

Commentary

Seasonality of crops at interim period

It should be noted that the consistent application of IFRS principles as they relate to biological asset valuations, combined with the impact of seasonality, particularly in the macadamia nut segment, distorts the presentation of actual operating performance. As a result, the board cautions against using interim earnings to project full-year earnings without proper analysis, particularly of the biological asset valuations.

The board emphasises that financial results for the six months ended 30 September 2024 should be used prudently and extrapolating them to reach projected full-year earnings for the year ending 31 March 2025 may produce a misleading result.

Financial performance

Following an excellent recovery in the March 2024 reporting period, the September 2024 interim period continued to show solid financial results, driven primarily from the group's core sugar cane and banana operations.

Revenue from continuing operations increased by 6% to R519.1 million (September 2023: R490.8 million).

The fair value of biological assets decreased by R68.8 million (September 2023: R42.2 million), driven by a larger standing crop at year-end, of which a significant proportion was subsequently harvested and sold during the interim period.

As a result, operating profit after biological assets from continuing operations decreased by 13% to R94.5 million (September 2023: R108.1 million).

Finance costs decreased to R20.8 million (September 2023: R28.9 million), with net interest on bank borrowings decreasing to R7.5 million (September 2023: R19.1 million).

Total profit for the period is R60.5 million (September 2023: R76.6 million).

Basic earnings per share is 248.1 cents (September 2023: 326.8 cents).

Headline earnings per share is 225.5 cents (September 2023: 321.2 cents).

Segmental performance

Sugar cane

Revenue from sugar cane increased by 1% to R391.1 million (September 2023: R385.6 million).

This operation benefitted from improved quality, RV percentages and sugar cane prices particularly in South Africa and Eswatini, compared to the prior period.

Earlier fertiliser application, weed control and irrigation led to higher agricultural expenses compared to the prior period.

Operating profit decreased by 23% to R129.1 million (September 2023: R166.9 million).

Rananas

Revenue from bananas increased by 25% to R88.1 million (September 2023: R70.4 million).

Banana market prices were slightly lower compared to the same period last year, but yields increased by 20%, with record high bunch masses, reduced wastage and better fruit quality leading to more marketable fruit packed and sold.

It is particularly pleasing to note the contribution of our Eswatini operation, a new development, reported a R5.1 million increase in banana revenue compared to the prior period.

Operating profit increased to R27.1 million (September 2023: R7.6 million).

Macadamias

Revenue from macadamias increased to R26.8 million (September 2023: R13.1 million).

Tons sold increased by 65% to 1 040 tons, compared to the 632 tons sold in the prior period.

We invested in new spray carts to enhance nut quality and improve critical pest control application during the rainy months.

Average prices per kg are slightly higher than the prior period. If the current positive trajectory in macadamia nut market prices continues, and we manage to improve our nut quality to the levels that we have been able to consistently achieve in the past, our macadamia farm is set to make a net profit in the 2025/26 financial year.

Operating loss decreased by 21% to R26.7 million (September 2023: operating loss of R33.9 million).



Commentary continued

Property

Revenue from the property segment decreased by 52% to R4.6 million (September 2023: R9.5 million).

Despite improved sentiment since the May South African elections, the KZN property market is still facing headwinds in both the residential and commercial sectors. Residential sales in the Renishaw Hills division were slow during the first half of the year, but are expected to improve in the second half.

Operating loss increased by 28% to R5.0 million (September 2023: operating loss of R3.9 million).

Other operations

Revenue from other operations decreased by 30% to R8.5 million (September 2023: R12.0 million).

Other operations include a R3.4 million reversal of deciduous fruit revenue due to lower prices received than those accrued last year.

The resultant effect is an operating loss of R4.7 million (September 2023: operating loss of R1 million).

Capital expenditure

Capital expenditure for the period amounted to R32.5 million (September 2023: R14.1 million).

The improved group cash position enabled essential capital spending on planting, harvesting and critical replacements.

Liquidity and financing activities

Operating earnings contributed to R182.6 million in operating cash, down 16% from the prior period (September 2023: R216.9 million).

The sale of the deciduous operation in December 2023 reduced working capital needs by 46%, leading to a 13% increase in cash from operations to R126.4 million (September 2023: R111.9 million).

The group repaid its R140 million general banking facility in the financial year to March 2024. A new R80 million committed facility has been secured but was unused by the current period's end. Consequently, net interest payments on borrowings decreased to R12.5 million (September 2023: R25.4 million).

Net cash generated from operating activities increased by 9% to R99.0 million (September 2023: R90.4 million) and net debt (total interest-bearing borrowings, net of cash balances) decreased to R29.1 million (September 2023: R249.0 million).

Outlook

The banana segment has delivered a substantial contribution to operating earnings during this period and was set for further gains over the next six months with high carton prices and a large plant crop. Unfortunately, a severe windstorm on 27 October 2024 swept through our Mpumalanga farm and will result in a reduction of earnings from this segment over the next six months.

While disappointing, in terms of "what might have been", we are heartened by the fact that only a small percentage of the plant stem bases were destroyed, so the impact on the 2025/26 year will mostly be a timing issue with an estimated six-month delay in the cycle time for the affected stem bases to sprout new suckers and bear fruit.

At our macadamia farm in Mozambique, we are focused on improving nut quality, which fell below standard for the 2024 harvest. Improved quality will significantly boost future average prices.

We have commenced the installation of critical infrastructure at the Renishaw Coastal Precinct, which are "conditions of establishment" necessary to conclude the sales of the shopping centre and filling station sites. Eskom approvals and cooperation are crucial for recording these sales within this financial year.

Basis of preparation

The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Framework concepts recognition and measurement criteria of IFRS Accounting Standards, the SAICA Financial Reporting Guides as issued by the Accounting Practices Committee and Financial Reporting Pronouncements as issued by the Financial Reporting Standards Council, contain the information required by IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting, and comply with the Listings Requirements of the JSE Limited, applicable to interim reports, and the Companies Act No. 71 of 2008 of South Africa requirements applicable to condensed financial statements.

The results have been prepared under the supervision of Nigel Naidoo CA (SA), Chief Financial Officer. The financial information has been prepared on the historical cost basis except for the valuation of biological assets, investment property, certain financial instruments and share-based payments, which are measured at fair value.



Commentary continued

Accounting policies

The accounting policies adopted, and methods of computation used in the preparation of the unaudited condensed consolidation interim financial statements are in terms of IFRS Accounting Standards and are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024. Non-trading items are a non-IFRS measure and consist of items that are usually capital in nature or not of an operational nature. In most cases non-trading items are those items excluded from headline earnings in accordance with the SAICA Circular 1/2023.

Going concern

There were no material changes in the affairs or financial position of the group or its subsidiary companies since the end of the current reporting period. Based on the forecast cash flows of the group and company in conjunction with secured funding lines from financial institutions, the directors believe that the group and company have adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements have therefore been prepared on a going-concern basis.

Changes to the board and company secretary

There were no changes to the board during the reporting period under review.

Ziyanda Ngwenya resigned as the Company Secretary with effect from 31 March 2024. Highway Corporate Services (Pty) Ltd were appointed as Company Secretary with effect from 1 April 2024.

Events after the reporting period

There were no major changes in the affairs or financial position of the group or its subsidiary companies since the end of the current reporting

Cash dividend declaration

The board has decided not to declare an interim dividend for the six-month period ended 30 September 2024.

For and on behalf of the board

Larry Riddle

Chairman

Kennett Sinclair Chief Executive Officer

Highway Corporate Services (Pty) Ltd

Company Secretary

Durban

21 November 2024



Condensed consolidated income statement

		Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2024	Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2023	Audited 12 months to 31 March 2024
	Notes	R'000	R'000	R'000
Continuing operations Revenue	1	519 055	490 758	727 913
Operating profit before biological assets Change in fair value of biological assets	6	163 285 (68 756)	150 275 (42 187)	60 867 50 296
Operating profit after biological assets Non-trading items	2	94 529 3 202	108 088 481	111 163 1 933
Operating profit after non-trading items Share of profit of joint venture and associate companies after taxation Investment income Finance costs	3 4	97 731 471 5 868 (20 760)	108 569 3 923 2 950 (28 986)	113 096 3 317 12 149 (52 329)
Profit before tax Tax expense		83 310 (22 840)	86 456 (23 271)	76 233 (24 710)
Profit for the period from continuing operations		60 470	63 185	51 523
Discontinued operations Profit for the period from discontinued operations		-	13 382	37 805
Profit for the period		60 470	76 567	89 328
Attributable to: Owners of the company		37 876	49 879	61 326
From continuing operations From discontinued operations		37 876 -	35 528 14 351	22 555 38 771
Non-controlling interests		22 594	26 688	28 002
From continuing operations From discontinued operations		22 594 -	27 657 (969)	28 968 (966)
		60 470	76 567	89 328
Basic earnings per share: From continuing operations From discontinued operations	(cents)	248.1 -	232.8 94.0	147.8 254.0
Total	(cents)	248.1	326.8	401.8
Diluted earnings per share: From continuing operations From discontinued operations	(cents)	248.1 -	232.8 94.0	147.8 254.0
Total	(cents)	248.1	326.8	401.8



Headline earnings reconciliation for the six months ended 30 September 2024

		Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2024 R'000	Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2023 R'000	Audited 12 months to 31 March 2024 R'000
Reconciliation of headline earnings Profit for the period attributable to owners of the company		37 876	49 879	61 326
From continuing operations From discontinued operations		37 876 -	35 528 14 351	22 555 38 771
Adjusted for:		(3 455)	(848)	(10 272)
Net (gain)/loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment Gain arising on disposal of discontinued operations – Vyeboom Farms Loss arising on disposal of subsidiary – Bellcro farming Loss arising on impairment of property, plant and equipment Loss arising on changes in fair value of investment property Total tax effects of the adjustments Associate and joint venture:		(3 359) - - - 134 165	(1 162) - - - - - 314	(109) (14 372) 623 594 174 3 792
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net of taxation		(395)	_	(974)
Headline earnings		34 421	49 031	51 054
Attributable to: Continuing operations Discontinued operations		34 421 - 34 421	35 238 13 793 49 031	22 999 28 055 51 054
Basic headline earnings per share: From continuing operations From discontinued operations Total	(cents) (cents)	225.5 - 225.5	230.9 90.4 321.2	150.7 183.8 334.5
Diluted headline earnings per share: From continuing operations From discontinued operations Total	(cents) (cents)	225.5 - 225.5	230.9 90.4 321.2	150.7 183.8 334.5
Ordinary dividends	(==:::=)			
Dividends per share – final Dividend cover (headline)	(cents) (times)	-	- -	200.0 1.7
Number of shares In issue Weighted average (basic) Diluted weighted average		15 264 317 15 264 317 15 264 317	15 264 317 15 264 317 15 264 317	15 264 317 15 264 317 15 264 317



Condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the six months ended 30 September 2024

	Notes	Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2024 R'000	Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2023 R'000	Audited 12 months to 31 March 2024 R'000
Profit for the period		60 470	76 567	89 328
Other comprehensive (loss)/income: Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss: Remeasurement of post-employment medical aid obligation Items that will be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss: Exchange differences on translating foreign operations	8.1	(37 837)	- 20 952	192 4 933
Other comprehensive (loss)/income, net of income tax		(37 837)	20 952	5 125
Total comprehensive income for the period		22 633	97 519	94 453
Attributable to: Owners of the company		39	70 831	66 451
From continuing operations From discontinued operations		39	56 480 14 351	27 680 38 771
Non-controlling interests		22 594	26 688	28 002
From continuing operations From discontinued operations		22 594 -	27 657 (969)	28 968 (966)
		22 633	97 519	94 453



Condensed consolidated statement of financial position

as at 30 September 2024

N	lotes	Unaudited 30 September 2024 R'000	Unaudited 30 September 2023 R'000	Audited 31 March 2024 R'000
Assets Non-current assets		1 071 784	1 092 466	1 089 897
Property, plant and equipment Right-of-use assets Investment property Deferred tax assets Financial assets Investments in joint venture and associate	5	601 750 145 283 123 997 77 133 9 581 114 040	625 387 149 013 116 798 75 099 13 433 112 736	618 271 144 488 121 701 72 139 20 292 113 006
Current assets		764 556	936 341	733 351
Biological assets Inventories Trade and other receivables Current tax assets Financial assets Retirement benefit surplus Cash and bank balances	6	260 906 136 159 173 024 2 583 800 2 007 189 077	246 228 145 294 268 205 2 216 2 311 1 838 122 652	334 092 129 817 105 088 4 219 3 076 2 007 155 052
Assets classified as held for sale		764 556 -	788 744 147 597	733 351 -
Total assets		1 836 340	2 028 807	1 823 248
Equity and liabilities Capital and reserves		1 079 084	1 105 938	1 087 491
Share capital and premium Investment revaluation reserve Foreign currency translation reserve Treasury shares Share-based payment reserve Retained earnings	8.1	226 271 951 (35 481) (6 743) 6 945 791 485	226 271 (2 860) 18 375 (7 257) 8 154 775 443	226 271 951 2 356 (6 343) 7 025 784 168
Equity attributable to owners of the company Non-controlling interests		983 428 95 656	1 018 126 87 812	1 014 428 73 063
Non-current liabilities		503 640	518 053	421 757
Deferred tax liabilities Borrowings – interest-bearing RTO obligation Obligations to return leased farmland Lease liabilities Post-employment medical aid obligation	9	111 390 97 374 73 985 52 700 165 705 2 486	124 841 112 288 70 501 43 276 164 358 2 789	119 449 16 000 72 610 48 565 162 647 2 486
Current liabilities		253 616	404 816	314 000
Trade and other payables and provisions Current tax liabilities Borrowings – interest-bearing RTO obligation Lease liabilities	9	94 420 23 667 120 762 4 744 10 023	97 778 34 366 259 372 4 492 8 808	76 481 3 822 219 734 4 618 9 345
Total equity and liabilities		1 836 340	2 028 807	1 823 248



Condensed consolidated statement of cash flows

	Notes	Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2024 R'000	Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2023 R'000	Audited 12 months to 31 March 2024 R'000
Operating activities				
Operating profit for the period		94 529	125 651	131 474
From continuing operations From discontinued operations		94 529 -	108 088 17 563	111 163 20 311
Adjustment for non-cash items: Depreciation and impairments Change in fair value of biological assets	6	31 362 68 756	33 474 60 264	63 771 (32 219)
Other non-cash items		(12 062)	(2 495)	4 019
Operating cash flows before changes in working capital Net (outflow)/inflow from changes in working capital		182 585 (56 202)	216 894 (104 993)	167 045 39 814
Cash generated from operations Interest received Interest paid		126 383 6 170 (18 642)	111 901 1 633 (27 050)	206 859 9 847 (47 187)
Income taxes (paid)/received		(14 924)	3 937	(30 155)
Net cash generated by operating activities		98 987	90 421	139 364
Investing activities Proceeds from financial assets Unsecured loans advanced Receipts from unsecured loans Receipts from secured loans Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment Investment in property, plant and equipment Investment in investment property Disposal of subsidiary Funds advanced to joint venture and associate companies Funds repaid by joint venture and associate companies Other net investing activities		- (352) 400 11 828 3 487 (32 538) (118) - (146)	92 - 1 387 558 (14 055) (474) - (495) 263 -	102 (1 110) 200 632 168 278 (32 754) (2 748) (71) (863) 173 3
Net cash (utilised in)/generated by investing activities		(17 439)	(12 724)	131 842
Financing activities Proceeds from loans and borrowings Repayment of loans and borrowings Proceeds from general banking facilities Repayment of general banking facilities Receipts from RTO obligation Repayment of RTO obligation Payment of lease liability Purchase of treasury shares Dividends paid – ordinary shareholders Dividends paid – community partners		15 000 (24 215) - - 1 983 - (4 771) (1 247) (30 529)	13 594 (21 643) 63 700 (63 700) 2 270 - (4 201) (225)	44 655 (66 954) 132 100 (255 100) 6 522 (1 488) (8 530) (720) – (15 300)
Net cash utilised in financing activities		(43 779)	(10 205)	(164 815)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period Difference arising on translation		37 769 155 052 (3 744)	67 492 55 231 -	106 391 55 231 (6 570)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period		189 077	122 723	155 052



Condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity for the six months ended 30 September 2024

	Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2024 R'000	Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2023 R'000	Audited 12 months to 31 March 2024 R'000
Balance at beginning of period	1 087 491	1 008 644	1 008 644
Total other comprehensive income for the period	22 633	97 519	94 453
Elimination of non-controlling interest on disposal of Bellcro Farming	_	_	(761)
Treasury shares purchased	(1 247)	(225)	(720)
Share-based payment expense	736	-	1 175
Dividends declared and paid – ordinary shareholders	(30 529)	_	_
Dividends declared and paid – community partners	-	-	(15 300)
Balance at end of period	1 079 084	1 105 938	1 087 491



Condensed consolidated segmental analysis for the six months ended 30 September 2024

	Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2024 R'000	Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2023 R'000	Audited 12 months to 31 March 2024 R'000
Revenue Continuing operations	519 055	490 758	727 913
Sugar cane Bananas Macadamias Property Other operations	391 083 88 099 26 809 4 575 8 489	385 638 70 428 13 134 9 512 12 046	516 054 151 983 13 497 22 591 23 788
Discontinued operations	-	47 163	52 103
Deciduous fruit Other operations	_ _	47 142 21	52 084 19
	519 055	537 921	780 016
Operating profit before biological assets Continuing operations	163 285	150 275	60 867
Sugar cane Bananas Macadamias Property Other operations Head office	191 345 13 349 (6 504) (4 978) (4 718) (25 209)	197 761 6 201 (21 243) (3 888) (999) (27 557)	163 560 18 289 (49 120) (8 834) (2 673) (60 355)
Discontinued operations	-	35 640	38 388
Deciduous fruit Other operations		35 630 10	38 369 19
	163 285	185 915	99 255
Change in fair value of biological assets Continuing operations	(68 756)	(42 187)	50 296
Sugar cane Bananas Macadamias	(62 258) 13 733 (20 231)	(30 863) 1 361 (12 685)	41 523 (1 908) 10 681
Discontinued operations	-	(18 077)	(18 077)
Deciduous fruit	-	(18 077)	(18 077)
	(68 756)	(60 264)	32 219



Condensed consolidated segmental analysis continued for the six months ended 30 September 2024

	Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2024 R'000	Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2023 R'000	Audited 12 months to 31 March 2024 R'000
Operating profit after biological assets			
Continuing operations	94 529	108 088	111 163
Sugar cane	129 087	166 898	205 083
Bananas	27 082	7 562	16 381
Macadamias	(26 735)	(33 928)	(38 439)
Property	(4 978)	(3 888)	(8 834)
Other operations	(4 718)	(999)	(2 673)
Head office	(25 209)	(27 557)	(60 355)
Discontinued operations	-	17 563	20 311
Deciduous fruit	_	17 553	20 292
Other operations	-	10	19
	94 529	125 651	131 474
Segmental assets			
Sugar cane	674 937	657 614	663 963
Deciduous fruit	-	114 753	14 039
Bananas	279 183	269 931	271 160
Macadamias	333 132	361 137	367 051
Property	322 724	316 740	312 482
Other operations	23 129	21 934	22 234
Head office	203 235	139 101	172 319
Assets classified as held for sale	-	147 597	
	1 836 340	2 028 807	1 823 248
Segmental liabilities			
Sugar cane	335 355	315 927	310 086
Deciduous fruit	-	29 773	614
Bananas	151 798	146 364	138 504
Macadamias	93 518	104 796	100 747
Property	162 025	184 313	167 043
Other operations	873	1 174	1 736
Head office	13 687	140 522	17 027
	757 256	922 869	735 757



	Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2024 R'000	Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2023 R'000	Audited 12 months to 31 March 2024 R'000
Revenue The following is an analysis of revenue for the period:			
By reportable segment Continuing operations			
Sugar cane	391 083	385 638	516 054
Bananas	88 099	70 428	151 983
Macadamias	26 809	13 134	13 497
Property	4 575	9 512	22 591
Other operations	8 489	12 046	23 788
Lease rental	4 103	4 184	8 142
Utility services related to property development	4 328	4 183	7 850
Tourism	3 460	3 679	7 796
Other*	(3 402)	_	_
	519 055	490 758	727 913
Discontinued operations			
Deciduous fruit	-	47 142	52 084
Other operations Lease rental	_	21	19
	_	47 163	52 103
Total revenue	519 055	537 921	780 016
Timing of revenue recognition in terms of IFRS 15:	0.10 000	007 021	700010
At a point in time	510 624	529 533	764 005
Over time	4 328	4 183	7 850
Lease rental recognised in terms of IFRS 16	4 103	4 205	8 161
	519 055	537 921	780 016
By geographic segment			
South Africa – continuing operations	314 821	298 572	466 957
South Africa – discontinued operation	_	47 142	52 084
Foreign countries			
Eswatini	144 638	141 858	196 613
Zambia	32 787	37 215	50 865
Mozambique	26 809	13 134	13 497
	519 055	537 921	780 016

^{*} Other revenue relates to the over-accrual of deciduous fruit revenue from the prior year. The deciduous fruit operation was disposed of during the prior year and disclosed as a discontinued operation.



for the six months ended 30 September 2024

1. Revenue continued

	Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2024 R'000	Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2023 R'000	Audited 12 months to 31 March 2024 R'000
By customer percentage			
Continuing operations			
Sugar cane			
- RCL Foods, Sugar and Milling	42%	38%	35%
- Illovo Sugar	33%	34%	31%
Bananas			
- Lebombo Growers	13%	12%	17%
- Various	4%	1%	2%
Macadamias			
- Various	5%	2%	2%
Property			
- Various	1%	2%	3%
Other operations			
- Various	2%	2%	3%
Discontinued operations			
Deciduous fruit			
– Two-A-Day	-	8%	6%
- Western Cape Fruit Processors	_	1%	1%
	100%	100%	100%



Net gains on disposal – general items 3 487 1 246 109			Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2024 R'000	Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2023 R'000	Audited 12 months to 31 March 2024 R'000
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Cain on disposal – Vyeboom farms 14 377 1246 1098		earnings per share (HEPS) in accordance with the South African Institute			
Net gains on disposal – general items 3 487 1 246 108		Gains on disposals of property, plant and equipment	3 487	1 246	14 481
Loss on disposal – Belloro farming subsidiary Provisions Provision for employee relocations and land restoration Expected credit losses (ECL) Financial assets (285) - 2 447 (285) - 2 247 Attributable to: Continuing operations Discontinued operations 3 202			- 3 487	- 1 246	14 372 109
Expected credit losses (ECL) Financial assets (285)		Loss on disposal – Bellcro farming subsidiary	-	-	(623)
Attributable to: Continuing operations Discontinued op		Expected credit losses (ECL)	-	_	6 050
Attributable to: Continuing operations Discontinued op		Financial assets		_	
Continuing operations 3 202			3 202	1 246	22 355
Interest received on bank deposits 4 551 1 570 7 507		Continuing operations	3 202 -		1 933 20 422
Interest received on bank deposits			3 202	1 246	22 355
Attributable to: Continuing operations Discontinued o	3.	Interest received on bank deposits Interest received on loans Other interest income	1 294	1 332	7 507 2 967 1 577 102
Continuing operations Discontinued operations Discontinued operations - 4 4 4 4 5 868 2 950 12 149 4. Finance costs Interest on bank overdraft and borrowings Interest on revisionary sale and transfer obligations Interest on lease liabilities Other interest expense Attributable to: Continuing operations Discontinued operations Discontinued operations 20 760 28 986 52 329 4.1 Net interest paid to Group's bankers Interest on bank overdrafts and loans (note 4) (12 036) 2950 12 149 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 5 5 10 153 2 0 646 35 511 3 179 3 179 3 179 3 179 4 551 1 570 7 507 1 1570 7 507 1 1570 7 507 1 1570 7 507			5 868	2 954	12 153
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			(7 485)	(19 076)	(28 004)



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5. Property, plant and equipment

The group applies the depreciated historic cost model, in that property, plant and equipment is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Freehold land is not depreciated, however, leasehold land/land rights are amortised over the remaining period of the group's leases in the jurisdictions they operate in.

The net book value/depreciated historic cost of the group's freehold and leased land during the current reporting period totalled R27.7 million (September 2023: R73.6 million), reflecting a decrease due to the disposal of the Vyeboom deciduous farms, which had a cost and net book value of R41.2 million, during the prior year.

A valuation conducted over the group's land in the 2024 financial year by an independent valuator determined the market value of the group's land to be R1.59 billion (September 2023: R 1.74 billion).

	Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2024 R'000	Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2023 R'000	Audited 12 months to 31 March 2024 R'000	Audited 12 months to 31 March 2023* R'000
. Biological assets				
Fair value Sugar cane Deciduous fruit	219 227	216 914 -	284 478	245 572 18 077
Bananas Macadamias	33 809 7 870	23 345 5 969	20 076 29 538	21 984 17 725
	260 906	246 228	334 092	303 358
Analysis of fair values of growing crops: Fair value at beginning of year (Losses)/gains arising from changes attributable to	334 092	303 358	303 358	306 088
volume and price:	(68 756)	(60 264)	32 219	(11 427)
Continuing operations Sugar cane - (Loss)/gain arising from physical growth/yield - (Loss)/gain arising from area under crop to be harvested - Gain arising from price changes	(71 282) - 9 024	(73 987) - 43 124	(7 367) (9 286) 58 176	2 067 12 621 17 558
Bananas - Gain/(loss) arising from physical growth/yield - Gain arising from area under crop to be harvested - Gain/(loss) arising from price changes	885 - 12 848	(761) - 2 122	85 1 714 (3 707)	905 2 182 (6 057)
Macadamias – (Loss)/gain arising from physical growth/yield – Gain/(loss) arising from price changes	(24 451) 4 220	(8 098) (4 587)	10 040 641	(16 118) (24 514)
Discontinued operations Deciduous fruit				
 (Loss)/gain arising from physical growth/yield (Loss)/gain arising from area under crop to be harvested Loss arising from price changes 	- - -	(18 077) - -	- (18 077) -	696 79 (846)
Effect of foreign currency exchange differences	(4 430)	3 134	(1 485)	8 697
Fair value at end of period	260 906	246 228	334 092	303 358

^{* 31} March 2023 disclosed for comparative purposes only.

In terms of IAS 41: Agriculture, growing crops, comprising sugar cane, bananas and macadamias are accounted for as biological assets and are measured and recognised at fair value. Changes in the fair value are included in profit or loss.

The fair value of growing crops is determined based on current market prices less estimated selling costs.



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		Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2024	Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2023	Audited 12 months to 31 March 2024
7	Exchange rates			
•	US Dollar/Rand closing	17.19	18.94	18.91
	US Dollar/Rand average	18.27	18.67	18.74
	Rand/Metical closing	3.75	3.41	3.42
	Rand/Metical average	3.53	3.46	3.45
	Rand/Kwacha closing	1.54	1.11	1.33
	Rand/Kwacha average	1.42	1.03	1.16
		Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2024 R'000	Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2023 R'000	Audited 12 months to 31 March 2024 R'000
8.	Reserves			
	8.1 Foreign currency translation reserve			
	Balance at beginning of year	2 356	(2 577)	(2 577)
	Exchange differences on translation of subsidiaries	(37 837)	20 952	4 933
	Balance at end of period	(35 481)	18 375	2 356

The foreign currency translation reserve represents an accumulation of foreign currency translation differences, arising from the group's translation and consolidation of its Mozambique and Zambia subsidiaries.

The group translates the statements of financial position and profit or loss of these subsidiaries at spot and average rates, respectively, based on their functional currencies, the Meticais (MZN) and Kwacha (ZMW), versus the group's reporting currency, the Rand (ZAR).

Refer to note 7 for the prevailing foreign exchange rates that impact the group.

During the current reporting period, the ZAR strengthened against most major currencies, particularly the USD, MZN and ZMW.

As a consequence, an equity decrease of R37.8 million was recognised in the foreign currency translation reserve during the current reporting period (September 2023: equity increase of R21 million).

This equity decrease represents a reduced ZAR translated value of the group's investment in its Mozambique and Zambia subsidiaries and is recorded in other comprehensive income, with no impact on profit or loss or headline earnings.



			Туре	Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2024 R'000	Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2023 R'000	Audited 12 months to 31 March 2024 R'000
9.	Bo	rrowings - interest-bearing	าต			
0.		eral banking facilities	Amortised cost	_	123 000	_
	Loan	•	Amortised cost	218 136	248 660	235 734
				218 136	371 660	235 734
	Inclu	ded in the financial statements as:				
	Non-	current		97 374	112 288	16 000
	Curre	ent		120 762	259 372	219 734
				218 136	371 660	235 734
	9.1	Net debt				
	Borrowings – interest-bearing			218 136	371 660	235 734
		Less: Cash and cash equivalents		(189 077)	(122 652)	(155 052)
				29 059	249 008	80 682
	9.2	General banking facilities				
	0.2	Rand Merchant Bank	Demand and seasonal	_	83 000	_
		Rand Merchant Bank	Bridging	-	40 000	_
				-	123 000	_
	9.3	Loans				
		Akwandze Agricultural Finance	Revolving credit	31 151	26 054	31 081
		Akwandze Agricultural Finance	Term loan	5 980	8 000	8 000
		Investec Bank Limited	Term loan	989	19 296	5 435
		African Bank Limited*	Term loan	79 917	79 918	79 918
		First National Bank Eswatini	Term loan	12 470	18 921	15 169
		AgDevCo Limited	Term loan	87 629	96 471	96 131
				218 136	248 660	235 734

^{*} Previously disclosed as Grindrod Bank Limited.



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9. Borrowings - interest-bearing continued

9.4 Utilisation of general banking facilities

			Total facility	Utilised	Repaid	Available
	Туре	Interest	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
Unaudited six months to 30 S	September 2024					
Rand Merchant Bank ⁽¹⁾	Demand and seasonal	Prime minus 0.65%	80 000	_	_	80 000
First National Bank Eswatini	Overdraft	Prime	25 000	-	-	25 000
			105 000	-	-	105 000
Unaudited six months to 30 Se	eptember 2023					
Rand Merchant Bank	Demand	Prime minus 0.65%	100 000	(83 000)	-	17 000
Rand Merchant Bank	Bridging	Prime plus 1.15%	40 000	(40 000)	-	_
First National Bank Eswatini	Overdraft	Prime	25 000	-	-	25 000
			165 000	(123 000)	-	42 000
Audited 12 months to 31 Marc	ch 2024					
Rand Merchant Bank ⁽¹⁾	Demand and seasonal	Prime minus 0.65%	80 000	_	_	80 000
Rand Merchant Bank	Bridging	Prime plus 1.15%	40 000	_	(40 000)	_
First National Bank Eswatini	Overdraft	Prime	25 000	-	_	25 000
			145 000	_	(40 000)	105 000

⁽¹⁾ The facility includes a R30 million seasonal portion, available between the months of January and June, which remained unutilised.

9.5 Utilisation of loans

			Loan granted	Utilised	Available for drawdown
	Туре	Interest	R'000	R'000	R'000
Unaudited six months to 30 Septem	ber 2024				
Akwandze Agricultural Finance	Revolving credit	Prime plus 1.0%	30 000	(30 000)	_
Akwandze Agricultural Finance	Term loan	Prime	10 000	(10 000)	_
Investec Bank Limited	Term loan	Prime minus 0.5%	47 352	(47 352)	_
African Bank Limited*	Term loan	Prime	80 000	(79 917)	83
First National Bank Eswatini	Term loan	Prime plus 1.5%	40 000	(20 000)	20 000
AgDevCo Limited ⁽²⁾	Term loan	USD 8%	137 397	(85 873)	51 524
			344 749	(273 142)	71 607
Unaudited six months to 30 Septemb	er 2023			,	
Akwandze Agricultural Finance	Revolving credit	Prime plus 1.0%	15 000	(15 000)	_
Akwandze Agricultural Finance	Revolving credit	Prime	10 000	(10 000)	_
Akwandze Agricultural Finance	Term loan	Prime	10 000	(10 000)	_
Investec Bank Limited	Term loan	Prime minus 0.5%	47 352	(19 296)	28 056
African Bank Limited*	Term loan	Prime	80 000	(79 918)	82
First National Bank Eswatini	Term loan	Prime plus 1.5%	40 000	(20 000)	20 000
AgDevCo Limited ⁽²⁾	Term loan	USD 8%	151 261	(85 084)	66 177
			353 613	(239 298)	114 315
Audited 12 months to 31 March 2024					
Akwandze Agricultural Finance	Revolving credit	Prime plus 1.0%	30 000	(30 000)	_
Akwandze Agricultural Finance	Term loan	Prime	10 000	(10 000)	_
Investec Bank Limited	Term loan	Prime minus 0.5%	47 352	(47 352)	_
African Bank Limited*	Term loan	Prime	80 000	(79 918)	82
First National Bank Eswatini	Term loan	Prime plus 1.5%	40 000	(20 000)	20 000
AgDevCo Limited ⁽²⁾	Term loan	USD 8%	150 762	(96 131)	54 631
			358 114	(283 401)	74 713

^{*} Previously disclosed as Grindrod Bank Limited.

⁽²⁾ Includes the effects of foreign currency exchange differences.



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9. Borrowings - interest-bearing continued

9.6 Financial covenants

The following Group subsidiary is subject to lender-imposed financial covenants, effective for the current reporting period:

		FNB Target times		Actual times	
Crookes Plantations Limited	Requirement	Period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025	Period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024	Unaudited six months to 30 September 2024	Audited 12 months to 31 March 2024
Net Interest-Bearing Debt to EBITDA Ratio EBITDA Interest Cover Ratio Debt Service Cover Ratio	≤ ≥ >	2.00 4.00 1.30	2.50 4.00 1.30	(0.30) 84.60 18.80	0.10 27.30 7.20

Crookes Plantations Limited has passed all financial covenants for the current and previous reporting and measurement periods.

Murrimo Macadamias Limitada (MML) is subjected to lender-imposed financial covenants for measurement periods ending 31 March.

At the 31 March 2024 measurement period, MML had breached the financial covenants resulting in the AgDevCo loan being classified as current. AgDevCo has subsequently issued MML with a temporary waiver of the financial covenant breach until 31 December 2024, effective from 31 March 2024. The AgDevCo loan has therefore been classified as non-current for the current reporting period.

10. Financial instruments disclosure

The following table provides an analysis of financial instruments that are measured subsequent to initial recognition at fair value, grouped into levels 1 to 3 based on the degree to which the fair value is observable or based on observable inputs:

- Level 1 fair value measurements are those derived from quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 fair value measurements are those derived from inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived prices).
- Level 3 fair value measurements are those derived from valuation techniques that include inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (i.e. unobservable inputs).

	Fair value instruments Ot					
	Carrying value R'000	Level 1 R'000	Level 2 R'000	Level 3 R'000	Amortised cost^ R'000	non- financial instruments R'000
Unaudited six months to 30 September 2024						
Financial instruments						
Equity investments	858	_	_	858	_	_
Cash and bank balances	189 077	-	-	_	189 077	-
Trade and other receivables	173 024	-	-	_	132 100	40 924
Loans receivable	9 523	-	-	_	9 523	-
Loans to joint venture and associate	23 706	-	-	_	23 706	-
Trade and other payables	(82 586)	-	-	_	(81 178)	(1 408)
Borrowings	(218 136)	-	-	_	(218 136)	-
Reversionary sale and transfer obligations	(78 729)	-	-	_	(39 493)	(39 236)
Lease liabilities	(175 728)	-	-	_	(175 728)	-
Non-financial instruments						
Investment property	123 997	-	123 997	_	_	-
Biological assets	260 906	-	-	260 906	_	-
Property, plant and equipment						
- market value disclosure	_	-	-	1 591 375	-	-
Total	-	-	123 997	1 853 139	(160 129)	280

Carrying value approximates fair value.



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10. Financial instruments disclosure continued

	Fair value instruments					Other
	Carrying value R'000	Level 1 R'000	Level 2 R'000	Level 3 R'000	Amortised cost^ R'000	non- financial instruments R'000
Unaudited six months to 30 September 2023						
Financial instruments						
Equity investments ⁽¹⁾	900	_	_	900	_	_
Cash and bank balances ⁽¹⁾	122 723	_	_	_	122 723	_
Trade and other receivables ⁽¹⁾	271 169	_	_	_	232 861	38 308
Loans receivable	14 930	_	_	_	14 930	_
Loans to joint venture and associate	22 266	_	_	_	22 266	_
Trade and other payables	(84 911)	_	_	_	(79 765)	(5 146)
Borrowings	(371 660)	_	_	_	(371 660)	_
Reversionary sale and transfer obligations	(74 993)	_	_	_	(34 973)	(40 020)
Lease liabilities	(173 166)	_	_	_	(173 166)	_
Non-financial instruments	,				,	
Investment property	116 798	_	116 798	_	_	_
Biological assets	246 228	_	_	246 228	_	_
Property, plant and equipment						
- market value disclosure	_	_	_	1 742 200	_	_
Total	_	-	116 798	1 989 328	(266 784)	(6 858)
Audited 12 months to 31 March 2024						
Financial instruments						
Equity investments	858	_	_	858	_	_
Cash and bank balances	155 052	_	_	_	155 052	_
Trade and other receivables	105 088	_	_	_	64 202	40 886
Loans receivable	26 254	_	_	_	26 254	_
Loans to joint venture and associate	23 142	_	_	_	23 142	_
Trade and other payables	(57 057)	_	_	_	(57 057)	_
Borrowings	(235 734)	_	_	_	(235 734)	_
Reversionary sale and transfer obligations	(77 228)	_	_	_	(36 802)	(40 426)
Lease liabilities	(171 992)	_	_	_	(171 992)	_
Non-financial instruments	(,				(,	
Investment property	121 701	_	121 701	_	_	_
Biological assets	334 092	_	_	334 092	_	_
Property, plant and equipment						
- market value disclosure	-	-	-	1 591 375	-	-
Total	-	_	121 701	1 926 325	(232 935)	460

[^] Carrying value approximates fair value.

The above assets are measured at fair value on a recurring basis.



⁽¹⁾ Includes balances disclosed as held for sale.

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10. Financial instruments disclosure continued

Valuation inputs and relationships to fair value

The following table gives information about how the fair values of these assets are determined (in particular, the valuation technique(s) and inputs used):

Assets	Unaudited fair value as at 30 September 2024 R'000	Unaudited fair value as at 30 September 2023 R'000	Audited fair value as at 31 March 2024 R'000	Fair value hierarchy	Valuation technique(s) and key input(s)	Significant unobservable inputs to fair value	Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value
Investment property	123 997	116 798	121 701	Level 2	Comparable sales method. Relevant selling price per square metre with respect to similar residential units or number of bedrooms.	None	None
Financial assets: equity investments	858	900	858	Level 3	Fair value approximates cost.	None	None
Biological assets	260 906	246 228	334 092	Level 3	Recoverable value. Current estimated market prices for the following season, less the estimated costs of harvesting, transport, packing and point-of-sale costs.	Refer to sensitivity analysis below for significant unobservable inputs.	In arriving at the fair value, the estimated price is applied against the expected area to harvest, together with the estimated yields and average maturity of the crop. The higher the estimated market price less the estimated costs, the higher the value of the biological assets.
Property, plant and equipment – market value disclosure	1 591 375	1 742 200	1 591 375	Level 3	Independent external property valuation.	Value per hectare determined per expert valuation.	A 10% change in the value per hectare will result in a change to market value disclosed by R159.2 million.

Level 3 measurements

Biological assets measurement

The group's growing crops are measured at fair value which is determined using estimated unobservable inputs and is categorised as Level 3 under the fair value hierarchy. The unobservable inputs are disclosed in the fair value hierarchy.

Changes in the fair value of biological assets are included in profit or loss, with a decrease of R68.8 million (September 2023: decrease of R60.3 million) being recognised in profit or loss in the current period. A reconciliation of the change in fair value for the period is included in note 6.



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10. Financial instruments disclosure continued

	Significant	Range of	Sensitivity of the to fair val	
Sensitivity analysis biological assets	unobservable inputs	unobservable inputs	%	R'000
Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2024 Sugar cane	Price per ton	RSA: R7 704 Eswatini: R6 503 Zambia: R6 171	10%	25 598
	Direct costs per ton	RSA: R1 194 Eswatini: R844 Zambia: R752	10%	(3 675)
	Tons per hectare (yield)	RSA: 91.34 Eswatini: 88.95 Zambia: 134.7	10%	21 923
	Extraction rate	RV: 13.04% Sucrose: 14.2% ERC: 11.85%	0.5%	8 221
Bananas	Price per carton	RSA: R126.72 Eswatini: R134.33	10%	4 684
	Direct costs per carton	RSA: R35.43 Eswatini: R36.40	10%	(1 303)
	Tons per hectare (yield)	RSA: 61.4 Eswatini: 59.8	10%	3 381
Macadamias	Price per ton Direct costs per ton Tons per hectare (yield)	R42 129 R8 861 2.27	10% 10% 10%	997 (210) 787
Unaudited				
Six months to 30 September 2023 Sugar cane	Price per ton	RSA: R7 385 Eswatini: R6 160 Zambia: R6 714	10%	25 286
	Direct costs per ton	RSA: R1 120 Eswatini: R868 Zambia: R621	10%	(3 595)
	Tons per hectare (yield)	RSA: 90 Eswatini: 86.55 Zambia: 139.3	10%	21 691
	Extraction rate	RV: 13.2% Sucrose: 13.7% ERC: 12.2%	0.5%	8 160
Bananas	Price per carton	RSA: R110.49 Eswatini: R104.41	10%	3 433
	Direct costs per carton	RSA: R34.46 Eswatini: R39.08	10%	(1 099)
	Tons per hectare (yield)	RSA: 57.8 Eswatini: 57.8	10%	2 335
Macadamias	Price per ton Direct costs per ton Tons per hectare (yield)	R37 815 R9 889 2.05	10% 10% 10%	808 (211) 597
	- I			30.



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10. Financial instruments disclosure continued

	Significant	Range of	Sensitivity of the input to fair value		
Sensitivity analysis biological assets	unobservable inputs	unobservable inputs	%	R'000	
Audited 12 months to 31 March 2024					
Sugar cane	Price per ton	RSA: R7 470			
-	·	Eswatini: R6 439	10%	33 323	
		Zambia: R6 407			
	Direct costs per ton	RSA: R1 148			
	•	Eswatini: R892	10%	(4 876)	
		Zambia: R847			
	Tons per hectare (yield)	RSA: 96.6			
		Eswatini: 95.5	10%	28 448	
		Zambia: 141.5			
	Extraction rate	RV: 13.2%			
		Sucrose: 13.7%	0.5%	10 692	
		ERC: 12.2%			
Bananas	Price per carton	RSA: R89.16	100/	0.170	
		Eswatini: R98.65	10%	3 179	
	Direct costs per carton	RSA: R34.13	10%	(4.474)	
		Eswatini: R29.29	10%	(1 171)	
	Tons per hectare (yield)	RSA: 59.9			
		Eswatini: 57.2	10%	2 008	
Macadamias	Price per ton	R42 025	10%	3 779	
	Direct costs per ton	R9 173	10%	(825)	
	Tons per hectare (yield)	1.71	10%	2 954	

A 10% sensitivity rate is used when reporting the fair value of the group's biological assets in so far as its fluctuations relating to unobservable inputs. Although a 10% sensitivity is not always reflective of extreme year-on-year movements in unobservable inputs that occur due to macroeconomic, geopolitical and climatic events outside of the group's control.

The impact of a change in each of the biological asset unobservable inputs up or (down) would give rise to a positive or (negative) effect on pre-tax profit or loss.

Financial assets: equity investments measurement

	Note	Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2024 R'000	Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2023 R'000	Audited 12 months to 31 March 2024 R'000
Equity investments: at FVTOCI				
Elgin Co-operative Fruitgrowers	1	166	166	166
Villiersdorp Co-operative*	2	687	661	687
Other farming co-operatives and agribusinesses	2	5	5	5
Two-A-Day Group*	3	-	68	_
Two-A-Day Vacation Station	3	-	_	_
		858	900	858

^{*} The September 2023 values include balances disclosed as held for sale.



¹ The directors have assessed the fair value of this investment against the net asset value and share price extracted from the latest available audited financial information for this company.

² These investments are required to be sold back to the co-op at cost should the group exit its shareholding. Given that the exit price of the shares in the co-op is at cost, the directors' assessment of fair value is R692 229 (September 2023: R665 709).

³ The Two-A-Day investments which were linked to the group's deciduous farms, were sold as part of the Vyeboom farm and Bellcro Farming subsidiary disposals.

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	Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2024 R'000	Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2023 R'000	Audited 12 months to 31 March 2024 R'000
11. Related party transactions The group, in the ordinary course of business, enters into various transactions with related parties. Parties are related if one party can exercise joint control or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial and operating decisions.			
Information regarding significant transactions with related parties is presented below. Transactions are carried out on an arm's-length basis.			
Silverlands Mozambique Holdings Limited (Joint venture)			
Management fees	527	495	2 617
Interest income	524	514	1 036
Current account	(16 904)	(20 325)	(16 753)
Loan to joint venture	23 706	22 266	23 142
Lebombo Growers (Pty) Ltd (Associate)			
Banana marketing and transport costs paid	(29 056)	(26 045)	(51 078)
Current account	(5 362)	(321)	(2 632)
Banana pool accrual	13 211	10 413	13 160

12. Capital expenditure and commitments

R'million	Capital expenditure Unaudited Six months to 30 September 2024		Split as follows	
		Capital commitments Six months to 31 March 2025	Approved not contracted	Approved and contracted
Property, plant and equipment:				
- expansion and project development	4 368	15 120	10 649	4 471
- improvement	9 520	4 253	2 550	1 703
- replacement	8 572	8 877	8 081	796
- bearer asset planting	10 078	14 449	11 388	3 061
	32 538	42 699	32 668	10 031



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