period the group realised  $\alpha$  R23 million profit on the disposal of an equity-accounted investment, Habesha.

Profit before tax increased to R560 million (September 2022: R106 million) and profit after tax was R431 million (September 2022: R22 million). The effective tax rate for the current period is 23,0% (September 2022: 79%). The prior period rate was negatively affected by a once off de-recognition of a deferred tax asset in PPC Ltd and the impact of PPC Zimbabwe inflation.

Earnings per share (EPS) and headline earnings per share (HEPS) increased respectively to 24 cents (September 2022: 3 cents loss) and 26 cents (September 2022: 5 cents loss).

The group's net cash flow before financing activities increased to R578 million (September 2022: R319 million excluding discontinued operations) as cash generation remains a key priority.

In line with the disciplined capital allocation policy, capital expenditure for the current period was R219 million (September 2022: R176 million). The share repurchase programme of R200 million, approved by the board in June 2023, was 52% (R103 million) completed at the end of September 2023.

#### **GROUP PERFORMANCE - CONTINUING OPERATIONS** continued

Group net debt declined to R381 million (September 2022: R677 million) from R765 million at 31 March 2023 due to strong cash generation as cash balances remain relatively high at R640 million (September 2022: R766 million) when compared to the 31 March 2023 balance of R424 million. Net debt for the SA and Botswana group improved by R195 million (R70 million since FY23) to R730 million (H1 FY23: R925 million) and gross leverage levels remain below the target range of 1,3 – 1,5 x last twelve month's EBITDA.

Zimbabwe remains debt-free and had unrestricted cash holdings at 30 September 2023 of R226 million up from R118 million at 31 March 2023 (September 2022: R253 million). Some 99,5% of PPC Zimbabwe's cash is held in hard currencies. Zimbabwe declared and paid a US\$4 million dividend during the current period and declared a further US\$7,0 million dividend in November 2023.

CIMERWA's gross debt declined to R167 million from R383 million at 31 March 2023 (September 2022: R365 million). Cash balances increased marginally to R274 million from R221 million at 31 March 2022 (September 2022: R345 million) as cash generation contributed positively following the dividend paid in March of R172 million.

#### **SOUTH AFRICA AND BOTSWANA CEMENT**

Overall cement sales volumes in South Africa and Botswana for the current period were down 4,7% when compared to the prior comparative period, mainly due to a decline in sales in the coastal and Botswana regions. Sales were only marginally negative in the inland region on an improved retail

performance despite price increases and an ongoing oversupply. Industrial and construction demand for technical products remains a strong differentiator for PPC. The weaker coastal demand was due to a weaker economic environment in the region and excessive rain. Larger construction projects in the region were also delayed. Imports into South Africa are at a stable level and continue to impact the domestic industry negatively. In addition, Botswana was negatively impacted by increased Namibian imports supported by export incentives provided to producers in Namibia.

PPC continues to increase its selling prices on a bi-annual basis and achieved an average selling price increase of 8,8% when compared to the six months ended 30 September 2022. For the six months ended 30 September 2023, South Africa and Botswana cement revenue increased by 4,7% to R3 158 million (September 2022: R3 015 million), also impacted by 0,4% adverse product mix.

High input cost inflation was experienced during the period, resulting in variable production costs per tonne cement sold increasing by some 9,7% compared to the prior period. Stringent cost mitigation measures contained fixed costs, with such costs decreasing by 1,9% compared to the prior period. Overall, total costs increased by 3,6% compared to prior period.

EBITDA increased by 8,2% to R398 million (September 2022: R368 million) with a margin of 12,6% (September 2022: 12,2%) as cost control initiatives combined with bi-annual price increases saw margins stabilise, albeit at low levels.

## **COMMENTARY** continued

#### AGGREGATES. READYMIX AND ASH

Readymix volumes decreased by 19,7%, while aggregates volumes decreased by 16,8% compared to the prior period. Fly ash sales volumes increased by 13,8%. Overall revenue for the materials division decreased by 6,1% to R586 million (September 2022: R624 million), due to the largest contributor, readymix, experiencing a significant reduction in demand offset in part by an increase in the average selling price. The divisional EBITDA increased to a profit of R14 million (September 2022: R14 million loss) following the successful implementation of turnaround measures implemented prior to 31 March 2023. These included a reduction of the absolute fixed costs and the conversion of certain fixed costs to variable costs

#### INTERNATIONAL

#### ZIMBABWE

During the current reporting period, PPC's operation in Zimbabwe saw a strong recovery in all its key metrics. Zimbabwe continued to win back market share it had lost during the planned extended kiln shutdown in the first half of the prior year. Cement sales volumes increased 44,0% mainly due to improved clinker availability for production, increased local demand, a reduction in imports and a soft base in the prior comparative numbers due to the extended shutdown.

PPC Zimbabwe changed its functional currency to US\$ and reporting has therefore been simplified as hyperinflation accounting is no longer applicable. The rand depreciated by 14,9% to the US\$ when compared to the prior comparative period, bolstering the Zimbabwean overall performance when reported in South African rands.

Revenue for the current period increased by 104% in rand terms to R1 743 million (September 2022: R855 million) which, together with the focus on costs resulted in EBITDA margins increasing to 24,6% (September 2022: 17,3%). PPC Zimbabwe's EBITDA increased by 190% to R429 million (September 2022: R148 million).

#### RWANDA

CIMERWA's cement sales volumes increased by 11,9% for the current period when compared to the prior period, as local and regional demand remains strong albeit with increased competition. CIMERWA is expected to remain in a strong position to benefit from the continued growth of cement demand.

Revenue for the six months ended 30 September 2023 increased by 14,5% to R883 million (September 2022: R771 million), as the rand remained relatively stable against the franc, depreciating 1%. In local currency, revenue increased by 13,2% and EBITDA increased by 4,4% to R260 million (September 2022: R249 million). With low average selling price increases of 1,3% due to product mix and continued pressure on input cost pricing, EBITDA margins decreased to 29,4% (September 2022: 32,3%).

#### **LEADERSHIP**

Further to the announcement of Matias Cardarelli as the incoming chief executive officer of PPC on 4 September 2023, shareholders are advised that the necessary work permit has not yet been finalised. However, sound progress has been made and it is still envisaged that Mr Cardarelli will be able to start during the quarter ending 31 December 2023.

The current managing director of South Africa and Botswana, Njombo Lekula, has announced he will be leaving PPC after three decades with the organisation. The board thanks Njombo for his invaluable contribution and dedication throughout his tenure at PPC and wish him the very best for the future. While he will be winding down his involvement and handing over, he will remain as part of PPC until 31 December 2023. Mr Lekula's role will not be filled but rather merged with that of the group CEO. This will create a more efficient structure to support PPC's strategic goals.

#### OUTLOOK

The key focus for PPC will remain on its southern Africa businesses, including South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe, This includes continuing to improve its profitability and enhance returns through further operational efficiencies and cost containment measures. Without a significant increase in infrastructure spending and South African gross domestic product, South Africa's cement demand is expected to remain subdued and sustainability is therefore dependent on both capital discipline and margin management. Notwithstanding, PPC South Africa remains well positioned to benefit from an increase in cement demand with additional capacity readily available to capture an upswing in demand without significant additional capital expenditure being required. Following a strong recovery in market share and profitability in PPC Zimbabwe in the current period, the company anticipates at least maintaining these gains. Further improvements will become possible following the implementation of the fly ash project, which is still in the procurement staae.

# SUMMARISED UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 30 September 2023

	Notes	30 September 2023 Rm	30 September 2022 Rm	31 March 2023 Rm
ASSETS				
Non-current assets		7 643	8 596	7 720
Property, plant and equipment	2	7 217	8 133	7 331
Right-of-use assets	_	90	74	68
Goodwill		_	44	_
Other intangible assets		75	110	85
Financial assets		208	173	185
Other non-current assets		22	40	24
Deferred taxation assets		31	22	27
Current assets		3 210	2 977	2 759
Inventories		1 430	1 168	1 287
Trade and other receivables		1 123	974	995
Taxation receivable		17	69	53
Cash and cash equivalents		640	766	424
Non-current assets held for sale		_	_	8
Total assets		10 853	11 573	10 487
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
Capital and reserves				
Stated capital	3	4 441	4 539	4 544
Other reserves		(6 707)	(6 478)	(6 818)
Retained profit		8 355	8 259	7 999
Equity attributable to shareholders of PPC Ltd		6 089	6 320	5 725
Non-controlling interests		601	717	617
Total equity		6 690	7 037	6 342
Non-current liabilities		2 215	2 813	2 420
Provisions		172	209	187
Deferred taxation liabilities		1 276	1 530	1 338
Long-term borrowings	4	699	1 030	852
Other non-current liabilities		_	_	1
Lease liabilities		68	44	42
Current liabilities		1 948	1 723	1 725
Provisions		6	10	15
Trade and other payables		1 416	1 253	1 288
Lease liabilities		26	27	28
Short-term borrowings	4	322	413	337
Taxation payable		178	20	57
Total equity and liabilities		10 853	11 573	10 487

# SUMMARISED UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

for the six months ended 30 September 2023

	Notes	Six months ended 30 September 2023 Rm	Six months ended Restated <sup>(a)</sup> 30 September 2022 Rm	Twelve months ended 31 March 2023 Rm
Continuing operations				
Revenue	5	6 172	5 103	9 902
Cost of sales		(4 934)	(4 251)	(8 343)
Gross profit		1 238	852	1 559
Decrease/(increase) expected credit losses on financial assets		2	(10)	(23)
Administration and other operating expenditure		(565)	(569)	(1 082)
Operating profit before items listed below:		675	273	454
Fair value and foreign exchange movements		4	82	69
Fair value gain/(loss) on Zimbabwe blocked funds		_	8	(32)
Net monetary loss on hyperinflation in Zimbabwe		_	(206)	(131)
Impairments	6	(53)	_	(145)
Profit before finance costs, investment income and equity-accounted investments		626	157	215
Finance costs		(81)	(84)	(172)
Investment income		15	10	27
Profit before equity-accounted investments		560	83	70
Profit on sale of equity-accounted investments		_	23	23
Profit before taxation		560	106	93
Taxation	7	(129)	(84)	(242)
Profit/(loss) for the period from continuing operations		431	22	(149)
Loss for the period from discontinued operations		_	(425)	(425)
Profit/(loss) for the period		431	(403)	(574)
Attributable to:				
Shareholders of PPC Ltd – continuing operations		357	(47)	(250)
Shareholders of PPC Ltd – discontinued operations		_	(417)	(417)
Non-controlling interests		74	61	93
		431	(403)	(574)
Earnings/(loss) per share (cents)	8.3			
Basic – group		24	(30)	(43)
Diluted – group		24	(30)	(43)
Basic – continuing operations		24	(3)	(16)
Diluted – continuing operations		24	(3)	(16)
Basic – discontinued operations		_	(27)	(27)
Diluted – discontinued operations		_	(27)	(27)

 $<sup>^{(</sup>a)}$  Refer to note 1.5 for details regarding the prior period restatement.

# SUMMARISED UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

for the six months ended 30 September 2023

	Financial assets at fair value through other Foreign currency translation reserve comprehensive income							
	30 September 2023 Unaudited Rm	30 September 2022 Unaudited Rm	31 March 2023 Audited Rm	30 September 2023 Unaudited Rm	30 September 2022 Unaudited Rm	31 March 2023 Audited Rm		
Profit/(loss) for the period	_	_	_	_	_	_		
Items that will be reclassified to profit or loss on disposal								
Translation of foreign operations(b)	(43)	(2 052)	(2 420)	_	_	_		
Loss reclassified to profit or loss on disposal of foreign operation	_	111	111	_	_	_		
Gain reclassified to profit or loss on disposal of equity-accounted investment	_	(8)	(8)	_	_	_		
Revaluation of financial assets	_	_	_	6	1	(1)		
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss								
Actuarial gains on post-retirement benefits	_	_	_	_	_	_		
Other comprehensive loss net of taxation	(43)	(1 949)	(2 317)	6	1	(1)		
Total comprehensive income/(loss)	(43)	(1 949)	(2 317)	6	1	(1)		
Attributable to:								
Shareholders of PPC Ltd – continuing operations	(21)	(2 111)	(2 445)	6	1	(1)		
Shareholders of PPC Ltd – discontinued operations	_	111	111	_	_	_		
Non-controlling interests	(22)	51	17	_	_			

<sup>(</sup>a) Refer to note 1.5 for details regarding the prior period restatement.

<sup>(</sup>b) The currency conversion guide is presented in note 1.4.

Post-r	etirement benef	its	F	Retained profit		Total	l comprehensive loss		
30 September 2023 Unaudited Rm	30 September 2022 Unaudited Rm	31 March 2023 Audited Rm	30 September 2023 Unaudited Rm	Restated <sup>(a)</sup> 30 September 2022 Unaudited Rm	31 March 2023 Audited Rm	30 September 2023 Unaudited Rm	Restated <sup>(a)</sup> 30 September 2022 Unaudited Rm	31 March 2023 Audited Rm	
-	_	_	431	(403)	(574)	431	(403)	(574)	
_	_	_	_	_	_	(43)	(2 052)	(2 420)	
-	_	_	-	_	_	_	111	111	
_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(8)	(8)	
_	_	_	_	_		6	1	(1)	
_	_	5	_	_	_	_	_	5	
_	_	5	_	_	_	(37)	(1 948)	(2 313)	
_	_	5	431	(403)	(574)	394	(2 351)	(2 887)	
_	_	5	357	(47)	(250)	342	(2 157)	(2 691)	
_	_	_	_	(417)	(417)	_	(306)	(306)	
_	_		74	61	93	52	112	110	

# SUMMARISED UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

for the six months ended 30 September 2023

	Six months ended 30 September 2023 Unaudited Rm	Six months ended Restated <sup>(a)</sup> 30 September 2022 Unaudited Rm	Twelve months ended 31 March 2023 Audited Rm
Opening Balance	6 342	7 372	7 372
IFRS 2 charges	22	12	27
Shares purchased in terms of the share			
incentive scheme	_	(36)	(36)
Purchase of PPC Ltd shares by a subsidiary	(103)	_	_
Actuarial gains	_	_	5
Disposal of subsidiaries	_	_	(24)
Other movement	_	_	1
Zimbabwe hyperinflation impact	_	1 457	1 404
Total comprehensive income/(loss)	342	(2 463)	(3 002)
Profit/(loss) for the period	357	(464)	(667)
Other comprehensive loss	(15)	(1 999)	(2 335)
Equity attributable to shareholders of PPC	6 706	6 342	5 747
Non-controlling interest	(16)	695	595
Closing balance	6 690	7 037	6 342

<sup>(</sup>a) Refer to note 1.5 for details regarding the prior period restatement.

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# SUMMARISED UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the six months ended 30 September 2023

	Six months ended 30 September 2023 Unaudited Rm	Six months ended 30 September 2022 Unaudited Rm	Twelve months ended 31 March 2023 Audited Rm
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital	1 072	730	1 370
Working capital movements	(158)	(81)	(274)
Cash generated from operations	914	649	1 096
Finance costs paid	(77)	(81)	(160)
Investment income received	10	6	14
Taxation paid	(72)	(98)	(145)
Cash available from operations	775	476	805
Net operating activities from discontinued operations	_	36	36
Net cash inflow from operating activities	775	512	841
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Investment in intangible assets	(4)	(5)	(18)
Investment in property, plant and equipment (adjusted for			
capital expenditure accruals)	(220)	(170)	(415)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	17	3	5
Proceeds from disposal of equity-accounted investments	_	15	15
Proceeds from long-term receivable	10	_	_
Net investing activities from discontinued operations	_	(121)	(121)
Net cash outflow from investing activities	(197)	(278)	(534)
Net cash inflow before financing activities	578	234	307
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES <sup>(a)</sup>			
Purchase of PPC Ltd shares by a subsidiary	(103)		_
Purchase of PPC Ltd shares in terms of the share incentive scheme	, <del>,</del> ,	(36)	(36)
Repayment of borrowings	(161)	(212)	(446)
Proceeds from borrowings raised		3	3
Repayment of lease liabilities	(15)	(15)	(29)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interest	(71)	(3)	(94)
Net financing activities from discontinued operations	_	(116)	(116)
Net cash outflow from financing activities	(350)	(379)	(718)
Net movement in cash and cash equivalents	228	(145)	(411)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	424	764	764
Effect of exchange rate movements on cash and cash equivalents – continuing operations	(12)	133	57
Effect of exchange rate movements on cash and cash equivalents – discontinued operations	_	14	14
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	640	766	424

<sup>(</sup>a) During the period the favourable non-cash changes on borrowings amounted to R6 million (September 2022: unfavourable R72 million; March 2023: unfavourable R50 million) arising from unrealised foreign exchange differences. Refer to note 1,4 for the relevant currency conversions.

### **SEGMENTAL INFORMATION**

for the period ended 30 September 2023

The group discloses its operating segments according to the business units, which are reviewed by the group executive committee, whose members as a whole are also the chief operating decision-makers for the group. The group executive committee includes executive directors. The group executive committee primarily uses a measure of EBITDA to assess the performance of the operating segments.

No individual customer comprises more than  $10\,\%$  of the group revenue.

	Consolidated South Africa and Botswana					ınα	
	30 September 2023 Unaudited Rm	Restated <sup>(c)</sup> 30 September 2022 Unaudited Rm	31 March 2023 Audited Rm	30 September 2023 Unaudited Rm	30 September 2022 Unaudited Rm	31 March 2023 Audited Rm	
Revenue							
Gross revenue	6 370	5 265	10 195	3 158	3 015	5 782	
Intersegment revenue <sup>(d)</sup>	(198)	(162)	(293)	(186)	(150)	(273)	
Total revenue <sup>(d)</sup>	6 172	5 103	9 902	2 972	2 865	5 509	
Cost of sales	(4 934)	(4 251)	(8 343)	(2 459)	(2 399)	(4 703)	
Decrease/(increase) expected credit losses on financial assets	2	(10)	(23)	_	(2)	(18)	
Admin and other operating expenses	(565)	(569)	(1 082)	(312)	(308)	(548)	
Operating profit before items listed below	675	273	454	201	156	240	
Fair value and foreign exchange movements	4	82	69	(1)	1	(2)	
Fair value gain/(loss) on Zimbabwe blocked funds	_	8	(32)	_	_	_	
Net monetary loss on hyperinflation in Zimbabwe	_	(206)	(131)	_	_	_	
Impairments	(53)	_	(145)	(53)	_	(8)	
Profit/(loss) before finance costs, investment income and equity-accounted investments	626	157	215	147	157	230	
Finance costs	(81)	(84)	(172)	(61)	(55)	(112)	
Investment income	15	10	27	8	4	12	-
Profit/(loss) before equity-accounted earnings	560	83	70	94	106	130	
Profit on sale of equity-accounted investments	_	23	23	_		_	
Profit/(loss) before taxation	560	106	93	94	106	130	
Taxation	(129)	(84)	(242)	(27)	(15)	(4)	
Profit/(loss) for the period from continuing operations	431	22	(149)	67	91	126	
Loss for the period from discontinued operations	_	(425)	(425)	_			
Profit/(loss) for the period	431	(403)	(574)	67	91	126	

The operating segments are initially identified based on the products produced and sold then per geographical location. The operating segments are South Africa and Botswana Cement, Zimbabwe, Rwanda, aggregates, ash and readymix and group services.

:	Cement Zimbabwe <sup>(a)</sup>			Aggregate			aterial business tes, ash and readymix Grou South Africa			o services and other <sup>(b)</sup>		
30 September 2023 Unaudited Rm	30 September 2022 Unaudited Rm	31 March 2023 Audited Rm	30 September 2023 Unaudited Rm	30 September 2022 Unaudited Rm	31 March 2023 Audited Rm	30 September 2023 Unaudited Rm	30 September 2022 Unaudited Rm	31 March 2023 Audited Rm	30 September 2023 Unaudited Rm	Restated <sup>(c)</sup> 30 September 2022 Unaudited Rm	31 March 2023 Audited Rm	
1 743	855	1 753	883	771	1 563	586	624	1 097	_	_	_	
_	_	_	_	_	_	(12)	(12)	(20)	_	_	_	
1 743	855	1 753	883	771	1 563	574	612	1 077	_	_	_	
(1 341)	(754)	(1 478)	(612)	(530)	(1 112)	(522)	(566)	(1 038)	_	(2)	(12)	
(11)	(12)	(12)	10	_	(13)	2	4	5	1	_	15	
(63)	(93)	(179)	(77)	(46)	(106)	(59)	(85)	(141)	(54)	(37)	(108)	
328	(4)	84	204	195	332	(5)	(35)	(97)	(53)	(39)	(105)	
(21)	58	35	11	(1)	14	(1)	(1)	(2)	16	25	24	
-	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	8	(32)	
_	(206)	(131)	_	_	_	-	_	_	_		_	
_	_	_	_	_		_	_	(49)	_	_	(88)	
307	(152)	(12)	215	194	346	(6)	(36)	(148)	(37)	(6)	(201)	
(2)	(132)	(6)	(17)	(27)	(49)	(1)		(2)	_	_	(3)	
_	2	3	1	1	1	_	_	_	6	3	11	
305	(152)	(15)	199	168	298	(7)	(36)	(150)	(31)	(3)	(193)	
_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	23	23	
305	(152)	(15)	199	168	298	(7)	(36)	(150)	(31)	20	(170)	
(56)	23	(137)	(42)	(28)	(61)	(1)	_	11	(3)	(64)	(51)	
249	(129)	(152)	157	140	237	(8)	(36)	(139)	(34)	(44)	(221)	
_	_	_	_	_	-	_	_	-	_	(425)	(425)	
249	(129)	(152)	157	140	237	(8)	(36)	(139)	(34)	(469)	(646)	

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		Consolidated	South	South Africa and Botswana			
	30 September 2023 Unaudited Rm	Restated <sup>(c)</sup> 30 September 2022 Unaudited Rm	31 March 2023 Audited Rm	30 September 2023 Unaudited Rm	30 September 2022 Unaudited Rm	31 March 2023 Audited Rm	
Attributable to:							
Shareholders of PPC Ltd – continuing operations	357	(47)	(250)	67	91	126	
Shareholders of PPC Ltd – discontinued operations	_	(417)	(417)	_	_	_	
Non-controlling interests	74	61	93	_	_	_	
	431	(403)	(574)	67	91	126	
Basic EPS – continuing operations	24	(3)	(16)	4	6	8	
Basic EPS – discontinued operations	_	(27)	(27)	_	-	_	
Headline EPS – continuing operations	26	(5)	(8)	7	6	9	
Headline EPS – discontinued operations	_	(1)	(1)	_	_	_	
Depreciation and amortisation	393	445	903	197	211	420	
EBITDA <sup>(f)</sup>	1 069	728	1 358	398	368	674	
EBITDA margin (%) <sup>(g)</sup>	17,3	14,3	13,7	13,4	12,8	12,2	
EBITDA margin (%) <sup>(h)</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	12,6	12,2	11,7	
Assets							
Non-current assets	7 643	8 596	7 720	3 767	3 964	3 894	
Non-current assets held for sale	_	_	8	_	-	_	
Current assets	3 210	2 977	2 759	1 501	1 319	1 435	
Total assets	10 853	11 573	10 487	5 268	5 283	5 329	
Investments in property, plant and equipment (refer to note 2) and intangible assets	219	175	437	122	73	217	
Non-current liabilities	2 215	2 813	2 420	1 240	1 416	1 592	
Current liabilities	1 948	1 723	1 725	939	861	861	
Total liabilities	4 163	4 536	4 145	2 179	2 277	2 453	
Capital commitments	289	170	227	112	118	65	

<sup>(</sup>a) The international segment has been dissolved to present Zimbabwe and Rwanda separately to further enhance the financial statements

<sup>(</sup>b) Group services and other comprises Group Shared Services (GSS), PPC Ltd, PPC International Holdings, BEE entities and group eliminations.

 $<sup>^{(</sup>c)}$  Refer to note 1.5 for details regarding the prior period restatement.

<sup>(</sup>d) Segments are disclosed net of intersegment transactions.

Cement Zimbabwe <sup>(a)</sup>					Aggregat			aterial business ites, ash and readymix C South Africa			oup services and other <sup>(b)</sup>		
30 September 2023 Unaudited	30 September 2022 Unaudited	2023 Audited	30 September 2023 Unaudited	30 September 2022 Unaudited	2023 Audited	30 September 2023 Unaudited	30 September 2022 Unaudited	2023 Audited	2023 Unaudited	Restated <sup>(c)</sup> 30 September 2022 Unaudited	31 March 2023 Audited		
Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm		
	1			1			1						
249	(129)	(152)	83	73	136	(8)	(36)	(139)	(34)	(46)	(221)		
_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(417)	(417)		
_	_	_	74	67	101	_	_	_	_	(6)	(8)		
249	(129)	(152)	157	140	237	(8)	(36)	(139)	(34)	(469)	(646)		
17	(8)	(10)	5	5	9	(1)	(2)	(9)	(1)	(4)	(14)		
-	-	-	-	_	_	-	_	-	-	(27)	(27)		
17	(9)	(10)	5	5	11	(1)	(2)	(7)	(2)	(5)	(11)		
-	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(1)	(1)		
100	152	282	57	54	115	18	21	48	21	7	38		
429	148	365	260	249	447	14	(14)	(65)	(32)	(23)	(63)		
24,6	17,3	20,8	29,4	32,3	28,6	2,4	(2,3)	(6,0)	-	_	_		
24,6	17,3	20,8	29,4	32,3	28,6	2,4	(2,2)	(5,9)	_	_			
2 200	2 697	2 181	1 121	1 277	1 169	231	297	233	324	361	243		
700	-	-	-	70/	-	-	270	8		- 72	_		
789 2 989	603	504	636 1 757	704	510	239	279	212 453	45	72	98 341		
2 989	3 300	2 685	1/5/	1 981	1 679	470	576	453	369	433	341		
31	63	117	49	18	52	6	18	38	11	3	13		
521	718	493	94	296	173	369	319	20	(9)	64	142		
409	270	294	406	384	358	156	184	164	38	24	48		
930	988	787	500	680	531	525	503	184	29	88	190		
102	16	92	43	25	63	5	3	4	27	8	3		

<sup>(</sup>e) Revenue from external customers generated by the group's material foreign operations is as follows: Botswana R228 million (September 2022: R240 million; March 2023: R438 million) Rwanda R883 million (September 2022: R771 million; March 2023: R1 563 million)

Zimbabwe R1 743 million (September 2022: R855 million; March 2023: R1 753 million)

<sup>(</sup>f) EBITDA is defined as operating profit before depreciation and amortisation.

<sup>(9)</sup> EBITDA margin is defined as EBITDA divided by total revenue (excluding intersegment revenue).
(8) EBITDA margin is defined as EBITDA divided by gross revenue (including intersegment revenue).

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#### 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The summarised unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Johannesburg Stock Exchange Ltd (JSE) Listings Requirements for abridged reports, and the requirements of the Companies Act 71 of 2008 (Companies Act) as applicable to the summary financial statements. The listings requirements require the abridged reports to be prepared in accordance with the framework concepts and the measurement and recognition requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants Financial Reporting Guides as issued by the Accounting Practices Committee and Financial Pronouncements as issued by Financial Reporting Standards Council and contain at a minimum the information required by IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting. The accounting policies applied in the preparation of the summarised unaudited consolidated financial statements were derived in terms of IFRS. These summarised unaudited consolidated financial statements do not include all the information required for the full consolidated financial statements. These summarised unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared using the historical cost convention except for certain financial instruments which are stated at fair value, the impact of inflation as a result of hyperinflationary economies (for prior periods) and assets held for sale that are measured at fair value less costs to sell (for prior periods).

These summarised unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the supervision of B Berlin CA(SA), chief financial officer, and were approved by the board of directors on Friday, 17 November 2023. The directors take full responsibility for the preparation of these summarised unaudited consolidated financial statements.

#### 1.1 Accounting policies

All accounting policies applied in the preparation of these summarised unaudited consolidated financial statements are in compliance with IFRS and consistent with those applied in the 31 March 2023 audited consolidated annual financial statements.

1.2 Significant judgements made by management and sources of estimation uncertainty
The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to
make estimates, assumptions and judgements that affect reported amounts and related
disclosures and therefore actual results, when realised in the future, could differ from these
estimates

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Judgements made by management in applying the accounting policies that could have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements are disclosed in the respective notes.

#### 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION continued

#### 1.3 Going concern

Based on a review of the group's financial budgets and forecasts, the directors believe that the company and the group have adequate financial resources to continue to be in operation for the foreseeable future.

As a result, these summarised unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

#### 1.4 Foreign currency conversion guide

Items included in the financial reports of each entity in the group are measured using the entity's functional currency. The summarised unaudited consolidated financial statements are presented in South African rand, which is the functional and presentation currency of the group. Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains or losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at reporting date exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in profit or loss. The statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, cash flows and financial position of group entities that are not accounted for as entities operating in hyperinflationary economies and that have a functional currency different from the presentation currency of the group are translated into the presentation currency. An entity may have a monetary item that is receivable from a foreign operation. An item for which settlement is neither planned nor likely to occur in the foreseeable future is, in substance, a part of the entity's net investment in that foreign operation. On consolidation, exchange differences arising from the translation of the net investment in foreign operations are taken to other comprehensive income and accumulated in the foreign currency translation reserve.

Approximate value of foreign currencies relative to the rand:

		Average rate		Closing rate			
	September September March		September	September	March		
	2023	2022	2023	2023	2022	2023	
Botswana pula (BWP)	1,392	1,314	1,337	1,385	1,346	1,358	
US dollar (US\$)	18,678	16,250	17,069	18,921	17,955	17,800	
Rwandan franc (RWF)	0,016	0,016	0,016	0,016	0,017	0,016	
Zimbabwe dollar (ZWL)	0,003	0,029	0,019	0,003	0,029	0,019	

During the period a review of the functional currency of PPC Zimbabwe was conducted. Due to increased revenue generated and expenditure incurred in US dollar in Zimbabwe, management concluded that the currency of the economic environment in which PPC Zimbabwe operates has changed from Zimbabwean dollar to US dollar from 1 April 2023. This resulted in PPC Zimbabwe assets and liabilities being translated at closing US dollar/rand exchange rates, and income and expenses at the transaction date US dollar/rand exchange rates, with the resulting exchange differences recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the foreign currency translation reserve.

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#### BASIS OF PREPARATION continued

#### 1.5 Prior period restatement

On 31 March 2021, PPC Ltd entered into a binding settlement agreement with PPC Barnet's lenders terminating the lenders' right of recourse to PPC Ltd. Simultaneously, PPC Ltd and the lenders entered into a non-binding term sheet to restructure the debt in PPC Barnet and to reorganise the governance structures of PPC Barnet (the restructure). On implementation of the restructure, PPC Ltd expected to lose control of PPC Barnet, and therefore the Restructure was a deemed disposal within the scope of IFRS 5 Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations (IFRS 5).

On the classification of PPC Barnet as a disposal group, the carrying amount of the disposal group was in excess of the fair value less costs to sell. This resulted in a recognition of an impairment loss of R761 million on 31 March 2021 and a subsequent impairment reversal of R215 million on 31 March 2022 in the consolidated annual financial statements.

In performing the impairment assessment of the PPC Barnet disposal group, PPC included the carrying amount of non-controlling interest in PPC Barnet in determining the quantified impairment loss and subsequent impairment reversal on 31 March 2021 and 2022 respectively. However, the non-controlling interest should have been excluded from the impairment assessment and the impact of deconsolidation of the non-controlling interests should only have been considered on 29 April 2022, on loss of control.

#### 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION continued

#### 1.5 Prior period restatement continued

The impairment loss which should have been recognised on 31 March 2021 is R86 million and no reversal of impairment should have occurred on 31 March 2022.

The prior year amounts have consequently been restated and the impact of such restatement is set out below:

	September 2022 Rm
Consolidated statement of profit or loss (extract)	
Loss for the year from discontinued operations (previously stated)	(107)
Correction of error – loss on sale of subsidiary	(318)
Loss for the year from discontinued operations (restated)	(425)
Attributable to:	
Ordinary shareholders of PPC Ltd – discontinued operations	
(previously stated)	(99)
Correction of error – loss on sale of subsidiary	(318)
Ordinary shareholders of PPC Ltd – discontinued operations (restated)	(417)
Loss per share (cents) – group (previously stated) – basic	(9)
Correction of error – loss on sale of subsidiary	(21)
Loss per share (cents) – group (restated) – basic	(30)
Loss per share (cents) – group (previously stated) – diluted	(9)
Correction of error – loss on sale of subsidiary	(21)
Loss per share (cents) – group (restated) – diluted	(30)
Loss per share (cents) – discontinued operations (previously stated) – basic	(6)
Correction of error – loss on sale of subsidiary	(21)
Loss per share (cents) – discontinued operations (restated) – basic	(27)
Loss per share (cents) – discontinued operations (previously stated) –	
diluted	(6)
Correction of error – loss on sale of subsidiary	(21)
Loss per share (cents) – discontinued operations (restated) – diluted	(27)

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#### 2. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Six months	Six months	Twelve months
	ended	ended	ended
	30 September	30 September	31 March
	2023	2022	2023
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	Rm	Rm	Rm
Movements during the period			
Net carrying value at the beginning of			
the period	7 331	9 255	9 255
Additions	215	170	420
Depreciation	(362)	(413)	(839)
Disposals	(17)	_	(15)
Impairments	(53)	_	(84)
Other movements <sup>(a)</sup>	_	(9)	(6)
Hyperinflation impact <sup>(b)</sup>	_	1 609	1 534
Transfer to non-current assets held			
for sale	_	_	(8)
Translation differences	103	(2 479)	(2 926)
Net carrying value at the end of			
the period	7 217	8 133	7 331
Comprising:			
Freehold and leasehold land and			
buildings	1 695	2 146	1 695
Mineral rights	41	38	64
Decommissioning assets	3	117	66
Plant, vehicles, furniture and			
equipment	5 478	5 832	5 506
	7 217	8 133	7 331

<sup>(</sup>a) Other movements include:

<sup>-</sup> Reclassification of assets between different categories

<sup>–</sup> Movement in the remeasurement of the decommissioning assets

<sup>(</sup>b) Hyperinflation has been discontinued due to change in functional currency of PPC Zimbabwe from Zimbabwean dollar to United States dollar.

#### 3. STATED CAPITAL

	30 September 2023 Shares	30 September 2022 Shares	31 March 2023 Shares
Stated capital			
Authorised ordinary shares	10 000 000 000	10 000 000 000	10 000 000 000
Authorised preference shares	20 000 000	20 000 000	20 000 000
Twenty million preference shares of R1 000 each. No preference shares have been issued.			
	Rm	Rm	Rm
Stated capital			
Balance at the beginning of the year	4 544	4 575	4 575
Shares purchased in terms of			
incentive scheme	_	(36)	(36)
Vesting of share incentive scheme shares	_	_	5
Purchase of PPC Ltd shares by			
a subsidiary	(103)	_	_
Balance at the end of the year	4 441	4 539	4 544
	Shares	Shares	Shares
Unissued shares			
Ordinary shares	8 446 235 376	8 446 235 376	8 446 235 376
Preference shares	20 000 000	20 000 000	20 000 000

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#### 4. BORROWINGS

	Six months ended 30 September 2023 Unaudited Rm	Six months ended 30 September 2023 Unaudited Rm	Six months ended 30 September 2022 Unaudited Rm	
South Africa long-term funding	Available	Utilised	Utilised	
Facility A – bullet term loan	_	400	400	
Facility B – revolving credit facility	500	_	_	
Facility C – amortising term loan	_	450	600	
Capitalised transaction costs	_	(4)	(4)	
Capitalised transaction costs written off	_	3	3	
Total	500	849	999	
International project funding				
Rwanda new facility	_	172	371	
Capitalised transaction costs	_	(6)	(6)	
Capitalised transaction costs written off	_	1	_	
Total	_	167	365	
Total long-term borrowings	500	1 016	1 364	
Short-term facilities				
South Africa	540	_	73	
Accrued finance charges	_	5	3	
Zimbabwe	_	_	3	
Total short-term borrowings	540	5	79	
Total borrowings	1 040	1 021	1 443	

Twelve months ended 31 March 2023 Audited Rm

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Utilised	Interest base	Interest margin (basis points)	Interest payment frequency	Final maturity	Security
400	3-month JIBAR	284	Quarterly	17/12/2024	Secured
_	3-month JIBAR	305	Quarterly	17/12/2025	Secured
525	3-month JIBAR	294	Quarterly	15/9/2026	Secured
(4)					
3					
924					
265	13,2 %	N/A	Monthly	30/8/2024	Secured
(6)					
259					
1 183					
6					
_					
	5 %		Monthly	31/7/2023	Secured
6					
1 189					

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#### 4. BORROWINGS continued

	30 September 2023 Rm	30 September 2022 Rm	31 March 2023 Rm
Broken down as follows: Long-term portion of long-term funding			
South Africa	699	849	775
Rwanda	_	181	77
	699	1 030	852
Short-term portion of long-term funding			
South Africa	150	150	149
Rwanda	167	184	182
	317	334	331
Short-term facilities and bank overdrafts	5	79	6
	1 021	1 443	1 189

#### 5. REVENUE FROM CONTRACTS WITH CUSTOMERS

The group's revenue is derived from the sale of cementitious products to the group's customers. For cementitious products, revenue is recognised when the related performance obligations are satisfied by transferring control of the promised cementitious product to the group's customers. Revenue is disclosed net of indirect taxes, rebates and discounts offered to customers and after eliminating intergroup sales.

Revenue is recognised at the amount of the transaction price that is allocated to each performance obligation. For contracts that contain multiple performance obligations, the transaction price is allocated to each performance obligation based on relative standalone selling prices. Revenue recognised is based on the amount that depicts the consideration to which the group expects to be entitled in exchange for transferring the goods and services promised to the customer.

The group has the following revenue streams, which are recognised at a point in time:

	Six months	Six months	Twelve months
	ended	ended	ended
	30 September	30 September	31 March
	2023	2022	2023
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	Rm	Rm	Rm
Disaggregation of revenue			
Cementitious goods	5 598	4 491	8 825
Aggregates	81	87	154
Readymix	423	466	803
Ash	70	59	120
Total revenue	6 172	5 103	9 902
Major goods and services per primary geographical markets			
	6 172	5 103	9 902
South Africa	3 318	3 237	6 148
Botswana	228	240	438
Zimbabwe	1 743	855	1 753
Rwanda	883	771	1 563

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#### 6. IMPAIRMENTS

	Six months	Six months	Twelve months
	ended	ended	ended
	30 September	30 September	31 March
	2023	2022	2023
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	Rm	Rm	Rm
Impairment of goodwill	_	_	(42)
Impairment of intangible assets	_	_	(19)
Impairment of property, plant and equipment (refer to note 2)	(53)	_	(85)
Reversal of impairment of property, plant and equipment (refer to note 2)	_	_	1
Gross impairments and reversals of impairments	(53)	_	(145)
Taxation impact	14	_	25
Net impairments	(39)	_	(120)

#### 7. TAXATION

#### 7.1 Normal taxation

	Six months ended	Six months ended	Twelve months ended
	30 September	30 September	31 March
	2023	2022	2023
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	Rm	Rm	Rm
Current taxation	230	67	172
Deferred taxation	(101)	17	70
Taxation charge	129	84	242

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#### 7. TAXATION continued

#### 7.2 Taxation rate reconciliation

	Six months	Six months	Twelve months
	ended	ended	ended
	30 September	30 September	31 March
	2023	2022	2023
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	%	%	%_
Taxation rate reconciliation			
Effective tax rate	23	79	262
Prior years' taxation impact	_	20	67
Profit before taxation, excluding prior			
years' taxation adjustments	23	99	329
Income taxation effect of:			
Foreign taxation rate differential	3	10	21
Expenditure attributable to non-taxable			
income	(1)	(6)	(9)
Transfer pricing adjustment		(1)	
Expenditure not deductible in terms of			
taxation legislation	(1)	(8)	(49)
Withholding taxation	(1)	(6)	(24)
Fair value adjustments on financial			
instruments not taxable or deductible	_	2	1
Normalised taxation rate	23	90	269
Taxation effect of the following			
transactions			
Deferred taxation not raised	_	(41)	(88)
Impairment of investments	_	_	(12)
Non-taxable profit on disposal of			
investments	_	6	7
Adjusted taxation rate before			
Zimbabwe	23	55	176
Expected credit loss provision on			
Zimbabwe blocked funds	_	(18)	(9)
Unwinding of deferred tax due to			
change in functional currency	4	_	_
Tax effect of Zimbabwe hyperinflation			
and Statutory Instrument 33	_	(10)	(140)
South African normal taxation rate	27	27	27

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#### 8. EARNINGS AND HEADLINE EARNINGS PER SHARE

#### 8.1 Number of shares and weighted average number of shares

	30 September 2023 Shares	30 September 2022 Shares	31 March 2023 Shares
Total shares in issue at the end of the period	1 553 764 624	1 553 764 624	1 553 764 624
Treasury shares	(37 817 005)	(19 099 739)	(29 977 850)
Weighted average number of shares for calculation of basic earnings per share	1 515 947 619	1 534 664 885	1 523 786 774
Adjusted for:			
Shares held by consolidated Safika Trust treated as treasury shares	_	1 354 347	1 354 347
Weighted average number of shares for calculation of diluted earnings per share	1 515 947 619	1 536 019 232	1 525 141 121

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#### 8. EARNINGS AND HEADLINE EARNINGS PER SHARE continued

#### 8.2 Basic earnings/(loss)

#### Discontinued operations

	September 2023 Rm	Restated™ September 2022 Rm	March 2023 Rm
Profit/(loss) for the period Attributable to:	-	(425)	(425)
Shareholders of PPC Ltd	_	(417)	(417)
Non-controlling interests	_	(8)	(8)
	_	(425)	(425)

#### 8.3 Earnings/(loss) per share

#### Discontinued operations

		Restated	
	September	September	March
	2023	2022	2023
	Cents	Cents	Cents
Earnings/(loss) per share			
Basic	_	(27)	(27)
Diluted	_	(27)	(27)

<sup>(</sup>a) Refer to note 1.5 for details regarding the prior year restatement.

Continuing operations				Group		
					Restated®	
	September	September	March	September	September	March
	2023	2022	2023	2023	2022	2023
	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm
			44.6		// 001	/ / \
	431	22	(149)	431	(403)	(574)
	357	(47)	(250)	357	(464)	(667)
	74	69	101	74	61	93
	431	22	(149)	431	(403)	(574)

Continuing operations			Group		
September 2023 Cents	September 2022 Cents	March 2023 Cents	September 2023 Cents	Restated <sup>™</sup> September 2022 Cents	March 2023 Cents
24	(3)	(16)	24	(30)	(43)
24	(3)	(16)	24	(30)	(43)

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#### 8. EARNINGS AND HEADLINE EARNINGS PER SHARE continued

#### 8.4 Headline earnings/(loss)

#### Discontinued operations

	September 2023 Rm	Restated <sup>©</sup> September 2022 Rm	March 2023 Rm
Headline earnings/(loss)			
Headline earnings/(loss) is calculated as follows:			
Profit/(loss) for the period	_	(425)	(425)
Adjusted for:			
Reversal of impairment of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	_	_	_
Impairment of property, plant and equipment, intangible assets and right-of-use assets	_	2	2
Impairment of goodwill	_	_	_
Taxation on impairments	_	_	_
Loss on disposal of subsidiaries	_	400	400
(Profit)/loss on sale of property, plant and equipment	_	_	_
Profit on sale of equity-accounted associates	_	_	_
Taxation on loss on sale of assets	_	_	_
Headline earnings/(loss)	_	(23)	(23)
Attributable to:			
Shareholders of PPC Ltd	_	(16)	(16)
Non-controlling interests	_	(7)	(7)

<sup>(</sup>a) Refer to note 1.5 for details regarding the prior period restatement.

Cor	ntinuing operatio	ns		Group	
September 2023 Rm	September 2022 Rm	March 2023 Rm	September 2023 Rm	Restated <sup>©</sup> September 2022 Rm	March 2023 Rm
431	22	(149)	431	(403)	(574)
_	_	(1)	_	_	(1)
53	_	104	53	2	106
_	_	42	_	_	42
(14)	_	(25)	(14)	_	(25)
_	_	_	_	400	400
1	(1)	9	1	(1)	9
_	(23)	(23)	_	(23)	(23)
_	_	(2)	_	_	(2)
471	(2)	(45)	471	(25)	(68)
397	(70)	(124)	397	(86)	(140)
74	68	79	74	61	72

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#### 8. EARNINGS AND HEADLINE EARNINGS PER SHARE continued

#### 8.5 Headline earnings/(loss) per share

### Discontinued operations

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		Restated(a)		
	September	September	March	
	2023	2022	2023	
	Cents	Cents	Cents	
Handling and the same than a second				
Headline earnings/(loss) per share				
Basic	_	(1)	(1)	
Diluted	_	(1)	(1)	

<sup>(</sup>a) Refer to note 1.5 for details regarding the prior period restatement.

Continuing operations				Group			
	Contombor	Contombor	March	Contombor	Restated(a)	March	
	September	September		September	September		
	2023	2022	2023	2023	2022	2023	
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	
	26	(5)	(8)	26	(6)	(9)	
	26	(5)	(8)	26	(6)	(9)	

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#### 9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

#### Methods and assumptions used by the group in determining fair values

The estimated fair value of financial instruments is determined at discrete points in time, by reference to the mid-price in an active market wherever possible. Where no such active market exists for the particular asset or liability, the group uses valuation techniques to arrive at fair value, including the use of prices obtained in recent arm's length transactions, discounted cash flow analysis and other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants.

The fair value of unlisted collective investment is valued using the closing unit price at the end of the period.

The fair value of loans receivable and payable is based on the market rates of the loan and the recoverability.

The fair values of cash and cash equivalents, trade and other financial receivables and trade and other financial payables approximate the respective carrying amounts of these financial instruments because of the short period to maturity.

## 9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT continued

Fair value hierarchy disclosures

	N.		Six months ended 30 September 2023 Unaudited	Six months ended 30 September 2022 Unaudited	Twelve months ended 31 March 2023 Audited
	Notes	Level	Rm	Rm	Rm
2023					
Financial assets					
At amortised cost					
Trade and other financial					
receivables			795	770	811
Cash and cash equivalents			640	766	424
Loan receivable		3	14	_	24
Long-term receivable		3	5	_	_
At fair value through other comprehensive income					
Investment in Old Mutual					
shares on the Zimbabwe					_
Stock Exchange		2	2	4	2
MRG investments		3	15	_	6
At fair value through profit					
or loss					
Unlisted collective investments at fair value					
(held for trading)		2	145	137	144
Zimbabwe blocked funds		3	143	40	144
Cell captive investment		3	46	32	33
Interest rate swap asset		2	3	32	33
Financial liabilities		2	3		
At amortised cost					
Long-term borrowings	4		699	1 030	852
Short-term borrowings	4		322	413	337
Lease liabilities	٦		94	71	70
Trade and other financial			77	7 1	70
payables			1 174	1 008	1 066
At fair value through profit					,,,,
or loss					
Interest rate swap liability		2	_	_	1

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# NOTES TO THE SUMMARISED UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

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#### 9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT continued

#### Fair value hierarchy disclosures continued

Level 1 – financial assets and liabilities that are valued with reference to unadjusted market prices for similar assets and liabilities. Market prices in this instance are readily available and the price represents regularly occurring transactions which have been concluded on an arm's length transaction.

Level 2 – financial assets and liabilities are valued using observable inputs, other than the market prices noted in the level 1 methodology, and make reference to pricing of similar assets and liabilities in an active market or by utilising observable prices and market-related data.

Level 3 – financial assets and liabilities that are valued using unobservable data, and requires management's judgement in determining the fair value.

This note has been refined from that reported in the prior period to only include financial instruments held at fair value.

#### Level 3 sensitivity analysis

Financial instrument	Valuation technique	Key unobservable inputs	Sensitivity %	Carrying value (Rm)	Increase or decrease (Rm)
Loan receivable	The fair value has been determined based on the present value adjusted for counterparty's credit risk	Expected future cash flows adjusted for credit risk	N/A	14	_
Long-term receivable	The fair value has been determined based on the present value adjusted for counterparty's credit risk	Expected future cash flows adjusted for credit risk	N/A	5	_
MRG investment	Net asset value	Cash and cash equivalents, investment in unit trusts, insurance fund liabilities	N/A	15	_
Zimbabwe blocked funds	US\$:ZWL\$ exchange rate	Credit risk adjustment of 100 %	1% higher and 1% lower	_	_
Cell captive investment	Net asset value	Cash and cash equivalents, investment in unit trusts, insurance fund liabilities	N/A	46	_

#### 9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT continued

Fair value hierarchy disclosures continued

Movements in level 3 financial instruments	30 September 2023 Rm	30 September 2022 Rm	31 March 2023 Rm
Financial assets at fair value			
Balance at the beginning of the period	63	51	51
New financial assets recognised	5	_	30
Fair value adjustments	22	91	89
Fair value adjustment – credit risk	_	(70)	(107)
Repayments	(10)	_	_
Balance at the end of the period	80	72	63

Remeasurements are recorded in fair value adjustments on financial instruments in the statement of profit or loss.

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#### 10. COMMITMENTS

	Six months ended 30 September 2023 Unaudited Rm	Six months ended 30 September 2022 Unaudited Rm	Twelve months ended 31 March 2023 Audited Rm
Contracted capital commitments	133	64	55
Approved capital commitments	156	106	172
Capital commitments	289	170	227
Lease commitments not reflected in measurement of lease liabilities	_	_	20
6 11 11 11	289	170	247
Capital commitments			
Southern Africa	144	129	72
Zimbabwe	102	16	92
Rwanda	43	25	63
	289	170	227
Capital commitments are anticipated to be incurred:			
Within one year	222	148	216
Between one and five years	67	22	11
	289	170	227

#### 11. ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURE

#### Zimbabwe indigenisation

Prior to 30 September 2023, all relevant indigenisation parties, holding collectively 19,90% of PPC Zimbabwe, accepted the valuation report of PPC Zimbabwe provided to them. As a consequence, the shares that had associated notional vendor facilitation (NVF) arrangements in place had no value and PPC Zimbabwe had the right to repurchase such shares at US\$0,01 each.

PPC Zimbabwe subsequently entered into binding share repurchase agreements with all three relevant indigenisation parties to repurchase their NVF funded shares (19,15%) for US\$0,01 each. The remaining 0,75% shareholding did not have NVF arrangements and PPC Zimbabwe repurchased these shares at full value.

Once the repurchased shares have been cancelled by PPC Zimbabwe, which is an administrative matter and had not been concluded by 30 September 2023, PPC will hold 90,3% of PPC Zimbabwe, with the indigenous party holding the remaining 9,7% shareholding being entitled to 5% of any dividends declared to it until such time as its NVF has been fully repaid.

#### Contingent liabilities and guarantees

The total guarantees issued by the group, by means of a bank guarantee, in favour of various suppliers were R102 million (September 2022: R102 million, March 2023: R102 million). Included in this amount are financial guarantees for the environmental rehabilitation and decommissioning obligations of the group to the Department of Mineral Resources amounting to R76 million (September 2022: R76 million, March 2023: R76 million).

#### 12. EVENTS AFTER REPORTING DATE

#### Disposal by PPC of its 51% interest in Cimerwa (Rwanda)

On 17 November 2023 PPC's wholly-owned subsidiary, PPC International Holdings Proprietary Limited (PPCIH), concluded an agreement to dispose of its entire 51% shareholding in CIMERWA to National Cement Holding Limited for a cash consideration of US\$42.5 million.

The purchaser is a privately-owned company and is part of a group that is one of the largest manufacturers of clinker and cement in East Africa, with operations in Kenya and Uganda.

The effective date of the transaction will be the seventh business day after the day on which the last of the conditions precedent are fulfilled or waived.

At 30 September 2023, the disposal was not highly probably and therefore CIMERWA was not classified as a disposal group in terms of IFRS5 *Non-Current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations*.

#### FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENT

This report, including statements on the demand outlook, PPC's expansion projects and its capital resources and expenditure, contains certain forward looking views that are not historical facts and relate to other information, which is based on forecasts of future results and estimates of amounts not yet determinable. By their nature, forward looking statements involve uncertainties and the risk that these forward looking statements will not be achieved. Although PPC believes the expectations reflected in these statements are reasonable, no assurance can be given that these expectations will prove correct. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialise, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, outcomes could differ materially from those set out in the forward looking statements as a result of, among other factors, changes in economic and market conditions, success of business and operating initiatives, changes in the regulatory environment, other government action and business and operational risks.

Forward looking statements apply only as at the date on which they are made. PPC does not undertake to update or revise them, whether arising from new information, future events or otherwise. While PPC takes reasonable care to ensure the accuracy of information presented, it accepts no responsibility for any damages – be they consequential, indirect, special or incidental, whether foreseeable or unforeseeable – based on claims arising out of misrepresentation or negligence in connection with a forward looking statement. This report is not intended to contain any profit forecasts or profit estimates, and some information in this report may be unaudited.

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