



Edgars Stores Limited

UNAUDITED INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE 26 WEEKS ENDED 09 JULY 2016

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
For the 26 weeks to 09 July 2016		
	2016 26 weeks to 09.07.2016 \$ unaudited	2015 26 weeks to 11.07.2015 \$ unaudited
Revenue	23,103,202	30,019,876
Sale of merchandise	22,395,826	29,268,372
Cost of sales	(12,682,507)	(15,515,698)
Gross profit	9,713,319	13,752,674
Other losses	(26,018)	(68,788)
Credit Management and debt collection costs	(2,707,246)	(3,108,681)
Store expenses	(5,707,570)	(6,335,769)
Depreciation and amortisation	(789,427)	(556,857)
Termination benefits	(646,134)	-
Other operating expenses	(4,623,857)	(5,464,418)
Finance income	5,371,184	4,991,461
Finance costs	(905,539)	(1,300,824)
(Loss)/Profit before tax	(321,288)	1,908,798
Taxation	430,407	(727,487)
Profit for the period	109,119	1,181,311
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period	109,119	1,181,311
Earnings per share (cents)		
Basic		
Diluted	0.04	0.46
Headline	0.04	0.45
	0.04	0.45

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		
For the 26 weeks to 09 July 2016		
	2016 26 weeks to 09.07.2016 \$ unaudited	2015 26 weeks to 11.07.2015 \$ unaudited
Cash flows from operating activities		
(Loss)/Profit before tax	(321,288)	1,908,798
Finance income	(5,371,184)	(4,991,461)
Finance costs	905,539	1,300,824
Non cash items	2,151,751	2,346,426
Movements in working capital	3,548,115	(4,942,933)
Cash generated/(used) in operations	912,933	(4,378,346)
Finance costs paid	(925,491)	(1,355,281)
Finance income received	5,371,184	4,991,461
Taxation paid	(1,247,539)	(855,196)
Cash inflow/ (outflow) from operating activities	4,111,087	(1,597,362)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(1,272,730)	(1,441,994)
Proceeds from disposal of plant and equipment	-	279
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,272,730)	(1,441,715)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from issue of equity shares	-	21,217
Proceeds from borrowings	1,000,000	10,868,111
Repayment of borrowings	(3,643,684)	(8,037,699)
Net cash (used in)/ generated from financing activities	(2,643,684)	2,851,629
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	194,673	(187,448)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the half year	534,045	848,731
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the half year	728,718	661,283

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		
as at 09 July 2016		
	2016 as at 09.07.2016 \$ unaudited	2015 as at 09.01.2016 \$ audited
Assets		
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	10,006,675	9,519,088
Intangible assets	6,667	26,667
Total non-current assets	10,013,342	9,545,755
Current assets		
Inventories	13,023,982	12,802,185
Trade and other receivables	26,299,100	32,344,417
Current tax receivable	203,434	-
Cash and cash equivalents	728,718	534,045
Total current assets	40,255,234	45,680,647
Total assets	50,268,576	55,226,402
Equity and liabilities		
Equity		
Issued capital	378,089	378,089
Other reserves	2,622,623	2,603,903
Retained earnings	23,745,061	23,635,942
Total capital and reserves	26,745,773	26,617,934
Non-current liabilities		
Deferred tax liability	3,229,382	3,845,923
Interest bearing loans and borrowings	3,598,068	6,859,007
Total non-current liabilities	6,827,450	10,704,930
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	4,913,119	5,879,632
Current tax liabilities	-	857,972
Interest bearing loans and borrowings	11,782,234	11,165,934
Total current liabilities	16,695,353	17,903,538
Total liabilities	23,522,803	28,608,468
Total equity and liabilities	50,268,576	55,226,402
Net equity per share (cents)	10.40	9.07
Current ratio	2.41	2.55
Quick ratio	1.63	1.84
Gearing (gross)	0.58	0.66

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY						
For the 26 weeks to 09 July 2016						
	Issued capital	Equity-settled employee benefits reserve	Revaluation reserve	Change in functional currency reserve	Retained earnings	Total
Balance at 10 January 2015	\$ 352,472	\$ 873,125	\$ 1,022,569	\$ 750,663	\$ 18,921,248	\$ 21,920,077
Comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	1,181,311	1,181,311
Exercise of share options	21,217	-	-	-	-	21,217
Share based payment expense	-	120,000	-	-	-	120,000
Balance at 11 July 2015	373,689	993,125	1,022,569	750,663	20,102,559	23,242,605
Balance at 09 January 2016	378,089	976,353	1,627,550	-	23,635,942	26,617,934
Comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	109,119	109,119
Share based payment expense	-	18,720	-	-	-	18,720
Balance at 09 July 2016	378,089	995,073	1,627,550	-	23,745,061	26,745,773

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the 26 weeks to 09 July 2016

- The same accounting policies and methods of computation per the most recent annual financial statements were used.
- The unaudited interim results were prepared in compliance with IAS34: Interim Financial Reporting and in accordance with the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange listing requirements.
- The Directors are responsible for the preparation of the Interim Financial Report and related financial information which has not been audited.
- Headline earnings**
Earnings attributable to shareholders: 109,119 (2015: 1,181,311)
Adjusted for non-recurring items:
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment: - (2015: 54,329)
Headline earnings: 109,119 (2015: 1,235,640)
- Capital expenditure**
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment: 1,272,730 (2015: 1,441,994)
- Capital commitments**
Authorised and contracted for: 569,840 (2015: 633,874)
Authorised but not yet contracted for: 438,151 (2015: 924,132)
Total: 1,007,991 (2015: 1,558,006)
All expenditure is to be financed from existing cash resources and the utilisation of authorised borrowing facilities.
- Lease commitments**
There are no finance lease commitments
Future minimum rentals under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:
Within one year: 1,867,292 (2015: 1,709,836)
After one year but not more than five years: 7,354,987 (2015: 4,520,745)
Total: 9,222,279 (2015: 6,230,581)
- Interest bearing loans and borrowings**
These are secured by a guarantee from the holding company (\$7.2m), cession of book debts (\$6m) and negative pledges over plant and equipment \$2.4m. The weighted average cost of borrowings is 11% (2015: 12%).
- Related party transactions and balances**
Related party relationships exist between the group, fellow subsidiaries and the holding company. All purchasing and selling transactions are concluded at arm's length. All intra-group balances, income and expenses, unrealised gains and losses resulting from intra-group transactions are eliminated in full.
- Restatement of segment results**
Segment profit/(loss) has been restated to reflect reclassification of finance income previously reported as part of Corporate segment for the period ended 11 July 2015 and now shown in the respective segment or chain. This enhances comparability of results for both chains since the recent introduction of credit in Jet.
- Segment reporting**

	Retail- Edgars	Retail- Jet	Manufacturing	Corporate	Total Segments	Adjustments and Eliminations	Consolidated
2016							
Sale of merchandise							
External customers	14,460,877	7,715,970	218,979	-	22,395,826	-	22,395,826
Inter-segments	-	-	1,252,463	-	1,252,463	(1,252,463)	-
Total	14,460,877	7,715,970	1,471,442	-	23,648,289	(1,252,463)	22,395,826
Results							
Segment profit/(loss)	3,097,916	1,214,693	(331,588)	(4,318,575)	(337,553)	16,265	(321,288)
Total assets	33,099,978	8,839,983	4,785,238	9,084,438	55,809,637	(5,541,061)	50,268,576
2015							
Sale of merchandise							
External customers	21,096,458	7,943,229	228,685	-	29,268,372	-	29,268,372
Inter-segments	-	-	2,574,367	-	2,574,367	(2,574,367)	-
Total	21,096,458	7,943,229	2,803,052	-	31,842,738	(2,574,367)	29,268,372
Results							
Segment profit/(loss)-restated	6,153,659	1,077,142	61,470	(5,418,830)	1,873,441	35,357	1,908,798
Total assets	39,486,347	7,830,817	5,382,013	8,852,755	61,551,931	(5,486,212)	56,065,720
- Events after the reporting period**
On the 27th of June 2016, management announced the group's intention to undergo a compulsory retrenchment exercise. The affected roles were finalised subsequent to the 9th of July 2016.

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

Consumer demand continued to weaken throughout the period due to the combined effects of drought, liquidity constraints, business failures and delayed or non-payment of salaries. Revenue declined 23% on last year to US\$23.1 million.

In the period under review management's focus has been on the following key strategic initiatives aimed at future profitability:

- Staff rationalisation.
- Restructuring and remodeling the business to improve accountability, productivity and differentiation between the chains.
- Preparation towards implementation of the new IT solution.
- Cost cutting measures.

These initiatives have resulted in extra once-off costs amounting to US\$0.9 million being incurred. This included retrenchment costs of US\$0.65 million, \$0.2 million of which relates to Manufacturing. This, together with the decline in sales has resulted in a loss before tax of US\$0.3 million for the period (2015: profit US\$1.9 million). Further retrenchment costs have been incurred in the second half of the year during which period the exercise was completed at a total cost of \$1.4 million.

Retail Operations
Edgars Chain: Sales for the half year were US\$14.5 million (2015: US\$21.5 million) a 31% drop. Cost containment efforts to counteract the impact of these low sales are being made and the full benefit will only show in the second half of the year and in 2017 and beyond.
Jet Chain: Sales of US\$7.7 million were 2.8% below last year (US\$7.9 million). The more moderate decline is attributable to the fact that the anniversary of the introduction of credit was mid-April. Credit sales now account for 46.7% of chain sales. Management is confident that the restructuring and cost cutting initiatives taken to date will bear fruit going forward.

Credit management
Edgars' debtors are at US\$20.4 million (2015: US\$28.9 million) after a doubtful debt provision of US\$2 million (2015: US\$1.7 million). Write-offs for the period averaged 6.3% of lagged credit sales and 0.7% of lagged debtors (2015: 0.5%).
Jet debtors are at US\$4.4 million (2015: US\$2.9 million) after a doubtful debt provision of US\$0.3 million. Write offs for the period equated to 3.9% of lagged credit sales and 0.8% of lagged debtors. We will continue to invest in technology and processes to bring credit management costs and arrears levels down.

Capital Expenditure
Spend to date was in respect of:
Information technology: US\$1 043 355
Plant, Vehicles and Machinery: US\$ 229 375

The go-live date for the new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Solution is set for October 2016. Tremendous effort and significant investment has gone into the transformation of our IT systems to an integrated ERP solution. The new system will enhance our ability to deliver our promise of customer service excellence, improving product assortments as well as business process efficiencies.

Manufacturing
The factory made a loss of US\$0.3 million for the period (2015: profit US\$0.06 million). This is a consequence of the reduced demand from retail operations and retrenchment costs of US\$ 0.2 million. There are ongoing negotiations to secure export orders and the factory is a focal point for the group given the current foreign currency shortages. The introduction of Statutory Instrument 64 of 2016, restricting the importation of fabric is a setback for the factory and for import substitution.

Financing & Cash Flow
Gearing reduced from 66% to 58%. Borrowings at US\$15.4 (2015 at US\$23.2 million) are US\$7.8 million less than last year. Operating cash flows of US\$4.1 million (2015 US\$1.6 million outflow) are healthy and forecast to remain so.

Outlook
We will continue to focus on providing excellent service and desirable products to our customers at very good value. We expect a more profitable second half and the leaner business model currently in place will help us meet the less than favourable economic conditions.

Dividend
Given our level of borrowings and the adverse environmental conditions your company will not declare a dividend.

Appreciation
I am grateful to board colleagues, management and staff for their dedication, our customers for their loyalty and our landlords, bankers and suppliers for their continued support.

T.N. Sibanda
Chairman



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