

PRIME TIME



6 PRIOR PERIOD ERROR - RESTATED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

6.1 Unrealised foreign currency exchange differences

The Group incorrectly accounted for the unrealised foreign currency exchange differences arising on the amount due on a related party loan to PrimeTime Property Holdings (Mauritius) considered to be a net investment in foreign operations as per IAS 21 - The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates (IAS 21) in the Statement of Profit or Loss instead of in the Statement of Other Comprehensive Income from 1 September 2018. Other Comprehensive Income has been adjusted retrospectively to comply with IAS 21 paragraph 32.

The effect of the restatement on those financial statements is summarised below.

	2021	01 September 2020
	P	P
Statement of Changes in Equity		
Accumulated Profits		
As previously reported	362 204 232	372 218 957
Impact of restatement - opening balance	(17 508 683)	(29 732 783)
As restated	344 695 549	342 486 174
Profit for the year: as previously reported	14 686 574	-
Impact of restatement - year ended 31 August 2021	6 573 078	-
Taxation impact	5 651 022	-
Profit for the year: as restated	26 910 674	-
2021 interim debenture interest paid	(28 403 944)	-
2021 final proposed debenture interest	(3 264 388)	-
Taxation attributable to debenture interest	6 967 033	-
As restated	344 695 549	342 486 174

Foreign Currency Translation Reserve on Translation of Related Party Loan

As previously reported	2 192 894	2 400 566
Impact of restatement - opening balance	29 732 783	29 732 783
Impact of restatement - year ended 31 August 2021	(6 573 078)	-
As restated (Note 6.2)	25 352 599	32 133 349

Statement of Profit or Loss

Exchange differences on translating foreign balances:		
As previously reported	(7 695 003)	
Impact of restatement	6 573 078	
As restated	(1 121 925)	

Statement of Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss)

Exchange differences on translation of related party loans:		
As previously reported	-	
Impact of restatement	6 573 078	
As restated (Note 6.2)	6 573 078	

Earnings per linked unit

	2021
As previously reported:	
Basic (thebe)	8.85
Diluted (thebe)	8.85
As restated:	
Basic (thebe)	13.85
Diluted (thebe)	13.85

6.2 Impairment of related party loan

In the prior two years, the impairment of the related party loan due from PrimeTime Property Holdings (Mauritius) Limited to PrimeTime Property Holdings Limited had not been accounted for. The error has been adjusted for retrospectively.

The effect of the restatement on those financial statements is summarised below.

Foreign Currency Translation Reserve on Translation of Related Party Loan

As restated after impact of unrealised currency exchange differences (Note 6.1)	25 352 599
Impact of impairment of related party loan	2 235 001
As restated	27 587 600

Statement of Profit or Loss

Tax credit/(charge) as previously reported	(4 122 537)
Impact of restatement of related party loan and interest income	5 651 022
As restated	1 528 485

Statement of Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss)

Impact of restatement of unrealised currency exchange differences (Note 6.1)	6 573 078
Impact of restatement of related party loan	207 672
As restated	6 780 750

Exchange differences on translating foreign operations:

As previously reported restated after impact of restatement of unrealised currency exchange differences (Note 6.1)	3 313 050
Impact of impairment of related party loan	207 672
As restated	3 520 722

Deferred tax relating to the exchange differences on translation of related party loan:

As previously reported	-
Impact of impairment of related party balance	2 235 001
As restated	2 235 001

Statement of Financial Position

Current assets	
Taxation receivable: As previously reported	2 497 151
Impact of restatement	4 461 836
As restated	6 958 987

Current liabilities

Taxation payable : As previously reported	1 217 709
Impact of restatement	(1 189 187)
As restated	28 522

Non-current liabilities

Deferred taxation: As previously reported	35 444 298
Impact of restatement	(2 235 001)
As restated	33 209 297

PERFORMANCE & RESULTS

2022 was another challenging year due to rising interest rates and inflation, volatile exchange rates, political instability, and increased energy and food prices caused by the war in Ukraine.

Driving income growth and managing costs in such a difficult operating environment is tough. The property sector is still in recovery from the pandemic's aftershocks which constrained economic growth, dampening consumer and business confidence. It will take some time for the sector to fully recover. Our property portfolio has, however, proven its resilience and defensiveness despite these current headwinds.

Thankfully, we have experienced a return to normality since COVID-19 restrictions were lifted, thereby enabling us to remove all tenant rental concessions, which, along with lease regears helped PrimeTime retain its tenants and achieve excellent occupancy levels amidst tough trading conditions. Our projections indicate a return to income growth off a re-based platform.

PROPERTY PORTFOLIO

Our portfolio in Botswana, consisting of 21 properties representing 64% of the Group market value, saw a reasonable uplift in value of 9% at the year end. Rental income was up 11% on the prior year and vacancies were just 2% by the end of the year.

Lobatse Junction shopping centre was 100% let when it opened in October 2021. Valued at P114 million it comprises 9 000m² and 39 tenants with SPAR as its anchor tenant plus a good spread of national retailers. We completed the long-planned refurbishment of South Ring Mall in Gaborone at a cost of P2.9 million, forming part of our ongoing commitment to maintain and enhance the attractiveness of our assets to ensure long term tenant retention.

Our two properties in South Africa have traded well. At 6% of the Group market value, they returned a flat performance year on year in terms of valuation, and indications are we can expect to see an improvement in income going forward.

The downward movement in the Zambian property values experienced over the last few years has been arrested with our property portfolio there showing a marginal appreciation year on year. The six properties in Zambia make up 30% of the Group market value at year-end, including the addition of 187m² of office space to our G4S cash centre in Lusaka, Zambia, at a cost of \$135 000 to meet the tenant requirement. Significant progress was made in filling most of the vacant space, achieving a country vacancy rate of just 3% by the year end which has further reduced post year end.

In terms of tenant mix, across the group 31% of the rental income is from major corporates, multinationals, banks, and financial institutions, 40% from established retail chains and a further 9% from the Government and parastatal sector – including foreign missions. This is a well-diversified and robust mix of tenants – exceeding 400 in number across the Group.

Sustainability planning has put PrimeTime at the forefront of green building technology and initiatives. In August 2022 we commenced the installation of our first solar PV project at our Sebele Centre property as a transition towards clean energy, reduced generator reliance and potentially lower occupancy costs. The adoption of internationally recognised green building standards on all future developments has translated into PrimeTime delivering new product to meet the needs and requirements of the modern corporate occupier. Our current Prime Plaza II development received a five-star green design rating and demonstrates our commitment to incorporating green building technologies into our portfolio.

PROSPECTS & OPPORTUNITIES

During the year, we disposed of our Ghanzi and Ramotswa retail properties for a combined consideration of P45 million. The funds raised have been redeployed into our Prime Plaza II Motswere Building development, which is progressing well. We expect the first building to be completed in August 2023 and are in advanced negotiations with potential occupiers for the building, which offers a new level of tenant experience in the Botswana market.

It is encouraging that Zambia has shown a marked improvement following the change in government in August 2021. While it will take time for the economy to reach its full potential, the positive strides already made have improved business confidence. Our Zambian assets have demonstrated solid, long-term property fundamentals – starting with the stability of their market values at year end and the current reduced vacant space which, in turn will convert into increased income. This will be tempered however, by increased interest rates in the short/medium term.

Our strategic pillar of growth will be achieved by gradually building out our development pipeline, adding yield accretive assets and disposing of properties expected to show diminishing returns, where necessary. This must be balanced with our commitment to stabilising our debt to value ratio in the short to medium term and achieving income growth. As part of the efforts to rebalance the Group's debt to equity ratio, during the year our unitholders were offered an elective capitalisation option on the second interim debenture interest payment. It is encouraging to report that almost 50% of our unitholders elected for linked units at a total value of P5.3m.

We understand that by improving the quality of our offering and balancing the needs of our tenants with the requirements of our unitholders and funders, we can ensure the relevance and sustainability of our investments. Despite challenges in all the markets we operate in, the board remains confident that PrimeTime's quality portfolio is well-positioned to deliver long term value for stakeholders.

Going forward, we continue to assess prospects and believe there are still good opportunities in the property space across the region. With prices depressed in many markets, we should be able to capitalise on countercyclical investment opportunities. The underlying fundamentals of population growth and urbanisation in our markets will continue to fuel demand for our product in the medium to longer term.

Any reference to future financial performance included in this announcement, has not been reviewed, audited, or reported on by the Group's auditors.

DISTRIBUTION TO LINKED UNITHOLDERS

The Group is continuing with its strategy of amortising a targeted portion of its debt finance over the next few years as a hedge against rising interest rates and to ensure it performs within acceptable covenant limits. Smaller additions to properties continue to be funded from profits. While these actions are impacting on current distribution levels the board firmly believes that their benefits will be enjoyed by our investors in the longer term.

A total distribution of 12.66 thebe per linked unit has been achieved for the year. A final interest payment of 4.00 thebe for the year ended 31 August 2022 will be paid together with an interim payment for the year ended 31 August 2023, in March 2023. A notice pertaining to this will be published in the press early in 2023.

UNCLAIMED INTEREST

The Directors wish to bring to the attention of unitholders that there are unclaimed interest payments in the Group's records, due to cheques issued becoming stale or accounts used for bank transfers having been closed. Unitholders are requested to contact the Transfer Secretaries to claim their outstanding interest payments.

By order of the Board

P Masie (Chairman)
Gaborone,
30 November 2022