



## UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2013

Sephaku Holdings is a building and construction materials company with a portfolio of investments in the cement sector in South Africa. The company's core investments are a 36% stake in Sephaku Cement (Pty) Ltd ("SepCem" or "the associate") and 100% in the recently acquired Métier Mixed Concrete (Pty) Ltd ("Métier" or "the subsidiary"). The strategy of Sephaku Holdings is to generate growth and realise value for shareholders through the production of cement and ready-mixed concrete in Southern Africa.

### SEPHAKU HOLDINGS RELEASED ITS CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2013.

The unaudited, unreviewed interim results for the six months ended 30 September 2013 and in respect of the comparative period, being the six months ended 31 December 2012\*, are included below:

- **Revenue of R301,6 million** (no revenue for six months ended 31 December 2012)
- **R33,8 million operating profit** (2012: R10,1 million operating loss)
- **R40,3 million earnings before interest, taxation, depreciation and amortisation ("EBITDA")** (2012: R9,8 million loss before interest, taxation, depreciation and amortisation)
- **R6,3 million earnings** (2012: R9,8 million loss)
- **3,32 cents earnings per share** (2012: 5,69 cents loss per share)
- **2,78 cents headline earnings per share** (2012: 5,69 cents headline loss per share)
- Net asset value ("**NAV**") of **398,21 cents per share** (2012: 386,70 cents per share)
- No dividends were declared or paid to shareholders during the reporting period.

\* Shareholders are referred to the group's annual financial statements as contained in the annual report posted to shareholders on 30 August 2013, wherein the group disclosed that, following the approval of shareholders on 11 January 2013, it had changed its financial year end from 30 June to 31 March. As such the comparative interim reporting period is dated 31 December 2012.

### COMMENTARY

The acquisition of 100% of the shares in Métier on 28 February 2013 has resulted in a 512% increase in the group's EBITDA and a 435% increase in operating profit.

Métier achieved an EBITDA of approximately R55,1 million and earnings before interest and taxation ("EBIT") of R43,7 million, contributing positively to the overall group earnings of R6,3 million when compared to the R9,8 million loss in 2012. The subsidiary's core business is the manufacture and supply of quality ready-mixed concrete to all market segments in South Africa. With its plant network in KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng, Métier is strategically positioned to capitalise on numerous opportunities in the next 12 months. Métier's product offering which includes high-value concretes has enabled the subsidiary to achieve above average margins.

The group's associate, SepCem, has made significant progress in attaining its goal to produce cement in the first quarter of the 2014 calendar year.

The Delmas cement grinding plant ("Delmas"), located in Mpumalanga, with an expected production of 1,4 Mtpa has been successfully connected to the Eskom substation on site. The electricity was connected to the Delmas primary electrical room in October 2013. The distribution to the entire plant is expected to be

completed by the end of November 2013. Delmas, which is still firmly on schedule and within budget to complete the construction phase, is currently commissioning the plant and is on track for cement production in January 2014. Construction at the integrated cement manufacturing plant, Aganang, close to Lichtenburg, is well advanced and initial production is targeted for the second quarter of the 2014 calendar year.

### Short-form announcement

This short-form announcement is the responsibility of the directors of Sephaku Holdings and is only a summary of the information contained in the full announcement. This short-form announcement does not contain full or complete details pertaining to the group's results. Investment decisions by investors and/or shareholders should therefore be based on consideration of the full announcement which was released on SENS on 20 November 2013 and is also available for viewing on the company's website at [www.sephakuholdings.co.za](http://www.sephakuholdings.co.za). Copies of the full announcement may be requested at the company's registered office, at no charge, during office hours.

On behalf of the board

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Pretoria  
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**Lelau Mohuba**  
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