HOLDSPORT LIMITED

Sales ▲ 6.5% to R807.2 million

Core headline earnings per share before foreign exchange effect ▲ 0.2% to 212.0 cents

Interim gross dividend ▲ 8.3% to 130.0 cents per share

Short-form announcement

UNAUDITED INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED RESULTS

for the half-year ended 31 August 2016

	6 months ended 31 Aug 2016 Unaudited R'000	6 months ended 31 Aug 2015 Unaudited R'000	% change	Year ended 29 Feb 2016 Audited R'000
SUMMARISED FINANCIAL RESULTS				
Sales	**807 265**	757 977	6.5	1 727 436
Operating profit before foreign exchange adjustments	**116 467**	117 952	(1.3)	300 560
Operating profit	**98 830**	123 690	(20.1)	308 925
Profit after tax	**69 322**	87 511	(20.8)	218 776
Gross profit %	**48.3%**	48.4%	(0.1)	47.9%
Net working capital	**388 406**	327 451	18.6	339 377
EARNINGS PER SHARE AND NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE				
Earnings per ordinary share (cents)				
– Basic	**165.1**	204.7	(19.3)	514.9
– Headline	**164.7**	203.8	(19.2)	513.9
– Core headline*	**181.7**	221.1	(17.8)	548.7
– Core headline before foreign exchange effect	**212.0**	211.5	0.2	534.5
Weighted average ordinary shares in issue ('000)	**41 975**	42 739	(1.8)	42 488
Net asset value per ordinary share (cents)	**2 289.5**	2 160.7	6.0	2 332.4
Net tangible asset value per ordinary share (cents)	**959.1**	870.8	10.1	1 038.8
Core headline earnings				
DIVIDEND PER SHARE (cents)				
– Interim	**130.0**	120.0	8.3	120.0
– Final	**–**	–	–	200.0
Normal dividend	**130.0**	120.0	8.3	320.0
Normal dividend cover (by core headline earnings before foreign exchange effect)	**1.6**	1.7		1.6

** The group uses core headline earnings before foreign exchange effect as a consistent measure of performance for management purposes. Core headline earnings exclude exceptional once-off costs and the amortisation of trademarks, fair value adjustments to loans and the lease straight-lining expense, and are presented above.*

FOREIGN EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENTS

In evaluating this performance shareholders should take into account that the aggregate foreign exchange adjustment during this period was a loss of R17.6 million compared to an aggregate profit of R5.7 million during the prior period. Holdsport's policy is to take out forward exchange contracts to cover all its imported merchandise commitments and this has been applied consistently with previous years. This accounting adjustment does not have an operational or cash flow effect.

INTERIM DIVIDEND ANNOUNCEMENT

The directors declared an interim gross dividend of 130.0 cents per share which is covered 1.6 times by the core headline earnings per share before foreign exchange effect.

The dividend is payable on Monday, 12 December 2016 to ordinary shareholders recorded in the books of the company at the close of business on Friday, 9 December 2016. The last day to trade ("cum" the dividend) in order to participate in the dividend will be Friday, 2 December 2016. The Holdsport Limited ordinary shares will commence trading "ex" the dividend from the commencement of business on Monday, 5 December 2016 and the record date, as indicated, will be Friday, 9 December 2016.

FULL ANNOUNCEMENT

Shareholders are advised that this short-form announcement represents a summary of the information contained in the full announcement, published on SENS on Tuesday, 11 October 2016.

Any investment decision by investors and/or shareholders should be based on consideration of the full announcement, which is available for viewing on SENS or on the company's website at www.holdsport.co.za.

The full announcement is also available for inspection, at no charge, at the registered office of Holdsport (The Mill House, 1 Canterbury Street, Cape Town, 8001) and at the offices of its sponsor, UBS South Africa (64 Wierda Road East, Wierda Valley, Sandton, 2196), during normal office hours. Investors and/or shareholders may request copies of the full announcement from the company secretary.

The contents of this short-form announcement are the responsibility of the directors of Holdsport.

Signed on behalf of the board

SA MULLER
Chairman

KG HODGSON
CEO

Cape Town
11 October 2016

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