



CHOBE

HOLDINGS LIMITED

CHOBE HOLDINGS LIMITED
 ("the Group" or "the Company")
 Incorporated in the Republic of Botswana (UIN BW00001487283)

UNAUDITED ABRIDGED RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	6 months ended 31/08/2023 P'000's Unaudited	6 months ended 31/08/2022 P'000's Unaudited	Year ended 28/02/2023 P'000's Audited
Revenue	329 648	234 816	410 917
Other operating income	12 850	10 729	17 070
Amortisation of intangible assets	(1 662)	(2 257)	(4 015)
Depreciation	(16 259)	(17 665)	(34 048)
Other operating expenses	(166 054)	(119 494)	(250 043)
Operating profit	158 523	106 129	139 881
Finance income	51	53	923
Finance cost	(1,476)	(2,378)	(4,238)
Share of net loss of associates accounted for using equity method	-	(472)	(935)
Profit before income tax	157 098	103 332	135 631
Income tax expense	(42 181)	(23 413)	(31 045)
Profit for the period	114 917	79 919	104 586
Other comprehensive income			
Exchange difference on translation of foreign operations	14	(20)	(335)
Other comprehensive income for the period	14	(20)	(335)
Total comprehensive income for the period	114 931	79 899	104 251
Attributable to			
Owners of the parent	114 959	79 901	104 278
Non-controlling interest	(28)	(2)	(27)
	114 931	79 899	104 251
Earnings per share (thebe) - basic	128.52	89.36	116.96
Share price (thebe)	147.60	88.50	76.50
Number of bed nights sold	40 761	33 595	57 328
Occupancy	67%	55%	47%

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	As at 31/08/2023 P'000's Unaudited	As at 31/08/2022 P'000's Unaudited	As at 28/02/2023 P'000's Audited
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	268 001	207 015	216 573
Right of use assets	25 997	30 283	28 087
Goodwill	67 963	69 963	67 963
Land lease rights	58 276	61 386	59 778
Other intangible assets	772	1 082	932
Investment in associate	-	463	-
Deferred income tax assets	9 032	3 446	8 228
	430 041	373 638	381 561
Current assets			
Inventory	14 133	11 007	12 168
Trade and other receivables	38 020	24 473	23 276
Current income tax receivable	2 037	3 319	2 747
Cash and cash equivalents	139 969	129 157	131 009
	194 159	167 956	169 200
TOTAL ASSETS	624 200	541 594	550 761
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity			
Stated capital	102 899	102 899	102 899
Foreign currency translation reserve	(1 427)	(1 126)	(1 441)
Other reserves	7 295	5 486	7 295
Retained income	320 325	236 161	259 044
	429 092	343 420	367 797
Non-controlling interest	706	759	734
Total equity	429 798	344 179	368 531
Liabilities			
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	-	20 000	-
Deferred income tax liabilities	18 106	16 930	18 147
Lease liability	40 022	44 881	42 060
	58 128	81 811	60 207
Current liabilities			
Current income tax payable	15 127	281	9 340
Borrowings	190	-	190
Advance travel receipts	81 871	60 232	57 813
Lease liability	4 375	3 875	4 461
Trade and other payables	34 711	51 216	50 219
	136 274	115 604	122 023
Total liabilities	194 409	197 415	182 230
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	6 months ended 31/08/2023 P'000's Unaudited	6 months ended 31/08/2022 P'000's Unaudited	Year ended 28/02/2023 P'000's Audited
Operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	168 287	125 456	179 898
Interest paid	(4)	(780)	(1 041)
Income tax paid	(36 533)	(288)	(2 020)
Cash generated from operating activities	131 750	124 388	176 837
Investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(65 579)	(4 200)	(28 179)
Proceeds on sale of property, plant and equipment	1	1 541	1 434
Payment for acquisition of a subsidiary	-	(14 000)	(17 770)
Interest received	51	53	923
Net cash used in investing activities	(65 527)	(16 606)	(43 592)
Financing activities			
Lease rental paid	(3 599)	(3 641)	(7 442)
Net borrowings	-	20 000	190
Dividends paid	(53 664)	-	-
Net cash (used in) / generated from financing activities	(57 263)	16 359	(7 252)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	8 960	124 141	125 993
Movement in cash and cash equivalents			
At beginning of period	131 009	5 016	5 016
Increase in the period	8 960	124 141	125 993
At end of period	139 969	129 157	131 009
Represented by:			
Cash and cash equivalents	139 969	129 157	131 009

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Attributable to owners of the parent					Total P'000's
	Stated capital P'000's	Retained earnings P'000's	Foreign currency translation reserve P'000's	Other reserve P'000's	Non-controlling interest P'000's	
Balance at 1 March 2023	102 899	259 044	(1 441)	7 295	734	368 531
Profit for the half year	-	114 945	-	-	(28)	114 917
Other comprehensive income	-	-	14	-	-	14
Dividend paid	-	(53 664)	-	-	-	(53 664)
Balance at 31 August 2023	102 899	320 325	(1 427)	7 295	706	429 798

COMMENTARY

- Profit before tax increased by 52%.
- A 21% increase in number of bed nights sold.
- A 40% increase in revenue.
- Costs increase is in line with increased operations.
- BWP 168 million cash generated from operations.
- Cash and cash equivalents of BWP 140 million at the period end.

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The unaudited abridged financial statements for the half year ended 31 August 2023 have been prepared based on accounting policies which comply with International Financial Reporting Standards. The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 28 February 2023, as described in those annual financial statements, save for new standards that became effective during this financial year.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

Chobe has seen a significant improvement in financial performance throughout the first half of the financial year driven by improved occupancies, which exceeded pre-COVID-19 pandemic levels and increased net achieved rates, coupled with the relative strength of the US Dollar in which the majority of the Company's revenue is derived.

The improvement in occupancies across the Group is due to the rapid recovery of global leisure travel, our competitive pricing, and ever strengthening relationships with our suppliers. Our marketing teams have worked hard to improve both the breadth and depth of their marketing efforts in conjunction with operations delivering excellent innovative services on the ground.

Chobe continues to experience challenges within global and local supply chains across the Group which add an inflationary pressure to cost base but has sought to manage these through leveraging established relationships with suppliers, active management of procurement and other innovative cost containment solutions.

Having put in place rigorous capital expenditure controls during the COVID-19 pandemic, protecting our assets but not making significant new investments, the Group has been able to return to an expansionary posture with investments in upgrading and increasing our asset base including the purchase of an additional light aircraft and the opening of our innovative Shinde Footsteps which has been very well received by the market. A complete rebuild of Savute Safari Lodge commenced after the reporting period, which will much improve this important property. Across the Group, we continue to invest in new and improve our existing solar and other green projects.

As a Group our focus remains on our People who benefited from an above inflationary increase to their remuneration at the beginning of the year. We remain committed to providing an industry-leading employee package and have begun a salary banding exercise which will harmonize salaries and other benefits across the Group.

Chobe continues to play a significant role in the communities in which we operate and remains fully engaged with our partners.

FUTURE OUTLOOK

Bookings for the remainder of the financial year remain strong across the Group with projected occupancies for the subsequent financial year showing similar strength. These occupancies are driven by our competitive pricing and the strategic fit of camps and lodges supported by both energetic marketing and robust operations.

The Company's investment in people will continue to yield positive results with increased executive capacity coupled with additional human capacity building programmes improving internal efficiencies and creating space for successful acquisitions.

Increased global uncertainty has the potential to dampen demand for travel as well as fuel inflation both in the near and medium term, but, as this reporting period has shown, the Group has built significant resilience into the business to largely mitigate this.

The Group's strong cash position remains, providing flexibility to take advantage of opportunities across the business space.

DIVIDENDS

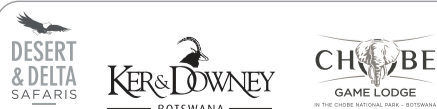
In keeping with the Company's dividend distribution policy no interim dividend has been declared in favour of a final year end declaration.

UNCLAIMED DIVIDENDS

The Directors wish to bring to the notice of shareholders that there are certain amounts of unclaimed dividends in the Company's records. Shareholders are reminded to contact the Transfer Secretaries to claim their outstanding dividends. The Transfer Secretaries' contact information can be found on the Company's website www.chobeholdings.co.bw.

By order of the Board of Directors

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 9 November 2023



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