

Capricorn Group Limited

(Incorporated in the Republic of Namibia) (Date of Registration: 5 September 1996)

(Registration Number: 96/300)

Share code: CGP ISIN: NA000A1T6SV9 ("Capricorn Group" or "the Group")

AUDITED CONSOLIDATED RESULTS for the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
	(audited)	(audited)
Profit from continuing operations (N\$'000)	1,024,301	1 012 095
Profit after tax (N\$'000)	983 027	856 412
Basic earnings per share (cents)	170.7	148.6
Fully diluted earnings per share (cents)	170.1	148.2
Headline earnings per share (cents)	173.4	157.2
Net asset value per share (cents)	1 294	1 232
Final dividend per share (cents)	38	20
Total dividend per share (cents)	60	50
Total risk-based capital adequacy ratio (%)	15.0	14.7
Number of ordinary shares in issue at year-end ('000)	511 108*	511 945*

^{*} net of Treasury shares

Considering an economy that was in recession even before COVID-19, a contraction of 5.0% in GDP in the 2021 fiscal year and lasting indirect impacts of the pandemic, Capricorn Group Ltd returned satisfactory results for the year ended 30 June 2021.

The Group reacted swiftly to the low-interest environment and the threat to earnings in the year under review by, among others, implementing a proactive and effective assets and liability pricing strategy, active and close monitoring of asset quality, innovative fee pricing and a strong focus on essential spending. Profit after tax increased by 14.8% to N\$983.0 million (2020: 856.4 million). Profit from continuing operations increased by 1.2% to N\$1.024 billion (2020: N\$1.012 billion).

Return on equity increased to 13.5% (2020: 12.6%) mainly due to:

- Better than anticipated results from banking operations
- Realising the benefits of diversification as Entrepo, Capricorn Asset Management and Paratus performed well above expectations, having been less impacted by COVID-19
- Positive contribution to the bottom line arising from the sale of Cavmont Bank

Final dividend

Notice is hereby given that a final dividend of 38 cents per ordinary share was declared on 14 September 2021. Considering the interim dividend of 22 cents per ordinary share, this represents a total dividend of 60 cents per ordinary share (2020: 50 cents per ordinary share). We believe that the dividend balances prudency with a fair dividend yield for shareholders.

Dividend payment details

Last day to trade cum dividend: 1 October 2021
First day to trade ex-dividend: 4 October 2021
Record date: 8 October 2021
Payment date: 22 October 2021

Outlook

As we embark on the future, the stability and sustainability of the Group for the benefit of all stakeholders remain our key priority. We believe that economic growth in Namibia and Botswana will accelerate as COVID-19 infections subside and vaccination accelerates. We believe Botswana offers good growth opportunities, with a real GDP growth of 8.8% projected for 2021. We plan to launch a microlending business and structured trade finance initiatives in Botswana in the next year.

Economists are still expecting interest rates to remain flat in the short term. We can expect external factors to continue muting customer and business confidence. As a Group, we remain committed to developing our new business pipeline and revenue streams to grow, even under these challenging conditions.

Capricorn Group delivered resilient returns under difficult conditions. To maintain this position, we continue building on the strength of our diversified operations and revenue streams while investing in digital and data to enhance the client experience.

Short form announcement

This short form announcement is the responsibility of the directors. It is only a summary of the information contained in the full announcement and does not contain full or complete details.

Any investment decision should be based on the full announcement accessible from 16 September 2021, via the NSX link https://senspdf.jse.co.za/documents/2021/nsx/isse/cgpe/CGPJun2021.pdf

The full announcement, our Integrated Annual Report as well as a summarised version (fast read) of our Integrated Annual Report is available on our website at: www.capricorn.com.na

The audited annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021, from which this information is derived, have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers. A copy of the auditor's audit report and the full annual financial statements are available for inspection at the Group's registered office at no charge, weekdays during office hours., or can be accessed electronically in the link provided above.

Non-Executive Directors: J J Swanepoel (Chairman), D G Fourie (Lead Independent Director), J C Brandt, H M Gaomab II, G Menetté, D J Reyneke*, G N Sekandi**, E Solomon*

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By order of the Board 16 September 2021

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