# Delta Corporation







# **Key Highlights**

	2025 US\$ 000	2024 US\$ 000
Revenue	807 470	767 871
Operating Income	152 607	152 338
Earnings before interest, tax depreciation and ammortisation	171 519	166 921
Profit after tax	116 145	100 538
Attributable earnings per share (US\$ cents)	8.79	7.71
Headline Earnings per share (US\$ cents)	8.79	7.72
Dividend per share (US\$ cents)*	3.30	3.00
Lager Beer Volume (000 hectolitres)	2 659	2 463
Sorghum Beer Volume (000 hectolitres)	6 047	6 527
Soft Drinks Volume (000 hectolitres)	2 095	2 151

<sup>\*</sup> Dividend per share refers to Interim Dividend per share US\$1 cent declared in November 2024 and the Final Dividend per share US\$2.3 cents declared in May 2025.

## **Group Statement of Financial Position**

	As At 31 March	As At 31 March
	2025	2024
Not	e US\$ 000	US\$ 000
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	155 689	134 079
Right-of-use asset	4 050	4 411
Investments in associates	12 463	12 325
Intangible assets – Trademarks and Goodwill	25 246	24 411
Deferred tax asset	4 661	1 923
Investments and loans	4 522	5 225
Financial asset at armotised cost	7 935	8 830
	214 566	191 204
Construct.		
Current assets Inventories	117 110	107 501
	113 118	107 591
Trade and other receivables	40 112	50 236
Other assets	52 005	27 576
Current tax asset		440
Financial asset at armotised cost		_
Cash and cash equivalents	27 604	26 410
moment against	233 343	212 253
TOTAL ASSETS	447 909	403 457
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Capital and reserves		
Issued share capital	994	994
Share premium	6 807	6 800
Share option reserve	1 048	275
Share buyback	(6 451)	(4 784)
Foreign currency translation reserve	33 319	40 570
Retained earnings	260 922	182 055
Adjustment arising from change in non controlling interest	(704)	(668)
Equity attributed to equity holders of the parent	295 935	225 242
Non-controlling interests	(8 431)	(3 060)
Shareholders' equity	287 504	222 182
Non-current liabilities		
Long term borrowings 1	528	
Long term lease liability	3 667	4 250
Deferred tax liabilities	108	1 481
Deterred tax habilities	4 303	5 731
Current liabilities Short term borrowings 1	3 13 977	18 253
Short term lease liability	1 191	1 186
Trade and other payables	95 278	119 198
Provisions	33 675	31 811
Current tax liability	11 981	5 096
Current tax liability	156 102	175 544
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	447 909	403 457
	22.41	17.27
Net asset value per share (cents)	22.41	17.27



## Group Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

	Year Ended 31 March 2025	Year Ended 31 March 2024
Note	US\$ 000	US\$ 000
Revenue 1	807 470	767 871
Operating Costs	(654 863)	(615 533)
Net Operating Income	152 607	152 338
Finance charges	(3 354)	(3 544)
Finance income	1 642	3 667
Exchange loss	(12 320)	(41 535)
Monetary loss	_	(8 995)
Share of profit of associates	1 374	2 468
Profit before tax	139 949	104 399
Income tax expense 3	(23 804)	(3 861)
Profit for the year	116 145	100 538
Attributable to:		
Owners of the parent	118 223	100 994
Non controlling interest	(2 078)	(456)
Total profit for the year	116 145	100 538
Other comprehensive income		
Foreign exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	(8 999)	23 522
Foreign exchange impact of translating to presentation currency		(106 241)
Share of other comprehensive income of associate	(1 237)	1 918
Total other comprehensive income for the year	(10 236)	(80 801)
Total comprehensive income for the year	105 909	19 737
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to:		
Owners of the parent	110 972	20 511
Non controlling interest	(5 063)	(774)
	105 909	19 737
Weighted average shares in issue (millions)	1 321	1 310
Earnings per share (US\$ cents)		
Headline earnings	8.79	7.72
Diluted earnings	8.65	7.58
Basic earnings	8.79	7.71

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## **Group Statement of Cashflows**

Note	Year Ended 31 March 2025 US\$ 000	Year Ended 31 March 2024 US\$ 000
Cash flow from operating activities 16	173 437	148 733
Decrease in working capital	(51 056)	(25 880)
Cash generated from operations	122 381	122 853
Interest received	979	154
Interest paid	(2 798)	(3 060)
Interest paid on short term lease liability	(483)	(411)
Income tax paid	(21 043)	(16 550)
Net cash flow from operating activities	99 036	102 986
Cash flow from investment activities		
Additions in investments and loans	(9 715)	(5 062
Repayments of investments and loans	9 511	1 802
Purchase of property, plant and equipment to expand operations	(31 558)	(39 659)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment to mantain operations	(8 255)	(8 439
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment	26	6
Net cash utilised in investing activities	(39 991)	(51 352
Cash flow from financing activities		
Dividends paid by company	(39 498)	(33 592
Dividends paid by subsidiaries	(522)	(544
Dividends received	10	(- · · ·
Purchase of shares in subsidiary	(83)	(52)
Repayment of short-term lease liability	(1 265)	(1 387
Loans raised	17 911	15 958
Repayment of borrowings	(8 645)	(18 544
Share buy back	(1 667)	(3 505
Net cash utilised in financing activities	(33 759)	(41 666
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	25 286	9 968
Effects of currency translation on cash and cash equivalents	(11 028)	(5 606
Effects of currency translation on cash and cash	()	(
equivalents - foreign operations	25	118
Foreign exchange impact of translating to presentation currency		
on opening cash and cash equivalents	_	(14 085
Effects of IAS 29 on cash and cash equivalents	_	5 177
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	14 283	(4 428
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	9 665	14 093
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	23 948	9 665
Comprising:-		
Bank balances and cash	27 604	26 410
Bank overdraft	(3 656)	(16 745
	23 948	9 665

## **Group Statement of Changes in Shareholders' Equity**

	Year Ended 31 March 2025 US\$ 000	Year Ended 31 March 2024 US\$ 000
Shareholders' equity at beginning of the year	222 182	239 544
Profit for the period	116 145	100 538
Other comprehensive income for the period	(10 236)	(80 801)
Transactions with Owners:		
Share options exercised	261	_
Share buy back	(1 667)	(3 505)
Recognition of share based payments	922	594
Adjustment arisisng from changes in ownership of subsidiary	(83)	(52)
Dividends declared:	(40 020)	(34 136)
Shareholders' equity at end of the period	287 504	222 182
Attributable to:		
Owners of the parent	295 935	225 242
Non controlling interest	(8 431)	(3 060)
Shareholders' equity at end of the period	287 504	222 182

## **Supplementary Information**

	Year Ended 31 March 2025 US\$ 000	Year Ended 31 March 2024 US\$ 000
l. Revenue		
Gross sales	947 437	893 474
Less VAT and discounts	(139 967)	(125 603)
Revenue	807 470	767 871
Less excise duty, surtax and levies	(96 908)	(77 756
Net Sales	710 562	690 115
2. Depreciation of property, plant and equipment, amortisation and impairment of intangible assets  Depreciation of right of use assets	17 982 930 18 912	13 038 1 545 14 583
5. Taxation		
Current income tax expense	27 928	22 112
Deferred tax - Arising from origination and reversal of temporary difference	(4 124)	(17 848)
Deferred tax - Arising from change in current tax rate	`	(403
	23 804	3 861
Commitments for property, plant and equipment     Contracts and orders placed	9 185	9 639
Authorised by directors but not contracted	61 115	58 310
	70 300	67 949

The capital expenditure is to be financed out of the Group's own resources and existing borrowing facilities.

## **Supplementary Information (continued)**

#### 5. Segmental Reporting

The distinct operating segments for the Group are shown in the table below:

Reportable Segments	Operations
Lager Beer division	Manufacture and distribution of lager beer(malt and sorghum based clear beers)
Sparkling Beverages division	Manufacture and distribution of carbonated soft drinks and alternative non-alcoholic beverages.
Sorghum Beer division	Manufacture and distribution of sorghum based opaque beer.
Wines and Spirits	Manufacture and distribution of wines and spirits.

Other operations include barley and sorghum malting and provision of transport services, which are functional departments for the above mentioned divisions. None of these segments met the quantitative thresholds for reportable segments in 2025 nor 2024.

There are varying levels of integration between Lagers, Sparkling Beverages and Sorghum segments. This integration includes shared primary and secondary distribution services and facilities. The Group has a centralised treasury function.

#### Information about reportable segements

Information related to each reportable segment is set out below. Segment operation income is used to measure performance because management believes that this information is the most relevant in evaluating the results of the respective segments relative to other entities that operate in the same industry.

	Lager Beer US\$ 000	Sparkling Beverages US\$ 000	Sorghum Beer US\$ 000	Wines and Spirits US\$ 000	Total Reportable Segments US\$ 000	All other segments and intersegment eliminations US\$ 000	Total US\$ 000
2025							
Segment revenue	351 859	165 865	229 106	59 721	806 551	31 074	837 625
Inter-segment revenue***	_		_	_	_	(30 155)	(30 155)
External revenue	351 859	165 865	229 106	59 721	806 551	919	807 470
Segment operating							
income	111 006	13 292	7 403	5 555	137 256	15 351	152 607
Segment finance costs	(50)	_	(924)	(718)	(1 692)	(1 662)	(3 354)
Segment net							
working capital*	4 973	37 629	13 690	11 539	67 831	21 390	89 221
Segment trade and							
other payables**	(37 951)	(17979)	(31 339)	(9 065)	(96 334)	(47 788)	(144 122)
Segment working							
capital assets	42 924	55 608	45 029	20 604	164 165	69 178	233 343
Segment property							
plant and equipment	43 567	30 449	59 208	5 329	138 553	17 136	155 689
Non-current assets							
additions	14 606	6 323	10 200	2 046	33 175	6 638	39 813
Segment depreciation	(4 994)	(4 241)	(5 691)	(444)	(15 370)	(2 612)	(17 982)

	Lager Beer US\$ 000	Sparkling Beverages US\$ 000	Sorghum Beer US\$ 000	Wines and Spirits US\$ 000	Total Reportable Segments US\$ 000	All other segments and intersegment eliminations US\$ 000	Total US\$ 000
2024							
External revenue	318 317	146 710	250 811	51 772	767 610	28 719	796 329
Inter-segment revenue***	_	_	_	_	_	(28 458)	(28 458)
Segment revenue	318 317	146 710	250 811	51 772	767 610	261	767 871
Segment operating							
income	91 991	16 085	16 634	6 623	131 333	21 005	152 338
Segment finance costs	(78)	(3)	(978)	(605)	(1 664)	(1 880)	(3 544)
Segment net							
working capital*	(15781)	7 826	11 902	9 785	13 732	27 633	41 365
Segment trade and other payables**	(54 983)	(39 264)	(37 409)	(9 515)	(141 171)	(29 277)	(170 448)
Segment working							
capital assets	39 202	47 090	49 311	19 300	154 903	56 910	211 813
Segment property							
plant and equipment	35 444	27 858	54 336	3 737	121 375	12 704	134 079
Non-current assets							
additions	18 295	4 280	18 377	1 776	42 728	5 370	48 098
Segment depreciation	(6 799)	(831)	(3 546)	(371)	(11 547)	(1 491)	(13 038)

- \* Net working capital comprises of cash and cash equivalents, receivables, inventories, payables excluding provision for tax.
- \*\* Included are trade and other payables, provisions, short term borrowings, overdraft and short term lease liability.

  Intersegment revenue relates to malt sales from Kwekwe Maltings to Lager Beer. Kwekwe Maltings is included under "All other segments."

The accounting policies of the reportable segments are the same as the Group's accounting policies. Segment operating income represents segment income before allocation of central administration costs. This is the measure reported to the chief operating decision maker for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance.

No single customer contributed 10% or more to the Group's or individual segment's revenue.

## $\label{lem:conciliations} \textbf{Reconciliations of information on reportable segments to IFRS measures}$

		Year Ended 31 March 2025 US\$ 000	Year Ended 31 March 2024 US\$ 000
) ]	Revenue		
1	Total revenue for reportable segments	806 551	767 610
1	Revenue for other segments	31 074	28 719
1	Elimination of inter-segment revenue	(30 155)	(28 458)
(	Consolidated revenue	807 470	767 871
i) (	Operating income		
	Total operating income for reportable segments	137 256	131 333
	Operating income for other segments	15 351	21 005
	Finance income	1 642	3 667
	Finance cost	(3 354)	(3 544)
_	Share of profit in associates	1 374	2 468
	Exchange losses	(12 320)	(41 535)
	Net monetary loss	()	(8 995)
	Consolidated profit before tax	139 949	104 399

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## Supplementary Information (continued)

#### Segmental Reporting (continued)

Reconciliations of information on reportable segments to IFRS measures (continued)

		Year Ended 31 March 2025 US\$ 000	Year Ended 31 March 2024 US\$ 000
iii)	Assets		
,	Total working capital assets for reportable segments	164 165	154 903
	Working capital assets for other segments	68 674	56 910
	Total property, plant and equipment for reportable segments	138 553	121 375
	Property, plant and equipment for other segments	17 136	12 704
	Intangible assets	25 246	24 411
	Right-of-use asset	4 050	4 411
	Equity-accounted investees	12 463	12 325
	Deferred tax asset	4 661	1 923
	Investments and loans	4 522	5 225
	Financial asset at armotised cost	8 439	8 830
	Current tax asset	_	440
	Consolidated total assets	447 909	403 457
iv)	Liabilities		
	Total trade and other payables for reportable segments	96 334	141 171
	Trade and other payables for other segments	47 787	29 277
	Total long-term borrowings for reportable segments	528	_
	Long term lease liability for reportable segments	2 067	3 521
	Long term lease liability for other segments	1 600	729
	Total deferred tax liabilities for reportable segments	108	1 481
	Current tax liability	11 981	5 096
	Consolidated total liabilities	160 405	181 275

#### 6. Corporate Information

Delta Corporation Limited (the Company) is a public limited liability company that is listed on the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange and incorporated and domiciled in Zimbabwe. The principal activities of the Company and its subsidiaries (the Group) include the manufacture and distribution of cold beverages and some value-added activities related thereto

These abridged consolidated financial statements and financial information have been prepared under the supervision of Mr Alex Makamure FCA(Z), Executive Director – Finance, registered Public Accountant, PAAB Number 0318.

## 7. Statement of Compliance

The summarized consolidated financial statements of both the Group and the Company have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS® Accounting Standards) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB®), as well as guidelines from the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC®). These financial statements comply with the requirements of the Zimbabwe Companies and Other Business Entities Act (Chapter 24:31) and the regulations of the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange.

The Directors note that there are varied interpretations and applications of legislation and exchange control directives governing the current multi-currency framework in Zimbabwe and in particular the statutory instruments relating to pricing of goods in foreign currency and the exchange rates thereto. These interpretation have a bearing on the application of International Accounting Standard (IAS 21) – The effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates concerning converting transactions and operations conducted in foreign currencies.

## 8. Application of IAS 21 - The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates

The Government of Zimbabwe has since 2020 promulgated legislative changes, which have since been consolidated into the Finance Acts, and which permit the use of foreign currencies for domestic transactions. The Monetary Authorities introduced the Foreign Exchange Auction Trading System in June 2020 and the Willing Buyer Willing Seller framework in 2022. The Zimbabwe businesses have relied on foreign currency obtained through the sale of products on the domestic market in line with the multi-currency framework. There have been significant gaps between the official exchange rates and the rates reflected by comparing the market prices of goods and services quoted in alternative currencies. International Accounting Standard 21 (IAS21) – The effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates requires an entity to determine the exchange rates based on the economic environment in which it operates. The Group does not believe that the official exchange rates prevailing during the current and prior periods were, at all times, fairly reflective of the currency exchangeability and as such, applied an estimation process. Therefore, the exchange rate applied in translating from the transaction currency to the reporting currency and as the spot rate used in translating other balances recorded in different currencies at times differed from the official rates.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Zimbabwe (ICAZ) issued an interpretation guidance titled "Lack of Exchangeability – Interpretation of IAS 21, The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates" in May 2022. The directors believe that recent amendments to IAS 21 confirm the correctness of this guidance. Our interpretation of this guidance confirms that the treatment that the Group has applied in estimating an exchange rate is acceptable.

The Group tracks the exchange rates implied in the prices of raw materials and services during the financial year based on referenceable arms length transactions which give a fair value of goods or services in either foreign currency or ZiG

## 9. Material Accounting Policy Information

The summarized consolidated financial information has been compiled in accordance with the accounting policies used in the Group's previous and most recent audited annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

## 10. Basis of Preparation The abridged consolid

The abridged consolidated financial information is presented in United States dollars (US\$) and have been prepared based on the statutory records that are maintained under the historical cost basis.

## 11. Cautionary Note on The Use of Financial Information

The Directors recommend users to exercise caution when analyzing the financial figures due to variations caused by fluctuations in exchange rates and high inflation which impacted the prior year consolidated statements of comprehensive income and related equity balances. These disparities have impacts on the financial information, as the comparative consolidated statements of comprehensive income and related equity balances comprises a mix of inflation-adjusted data and USD transactions, while current year financial performance was derived using US\$ as the functional currency. The figures derived from hyperinflationary data were significantly influenced by exchange rate movements. The spot exchange rate used in converting prior year inflation adjusted financials was USD1: ZWG2.2. The disparities in the exchange rates and high inflation persisted into the current financial year ended 31 March 2025.

#### 12. Contingencies

#### 12.1 Uncertain Tax Positions

The Company is contesting the tax assessments issued by the Zimbabwe Revenue Authority (ZIMRA) for amounts that they consider to have been payable exclusively in foreign currency. Additional assessments were received in November 2024 adding to those assessed in 2022, to bring the disputed amount to US\$74.8 million (2024: US\$ 54.8 million), which covers principal tax, penalties and interest for value added tax and income tax for periods 2019 to 2022. The assessments do not consider the local currency payments made at the relevant time, which have since been debased through inflation and currency depreciation. Adverse judgements have been made by both the High Court and the Supreme Court, although there are appeals and new cases at various stages in the courts including the Constitutional Court and the Zimra appeals processes. The Group had paid a total of US\$11.4 million as at 31 March 2025 (2024: US\$6 million) in line with the "pay now, argue later" principle and pre-existing payment plans. We believe any revisions to the payment plan will be rational, with due consideration of the financial health of the business and the fact that the principal amounts were fully paid in legal tender at the relevant periods, based on the best available interpretation of the legislation.

The Group holds a significant amount in treasury bills receivable from the Government, which could be considered in the settlement of any tax liabilities that may finally be determined. Management continues to engage with ZIMRA while appealing some legal and factual issues of the assessments and the judgments, with guidance from tax experts and legal counsel. These assessments have a material impact on the Group's operations, if they materialise as per the extant assessments. The ambiguities in the tax legislation are pervasive, thereby creating risks of further disagreements in interpretations and application to current taxes. At this stage, the Board cannot estimate the likely outcome or timing of the resolution of these matters. The current accounting treatment and disclosures of the assessments and the amounts paid so far are considered to be appropriate.

Similarly, Natbrew Zambia is challenging an assessment by the Zambia Revenue Authority relating to transfer pricing positions on royalties and group charges for periods prior to the acquisition of the entity.

		Year Ended 31 March 2025 US\$ 000	Year Ended 31 March 2024 US\$ 000
3. Borrow	ings		
3.1 Movem	ents in Long Term Borrowings		
Balance	at beginning of year	_	468
Foreign	exchange impact of translating to presentation currency	_	(206)
Transfer	(to) / from short-term loan	_	(468)
Loans ra	aised	528	_
Effects of	of IAS 29	_	206
Balance	at end of year	528	_
3.2 Movem	ents in Short Term borrowings		
	at beginning of year	1 508	5163
	exchange impact of translating to presentation currency	_	(2 268)
_	ion differences on foreign balances	2	1 179
	from / (to) long-term loan	_	468
Loans ra	aised	17 383	15 958
Overdra	ıft	_	_
Repaym	ent of capital	(8 645)	(18 544)
Repaym	ent of interest	(1 013)	(736)
Interest		1 047	796
Effects of	of IAS 29	_	(4 749)
Revalua	tion arising from exchange differences	39	4 241
Balance	at end of year	10 321	1 508
Overdra	ıft	3 656	16 745
Total bo	rrowings	13 977	18 253

Borrowings, which are unsecured, form part of the core borrowings of the Group and are renewed on maturity in terms of ongoing facilities negotiated with the relevant financial institutions. In terms of a resolution of the Company in a general meeting, borrowings shall not exceed, in aggregate, shareholders' equity, which amounts to US\$ 296 million (2024: US\$ 225 million).

Included in the short term borrowings is a bank overdraft amounting to US\$ 3,7 million (2024: US\$ 16,7 million).

		Year Ended 31 March 2025 US\$ 000	Year Ended 31 March 2024 US\$ 000
14.	Treasury bills - financial asset at amortised cost		
	Opening balance	8 830	1 435
	Foreign exchange impact of translating to presentation currency	_	(630)
	Additions	_	5 056
	Interest income	663	3 513
	Expected Credit Loss	(1 054)	_
	IAS 29 Impact	_	(544)
		8 439	8 830
	Maturity analysis		
	Short-term - Due within 1 year	504	_
	Long-term - Due between 2 years and 5 years	7 935	8 830
		8 439	8 830

Treasury bills disclosed above represent the treasury bid component received from the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe in settlement of the legacy debt. These are carried at 0% coupon, and have a tenure of 3 - 20 years. The amortised cost approximates the fair value.

The Group measures these bills at amortised cost. Management uses the discounted cashflow method to calculate the effective interest rate applicable to the Treasury bills on initial recognition. The treasury bills are discounted using an effective interest rate of 7.5% (2024: 7.5%). The interest rate was adopted from market-quoted prices of other US\$-denominated Treasury Bills that have not yet matured. All facilities were assumed to be held to maturity. The rate was considered prudent given that the yield on 20-year US Treasury Bonds is 4.51% to determine fair value at recognition."



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## Supplementary Information (continued)

#### Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The estimated net fair values of all financial instruments approximate the carrying amounts shown in the financial

The Group uses the following hierarchy for determining and disclosing the fair value of financial assets.

- Level 1: quoted (unadjusted) prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: other techniques for which all inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value are observable, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3: techniques which use inputs that have a significant effect on the recorded fair value and are not based on observable market data.

The Group did not have any financial assets under Level 2 in the current and prior financial years, in addition, the

		Year Ended 31 March 2025 US\$ 000	Year Ended 31 March 2024 US\$ 000
15.1	Categories of Financial Instruments		
	Financial assets		
	Amortised cost:		
	Cash and bank balances	27 604	26 410
	Trade and other receivables	40 112	50 236
	Loans	4 114	4 348
	Financial asset at armotised costs	7 935	8 830
	Fair value through profit/loss:		
	Investments	408	877
	Financial liabilities		
	Amortised cost:		
	Borrowings	14 505	18 253
	Trade payables	30 186	44 677
16.	Cash flow information		
	Cash generated from operating activities		
	Profit before tax	139 949	104 399
	Depreciation of property, plant and equipment,		
	right of use and container amortisation	18 912	14 583
	Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	74	118
	Share option expense	922	594
	Finances charges	3 354	3 544
	Finance Income	(1 642)	(3 667)
	Unrealised exchange gains	(574)	4 142
	Share of profit of associates	(1 374)	(2 468)
	Stock losses and breakages	6 918	7 042
	Container breakages	2 835	7 570
	Net monetary loss	_	8 995
	Other non cash items*	4 063	3 881
		173 437	148 733

<sup>\*</sup> Included in other non cash items are provisions and financial asset movement

The Directors have assessed the ability of the Group to continue as a going concern and believe that the preparation of these financial statements on a going concern basis is appropriate. The Zimbabwe business is witnessing a significant recovery despite operating in an unstable macroeconomic environment. The key factors related to an unstable currency, high inflation, a turbid political environment, fluid policy framework, and the impacts of global

Consumer spending continues to be driven by diaspora remittances, mining and infrastructure development projects. The business has been able to sustain volume across all business units during the period. Management constantly reviews the business risks and the business continuity plans in order to maintain operations at sustainable levels; competitive product pricing, cost reduction initiatives, and adapting sourcing strategies as necessary. The foreign subsidiaries still face operating challenges. Management supported the subsidiaries through capital investments and will continue to realign the marketing, route to market, and business operations in general, for sustainability

Management undertakes the requisite assessments for possible impairment of individual assets or clusters of assets at each reporting period. There were no significant asset impairments in the current year and comparative periods.

The Group has increased its shareholding in Schweppes Holding Africa Limited from 49% to 69% with effect from 1 April 2025 which will result in the unit being accounted for as a subsidiary effective from that date.

## **External Auditor's Opinion**

The Group's annual financial information has been audited by the Group's external auditors, Ernst & Young Chartered Accountants (Zimbabwe). The auditors have issued a qualified opinion as a result of non-compliance in the prior year, with the IAS 21 - The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates and IAS 8 - Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors. The audit opinion on the Group's abridged consolidated annual financial information is available for inspection at the Company's registered office. The engagement partner responsible for this audit is Mr. Walter Mupanguri (PAAB Practicing Certificate Number 367).

## Chairman's Letter to Shareholders

#### Dear Shareholder

#### **Operating Environment and Overview**

The operating environment prevailing during the year under review reflected the challenging route to market policies, constrained market access arising from poor road infrastructure and rehabilitation programs, high inflation and an unstable currency in the first half of the year. This is contrasted with the relatively stable local currency, tight liquidity and softer consumer spending in the second half of the year. Overally, the economy remains fragile and presents significant operational challenges.

#### The Introduction and Performance of Zimbabwe Gold Currency (ZWG)

The ZiG has had mixed fortunes since its introduction in April 2024, suffering rapid depreciation, culminating in a  $significant\ devaluation\ at\ the\ end\ of\ September\ 2024.\ The\ premiums\ between\ the\ official\ and\ parallel\ market\ rates\ have$ sustained despite the relative stability witnessed in the second half of the year. The exchange rate disparities contribute to pricing misalignments in the formal sectors. The tight liquidity conditions prevailing during the traditional holiday season in the quarter to December 2024 resulted in sub-optimal stocking patterns in key retail channels. The company has maintained its focus on affordable pricing although there were unavoidable price adjustments in local currency in line with exchange rate developments.

#### Impact of Sugar Tax

The introduction of the sugar content surtax in January 2024 necessitated significant increases in the prices of sparkling soft drinks and cordials. The sector has witnessed significant volume losses despite most players absorbing significant portions of the tax. The surtax has impacted the Group's price competitiveness which fuelled the influx of imports of similar products from the region, which is further compounded by rampant smuggling. There was a slowdown in imports in the fourth quarter in response to the blitz by authorities against illicit trade and smuggling. We remain engaged with government on the need to moderate this tax to reduce its negative impact on economic growth.

#### Route To Market Policies

The tax measures introduced to control the flow of goods to the informal sector resulted in unintended disruptions to trading in the formal sector. This was compounded by the pricing disparities arising from the prescribed use of the formal exchange rates for multi-currency pricing and the various other factors impacting the retail sector. The varied applications of the regulations created an uneven playing field for operators in the FMCG sector. The relaxation of pricing exchange rates is a welcome relief for our value chain partners.

#### **Constrained Market Access**

There were significant challenges in accessing certain markets, particularly in Harare, due to traffic congestion during the road upgrades undertaken ahead of the SADC summit held in August 2024. The ongoing infrastructure projects are expected to spur economic growth in the long-term. The road infrastructure is in dire need of rehabilitation which results in increased traffic accidents, leading to loss of property, high running costs and compromises the safety of road

### Pressure on Disposable Incomes:

Consumer spending remains resilient, benefiting from mining activities, the expansionary effect of the government infrastructure projects and the steady flow of diaspora remittances. Aggregate demand was however affected by the lower mineral prices and the reduced agricultural output due to the drought. The country is mainly relying on imported maize. The 2024 tobacco output was reported to have declined by over 20% in volume and value terms. The drought also resulted in low water inflows into Kariba Dam, limiting the amount of water available to the hydro-electric power

In South Africa the Rand responded favourably to the formation of a Government of National Unity after the general elections held in May 2024. Consumer spending in the target sectors remains mixed, with increased reliance on social grants. Electricity supply has been stable although there were water supply disruptions in Gauteng and Western Cape.

The Zambian economy has been severely impacted by the disruptions to supply of goods and services due to reduced hydro-electricity generation, which also affected water supply. There were further impacts from fuel shortages and a weaker Kwacha. The cost of the staple maize remains high due to the reliance on imports and the removal of subsidies.

## **Trading Performance**

The Lager beer business achieved a volume of 2.66 million hectolitres for the year, growing 8% over prior year. The growth is attributed to improved supply of brands and packs and relatively competitive pricing. There were some disruptions to production arising from prolonged outages of utilities. The focus remains on leveraging on the capacity investments and improving glass circulation to minimise supply gaps.

Our brands remain active in the market, through sponsorships of sport and arts such as the Castle Lager Premier Soccer League, the Castle Tankard and other brand properties.

The sorghum beer volume for Zimbabwe, excluding exports, grew by 1% for the year, whilst the overall volume declined and the property of the7% due to the cessation of regional exports. The sorghum beer category has been adversely impacted by the drought, reduced disposable incomes in rural markets and changes in route to market and the inconsistent performance by retail and wholesale partners. The sector has attracted new entrants and revival of established players

The focus remains on defending market share with a focus on customer service and increased consumer engagement through the Chibuku flagship brand properties such as the Chibuku Road to Fame, Neshamwari Traditional Dance Festival and the Chibuku Super Cup soccer tournament among others. The Chibuku Super brand was recognised as the FMCG Sorghum Beer Sector winner for 2024 and granted the Quality Silver Award at the 63rd Monde Selection of Beers 2024 International Quality Awards

United National Breweries (South Africa) registered a volume decline of 10% compared to prior year primarily due to supply disruptions at the main brewery caused by an illegal job action and inconsistent market execution. The new Chibuku Super plant at Phelindaba brewery was commissioned in May 2024 which allowed the business to transition to self-reliance on Chibuku Super brands. The focus remains on increasing the penetration of Chibuku Super into new trade channels and recruiting of new consumers whilst retaining the traditional consumer base

At Natbrew Zambia the volume declined sharply by 30% for the year, due to the disruptive power load shedding and delays in commissioning diesel generators. The focus remains on reviving the market and stabilising the supply chain. It is apparent that consumers may have migrated to alternative alcohols during the height of the supply challenges. Operating margins remain under pressure from the high cost of maize, the depreciation of the Kwacha and the cost of running diesel generators.



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## Chairman's Letter to Shareholders (continued)

#### Trading Performance (continued)

#### **Sparkling Beverages**

The Sparkling Beverages volume declined by 4% compared to prior year, with the loss coming in the second half of the year. Whilst there has been a recovery in market shares, the overall performance was affected by pricing distortions in the formal channels arising from exchange rate disparities and the tax advantages accessed by some competitors. The sector is contracting due to the sugar tax-induced price increases, the surge in imports from the region and consumers shifting to emerging beverage alternatives. The sector's competitiveness has been affected by the relatively high sugar tax and cost differentials, leading to an increase in imports of similar offerings from neighbouring countries.

There are ongoing strategic interventions to support low and zero sugar offerings and availing packs at more accessible price points with the business absorbing part of the sugar tax.

The Shumba Maheu brand was relaunched in November 2024 with an expanded and improved flavour range. The category grew by 15% for the year, with a significant volume and market share growth since the relaunch.

#### Wines and Spirit

African Distillers (Afdis) recorded a volume growth of 15% over prior year, with notable growth in wines (29%), spirits (7%) and ready-to-drink (RTD) up 21%. The ongoing shift of the route to market to the independent trade played a pivotal role in driving volume in view of the challenges faced by the formal retail chains. Consumer demand was further strengthened by persistent Recommended Retail Price compliance initiatives, the impact of the reduction in informal imports in response to the anti-smuggling campaign and the expansion of the RTD portfolio through the launch of NightSky Gin and Tonic and Hunters 660ml pack.

#### Schweppes Holdings Africa

Schweppes Holdings Africa Limited recorded a volume decline of 15% for the year, primarily due to significant price increases, driven by the sugar tax. This resulted in a surge in imports of the flagship Mazoe Orange Crush from regional markets in the first half of the year. Volume was also impacted by disruptions in the route to market arising from the fiscal regulations.

The sugar tax was reduced from January 2025 which has provided some moderation in pricing. There are significant cost pressures affecting the category such as the rising prices of juicing fruit and sugar which limit the opportunity to moderate retail prices.

The Group has increased its shareholding in the company from 49% to 69% with effect from 1 April 2025 which result in the unit being accounted for as a subsidiary from that date. We note the departure of the Managing Director, Mr Charles Msipa on normal retirement. We thank him for his stewardship of the business over the last 20 years. He has been replaced by Mr Stanley Muchenje who was redeployed from within the Group.

#### Nampak Zimbabwe Limited

At Nampak Zimbabwe, overall volume for the 12 months period is below prior year impacted by the lower 2024 tobacco crop and the production stoppages arising from power cuts, plant breakdowns and increased competitions in some segments mainly through customers insourcing their packaging. The entity is trading under a cautionary relating to the pending sale of the Nampak International shareholding to TSL Limited.

## Financial Performance

The financial results are presented in the US Dollar currency, following the change of reporting currency with effect from 1 October 2023. The prior year financial information included inflation adjusted figures that were converted to US Dollars and therefore may reflect distortions arising from exchange rates, inflationary holding gains and losses and hyper-inflation. These figures may not reflect the underlying financial performance. Whilst the conversion process was mathematically accurate, users of these financial statements are advised to exercise caution when making comparisons with prior year figures.

Group revenue for the year at US\$807 million increased by 5% to compared to the restated prior year figures. This reflects the volume growth in Lager Beer and the sugar tax induced price increases in sparkling beverages. The proportion of domestic sales undertaken in foreign currency was around 80% for most of the year although there were periodic shifts in response to the performance of the formal retail sector which was affected by exchange rate disparities and the level of enforcement of the dual pricing regulations.

Operating Income (Earnings before interest and tax) is indicated at US\$153 million which is in line with prior year. Profit before tax is indicated at US\$139.9 million compared to US\$104.4 million for the prior year. It is noted that the prior year comparative figures included currency related distortions. The trading margins in the current period were partly affected by the under recovery on the sugar tax and the higher cost of imported maize. It is highlighted that an equivalent of US\$20.7 million was paid as sugar tax by Delta Beverages and Schweppes Zimbabwe during the current year.

The new currency, Zimbabwe Gold (ZWG), which was introduced in April 2024 suffered from inflationary and widening disparity of market exchange rates leading to the 43% devaluation at the end of September 2024 as it became apparent that the official rates no longer fully reflected prevailing market conditions. The currency was relatively stable during the second half of the year although the market premiums remained high. As adopted in prior years and in line with IFRS IAS 21, the Group continued to estimate the adjusted exchange rate that better captured the economic realities. There were significant exchange losses arising from the devaluation of monetary assets, particularly cash holdings and debtor balances on 27 September 2024. The rates used at the reporting date were within the ranges allowed by the monetary regulations.

Both UNB South Africa and Natbrew Zambia recorded losses for the period due to a poor volume performance and

The Board reminds users to take cognisance of the distortion of the comparative financial figures which were derived to comply with IFRS (IAS 21 & 29). The conversion process also resulted in the undervaluation of property, plant and equipment.

The focus is on protecting the balance sheet, optimum resource allocation, generating positive cashflows to fund the ongoing capital projects, strategies to revive the regional operations and aligning the SHAL operational strategies to the rest of the Group.

## **Functional Currency**

The Directors have considered the current operating environment and the requirements of the International Financial Reporting Standards and have concluded that it is appropriate to present the financial statements in US Dollars. The change in functional currency was with effect from 1 October 2023. This position has been maintained despite the introduction of the ZiG currency in April 2024.

In accordance with IFRS, the hyperinflation numbers reported in prior year have been converted from the Zimbabwe Dollar (ZWD) using the exchange rates on 31 March 2023 of 1: 1000 (ZWG equivalent of 1: 0.44) whilst the transactions and balances for the first half of prior year were inflation adjusted then converted to USD using a rate of 1: 5500 (ZWG -1: 2.20).

While the conversion process was mathematically accurate, users of these financial statements are strongly advised to exercise caution when relying on the balances, as they were significantly influenced by exchange rate distortions and challenges in accurately determining the inflation indices applied for hyperinflation accounting.

#### **Update On Tax Matters**

The Company is contesting the tax assessments issued by the Zimbabwe Revenue Authority (ZIMRA) for amounts that they consider were payable exclusively in foreign currency. The disputed additional assessments amount to US\$74.8 million.

Management continues to engage with ZIMRA while appealing some legal and factual issues of the assessments and the judgments, with guidance from tax experts and legal counsel. These assessments have a material impact on the Group's operations, if they materialise as per the extant assessments. The ambiguities in the tax legislation are pervasive, thereby creating risks of further disagreements in interpretations and application to current taxes.

At this stage, the Board cannot estimate the likely outcome or timing of the resolution of these matters. The current accounting treatment and disclosures of the assessments and the amounts paid so far are considered to be appropriate.

#### Outlool

The operating environment in Zimbabwe remains complex, influenced by policy changes and currency instability. The beverages sector faces further challenges relating to uncompetitive retail prices arising from high input costs and taxes which attract lower priced imports from the region and policy driven changes to the route to market. We continue to urge the authorities to implement policies that would ensure the stability of the local currency and access to foreign currency through the banking channels or through trading.

The full effects of lower mineral prices, improved gold price, international currencies movements and disruptions to global trading arising from tariff disputes between the United States of America and its key trading partners have not fully manifested. The pricing and supply of agricultural commodities is affected by changing climatic conditions and prevalence of natural disasters. There will be some benefit from the improved cereals and tobacco outputs in 2025.

Despite these challenges, the business remains well-positioned to seize any opportunities from increased consumer spending. Our focus remains on capitalizing on activities that generate aggregate demand and positioning the business for future growth.

#### **Advancing Our Sustainability Priorities**

The Group remains focused on its sustainability agenda, with increased activities in the areas of responsible alcohol consumption, reduction in waste and pollution, community involvement and optimising resource utilisation. In the current year we have amplified our communication on underage drinking under the Pledge 18 campaign, Make A Difference-Recycle executions and uprated the brand activations supporting sports and culture. The full Sustainability Report will be included in the annual report.

#### **Board Changes**

The Board welcomes Messrs George Gapu and Cherian Kurien who have joined the Board. Mr Cherian Kurien is a representative of AB InBev and replaces Ms B Makhura who resigned from the Board. We wish to thank Ms B Makhura for her service to the Group during the past year.

## Final Dividend

The Board declared a final dividend (number 136) of US2.3 cents per share to be paid on 18 June 2025. This brings the total dividend for the year to US3.3 cents per share.

## Appreciation

I wish to record my appreciation to management and staff for their great efforts in sustaining the business in the challenging operating environment. I also thank my fellow directors for their wise counsel and our customers, consumers, suppliers, regulators and stakeholders for their ongoing support.

For and on behalf of the Board



Todd Moyo Chairman 15 May 2025

## **Dividend Notice To Shareholders**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Directors has declared final dividend, Number 136 of US 2.3 cents per share payable in respect of all the qualifying ordinary shares of the Company to be paid out of the profits for the current financial year. This will be payable to shareholders registered at the close of business on 6 June 2025. The dividend will be paid by direct transfers or other approved forms of payment as per the following timetable.

ACTION	DATE
Announcement Date	15 May 2025
Last Date to Trade- cum dividend	4 June 2025
Share Trade Ex Dividend	5 June 2025
Last Record Date (LDR)	6 June 2025
Payment Date	18 June 2025
Dividend Per Share	US 2.3 cents

## By Order of the Board

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Ms F Musinga Company Secretary 15 May 2025



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## **Special Purpose Financial Information: ZWG Financial Statements**

The following abridged financial information has been provided as supplementary information to comply with the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe requirements.

## **Group Statement of Financial Position**

	As At	As At
	31 March 2025	31 March 2024
	ZWG 000	ZWG 000
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	4 161 240	1 818 111
Right-of-use asset	108 248	59 813
Investments in associates	333 110	167 127
Intangible assets - Trademarks and Goodwill	674 773	331 013
Deferred tax asset	124 579	26 076
Investments and loans	120 864	70 851
Financial Asset at armotised cost	212 086	119 735
	5 734 900	2 592 726
Current assets		
Inventories	3 023 407	1 458 934
Trade and other receivables	1 072 110	681 200
Other assets	1 389 983	373 931
Current tax asset	_	5 966
Financial Asset at armotised cost	13 471	_
Cash and cash equivalents	737 797	358 120
	6 236 768	2 878 151
TOTAL ASSETS	11 971 668	5 470 877
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Capital and reserves		
Issued share capital	26 568	13 480
Share premium	181 937	92 208
Share option reserve	28 011	3 728
Share buyback	(172 422)	(64 871)
Foreign currency translation reserve	890 547	550 129
Retained earnings	6 973 897	2 468 666
Adjustment arising from change in non controlling interest	(18 816)	(9 058)
Equity attributed to equity holders of the parent	7 909 722	3 054 282
Non-controlling interests	(225 343)	(41 494)
Shareholders' equity	7 684 379	3 012 788
Non-current liabilities		
Long term borrowings	14 112	_
Long term lease liability	98 011	57 630
Deferred tax liabilities	2 887 115 010	20 082 77 712
Current liebilities	113 010	,,,12
Current liabilities  Short town howeverings	777 570	047 514
Short term borrowings	373 576 31 833	247 511 16 082
Short term lease liability Trade and other payables	2 546 581	
Trade and other payables Provisions	2 546 581 900 062	1 616 325 431 357
Current tax liability	320 227	69 102
Total equity and liabilities	4 172 279 11 971 668	2 380 377 5 470 877
Net asset value per share (cents)	22.41	17.27
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## **Group Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income**

	Year Ended 31 March 2025 ZWG 000	Year Ended 31 March 2024 ZWG 000
Revenue	21 581 977	10 412 331
Operating Costs	(17 503 112)	(8 346 628)
Net Operating Income	4 078 865	2 065 703
Finance charges	(89 645)	(48 057)
Finance income	43 887	49 725
Exchange loss / (gain)	(329 288)	(563 215)
Monetary loss	_	(121 972)
Share of profit of associates	36 724	33 466
Profit before tax	3 740 543	1 415 650
Income tax expense	(636 231)	(52 355)
Profit for the year	3 104 312	1 363 295
Attributable to:		
Owners of the parent	3 159 853	1 369 479
Non controlling interest	(55 541)	(6 184)
Total profit for the year	3 104 312	1 363 295
Other comprehensive income		
Foreign exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	( 240 524)	318 958
Foreign exchange impact of translating to presentation currency	2 925 670	(1 440 628)
Share of other comprehensive income of associate	(33 062)	26 008
Total other comprehensive income for the year	2 652 084	(1 095 662)
Total Comprehensive income for the year	5 756 396	267 633
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to:		
Owners of the parent	5 891 719	278 129
Non controlling interest	(135 323)	(10 495)
	5 756 396	267 634
Weighted average shares in issue (millions)	1 321	1 310
Earnings per share (US\$ cents)		
Headline earnings	234.82	104.62
Diluted earnings	231.32	102.82
Basic earnings	235.06	104.50

## **Group Statement of Cashflows**

	Year Ended 31 March 2025 ZWG 000	Year Ended 31 March 2024 ZWG 000
Cash flow from operating activities	4 635 607	2 016 819
Decrease in working capital	(1 364 620)	(350 933)
Cash generated from operations	3 270 987	1 665 886
Interest received	26 167	2 088
Interest paid	(74 785)	(41 494)
Interest paid on short term lease liability	(12 910)	(5 573)
Income tax paid	(562 435)	(224 418)
Net cash flow from operating activities	2 647 024	1 396 489
Cash flow from investment activities		
Additions in investments and loans	(259 662)	(68 641)
Repayments of investments and loans	254 209	24 435
Purchase of property, plant and equipment to expand operations	(843 479)	(537 776)
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Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment	695	81
Net cash utilised in investing activities	(1 068 876)	(696 334)
Cash flow from financing activities		
Dividends paid by company	(1 055 699)	(455 508)
Dividends paid by subsidiaries	(1 055 059)	
Dividends paid by subsidiaries  Dividends received	(13 952)	(7 377)
Purchase of shares in subsidiary	(2 218)	(705)
Repayment of short-term lease liability	` ,	, ,
Loans raised	(33 811) 478 723	(18 808) 216 390
Repayment of borrowings	(231 063)	(251 457)
Share buy back	,	,
Net cash utilised in financing activities	(44 555) (902 308)	(47 528) (564 993)
Net cash utilised in miancing activities	(902 308)	(304 993)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	675 842	135 166
Effects of currency translation on cash and cash equivalents	(294 755)	(76 017)
Effects of currency translation on cash and cash	` ′	,
equivalents - foreign operations	668	1 601
Foreign exchange impact of translating to presentation currency		
on opening cash and cash equivalents	127 267	(190 993)
Effects of IAS 29 on cash and cash equivalents	_	70 200
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	509 022	(60 043)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	131 058	191 101
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	640 080	131 058
Comprising:-		
Bank balances and cash	737 797	358 120
Bank overdraft	(97 717)	(227 062)
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	070 000	131 030

## **Group Statement of Changes in Shareholders' Equity**

	Year Ended 31 March 2025 ZWG 000	Year Ended 31 March 2024 ZWG 000
Shareholders' equity at beginning of the year	3 012 788	3 248 217
Profit for the year	3 104 312	1 363 295
Other comprehensive income for the period	2 652 083	(1 095 662)
Transactions with Owners:		
Share options exercised	6 976	_
Share buy back	(44 555)	(47 528)
Recognition of share based payments	24 643	8 055
Adjustment arisisng from changes in ownership of subsidiary	(2 218)	(705)
Dividends declared:	(1 069 651)	(462 884)
Shareholders' equity at end of the period	7 684 378	3 012 788
Attributable to:		
Owners of the parent	7 909 721	3 054 282
Non controlling interest	(225 343)	(41 494)
Shareholders' equity at end of the period	7 684 378	3 012 788

## 1. Statement of Compliance

The consolidated special purpose financial statements of the Group have been presented in ZWG in compliance with the 2025 Monetary Policy Statement (MPS) issued by the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) and the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) listing requirements.

## 2. Basis of Preparation and Presentation

The consolidated special purpose financial information is presented in Zimbabwe Gold (ZWG) and has been prepared based on the statutory records that are maintained under the historical cost basis. The consolidated special purpose financial information for the year ended 31 March 2025 has been converted from US dollars which is the functional currency for the Group to the presentation currency at the spot rate at 31 March 2025 of US\$1: ZWG26.73 (31 March 2024: US\$1: ZWG13.56).

## 3. External Auditor's Report

The auditor's report on special purpose financial information is available for inspection at the Company's registered office