

# GROWING GREAT BRANDS









#### **AVI LIMITED**

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# key features

Challenging macroeconomic environment

Increased levels of load-shedding disrupted operations

- Direct operating cost of R58,5 million
- Significant indirect costs

I&J's profitability impacted by higher fuel prices, poor catch-rates, load-shedding costs and lockdown affected abalone sales mix in the first semester

Group revenue increased by 7,8%

Price increases in all categories to offset the weaker Rand and rising raw material costs

Stable gross margins despite cost pressures

Operating profit in the second semester improved by 14,5%

Operating profit for the year increased by 6,9%

Operating profit for the year, excluding I&J, increased by 12,7%

R9,4 million benefit from lower corporate tax rate

Headline earnings per share up 4,3% to 553,6 cents

Strong cash generation supported by reduction in working capital through second half

Final dividend of 310 cents per share, ordinary dividend up 4,3%

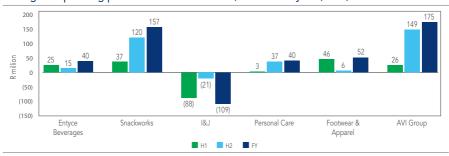
# results commentary

## **GROUP OVERVIEW**

The trading environment has remained difficult with increasingly weak macroeconomic conditions. Significant inflation, rising interest rates and continued load-shedding all constrained consumer demand for the financial year. Some categories required price increases in the second semester to protect margins with cost increases partially mitigated by ongoing currency and raw material hedging. Volume declines slowed from those recorded in the first semester, supporting a 14,5% improvement in Group operating profit for the second semester.

Load-shedding provided an additional challenge, with high levels of load reduction negatively affecting our manufacturing, distribution and retail operations. The impact was mitigated across most of our sites through back-up power solutions but nonetheless added R58,5 million of direct operating cost. We have invested in back-up power solutions for a number of years and continue to do so, there is however a material cost to this.

## Change in operating profit F23 versus F22 - H1, H2 and full year (R'mil)



Group revenue increased by 7,8% on last year with growth achieved across all categories. Revenue growth in Snackworks and Entyce was largely due to selling price increases required to offset the effect of a weaker Rand exchange rate and rising raw material costs. Sales volumes ended lower across most of the food and beverage categories with demand constrained by consumers' ability to absorb significant price increases. I&J's revenue was marginally better with benefits from material price increases and a weaker Rand largely offset by the impact of lower volumes from reduced quotas and value-added product availability challenges. Personal Care revenue improved with growth from the aerosol and fragrance categories partly offset by reduced Coty manufacturing revenues; this as a result of the acquisition of the Exclamation and Gravity trademarks from Coty at the end of the last financial year. Revenue from the footwear and apparel business grew 12,3% due largely to higher selling prices, an improved sales mix and continued focus on improving like-for-like sales in Green Cross. Sales volumes were marginally lower with the strong first semester performance offset by lower second semester volumes, with price increases implemented early in the second half to recover input cost pressures and protect margins.

Consolidated gross profit increased 9,1%, better than the revenue performance, reflecting the benefit from the non-recurrence of prior year write-offs following the July 2021 unrest, sound cost control, the benefits of the trademarks acquired from Coty, a strong performance from the biscuit brands and improved footwear and apparel profitability. I&J's gross margins were constrained by materially higher diesel costs for the fishing fleet that were not fully recovered through selling price increases or fuel usage reduction initiatives, as well as the unfavourable abalone sales mix.

Selling and administrative costs increased at rates above inflation, partially due to the impact of substantially higher fuel prices on distribution costs, increased marketing and innovation investment and the non-recurrence of insurance proceeds recognised last year. Consolidated operating profit increased 6,9%, with the operating profit margin largely maintained at 18,2%, reflecting an improved second semester performance with only I&J's earnings declining for the year. The Group's branded consumer businesses, excluding I&J, improved year on year operating profit by 12,7%.

Net finance costs for the year were higher than last year in line with higher interest rates and higher average borrowing levels, with an investment in inventory to support service levels and combat supply chain disruptions. Headline earnings grew 4,4% and headline earnings per share increased by 4,3% from 530,6 to 553,6 cents per share, with a marginal increase in the weighted average number of shares in issue, due to the vesting of employee share schemes.

Cash generated by operations was strong through the second half, partly supported by a reduction in working capital, with full year operating cash flows better than last year. Cash generated by operations increased 2,7% due to higher adjustments for non-cash items in operating profit, mainly fair value adjustments to I&J's abalone stock, the mark-to-market of forward exchange and fuel contracts and the non-recurrence of the prior year settlement of I&J's Black Staff Scheme partly offset by an overall increase in working capital. Higher interest paid and increased taxation paid resulted in a 2,3% reduction in cash from operating activities. Capital investment amounted to R482,2 million and was well above last year with some post-COVID-19 catch-up in project activity. Other material cash flows during the year were ordinary dividends paid of R1,54 billion. Net debt at the end of June 2023 was R1,75 billion compared to R1,68 billion last year with debt levels remaining within our target range.

The shareholder arrangement with Main Street 198 (Pty) Ltd ("Main Street"), the minority shareholder at 1&J Holding Company (Pty) Ltd, matured on 1 July 2023. The 19-year relationship between Main Street and the Group generated significant value, including over R202,0 million in net cash to Main Street. In line with our commitment to sustainable transformation, a broad-based sharing of economic value and the BBBEE codes, AVI and 1&J implemented a new broad-based black economic empowerment transaction with effect from 1 July 2023 in terms of which Twincitiesworld (Pty) Ltd, a 100% black-owned company, acquired an 18,75% interest in 1&J Limited. 1&J's employees own 6,25% of 1&J Limited resulting in 25% of the issued share capital of 1&J Limited being held by previously disadvantaged shareholders.

On 1 July 2023 Mr Gavin Tipper stepped down as Chairman following his acceptance of an executive position outside of AVI. Mr Tipper joined the Board in 2007 as a non-executive director and was appointed Chairman in July 2012. In addition, in June 2023, Mr James Hersov resigned as a non-executive director, recognising his extended tenure on the Board, and Ms Busi Silwanyana resigned as a non-executive director to enable her to pursue her other business interests. The Board wishes to express its sincere gratitude to Mr Tipper, Mr Hersov and Ms Silwanyana for their outstanding service to AVI and vital contribution to AVI's success over the years.

## DIVIDEND

Overall cash generation remains healthy and debt levels are within our targeted gearing range. The Board has declared a final ordinary dividend of 310 cents per share, resulting in a full year ordinary dividend of 482 cents, which is 4,3% higher than last year, and in line with the growth in headline earnings.

# SEGMENTAL REVIEW

Year ended 30 June

	Segmental revenue			Segmental operating profit		
	2023 Rm	2022 Rm	% change	2023 Rm	2022 Rm	% change
Food & Beverage brands	11 999,4	11 157,8	7,5	2 155,4	2 068,2	4,2
Entyce Beverages	4 251,6	3 981,6	6,8	920,2	880,6	4,5
Snackworks	5 261,2	4 702,4	11,9	1 038,4	881,4	17,8
I&J	2 486,6	2 473,8	0,5	196,8	306,2	(35,7)
Fashion brands	2 920,2	2 687,5	8,7	587,9	495,9	18,6
Personal Care	1 223,3	1 176,5	4,0	233,1	193,4	20,5
Footwear & Apparel	1 696,9	1 511,0	12,3	354,8	302,5	17,3
Corporate				(28,5)	(24,0)	
Group	14 919,6	13 845,3	7,8	2 714,8	2 540,1	6,9

## **Entyce Beverages**

Revenue increased by 6,8% to R4,25 billion while operating profit increased 4,5% to R920,2 million, with the operating profit margin at 21,6% compared to 22,1% in the prior year.

Tea revenue finished in line with last year with a stronger second semester performance recovering the first half shortfall. Rooibos revenue was higher than last year with the benefit of increased selling prices, to ameliorate inflationary cost pressures and protect margins, partially offset by lower volumes. Black tea revenue was lower with sales volumes impacted by aggressive competitor promotions and higher selling prices. Our premium Five Roses Ceylon offering faced pressure at higher price points but Trinco, our value branded offering, delivered revenue growth. Gross profit margins declined marginally, but remain strong, with selling price increases largely mitigating the impact of increased commodity input costs, a weaker Rand and the deleveraging impact of lower volumes with factory costs fastidiously managed. Selling and administrative costs increased due to higher fuel prices which resulted in a decline in operating profit.

Coffee revenue was 15,0% higher than last year with higher sales in the Ciro out-of-home coffee business supported by improved revenue from the retail brands. Ciro benefitted from a continued improvement in demand across the hospitality, leisure and corporate customer channels with better sales volumes supported by higher selling prices. Revenue growth from the retail brands was achieved on premium, affordable and mixed instant coffee mainly due to selling price increases required to recover raw material input cost pressures and protect margins. The challenging environment limited consumers' ability to digest higher selling prices and, together with aggressive competitor pricing, resulted in lower retail sales volumes. A gross profit improvement was further supported by improved margins, including a favourable sales mix and benefits from factory restructuring initiatives. Selling and administrative costs increased with higher fuel prices and increased activity, particularly in Ciro, resulting in escalations ahead of inflation. The restructuring undertaken at Ciro during the COVID-19 lockdown supported improved efficiencies with operating profits and operating profit margins well ahead of pre-COVID-19 levels. Overall, the coffee category delivered an increase in operating profit.

Creamer revenue grew 7,9% due to selling price increases taken in response to significantly higher raw material costs partly offset by lower volumes. Significant inflation and the constrained consumer environment tempered demand and made balancing volume and value challenging with increased promotional activity through the second semester to support sales volumes. This slowed the volume decline but placed pressure on gross profit margins with input cost pressures not fully recovered. Selling and administrative costs were well managed and increased at levels lower than inflation resulting in operating profit for the year ending slightly lower.

#### Snackworks

Revenue of R5,26 billion was 11,9% higher than last year while operating profit increased 17,8% from R881,4 million to R1 038,4 million. The operating profit margin increased from 18,7% to 19,7%.

Biscuit revenue increased by 14,3% due to higher selling prices as a result of the price increases taken last year, in September 2022 and April 2023, to ameliorate input cost pressures and protect margins. Price inflation placed pressure on demand with sales volumes ending lower despite strong demand for our lower priced format, as well as Bakers Choice Assorted, through the festive season. Gross profit and margins improved and were further supported by better factory performances and the non-recurrence of R11,7 million of prior year raw material write-offs related to the July 2021 unrest. Selling and administrative costs increased ahead of inflation due to the impact of increased fuel prices on distribution and the non-recurrence of prior year insurance income. Overall Biscuits delivered a pleasing result with operating profit and operating margins improving ahead of last year.

Snacks' revenue increased 4,8% due mainly to higher selling prices. Sales volumes were lower with the impact of aggressive competitor activity, higher selling prices and reduced levels of discounting negatively impacting demand. Gross profit improved but margins declined with the impact of higher commodity input costs and the deleveraging impact of lower volumes not fully recovered through price increases in a competitive environment. Selling and administrative costs were well managed and increased in line with inflation partially offsetting the higher gross profit and resulting in a decline in operating profit.

#### **I&J**

Revenue of R2,49 billion was 0,5% higher than last year while operating profit decreased from R306,2 million to R196,8 million. The operating profit margin declined from 12,4% to 7,9%. The overall result was negatively impacted by lower fishing and abalone profits relative to last year.

Despite significant price increases and benefits from a weaker Rand, materially higher diesel costs for the fishing fleet, inconsistent catch-rates and the direct costs associated with load-shedding reduced fishing profits. Competition in the domestic and export markets was aggressive with high levels of inflation impacting demand and limiting the recovery of cost pressures. Sales volumes declined, affected by a lower quota and a reduction in domestic value-added product availability due to load-shedding constraints and disruptions from a load-shedding related fire at the production facility in April 2023. The fire resulted in the closure of the value-added plant for several weeks impacting the semester's operating profit with the insurance proceeds not recognised in this year's operating profit. The site returned to full operation during June 2023.

Abalone profits declined on last year with an unfavourable sales mix, increased costs associated with load-shedding and an unfavourable biological asset fair value adjustment not fully recovered by benefits of a weaker Rand, higher selling prices and well contained operating costs. Abalone volumes benefitted from the lifting of lockdown restrictions in China and Hong Kong from January 2023 aiding a stronger second semester performance. This was insufficient to recover the first semester decline, which was negatively impacted by an unfavourable sale mix with less demand for dried abalone due to the lockdowns in China and Hong Kong.

#### Personal Care

Indigo's revenue of R1,22 billion was 4,0% higher than last year due largely to selling price increases in response to rising input costs, partly offset by reduced manufacturing revenue due to the acquisition of the Exclamation and Gravity trademarks from Coty in the prior year. Excluding the impact of the trademark acquisition, revenue would have increased by 7,7%. Revenue growth was primarily led by the aerosol and fragrance categories with a better performance in the second semester, and growth in colour supported by sell-in to facilitate the transfer of the Coty business to a new distributor from 1 July 2023.

Gross profit increased ahead of revenue with the improved margin reflecting the benefit of the acquired trademarks partly offset by costs attributable to the rationalisation of certain non-critical product lines. Selling and administrative costs increased due to additional marketing investment and higher fuel prices. Operating profit increased from R193,4 million to R233,1 million, with the operating profit margin increasing from 16,4% to 19,1%.

Indigo's long-standing relationship with Coty through various agreements has allowed Indigo to purchase, manufacture and sell Coty's portfolio of personal care, mass colour and fragrance products domestically for a distributor margin and fee. During the year the decision was taken, in line with Coty's aim to consolidate their local interests, not to renew the current agreement, which expired at the end of June 2023. Over the years, Indigo's reliance on Coty has been reduced with the acquisition of the Exclamation and Gravity trademarks at the end of last year, further reducing the business exposure. The contribution to operating profit from Coty-related activities, including the benefit of sell-in to facilitate the transition, amounted to approximately R50,0 million for the year. As part of the termination Coty will acquire all directly attributable property, plant and equipment and inventories. The loss of the Coty contract is expected to detract from Indigo's F24 performance but continued focus on cost structure and simplification of our operating model will provide some offset.

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

Revenue increased by 12,3% to R1,70 billion due to higher selling prices and a favourable sales mix with footwear sales volumes ending marginally lower. Operating profit improved from R302,5 million to R354,8 million, with the operating profit margin increasing from 20,0% to 20,9%.

The strong first semester volume performance was buoyed by improved stock availability, the non-recurrence of last year's unrest, a well-received summer range and strong December sales but was largely offset by lower footwear volumes through the second semester. Notwithstanding the lower volumes in the second semester, operating profit over the second half improved 16,3% on last year with margins effectively managed. The impact of load-shedding was mitigated by back-up power investment at stores, nonetheless lost trading hours increased, with footfall also negatively impacted during higher stages of load-shedding.

The ongoing review of the Green Cross retail footprint led to the closure of three under-performing Green Cross stores over the year with a total of seven stores closed over the last two financial years. Likefor-like sales in Green Cross improved by 13,5% due to higher selling prices partially offset by a 1,5% reduction in footwear volumes.

Gross profit margins improved due to an improved sales mix as well as the non-recurrence of R19,4 million of stock write-offs last year due to the July 2021 unrest. Selling and administrative costs increased above inflation with increased activity related costs, higher store rentals, increased distribution costs, additional marketing investment and the non-recurrence of insurance proceeds recognised last year.

## OUTLOOK

The financial prospects for the Group depend on the domestic economy's performance in the next year. The environment remains particularly challenging with the impact of load-shedding, the financial state of South Africa's consumers, including high unemployment, and continuing infrastructure failures adding layers of complexity to our business operations. Load-shedding is likely to persist and while we can manage the disruption, there are costs associated with doing so. The commercial feasibility of renewable power solutions will continue to be evaluated in parts of the Group where appropriate.

Volumes in many of our categories remain challenged by the high level of inflation and we will need to remain cognisant of the volume-value dynamic that has been so carefully managed in the past. Our consistent hedging of currency and commodities will provide some certainty for the first semester of the new financial year. We have secured exchange rates at better than current levels but not at levels as favourable as the hedged levels last year. Our focus on cost management is expected to deliver benefits and, together with factory efficiencies and procurement savings, should provide a partial offset to the impact of a weaker Rand. Should the current Rand weakness persist, further selling price increases will be required to protect margins.

The loss of the Coty contract is expected to detract from Indigo's performance but will reduce some of the working capital requirements and could support an improvement in overall gross profit margins given the lower margins attributable to the Coty business. Cost structures, including the simplification of business model, will continue to receive focus to ensure we right-size the cost base to protect profitability and return on capital.

Capital projects that underpin our manufacturing capabilities, product quality and customer service levels will continue to be supported. Investments approved to expand the Marie Biscuit line, a new potato chip frying line and additional capacity in creamer are expected to come online in the next financial year.

I&J's prospects are materially dependent on fishing performance, fuel prices, exchange rates and the realisation of further selling price increases. The 5% increase in the 2023 total allowable catch ("TAC") was announced earlier in the year and, together with a weaker Rand, a portion of which has been secured through our hedging programme, may provide some upside. Load-shedding and fire related disruptions experienced at I&J's value-added plant during the current financial year are not expected to continue, with the installation of a new generator at the facility during July 2023 expected to improve production capacity during load-shedding. Demand for abalone was negatively impacted during the first semester by Chinese lockdowns with improved Asian demand seen following the relaxation of restrictions. If the post-COVID-19 recovery is sustained in key markets this may provide an improved outlook for volume and mix over the next financial year.

The hake long-term rights allocation process was concluded on 28 February 2022 with the allocations published for review and appeal by applicants. The outcome of the appeals process is still outstanding.

AVI International, supported by our South African manufacturing capabilities, remains focused on building our brands' shares in export markets whilst sustaining strong profit margins.

The Board remains confident that AVI is well equipped to continue adapting to a changing economic environment.

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

Mike Watters
Chairman

Simon Crutchley CEO

4 September 2023

# summarised consolidated balance sheet

	Audit 30 J	
	2023 Rm	2022 Rm
Assets		
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	3 184,2	3 105,0
Right-of-use assets	483,2	424,9
Intangible assets and goodwill	927,7	937,0
Investments and other long-term assets	34,5	29,1
Deferred taxation	35,6	37,8
	4 665,2	4 533,8
Current assets		
Inventories and biological assets	3 052,6	2 820,7
Trade and other receivables including derivatives	1 989,1	1 798,6
Cash and cash equivalents	494,9	191,4
	5 536,6	4 810,7
Total assets	10 201,8	9 344,5
Equity and liabilities		
Capital and reserves		
Total equity	5 116,9	4 793,7
Non-current liabilities	440.0	2544
Lease liabilities	412,8	354,1
Employee benefit liabilities  Deferred taxation	286,7 405,6	282,3 441,9
Deletted taxation	,	
	1 105,1	1 078,3
Current liabilities	_*	24.0
Cash-settled share-based payment liability	-* 1 831,9	34,8
Current borrowings including short-term portion of lease liabilities  Trade and other payables including derivatives	2 066,6	1 513,7 1 853,5
Current tax liabilities	81,3	70,5
Current tax habilities	3 979,8	3 472,5
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Total equity and liabilities	10 201,8	9 344,5
Movement in net debt	1 204,3	1 415,0
Opening balance Short-term funding raised/(repaid)	305,4	(213,4)
(Increase)/decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(297,0)	8,4
Translation of cash equivalents of foreign subsidiaries	(6,5)	(5,7)
Net debt excluding IFRS 16 lease liability movements	1 206,2	1 204,3
IFRS 16 lease liabilities	543,6	472,1
Net debt**	1 749,8	1 676,4

<sup>\*</sup> Rand amount is less than R1 million.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Comprises current borrowings plus IFRS 16 lease liabilities, less cash and cash equivalents.

# summarised consolidated statement of comprehensive income

	Audi year ende		
	2023	2022	%
	Rm	Rm	change
Revenue	14 919,6	13 845,3	7,8
Cost of sales	(9 095,1)	(8 506,7)	6,9
Gross profit	5 824,5	5 338,6	9,1
Selling and administrative expenses, including other income	(3 109,7)	(2 798,5)	11,1
Operating profit before capital items	2 714,8	2 540,1	6,9
Interest received	8,0	4,6	73,9
Finance costs	(198,9)	(115,5)	72,2
Share of equity-accounted earnings/(losses) of	2.4	(0.8)	2/25
joint ventures Capital items	2,1 9,1	(0,8)	362,5 513,6
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Profit before taxation Taxation	2 535,1 (698,2)	2 426,2 (675,0)	4,5 3,4
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Profit for the year	1 836,9	1 751,2	4,9
Profit attributable to:			
Owners of AVI	1 836,9	1 751,2	4,9
Other comprehensive (loss)/income, net of tax	(32,8)	75,7	
Items that are or may be subsequently reclassified			
to profit or loss  Foreign currency translation differences	13,1	17,2	
Cash flow hedging reserve	(72,7)	33,4	
Taxation on items that are or may be subsequently	(- =/- /	]	
reclassified to profit or loss	19,7	(9,0)	
Items that will never be reclassified to profit or loss			
Actuarial gain recognised  Taxation on items that will never be reclassified	9,7	46,6	
to profit or loss	(2,6)	(12,5)	
Total comprehensive income for the year	1 804,1	1 826,9	(1,2)
Total comprehensive income attributable to:			
Owners of AVI	1 804,1	1 826,9	(1,2)
Depreciation and amortisation of property, plant and			
equipment, right-of-use assets, fishing rights, trademarks	F/7.0	5540	0.4
and computer software included in operating profit	567,3	554,0	2,4
Earnings per share		5004	
Basic earnings per share (cents)#	555,6	530,1	4,8
Diluted basic earnings per share (cents)##	553,8	528,8	4,7
Headline earnings per share (cents)#	553,6	530,6	4,3
Diluted headline earnings per share (cents)##	551,8	529,2	4,3

<sup>\*</sup> Basic earnings and headline earnings per share are calculated on a weighted average of 330 596 489 (30 June 2022: 330 321 721) ordinary shares in issue.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Diluted basic earnings and diluted headline earnings per share are calculated on a weighted average of 331 662 214 (30 June 2022: 331 185 837) ordinary shares in issue.

# summarised consolidated statement of cash flows

	Audited year ended 30 June		
	2023 Rm	2022 Rm	% change
Operating activities			
Cash generated by operations	3 079,7	2 999,4	2,7
Interest paid	(198,9)	(115,5)	72,2
Taxation paid	(697,4)	(648,4)	7,6
Net cash available from operating activities	2 183,4	2 235,5	(2,3)
Investing activities			
Interest received	8,0	4,6	73,9
Property, plant and equipment acquired	(482,2)	(240,8)	100,2
Additions to intangible assets	(8,0)	(165,3)	(95,2)
Insurance proceeds on property, plant and equipment – civil unrest	_	3,0	(100,0)
Proceeds from disposals of property, plant and equipment	14,0	9,1	53,8
Other cash flows from investments	(2,9)	1,2	(341,7)
Net cash utilised in investing activities	(471,1)	(388,2)	21,4
Financing activities			
Short-term funding raised/(repaid)	305,4	(213,4)	243,1
Lease liabilities repaid	(147,2)	(158,1)	(6,9)
Payment to I&J BBBEE shareholders	(34,8)	(11,0)	216,4
Ordinary dividends paid	(1 538,7)	(1 473,2)	4,4
Net cash utilised in financing activities	(1 415,3)	(1 855,7)	(23,7)
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	297,0	(8,4)	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	191,4	194,1	
	488,4	185,7	
Translation of cash equivalents of foreign subsidiaries	6,5	5,7	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	494,9	191,4	

# summarised 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
Year ended 30 June 2023						
Balance at 1 July 2022	279,4	(75,8)	209,1	4 487,6	(106,6)	4 793.7
Profit for the year		-		1 836,9	-	1 836,9
Other comprehensive loss						
Foreign currency translation differences			12.1			12.1
Actuarial gains recognised, net	_	_	13,1	_	_	13,1
of tax	_	-	7,1	-	_	7,1
Cash flow hedging reserve, net			(50.0)			(50.0)
of tax			(53,0)			(53,0)
Total other comprehensive loss			(32,8)		_	(32,8)
Total comprehensive income for the year	_	_	(32,8)	1 836,9	_	1 804,1
Transactions with owners, recorded						· ·
directly in equity						
Share-based payments	_	-	58,0	-	_	58,0
Deferred taxation on Group share scheme recharge	_	_	(0,2)	_	_	(0,2)
Dividends paid	_	_	-	(1 538,7)	_	(1 538,7)
Total contributions by and						
distributions to owners			57,8	(1 538,7)		(1 480,9)
Balance at 30 June 2023	279,4	(75,8)	234,1	4 785,8	(106,6)	5 116,9
Year ended 30 June 2022						
Balance at 1 July 2021	279,4	(150,9)	170,4	4 209,6	(106,6)	4 401,9
Profit for the year	_	-	-	1 751,2	_	1 751,2
Other comprehensive income						
Foreign currency translation differences	_	_	17,2	_	_	17,2
Actuarial gains recognised, net			,=			,_
of tax	-	-	34,1	-	-	34,1
Cash flow hedging reserve, net of tax	_	_	24,4	_	_	24,4
Total other comprehensive income	_	_	75,7	_	_	75,7
Total comprehensive income for						
the year		_	75,7	1 751,2	_	1 826,9
Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity						
	-	_	37,2	_	_	37,2
Share-based payments			0,9			0.0
Deferred taxation on Group share				_	_	0,9
Deferred taxation on Group share scheme recharge	_	_	-	(1 473 2)	_	
Deferred taxation on Group share	- -	_		(1 473,2)	_	(1 473,2)
Deferred taxation on Group share scheme recharge Dividends paid	- -	75,1		(1 473,2)	-	
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#### For the year ended 30 June 2023

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

## 1. Basis of preparation

The summarised consolidated annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the JSE Limited Listings Requirements for summarised reports, and the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa applicable to summary financial statements. The Listings Requirements require summarised reports to be prepared in accordance with the framework concepts and the measurement and recognition requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and the SAICA Financial Reporting Guides as issued by the Accounting Practices Committee and Financial Pronouncements as issued by the Financial Reporting Standards Council and also, as a minimum, to contain the information required by IAS 34 – Interim Financial Reporting.

The accounting policies used in the preparation of the summarised consolidated annual financial statements were derived from and are in terms of International Financial Reporting Standards and are consistent with those accounting policies applied in the preparation of the previous consolidated annual financial statements.

The summarised consolidated annual 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.

There are no new, revised or amended accounting standards, effective from 1 July 2022, applicable to the Group.

#### 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. Management has concluded that they are either not applicable, or do not have a material impact to the business of the Group, and will therefore have no impact on future financial statements.

# 2. Impact of load-shedding, COVID-19 and July 2021 civil unrest

The financial environment remained difficult with high levels of load-shedding negatively affecting our manufacturing, distribution and retail operations. The impact was mitigated through back-up power solutions but nonetheless added R58,5 million to direct operating costs for the financial year. The Company has invested in back-up power options for a number of years and continues to do so.

COVID-19 has had a limited impact to our business both in the current and prior years. All business units have been able to operate throughout the year.

Included in the prior year results, are the effects of the civil unrest, which primarily impacted KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng in July 2021, and disrupted trading with all of AVI's facilities and retail stores closed for several days to safeguard our staff. While operations were able to return to normal this was at lower demand levels due to extensive damage to many malls, lower consumer footfall and compromised logistics networks. The Group suffered physical damage and loss to its inventories, fixed assets and cash on hand at stores. The Group had adequate South African Special Risk Insurance ("SASRIA") and general insurance cover for material damage to assets, inventory and business interruption. The effects of the asset losses as well as the proceeds on the insurance claims have been recognised in these results, with all claims paid by SASRIA.

2. Impact of load-shedding, COVID-19 and July 2021 civil unrest continued
The table below summarises the Group impact of direct costs incurred and insurance proceeds
recognised in respect of the civil unrest for the year ended 30 June 2022:

	Aud year ende	
	2023 Rm	2022 Rm
Cost of sales – stock written off	_	(31,6)
Gross profit Selling and administrative expenses, including other income	-	(31,6)
- SASRIA insurance proceeds - Store restoration and other costs	-	66,7 (4,6)
Operating profit before capital items Capital items		30,5 1,1
<ul><li>Disposal of capital items</li><li>SASRIA insurance proceeds</li></ul>	_ _	(1,9) 3,0
Profit before taxation Taxation		31,6 (8,9)
Net impact on profit for the period	-	22,7

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

# 3. Segmental results

	Audited year ended 30 June		
	2023 Rm	2022 Rm	% change
Segmental revenue			
Food & Beverage brands	11 999,4	11 157,8	7,5
Entyce Beverages	4 251,6	3 981,6	6,8
Snackworks	5 261,2	4 702,4	11,9
I&J	2 486,6	2 473,8	0,5
Fashion brands	2 920,2	2 687,5	8,7
Personal Care	1 223,3	1 176,5	4,0
Footwear & Apparel	1 696,9	1 511,0	12,3
Group	14 919,6	13 845,3	7,8
Segmental operating profit			
Food & Beverage brands	2 155,4	2 068,2	4,2
Entyce Beverages	920,2	880,6	4,5
Snackworks	1 038,4	881,4	17,8
I&J	196,8	306,2	(35,7)
Fashion brands	587,9	495,9	18,6
Personal Care	233,1	193,4	20,5
Footwear & Apparel	354,8	302,5	17,3
Corporate	(28,5)	(24,0)	
Group	2 714,8	2 540,1	6,9

#### 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:

	Audited year ended 30 June 2023					
Geographical market	Entyce Beverages Rm	Snackworks Rm	I&J Rm	Personal Care Rm	Footwear & Apparel Rm	Total Rm
South Africa	3 728,8	4 578,6	838,1	1 120,2	1 678,8	11 944,5
Other African countries	512,7	658,0	46,1	103,1	18,1	1 338,0
Europe*	6,7	9,0	1 120,4	-	-	1 136,1
Rest of the world	3,4	15,6	482,0	-	-	501,0
Total revenue	4 251,6	5 261,2	2 486,6	1 223,3	1 696,9	14 919,6

	Audited year ended 30 June 2022					
Geographical market	Entyce Beverages Rm	Snackworks Rm	I&J Rm	Personal Care Rm	Footwear & Apparel Rm	Total Rm
South Africa	3 480,5	4 074,8	970,2	1 085,5	1 495,7	11 106,7
Other African countries	492,2	599,5	36,5	91,0	15,3	1 234,5
Europe*	1,0	4,5	996,2	_	_	1 001,7
Rest of the world	7,9	23,6	470,9	-	-	502,4
Total revenue	3 981,6	4 702,4	2 473,8	1 176,5	1 511,0	13 845,3

<sup>\*</sup> The disclosure of segmental revenue by geographical market was enhanced in the current period by further disaggregating Europe as a geographical market. Europe was included in the "Rest of the world" segment in previous reports.

The majority of revenue comprises revenue from the sale of goods. Less than 2% (2022: less than 2%) of total revenue comprises income arising from service agreements, rental agreements and trademark licence agreements.

# 5. Determination of headline earnings

	Audited year ended 30 June		
	2023 Rm	2022 Rm	% change
Profit for the year attributable to owners of AVI Total capital items after taxation	1 836,9 (6,7)	1 751,2 1,6	4,9 (518,8)
Net loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	1,8	3,3	(45,5)
Impairment of property, plant and equipment	2,2	_	100,0
Disposal of property, plant and equipment – civil unrest	_	1,9	(100,0)
Insurance proceeds/receivables on property, plant and equipment – civil unrest	(13,1)	(3,0)	(336,7)
Taxation attributable to capital items	2,4	(0,6)	500,0
Headline earnings	1 830,2	1 752,8	4,4
Headline earnings per ordinary share (cents)	553,6	530,6	4,3
Diluted headline earnings per ordinary share (cents)	551,8	529,2	4,3

	Number of shares	Number of shares	% change
Weighted average number of ordinary shares	330 596 489	330 321 721	0,1
Weighted average diluted number of ordinary shares	331 662 214	331 185 837	0,1

# 6. Cash generated by operations

	Audited year ended 30 June		
	2023 Rm	2022 Rm	% change
Cash generated by operations before working capital changes	3 432,3	3 126,8	9,8
Changes in working capital	(352,6)	(127,4)	(176,8)
Cash generated by operations	3 079,7	2 999,4	2,7

#### 7. Commitments

	Audited year ended 30 June	
	2023 Rm	2022 Rm
Capital expenditure commitments for property, plant and equipment	264,1	263,2
Contracted for Authorised but not contracted for	171,7 92,4	174,0 89,2

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. Acquisition of trademarks

In June 2022, the Group concluded the purchase of various trademarks from Coty International B.V. for a total purchase price of R150,0 million. The majority of the consideration related to the acquisition of the Exclamation and Gravity brands, with the remainder related to other smaller trademarks.

# 9. Delisting and cancellation of treasury shares

The Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, AVI Financial Services Proprietary Limited ("AVI Financial Services"), held 969 501 ordinary shares in the Company at 30 June 2021.

On 15 December 2021, AVI Financial Services effected a distribution in specie of these shares to the Company, in its capacity as the holding company of AVI Financial Services. The subsequent delisting and cancellation of the 969 501 ordinary shares, as approved by the JSE, was effected on 22 December 2021.

The shares cancelled represented 0,29% of the issued share capital of the Company immediately prior to the cancellation.

The delisting and cancellation of shares resulted in a R75,1 million reduction in the treasury shares balance of which R75,1 million was allocated to the share buy-back reserve and the balance to share capital, with no impact on earnings or earnings per share.

#### 10. Fair value classification and measurement

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

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorised within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

Level 1 – Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the assets or liabilities, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices).

Level 3 – Inputs for the assets or liabilities that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

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 which is 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 technique as prescribed by IAS 41.

There were no transfers between Levels 1, 2 or 3 of the fair value hierarchy for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Further information about the assumptions made in measuring fair values is included in the consolidated annual financial statements available on the Company's website www.avi.co.za.

# 11. Post-reporting date events

The shareholder arrangement with Main Street 198 (Pty) Ltd ("Main Street"), the minority shareholder at I&J Holding Company (Pty) Ltd ("I&J HoldCo"), matured on 1 July 2023. The 19-year relationship between Main Street and the Group generated significant value, including over R202,0 million in net cash to Main Street. In terms of the agreements, and on the maturity date, the Company exercised its call option over the shares held by Main Street in I&J HoldCo and the preference shares held by the Company in Main Street were redeemed.

In line with our commitment to sustainable transformation, a broad-based sharing of economic value and the Broad-based Black Economic Empowerment ("BBBEE") codes, the Company and I&J implemented a new BBBEE transaction with effect from 1 July 2023 in terms of which Twincitiesworld (Pty) Ltd ("Twincitiesworld"), a 100% black-owned company, acquired an 18,75% interest in I&J Limited. I&J's employees own 6,25% of I&J Limited resulting in 25% of the issued share capital of I&J Limited being held by previously disadvantaged shareholders.

# 11. Post-reporting date events continued

The mechanics of the replacement structure align closely with the terms of the expiring relationship with Main Street, and is financed through a preference share investment at the I&J HoldCo level. The preference share funding will be settled through dividend flows with 90% of normal dividends received applied against the funding with 10% available as a trickle-through. Furthermore, a put and call option is in place between I&J HoldCo and Twincitiesworld, the exercise price of which is determined by a fixed formula based on I&J Limited's earnings. The exercise date of the put and call option is December 2036.

The replacement scheme will be recognised as a liability in the Group's financial statements, with a concomitant day 1 income statement impact on 1 July 2023.

Other than the transaction noted above, no material events that meet the requirements of IAS 10 have occurred since the reporting date.

#### 12. Dividend declaration

Notice is hereby given that a gross final ordinary dividend No. 102 of 310 cents per share for the year ended 30 June 2023 has been declared payable to shareholders of ordinary shares. The dividend has been declared out of income reserves and will be subject to dividend withholding tax at a rate of 20%. Consequently, a net final dividend of 248 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 338 191 889 ordinary shares. AVI's tax reference number is 9500/046/71/0. The salient dates relating to the payment of the dividend are as follows:

Last day to trade cum dividend on the JSE
Tuesday, 17 October 2023
First trading day ex dividend on the JSE
Wednesday, 18 October 2023
Record date
Friday, 20 October 2023
Payment date
Monday, 23 October 2023

In accordance with the requirements of Strate Limited, no share certificates may be dematerialised or rematerialised between Wednesday, 18 October 2023, and Friday, 20 October 2023, 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 no longer issue cheques and all 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, 23 October 2023.

## 13. Reports of the independent auditor and annual financial statements

The summarised consolidated annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 have been audited by Ernst & Young Inc., who expressed an unmodified opinion thereon. The auditor also expressed an unmodified opinion on the consolidated annual financial statements from which these summarised consolidated annual financial statements were derived. The auditor's report on the summarised consolidated annual financial statements does not necessarily report on all of the information contained in this announcement. Shareholders are therefore advised that in order to obtain a full understanding of the nature of the auditor's engagement they should obtain a copy of the auditor's report on the summarised consolidated annual financial statements and of the auditor's report on the consolidated annual financial statements which are available for inspection at the Company's registered office. The consolidated annual financial statements and auditor's report are also available on the Company's website www.avi.co.za.

## 14. Preparer of financial statements

These summarised financial statements have been prepared under the supervision of Justin O'Meara CA (SA), the AVI Group Chief Financial Officer.

## 15. Annual report

The annual report for the year ended 30 June 2023 will be posted to shareholders on or about Wednesday, 4 October 2023. The annual report will include the notice of the annual general meeting of shareholders to be convened on Wednesday, 8 November 2023.

# administration and principal subsidiaries

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(Chief Financial Officer)

Michael Koursaris

(Business Development Director)

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James Hersov<sup>9</sup>

Mike Bosman<sup>10,11</sup>

Abe Thebyane<sup>7</sup>

Alexandra Muller<sup>1,10</sup>

Busisiwe Silwanyana<sup>10,12</sup>

Steven Robinson<sup>10,13</sup>

Maserame Mouyeme<sup>10,14</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> Member of the Social and Ethics Committee.
- <sup>2</sup> Resigned from the Board and Social and Ethics Committee on 31 December 2021.
- <sup>3</sup> Appointed to the Board and Social and Ethics Committee with effect 1 January 2022.
- <sup>4</sup> Appointed to the Board on 1 June 2023.
- 5 British.
- <sup>6</sup> Appointed as Chairman of the Board on 1 July 2023.
- Member of the Remuneration, Nomination and Appointments Committee.
- Resigned from the Board (and as Chairman) and the Remuneration, Nomination and Appointments Committee on 30 June 2023.
- <sup>9</sup> Resigned from the Board on 4 July 2023.
- <sup>10</sup> Member of the Audit and Risk Committee.
- <sup>11</sup> Resigned from the Board and the Audit and Risk Committee on 30 January 2023.
- <sup>12</sup> Resigned from the Board and the Audit and Risk Committee on 27 June 2023.
- <sup>13</sup> Appointed to the Board and the Audit and Risk Committee on 1 March 2023.
- <sup>14</sup> Appointed to the Board and the Audit and Risk Committee on 1 August 2023.



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