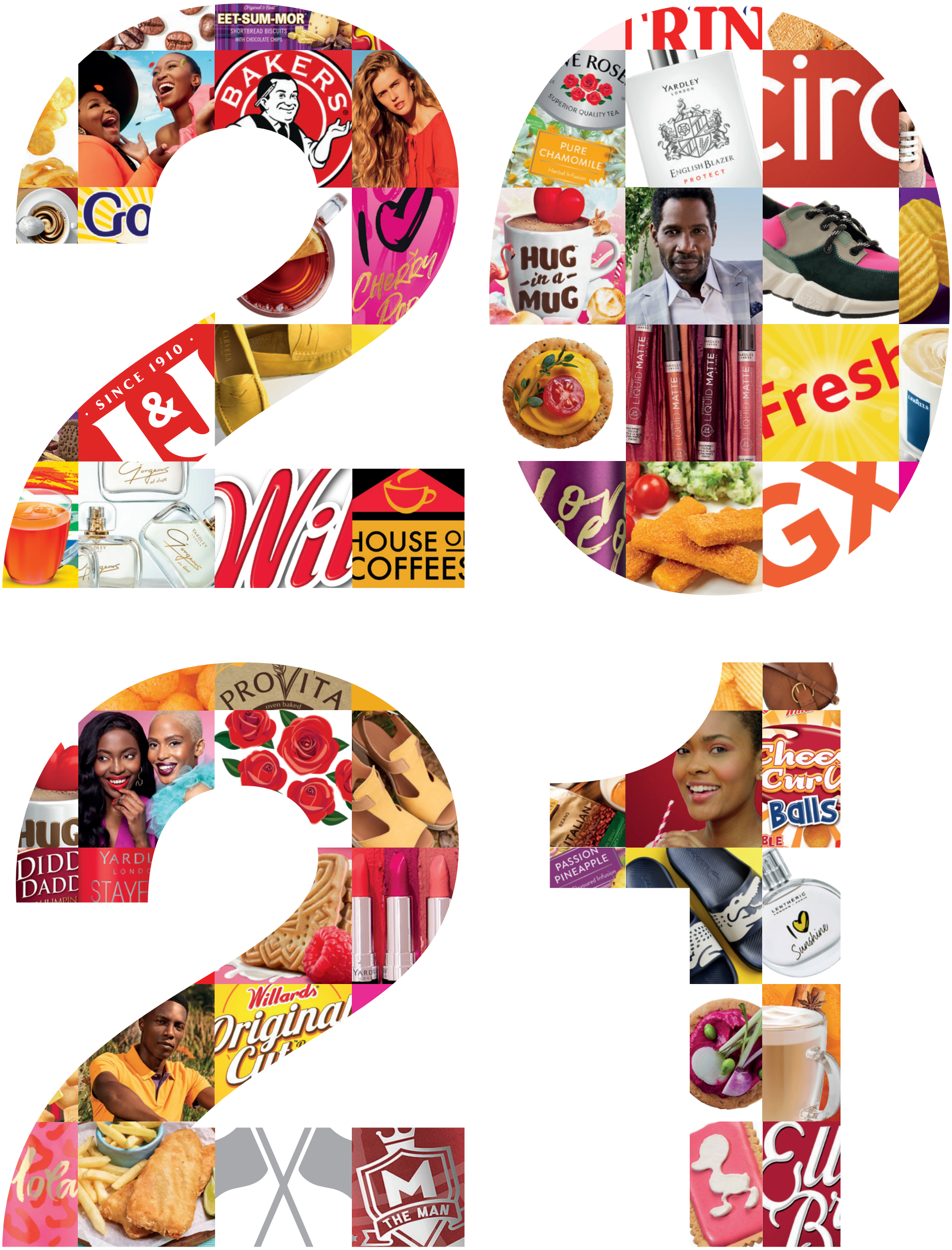


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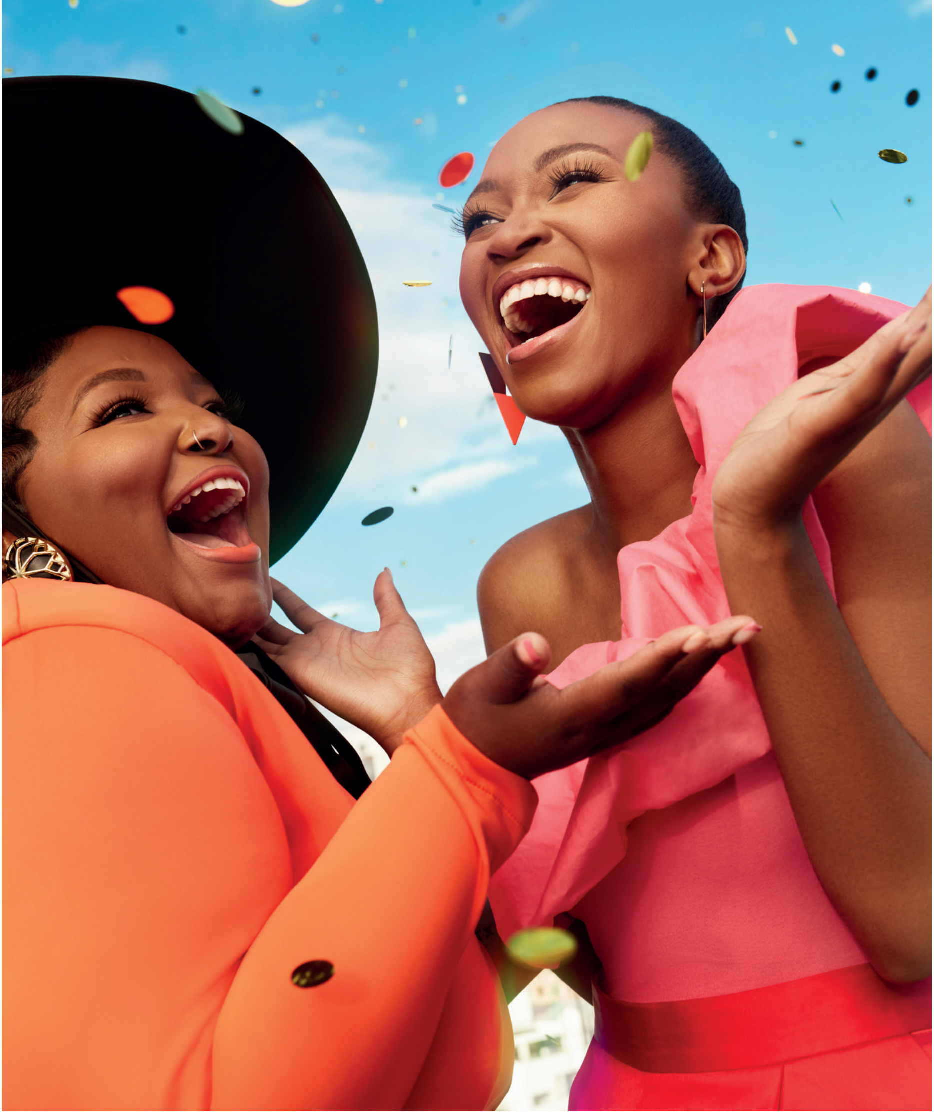

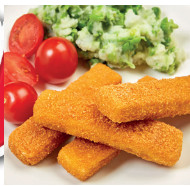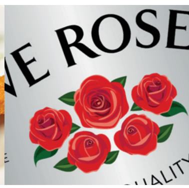

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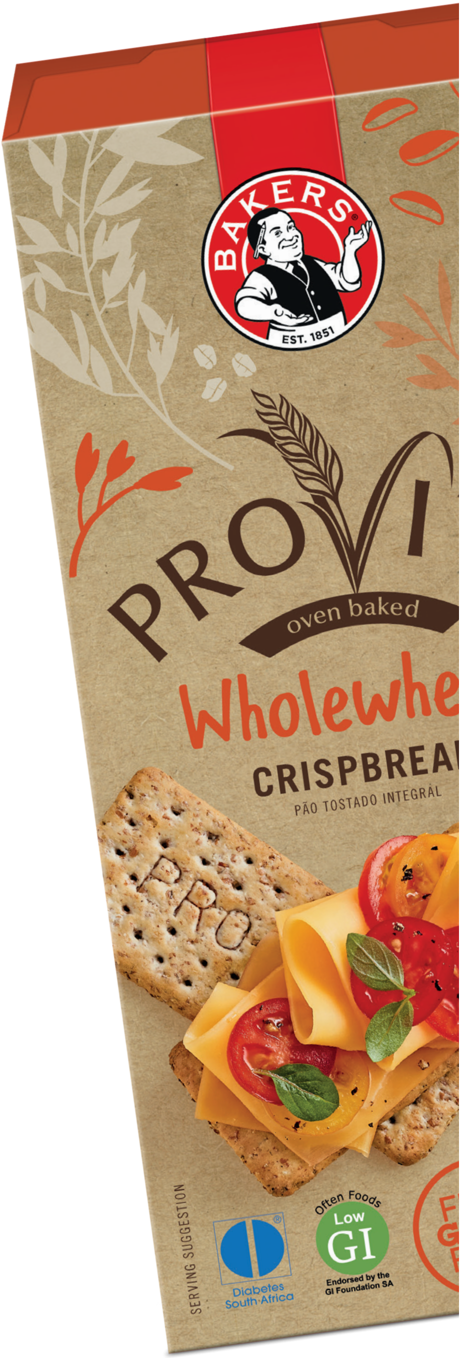


# key features

COVID-19
- Mixed impact on demand across categories
- Additional costs of R18 million

Group revenue declined by 0,1%

Selling price increases taken to offset higher raw material costs in some categories

6,9% decline in selling and administrative costs

I&J's abalone category materially impacted by COVID-19 related export demand and price pressures

Operating profit declined by 2,6%

Net finance charges 48,8% lower

Headline earnings per share up 1,2% to 297,3 cents

Cash from operating activities increased by 0,8%

Interim dividend of 160 cents per share in line with last year

Special dividend of 280 cents per share

# results commentary

## GROUP OVERVIEW

The COVID-19 pandemic and the related lockdown regulations continued to have a material impact on our businesses in the first semester. Demand for our snacking and beverage brands normalised from the peaks during the hard lockdown period as consumers returned to more normal spending patterns, while sales of fragrance and beauty products improved. Our retail brands' sales recovered as shoppers increasingly returned to malls and high streets through the period. Ongoing efforts to keep staff safe and comply with lockdown regulations ensured continuity of operations and minimised losses of production and sales. Additional direct costs of R18 million were incurred in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Group revenue for the semester decreased by 0,1% over the same period in the prior year. Growth in the food and beverage categories was partially offset by the continued impact of COVID-19 on sales volumes in the fashion businesses and the Ciro out-of-home coffee solutions business. Revenue in the fashion businesses was 90% of that achieved in the first semester of last year. I&J's abalone business continues to be impacted by lower demand, price pressure and logistical constraints in accessing the Chinese and Hong Kong markets.

The consolidated gross profit decreased by 4,8% due mainly to cost pressures from the weaker Rand and the performance of I&J's abalone business. The decrease was mitigated by currency and raw material hedge positions and selling price increases, as well as effective management of selling and administrative costs, which decreased by 6,9% compared to the first semester of the prior financial year. Operating profit for the semester declined by 2,6%.

Net finance costs were materially lower than last year in line with lower debt levels and interest rates, resulting in growth in headline earnings for the semester of 1,4%. Headline earnings per share increased by 1,2% from 293,8 cents to 297,3 cents with a 0,2% increase in the weighted average number of shares in issue due to the vesting of employee share options.

During the first semester of the previous financial year I&J sold its interest in the Simplot joint venture in Australia, realising proceeds after transaction costs of R631,8 million and a capital gain, after tax, of R373,7 million. As there were no material capital items in the first half of the current financial year, attributable earnings decreased by 27,5%.

Cash generated by operations decreased by 2,3%, however interest and taxation paid were both lower than last year, resulting in a 0,8% increase in cash available from operating activities. Other material cash flows during the period were capital expenditure of R140,7 million and normal dividends paid of R826,5 million. Net debt at the end of December 2020 was R1,12 billion compared to R1,65 billion at the end of December 2019.

## DIVIDEND

Overall cash generation remains healthy and debt levels have dropped below our targeted gearing range. Consequently the Board has declared an interim normal dividend of 160 cents per share as well as a special dividend of 280 cents per share. The special dividend will result in an additional R926 million being paid to shareholders in April 2021.

## SEGMENTAL REVIEW

**Six months ended 31 December**

| | Segmental revenue | | | Segmental operating profit | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **2020 Rm** | 2019 Rm | % change | **2020 Rm** | 2019 Rm | % change |
| **Food & Beverage brands** | **5 554,5** | 5 391,9 | 3,0 | **1 105,6** | 1 118,0 | (1,1) |
| Entyce Beverages | **1 954,9** | 1 967,8 | (0,7) | **473,0** | 459,7 | 2,9 |
| Snackworks | **2 364,7** | 2 242,6 | 5,4 | **506,7** | 489,3 | 3,6 |
| I&J | **1 234,9** | 1 181,5 | 4,5 | **125,9** | 169,0 | (25,5) |
| **Fashion brands** | **1 576,7** | 1 749,8 | (9,9) | **318,6** | 340,9 | (6,5) |
| Personal Care | **642,1** | 687,8 | (6,6) | **109,7** | 93,5 | 17,3 |
| Footwear and Apparel | **934,6** | 1 062,0 | (12,0) | **208,9** | 247,4 | (15,6) |
| **Corporate** | **–** | – | | **(4,5)** | (1,7) | |
| **Group** | **7 131,2** | 7 141,7 | (0,1) | **1 419,7** | 1 457,2 | (2,6) |

### Entyce Beverages

Revenue decreased by 0,7% to R1,95 billion while operating profit increased by 2,9% to R473,0 million, with the operating profit margin at 24,2% compared to 23,4% in the prior year.

Tea revenue grew by 2,4% due mainly to growth in rooibos and affordable black tea volumes, as well as selling price increases on black tea to ameliorate pressure from the weaker Rand. Rooibos selling prices decreased in recognition of lower raw material prices. The gross profit margin improved and selling and administrative costs decreased, resulting in good growth in operating profit and an improvement in the operating profit margin.

Coffee revenue was 13,8% lower than last year due mainly to lower sales in the Ciro out-of-home coffee business which was severely impacted by lower demand from hospitality, leisure and corporate customers due to COVID-19. This was partially offset by growth in mixed instant and premium coffee sales volumes as well as selling price increases to offset pressure from the weaker Rand and higher production costs. The gross profit margin was slightly lower than last year due to the volume pressure in Ciro, however, this was partially offset by lower selling and administrative costs, including savings from restructuring at Ciro. Operating profit and profit margin decreased due to the significant drop in Ciro's result, notwithstanding improved results from mixed instant, affordable brewed and premium coffee.

Creamer revenue grew 12,5% due to a 4,2% increase in sales volumes and selling price increases to offset higher raw material costs, including pressure from the weaker Rand. The gross profit margin decreased due to cost pressure before the selling price increases were implemented, however selling and administrative costs were contained to a level in line with last year, supporting sound growth in operating profit with the operating profit margin slightly lower than last year.

### Snackworks

Revenue of R2,36 billion was 5,4% higher than last year while operating profit rose 3,6%, from R489,3 million to R506,7 million. The operating profit margin decreased slightly, from 21,8% to 21,4%.

Biscuits revenue grew by 5,1% due mainly to higher selling prices, with sales volumes slightly lower than last year. Higher selling prices reflect increases taken in April 2020, as well as tighter control of discounting. The gross profit margin decreased due to raw material cost pressure and a change in sales mix, while selling and administrative costs decreased, supporting growth in operating profit with a slightly lower operating profit margin.

Snacks revenue increased by 6,6% due mainly to a 5,4% increase in sales volumes and higher selling prices stemming from the increases implemented in April 2020. The gross profit margin was lower than last year, impacted by an increase in demand for big bag formats relative to small bags, however lower selling and administrative costs supported growth in operating profit, with a slightly lower operating profit margin.

### I&J

Revenue of R1,23 billion was 4,5% higher than last year while operating profit decreased from R169,0 million to R125,9 million. The operating profit margin decreased from 14,3% to 10,2%.

The decrease is materially due to losses in the abalone operation, together with lower royalties from Simplot following the disposal in November 2019. The Danger Point abalone farm was impacted by poor export demand and low selling prices due to COVID-19 lockdowns in key markets, compounded by increased airfreight costs due to flight restrictions. An initial restructuring exercise at the farm has been completed and further cost cuts are expected in the second semester.

The overall result from fishing was in line with last year, with minimal operational disruption from COVID-19 and higher catch rates offsetting an increase in lost sea days for repairs and maintenance. Customer demand and selling prices held up reasonably well in the challenging environment, and I&J was able to offset lower food service orders with increased retail sales. The adverse impact of lower export prices in some markets and cost inflation was largely offset by a weaker Rand and lower fuel prices.

### Personal Care

Indigo's revenue of R642,1 million was 6,6% lower than last year largely due to the impact of COVID-19 on sales volumes, particularly colour cosmetics and fragrances. However, volumes recovered steadily from the low base in the second half of last year with overall revenue in December 2020 at 97% of December 2019. Demand for aerosols improved in the second quarter and together with selling price increases to offset cost pressure from the weaker Rand, helped to ameliorate lower sales volumes in other categories and protect the gross profit margin. Selling and administrative costs were almost 15% lower than last year due to lower new product launch costs and other cost savings, which resulted in an improvement in operating profit from R93,5 million to R109,7 million, and an increase in the operating profit margin from 13,6% to 17,1%.

### Footwear and Apparel (including Spitz, Green Cross and Gant)

Revenue decreased by 12,0% to R934,6 million due mainly to a 13,7% decrease in footwear sales volumes. While revenue has partially recovered with consumers returning to malls and high streets, the environment remains constrained and a number of under-performing Green Cross stores were closed. The gross profit margin was well protected, with a slight decrease due to the weaker Rand. Selling and administrative costs were significantly lower due to cost cutting, completion of the Green Cross integration into Spitz and lower store costs in line with closures over the last twelve months, which partially offset the impact of lower gross profit. Operating profit decreased from R247,4 million to R208,9 million and the operating profit margin decreased from 23,3% to 22,4%.

## OUTLOOK

South Africa's second wave of COVID-19 infections commenced late in the semester and while it continues to have a material impact on Ciro's sales, it did not result in material disruption to our operations. The impact of COVID-19 on second semester sales to date is limited but the potential for it to disrupt our operations and consumer demand persists. The long term economic damage wrought by the pandemic will exacerbate an already constrained trading environment, and many of our categories face the prospect of low, or even negative, growth rates in the absence of stimulus in the short-term.

Demand in Entyce and Snackworks has normalised as consumers return to normal spending under lighter lockdown regulations and it is unlikely that we will annualise the levels of demand seen during the fourth quarter of the 2020 financial year. In personal care, cosmetics and fragrance demand is expected to remain weak for as long as large numbers of people work from home, however demand in the fourth quarter should be significantly better than last year when the initial lockdown restricted production and sales. Similarly, our retail brands should enjoy improved demand in the fourth quarter, although this will be tempered by the closure of under-performing Green Cross doors and the constrained environment.

Prices for many of the key raw materials used by AVI's businesses rose during the first semester, partly due to a weaker Rand exchange rate. Our consistent hedging practice will provide some protection for the second semester but it may be necessary to increase selling prices in certain categories where cost pressures continue to erode gross profit margins. This may have a negative impact on demand in those categories.

Achieving profit growth across our diverse portfolio remains dependent on reasonable demand in a constrained macro environment. We continue to react quickly to market changes as we pursue the best balance of price, sales volumes and profit margin in each category, and this is underpinned by relevant innovation and a fastidious focus on product quality to ensure our brands offer value to our customers. Our long established focus on factory efficiency, procurement savings and fixed cost reductions will continue. Capital projects that underpin our manufacturing capabilities, product quality and customer service levels will continue to be supported.

AVI International, supported by our South African manufacturing capabilities, remains focused on steadily building our brands' shares in export markets while sustaining strong profit margins. We continue to target double digit growth in the region.

I&J's prospects for the second semester are materially dependent on fishing performance and an improvement in abalone demand and selling prices. The majority of foreign currency sales are hedged at better exchange rates than last year. The business is targeting a material improvement in fishing vessel availability following the unplanned outages experienced in the second half of last year which will support an improved sales mix and improved profitability. The hake long-term rights application process, planned to be completed by the end of 2021, is not expected to impact operations in the second semester.

The Board remains confident that AVI is well equipped to adapt to a challenging economic environment and compete effectively with its unique brand portfolio. Acquisition opportunities with the potential to meet the Board's criteria will continue to be evaluated.

The above outlook statements have not been reviewed or reported on by AVI's external auditors.

Gavin Tipper
*Chairman*

Simon Crutchley
*CEO*

8 March 2021

# condensed consolidated balance sheet

| | Unaudited at 31 December | | Audited at 30 June |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **2020 Rm** | 2019 Rm | 2020 Rm |
| **Assets** | | | |
| **Non-current assets** | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | **3 293,4** | 3 402,5 | 3 361,7 |
| Right-of-use assets | **289,4** | 297,1 | 310,8 |
| Intangible assets and goodwill | **791,9** | 805,7 | 799,3 |
| Investments and other long-term assets | **37,1** | 27,8 | 35,1 |
| Deferred taxation | **44,2** | 30,9 | 41,5 |
| | **4 456,0** | 4 564,0 | 4 548,4 |
| **Current assets** | | | |
| Inventories and biological assets | **2 476,7** | 2 469,8 | 2 491,9 |
| Trade and other receivables including derivatives | **1 678,5** | 1 979,7 | 1 886,0 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | **1 033,9** | 282,4 | 842,4 |
| | **5 189,1** | 4 731,9 | 5 220,3 |
| **Total assets** | **9 645,1** | 9 295,9 | 9 768,7 |
| **Equity and liabilities** | | | |
| **Capital and reserves** | | | |
| **Total equity** | **5 173,5** | 4 911,3 | 5 018,4 |
| **Non-current liabilities** | | | |
| Cash-settled share-based payment liability | **41,4** | 39,6 | 41,4 |
| Lease liabilities | **206,8** | 226,7 | 230,0 |
| Employee benefit liabilities | **317,8** | 386,3 | 378,4 |
| Deferred taxation | **452,9** | 459,8 | 433,8 |
| | **1 018,9** | 1 112,4 | 1 083,6 |
| **Current liabilities** | | | |
| Current borrowings including short-term portion of lease liabilities | **1 950,0** | 1 706,9 | 1 927,7 |
| Trade and other payables including derivatives | **1 438,6** | 1 437,7 | 1 712,2 |
| Current tax liabilities | **64,1** | 127,6 | 26,8 |
| | **3 452,7** | 3 272,2 | 3 666,7 |
| **Total equity and liabilities** | **9 645,1** | 9 295,9 | 9 768,7 |
| **Movement in net debt** | | | |
| Opening balance | **926,4** | 2 034,6 | 2 034,6 |
| Short-term funding raised/(repaid) | **29,0** | (715,7) | (498,9) |
| Increase in cash and cash equivalents | **(200,0)** | (50,6) | (605,7) |
| Translation of cash equivalents of foreign subsidiaries | **8,5** | 1,3 | (3,6) |
| **Net debt excluding IFRS 16 lease liabilities** | **763,9** | 1 269,6 | 926,4 |
| IFRS 16 lease liabilities | **358,7** | 381,9 | 388,9 |
| **Net debt*** | **1 122,6** | 1 651,5 | 1 315,3 |

** Comprises current borrowings plus long-term lease liabilities, less cash and cash equivalents.*

# condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income

| | Unaudited six months ended 31 December 2020 Rm | 2019 Rm | % change | Audited year ended 30 June 2020 Rm |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Revenue** | **7 131,2** | 7 141,7 | (0,1) | 13 209,7 |
| Cost of sales | **(4 305,6)** | (4 174,8) | 3,1 | (7 958,5) |
| **Gross profit** | **2 825,6** | 2 966,9 | (4,8) | 5 251,2 |
| Selling and administrative expenses | **(1 405,9)** | (1 509,7) | (6,9) | (2 916,7) |
| **Operating profit before capital items** | **1 419,7** | 1 457,2 | (2,6) | 2 334,5 |
| Interest received | **13,4** | 2,7 | 396,3 | 9,8 |
| Finance costs | **(64,9)** | (103,2) | (37,1) | (175,3) |
| Share of equity-accounted earnings of joint ventures | **2,4** | 15,7 | (84,7) | 17,4 |
| Capital items | **(2,8)** | 444,8 | (100,6) | 455,9 |
| Profit before taxation | **1 367,8** | 1 817,2 | (24,7) | 2 642,3 |
| Taxation | **(390,0)** | (467,9) | (16,6) | (695,0) |
| **Profit for the period** | **977,8** | 1 349,3 | (27,5) | 1 947,3 |
| **Profit attributable to:** | | | | |
| Owners of AVI | **977,8** | 1 349,3 | (27,5) | 1 947,3 |
| **Other comprehensive (loss)/income, net of tax** | **(19,3)** | (11,5) | | 25,7 |
| **Items that are or may be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss** | | | | |
| Foreign currency translation differences | **(21,6)** | 5,0 | | 13,2 |
| Cash flow hedging reserve | **3,2** | (22,9) | | (2,8) |
| Taxation on items that are or may be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss | **(0,9)** | 6,4 | | 0,8 |
| **Items that will never be reclassified to profit or loss** | | | | |
| Actuarial gain recognised | **–** | – | | 20,2 |
| Taxation on items that will never be reclassified to profit or loss | **–** | – | | (5,7) |
| **Total comprehensive income for the period** | **958,5** | 1 337,8 | (28,4) | 1 973,0 |
| **Total comprehensive income attributable to:** | | | | |
| Owners of AVI | **958,5** | 1 337,8 | (28,4) | 1 973,0 |
| Depreciation and amortisation of property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets, fishing rights and trademarks included in operating profit | **291,6** | 302,1 | (3,5) | 594,5 |
| **Earnings per share** | | | | |
| Basic earnings per share (cents)# | **296,6** | 410,2 | (27,7) | 591,6 |
| Diluted basic earnings per share (cents)## | **295,4** | 409,1 | (27,8) | 589,8 |
| Headline earnings per share (cents)# | **297,3** | 293,8 | 1,2 | 470,8 |
| Diluted headline earnings per share (cents)## | **296,1** | 293,0 | 1,1 | 469,3 |

# *Basic earnings and headline earnings per share are calculated on a weighted average of 329 631 916 (31 December 2019: 328 919 400 and 30 June 2020: 329 140 892) ordinary shares in issue.*

## *Diluted basic earnings and diluted headline earnings per share are calculated on a weighted average of 330 988 033 (31 December 2019: 329 861 725 and 30 June 2020: 330 184 802) ordinary shares in issue.*

# condensed consolidated statement of cash flows

| | Unaudited six months ended 31 December 2020 Rm | 2019 Rm | % change | Audited year ended 30 June 2020 Rm |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Operating activities** | | | | |
| Cash generated by operations | **1 609,0** | 1 646,4 | (2,3) | 3 220,3 |
| Interest paid | **(64,9)** | (103,2) | (37,1) | (175,3) |
| Taxation paid | **(332,1)** | (341,3) | (2,7) | (711,3) |
| **Net cash available from operating activities** | **1 212,0** | 1 201,9 | 0,8 | 2 333,7 |
| **Investing activities** | | | | |
| Interest received | **13,4** | 2,7 | 396,3 | 9,8 |
| Property, plant and equipment acquired | **(140,7)** | (187,0) | (24,8) | (376,6) |
| Additions to intangible assets | **(4,0)** | (1,9) | 110,5 | (7,0) |
| Proceeds from disposals of property, plant and equipment | **4,7** | 17,2 | (72,7) | 23,1 |
| Proceeds from disposal of interest in Simplot joint venture (note 9) | **–** | 631,8 | (100,0) | 631,8 |
| Other cash flows from investments | **–** | 13,2 | (100,0) | 7,4 |
| **Net cash (utilised in)/generated by investing activities** | **(126,6)** | 476,0 | (126,6) | 288,5 |
| **Financing activities** | | | | |
| Proceeds from shareholder funding | **–** | 1,4 | (100,0) | 8,0 |
| Short-term funding raised/(repaid) | **29,0** | (715,7) | (104,1) | (498,9) |
| Lease liabilities repaid | **(86,9)** | (87,5) | (0,7) | (159,6) |
| Payment to I&J BBBEE shareholders | **(1,0)** | (1,0) | 0,0 | (13,7) |
| Dividends paid | **(826,5)** | (824,5) | 0,2 | (1 352,3) |
| **Net cash utilised in financing activities** | **(885,4)** | (1 627,3) | (45,6) | (2 016,5) |
| **Increase in cash and cash equivalents** | **200,0** | 50,6 | 295,3 | 605,7 |
| **Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period** | **842,4** | 233,1 | | 233,1 |
| | **1 042,4** | 283,7 | | 838,8 |
| **Translation of cash equivalents of foreign subsidiaries** | **(8,5)** | (1,3) | 553,8 | 3,6 |
| **Cash and cash equivalents at end of period** | **1 033,9** | 282,4 | | 842,4 |

# condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity

| | Share capital and premium Rm | Treasury shares Rm | Reserves Rm | Retained earnings Rm | I&J BBBEE shareholders Rm | Total equity Rm |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Six months ended 31 December 2020** | | | | | | |
| **Balance at 1 July 2020** | 279,4 | (150,9) | 151,4 | 4 845,1 | (106,6) | 5 018,4 |
| Profit for the period | – | – | – | 977,8 | – | 977,8 |
| **Other comprehensive loss** | | | | | | |
| Foreign currency translation differences | – | – | (21,6) | – | – | (21,6) |
| Cash flow hedging reserve, net of tax | – | – | 2,3 | – | – | 2,3 |
| **Total other comprehensive loss** | – | – | (19,3) | – | – | (19,3) |
| **Total comprehensive income for the period** | – | – | (19,3) | 977,8 | – | 958,5 |
| **Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity** | | | | | | |
| Share based payments | – | – | 17,5 | – | – | 17,5 |
| Deferred taxation on Group share scheme recharge | – | – | 5,6 | – | – | 5,6 |
| Dividends paid | – | – | – | (826,5) | – | (826,5) |
| **Total contributions by and distributions to owners** | – | – | 23,1 | (826,5) | – | (803,4) |
| **Balance at 31 December 2020** | 279,4 | (150,9) | 155,2 | 4 996,4 | (106,6) | 5 173,5 |
| **Six months ended 31 December 2019** | | | | | | |
| **Balance at 1 July 2019** | 280,3 | (458,2) | 573,7 | 4 250,1 | (106,6) | 4 539,3 |
| Profit for the period | – | – | – | 1 349,3 | – | 1 349,3 |
| **Other comprehensive loss** | | | | | | |
| Foreign currency translation differences | – | – | 5,0 | – | – | 5,0 |
| Cash flow hedging reserve, net of tax | – | – | (16,5) | – | – | (16,5) |
| **Total other comprehensive loss** | – | – | (11,5) | – | – | (11,5) |
| **Total comprehensive income for the period** | – | – | (11,5) | 1 349,3 | – | 1 337,8 |
| **Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity** | | | | | | |
| Share based payments | – | – | 22,4 | – | – | 22,4 |
| Deferred taxation on Group share scheme recharge | – | – | (2,1) | – | – | (2,1) |
| Dividends paid | – | – | – | (824,5) | – | (824,5) |
| Own ordinary shares sold by AVI Share Trusts | – | 1,4 | – | – | – | 1,4 |
| Delisting and cancellation of treasury shares (note 8) | (0,9) | 299,3 | (298,4) | – | – | – |
| Reclassification of Simplot joint venture foreign currency translation reserve (note 9) | – | – | (163,0) | – | – | (163,0) |
| **Total contributions by and distributions to owners** | (0,9) | 300,7 | (441,1) | (824,5) | – | (965,8) |
| **Balance at 31 December 2019** | 279,4 | (157,5) | 121,1 | 4 774,9 | (106,6) | 4 911,3 |
| **Year ended 30 June 2020** | | | | | | |
| **Balance at 1 July 2019** | 280,3 | (458,2) | 573,7 | 4 250,1 | (106,6) | 4 539,3 |
| Profit for the year | – | – | – | 1 947,3 | – | 1 947,3 |
| **Other comprehensive income** | | | | | | |
| Foreign currency translation differences | – | – | 13,2 | – | – | 13,2 |
| Actuarial gain recognised, net of tax | – | – | 14,5 | – | – | 14,5 |
| Cash flow hedging reserve, net of tax | – | – | (2,0) | – | – | (2,0) |
| **Total other comprehensive income** | – | – | 25,7 | – | – | 25,7 |
| **Total comprehensive income for the period** | – | – | 25,7 | 1 947,3 | – | 1 973,0 |
| **Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity** | | | | | | |
| Share based payments | – | – | 44,7 | – | – | 44,7 |
| Deferred taxation on Group share scheme recharge | – | – | (1,2) | – | – | (1,2) |
| Dividends paid | – | – | – | (1 352,3) | – | (1 352,3) |
| Own ordinary shares sold by AVI Share Trusts | – | 8,0 | – | – | – | 8,0 |
| Delisting and cancellation of treasury shares (note 8) | (0,9) | 299,3 | (298,4) | – | – | – |
| Reclassification of foreign currency translation reserve relating to Simplot joint venture (note 9) and other entities in the process of being deregistered | – | – | (193,1) | – | – | (193,1) |
| **Total contributions by and distributions to owners** | (0,9) | 307,3 | (448,0) | (1 352,3) | – | (1 493,9) |
| **Balance at 30 June 2020** | 279,4 | (150,9) | 151,4 | 4 845,1 | (106,6) | 5 018,4 |

# supplementary notes to the condensed consolidated interim financial statements

**For the six months ended 31 December 2020**

AVI Limited ("AVI" or "the Company") is a South African registered company. These condensed consolidated interim financial statements comprise the Company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as "the Group") and the Group's interest in joint ventures.

## 1. Statement of compliance

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement criteria of International Financial Reporting Standards, the presentation and disclosure requirements of IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*, the SAICA *Financial Reporting Guides* as issued by the Accounting Practices Committee, the Financial Reporting Pronouncements as issued by the Financial Reporting Standards Council, the Listings Requirements of the JSE Limited (the "JSE") and the Companies Act of South Africa. These condensed consolidated interim financial statements have not been reviewed or audited by the auditors.

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements are prepared in millions of South African Rands ("Rm") on the historical cost basis, except for derivative financial instruments, biological assets and liabilities for cash settled share-based payment arrangements, which are measured at fair value.

The accounting policies used in the preparation of these interim financial statements are in terms of International Financial Reporting Standards and are consistent with those applied in preparing the interim financial statements for the six months ended 31 December 2019 and the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2020.

The Group has adopted the following amendments to accounting standards, including any consequential amendments to other standards, in the preparation of these interim results, all of which became effective to the Group from 1 July 2020:

- Amendments to IAS 1 and IAS 8 – *Definition of Material*
- Amendments to IFRS 3 – *Definition of a Business*

### Amendments to IAS 1 and IAS 8 – *Definition of Material*

Amendments were issued by the IASB to IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements and IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors to align the definition of 'material' across the standards and to clarify certain aspects of the definition. The new definition states that, 'Information is material if omitting, misstating or obscuring it could reasonably be expected to influence decisions that the primary users of general purpose financial statements make on the basis of those financial statements, which provide financial information about a specific reporting entity'. The amendments clarify that materiality will depend on the nature or magnitude of information, or both.

The application of the amendments to IAS 1 and IAS 8 has not impacted the presentation and disclosure of the Group's results.

### Amendments to IFRS 3 – *Definition of a Business*

The IASB issued amendments to the definition of a business in IFRS 3 Business Combinations to help entities determine whether an acquired set of activities and assets is a business or not. They clarify the minimum requirements for a business, remove the assessment of whether market participants are capable of replacing any missing elements, add guidance to help entities assess whether an acquired process is substantive, narrow the definitions of a business and of outputs, and introduce an optional fair value concentration test.

The application of the amendments to IFRS 3 has not impacted the presentation and disclosure of the Group's results.

### New standards and interpretations in issue not yet effective

Standards, amendments and interpretations issued but not yet effective have been assessed for applicability to the Group and management has concluded that they are not applicable to the business of the Group and will therefore have no impact on future financial statements.

## 2. Impact of COVID-19

Protocols are in place across the business to mitigate against the impact of COVID-19, and operational disruptions during the semester have been minor.

All business units have been able to operate throughout the semester, with some recovery in the fashion businesses following the significant decline in sales as a result of the COVID-19 lockdown restrictions during the second semester of the previous financial year.

The Group remains cash generative, with sufficient borrowing facilities to manage disruptions to operational cash flows and to continue to support its business units.

The Group has taken into account the JSE COVID-19 related guidance notes, as well as the related educational documents prepared by SAICA regarding the impact of COVID-19 on the application of IFRS, in the preparation of these condensed consolidated interim financial statements. Inventory and debtor provisions have been reviewed, without any material movements in income statement adjustments compared to last year.

## 3. Segmental results

| | Unaudited six months ended 31 December | | | Audited year ended 30 June |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **2020 Rm** | 2019 Rm | % change | 2020 Rm |
| **Segmental revenue** | | | | |
| Food & Beverage brands | **5 554,5** | 5 391,9 | 3,0 | 10 542,0 |
| Entyce Beverages | **1 954,9** | 1 967,8 | (0,7) | 3 849,0 |
| Snackworks | **2 364,7** | 2 242,6 | 5,4 | 4 365,1 |
| I&J | **1 234,9** | 1 181,5 | 4,5 | 2 327,9 |
| Fashion brands | **1 576,7** | 1 749,8 | (9,9) | 2 667,7 |
| Personal Care | **642,1** | 687,8 | (6,6) | 1 192,7 |
| Footwear and Apparel | **934,6** | 1 062,0 | (12,0) | 1 475,0 |
| Group | **7 131,2** | 7 141,7 | (0,1) | 13 209,7 |
| **Segmental operating profit before capital items** | | | | |
| Food & Beverage brands | **1 105,6** | 1 118,0 | (1,1) | 1 994,6 |
| Entyce Beverages | **473,0** | 459,7 | 2,9 | 846,6 |
| Snackworks | **506,7** | 489,3 | 3,6 | 910,2 |
| I&J | **125,9** | 169,0 | (25,5) | 237,8 |
| Fashion brands | **318,6** | 340,9 | (6,5) | 352,4 |
| Personal Care | **109,7** | 93,5 | 17,3 | 150,2 |
| Footwear and Apparel | **208,9** | 247,4 | (15,6) | 202,2 |
| Corporate and consolidation | **(4,5)** | (1,7) | | (12,5) |
| Group | **1 419,7** | 1 457,2 | (2,6) | 2 334,5 |

## 4. Revenue

Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers ("revenue") into categories that depict the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue.

The following table sets out revenue by geographical market:

| Geographical market | Unaudited six months ended 31 December 2020 Entyce Beverages Rm | Snackworks Rm | I&J Rm | Personal Care Rm | Footwear and Apparel Rm | Total Rm |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| South Africa | **1 683,0** | **2 079,8** | **427,9** | **591,6** | **925,5** | **5 707,8** |
| Other African countries | **264,6** | **272,1** | **24,0** | **50,5** | **9,1** | **620,3** |
| Rest of the world | **7,3** | **12,8** | **783,0** | **–** | **–** | **803,1** |
| Total revenue | **1 954,9** | **2 364,7** | **1 234,9** | **642,1** | **934,6** | **7 131,2** |

| Geographical market | Unaudited six months ended 31 December 2019 Entyce Beverages Rm | Snackworks Rm | I&J Rm | Personal Care Rm | Footwear and Apparel Rm | Total Rm |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| South Africa | 1 721,1 | 1 981,1 | 462,3 | 623,3 | 1 055,2 | 5 843,0 |
| Other African countries | 241,0 | 254,4 | 11,0 | 64,4 | 6,8 | 577,6 |
| Rest of the world | 5,7 | 7,1 | 708,2 | 0,1 | – | 721,1 |
| Total revenue | 1 967,8 | 2 242,6 | 1 181,5 | 687,8 | 1 062,0 | 7 141,7 |

| Geographical market | Audited for the year ended 30 June 2020 Entyce Beverages Rm | Snackworks Rm | I&J Rm | Personal Care Rm | Footwear and Apparel Rm | Total Rm |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| South Africa | 3 357,2 | 3 838,1 | 913,5 | 1 077,6 | 1 463,2 | 10 649,6 |
| Other African countries | 484,2 | 511,4 | 49,7 | 114,9 | 11,8 | 1 172,0 |
| Rest of the world | 7,6 | 15,6 | 1 364,7 | 0,2 | – | 1 388,1 |
| Total revenue | 3 849,0 | 4 365,1 | 2 327,9 | 1 192,7 | 1 475,0 | 13 209,7 |

The majority of revenue comprises revenue from the sale of goods. Less than 2% (31 December 2019 and 30 June 2020: less than 2%) of total revenue comprises income arising from services, rental agreements and trademark licence agreements.

## 5. Determination of headline earnings

| | Unaudited six months ended 31 December 2020 Rm | 2019 Rm | % change | Audited year ended 30 June 2020 Rm |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Profit for the year attributable to owners of AVI | **977,8** | 1 349,3 | (27,5) | 1 947,3 |
| Total capital items after taxation | **2,1** | (382,8) | | (397,6) |
| Gain on disposal of interest in Simplot joint venture (note 8) | **–** | (433,1) | | (433,1) |
| Gain on reclassification of the cumulative foreign currency translation reserve from equity to profit for entities in the process of being deregistered | **–** | – | | (30,1) |
| Net gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment | **(0,2)** | (11,7) | | (11,2) |
| Impairment of property, plant and equipment | **3,0** | – | | 18,4 |
| Net loss on disposal and impairment of intangible assets | **–** | – | | 0,1 |
| Taxation attributable to capital items | **(0,7)** | 62,0 | | 58,3 |
| **Headline earnings** | **979,9** | 966,5 | 1,4 | 1 549,7 |
| **Headline earnings per ordinary share (cents)** | **297,3** | 293,8 | 1,2 | 470,8 |
| **Diluted headline earnings per ordinary share (cents)** | **296,1** | 293,0 | 1,1 | 469,3 |

| | Number of shares | Number of shares | % change | Number of shares |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares | **329 631 916** | 328 919 400 | 0,2 | 329 140 892 |
| Weighted average diluted number of ordinary shares | **330 988 033** | 329 861 725 | 0,3 | 330 184 802 |

## 6. Cash generated by operations

| | Unaudited six months ended 31 December 2020 Rm | Unaudited six months ended 31 December 2019 Rm | % change | Audited year ended 30 June 2020 Rm |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cash generated by operations before working capital changes | **1 648,8** | 1 753,0 | (5,9) | 3 096,1 |
| Change in working capital | **(39,8)** | (106,6) | (62,7) | 124,2 |
| **Cash generated by operations** | **1 609,0** | 1 646,4 | (2,3) | 3 220,3 |

## 7. Commitments

| | Unaudited six months ended 31 December 2020 Rm | Unaudited six months ended 31 December 2019 Rm | Audited year ended 30 June 2020 Rm |
|---|---|---|---|
| Capital expenditure commitments for property, plant and equipment | **129,9** | 149,8 | 145,4 |
| Contracted for | **83,1** | 107,7 | 90,4 |
| Authorised but not contracted for | **46,8** | 42,1 | 55,0 |

It is anticipated that this expenditure will be financed by cash resources, cash generated from operating activities and existing borrowing facilities. Other contractual commitments have been entered into in the normal course of business.

## 8. Delisting and cancellation of treasury shares

The Company's wholly owned subsidiary, AVI Investment Services Proprietary Limited ("AVI Investment Services"), held 17 234 352 ordinary shares in the Company, which were acquired in the market pursuant to a share buy-back exercise in 2007.

On 19 August 2019, AVI Investment Services effected a distribution in specie of these shares to the Company, in its capacity as the holding company of AVI Investment Services. The subsequent delisting and cancellation of the 17 234 352 ordinary shares, as approved by the JSE Limited, was effected on 29 August 2019.

The shares cancelled represented 4,89% of the issued share capital of the Company immediately prior to the cancellation. Post the cancellation, the issued share capital of the Company was 335 430 838 ordinary shares.

The delisting and cancellation of shares resulted in a R299,3 million reduction in the treasury shares balance of which R0,9 million was allocated against share capital and the balance to share buy-back reserve, with no impact on earnings or earnings per share.

## 9. Disposal of interest in Simplot joint venture

On 4 November 2019, the Company and its subsidiary, I&J Holdings Proprietary Limited ("I&J"), entered into an agreement in terms of which Simplot Australia Proprietary Limited and related entities ("Simplot Australia") acquired I&J's 40% effective interest in the Simplot Seafood Snacks and Meals Joint Venture ("Simplot JV") and the rights to certain internally generated intellectual property assets ("IP Assets") utilised by the Simplot JV, for an aggregate cash consideration of AUD62 million.

The net purchase consideration after transaction costs was R631,8 million and resulted in a capital gain of R433,1 million before tax, and R373,7 million after tax, comprising:

| | Net capital gain 2019 Rm |
|---|---|
| Sale of interest in Simplot JV and IP assets | 210,7 |
| Reclassification of the cumulative foreign currency translation reserve from equity to profit on disposal, as required by IAS 21 | 163,0 |
| | 373,7 |

IP Assets were internally generated and therefore were not recognised as intangible assets.

## 10. Fair value classification and measurement

The Group measures derivative foreign exchange contracts, fuel swaps and biological assets at fair value.

The fair value of foreign exchange contracts and fuel swaps is determined using a forward pricing model with reference to quotes from financial institutions. Significant inputs into the Level 2 fair value measurement include yield curves as well as market interest rates and foreign exchange rates. The estimated fair values of recognised financial instruments approximate their carrying amounts based on the nature or maturity period of the financial instruments.

Biological assets comprise abalone farmed by I&J. The fair value of these assets is disclosed as Level 3 per the fair value hierarchy, with the fair value determined using a combination of the market comparison and cost techniques, as prescribed by IAS 41.

There were no transfers between Levels 1, 2 or 3 of the fair value hierarchy during the six months ended 31 December 2020.

## 11. Post-reporting date events

No significant events that meet the requirements of IAS 10 have occurred since the reporting date.

## 12. Dividend declaration

Notice is hereby given that a gross interim normal dividend No 96 of 160 cents per share for the six months ended 31 December 2020 and a gross special dividend No 97 of 280 cents per share has been declared payable to shareholders of ordinary shares. Both dividends have been declared out of income reserves and will be subject to dividend withholding tax at a rate of 20%. Consequently a net interim normal dividend of 128 cents per share and a net special dividend of 224 cents per share will be distributed to those shareholders who are not exempt from paying dividend tax. In terms of dividend tax legislation, the dividend tax amount due will be withheld and paid over to the South African Revenue Services by a nominee company, stockbroker or Central Securities Depository Participant ("CSDP") (collectively "regulated intermediary") on behalf of shareholders. However, all shareholders should declare their status to their regulated intermediary, as they may qualify for a reduced dividend tax rate or exemption. AVI's issued share capital at the declaration date is 336 504 469 ordinary shares. AVI's tax reference number is 9500/046/71/0. The salient dates relating to the payment of the dividends are as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Finalisation date | Tuesday, 6 April 2021 |
| Last day to trade cum dividend on the JSE | Tuesday, 13 April 2021 |
| First trading day ex dividend on the JSE | Wednesday, 14 April 2021 |
| Record date | Friday, 16 April 2021 |
| Payment date | Monday, 19 April 2021 |

In accordance with the requirements of Strate Limited, no share certificates may be dematerialised or rematerialised between Wednesday, 14 April 2021, and Friday, 16 April 2021, both days inclusive.

Dividends in respect of certificated shareholders will be transferred electronically to shareholders' bank accounts on payment date. Following the discontinuation of cheque payments by most South African banks, AVI will no longer issue cheques and all future payments will only be made into a nominated bank account by electronic funds transfer. Shareholders who have not yet provided their bank account details to Computershare Investor Services Proprietary Limited are reminded to contact Computershare on 0861 100 950 with their bank account details into which the dividends can be paid electronically. Shareholders who hold dematerialised shares will have their accounts at their CSDP or broker credited on Monday, 19 April 2021.

## 13. Preparation of financial statements

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared under the supervision of Owen Cressey CA (SA), the AVI Group Chief Financial Officer.

# administration and principal subsidiaries

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*[2] Member of the Audit and Risk Committee*

*[3] Member of the Social and Ethics Committee*

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