Argent Industrial Limited
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('Argent' or 'the group' or 'the company')

ABRIDGED AUDITED CONSOLIDATED RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022, DIVIDEND DECLARATION,NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND DISTRIBUTION OF ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Highlights

Profit for the year	R192 million
Earnings before interest, taxation, depreciation and amortisation 'EBITDA'	R319 million
Headline earnings per share	339.2 cents
Gearing	14.4%
Gearing - excluding IFRS 16	9.2%
Net asset value per share	2 238.3 cents

The abridged audited financial statements are presented on a consolidated basis.

Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss for the year ended 31 March	Audited 2022	Audited 2021
	R 000	R 000
Revenue	2 432 702	1 965 960
Cost of sales	(1 820 366)	(1 470 213)
Gross profit	612 336	495 747
Other operating income	872	878
Other operating expenses	(348 949)	(307 091)
Operating profit before finance income and expense	264 259	189 534
Finance income	3 353	3 218
Finance expense	(15 003)	(16 918)
Profit before taxation	252 609	175 834
Taxation	(60 533)	(43 779)
Profit for the year	192 076	132 055
Attributable to owners of the		
- Parent	190 208	130 362
- Non-controlling interest	1 868	1 693
	192 076	132 055
Basic earnings per share (cents)	330.0	217.3
Diluted earnings per share (cents)	325.3	216.0
Headline earnings per share (cents)	339.2	217.9
Diluted headline earnings per share (cents)	334.3	216.6
Dividends per share (cents)	0.0	0.0
Supplementary information		
Shares in issue (000)		
- at end of period excluding treasury shares	56 392	58 425
- at end of period including treasury shares	57 239	60 551
- weighted average	57 634	59 999
- diluted weighted average	58 477	60 361
Interest expense on lease liabilities (R 000)	7 544	8 330
Amortisation of intangibles (R 000)	322	350
Depreciation of right-of-use assets (R 000)	22 493	22 639
Depreciation of property,plant and equipment(R 000)	32 022	28 897

Reconciliation between earnings and headline earnings (R 000):

	2022 Gross	2022 Net	2021 Gross	2021 Net
Earnings attributable to ordinary shareholders		190 208		130 362
Adjusted for:				
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	7 316	5 268	518	373
Headline earnings attributable to ordinary shareholders	7 316	195 476	518	130 735

Consolidated Statement of other Comprehensive Income or Loss for the year ended 31 March	Audited 2022	Audited 2021
	R 000	R 000
Profit for the period	192 076	132 055
Other comprehensive income for the period		
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit and loss		
Exchange differences on translating foreign operations	(9 473)	(22 315)
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit and loss		
Revaluation of land and buildings	2 188	-
Tax effect of above transaction	(591)	-
Transfer of reserve to retained earnings	(1 183)	-
Total other comprehensive income for the year	183 017	109 740
Attributable to owners of the		
- Parent	181 149	108 047
- Non-controlling interest	1 868	1 693
	183 017	109 740

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March	Audited 2022	Audited 2021
	R 000	R 000
ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	456 745	452 494
Intangible assets	2 896	3 259
Goodwill(1)(2)	248 459	198 330
Right-of-use assets	54 719	76 535
Long-term receivables	5 523	9 610
Deferred taxation	2 881	2 235
Non-current assets	771 223	742 463
Inventories	529 579	344 261
Trade and other receivables	477 647	350 543
Current portion of long-term receivables	762	2 499
Bank balance and cash	183 468	246 234
Current assets	1 191 456	943 537
Non-current assets held for sale	17 000	-
TOTAL ASSETS	1 979 679	1 686 000

EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Capital and reserves		
Stated capital and treasury shares	241 316	277 997
Reserves	(2 693)	5 846
Retained earnings	1 023 587	832 196
Attributable to owners of the parent	1 262 210	1 116 039
Non-controlling interest	15 187	17 369
Total shareholders' funds	1 277 397	1 133 408
Interest-bearing borrowings	83 779	72 494
Lease liabilities	40 708	62 345
Other liabilities	-	13 893
Deferred tax	56 610	48 481
Non-current liabilities	181 097	197 213
Trade and other payables	432 518	279 433
Bank overdraft	15 245	-
Current portion of interest-bearing borrowings	33 879	28 075
Current portion of lease liabilities	25 356	28 098
Taxation	14 187	19 773
Current liabilities	521 185	355 379
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	1 979 679	1 686 000
Net asset value per share (cents)	2 238.3	1 910.2

1.On 2 September 2021, the group purchased the entire issued share capital of American Shutters Proprietary Limited ('American Shutters') for a cash purchase consideration of R57.4 million. American Shutters is a major supplier of stylish door and window shutter systems that provides privacy, light control and security in various materials and finishes.

2.On 28 October 2021, the group purchased the entire share capital of Fluid Transfer Group Limited ('Fluid Transfer') for a cash consideration of GBP1. The acquisition was purchased through Argent Industrial UK Limited, a 100% held subsidiary of Argent. The effective date of the transaction was 1 November 2021.

Fluid Transfer is the leading UK manufacturer of aviation refuelling dispensers and refuellers and is a supplier of marine refuelling systems and standard fuel tankers. The company has a global customer base and has been trading since 1967.

The rationale for the transaction is an opportunity to compliment the product range offered by Fuel Proof Limited, who are leaders in the field of fuel storage and supply systems, which will reduce their cost basis through shared resources thus increasing their margins and product range.

The managing director of Fluid Transfer has an option to acquire 20% of Fluid Transfer for an amount of GBP263 000. The option must be exercised before the net asset value of Fluid Transfer exceeds GBP1 315 000 and within five years from date of acquisition.

The goodwill arising on acquisition is attributable to the anticipated profitability of the business.

The fair value of assets and liabilities assumed were as follows:

	American Shutters R 000	Fluid Transfer R 000	Total 2022 R 000
Property, plant and equipment	1 443	10 477	11 920
Right-of-use assets	894	-	894
Deferred taxation asset	-	1 509	1 509
Inventories	10 072	20 754	30 826
Trade and other receivables	12 590	111 428	124 018
Bank balance and cash	2 680	6 444	9 124
Trade and other payables	(15 683)	(119 441)	(135 124)
Lease liabilities	(899)	-	(899)
Interest-bearing borrowings	-	(30 366)	(30 366)
Goodwill/(excess of fair value)	46 384	(465)	45 919
Total purchase price	57 481	340	57 821
Deduct bank balance on acquisition	(2 680)	(6 444)	(9 124)
Cash flow on acquisition net of cash acquired	54 801	(6 104)	48 697

	2022 R 000
Fair value of consideration transferred	
Amount settled in cash	57 821
Total fair value of consideration transferred	57 821
Goodwill on acquisition	45 919
Revenue since acquisition date included in consolidated results for the year	136 880
Profit after taxation since acquisition date included in consolidated results for the year	18 343
Group revenue had the business combinations been included for the entire year	2 561 984
Group profit after taxation had the business combinations been included for the entire year	177 666

Abridged Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 March	Audited 2022	Audited 2021
	R 000	R 000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash generated from operations	181 973	307 047
Finance income	3 353	3 218
Finance expense	(15 003)	(16 918)
Normal taxation paid	(57 335)	(35 738)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	112 988	257 609
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(56 142)	(31 777)
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment	4 846	13 372
Acquisition of subsidiaries net of cash acquired	(48 697)	(40 265)
Share-based payments	5 505	6 157
Long-term receivables repaid	1 774	2 623
Net cash outflow from investing activities	(92 714)	(49 890)

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Share buyback	(42 186)	(25 990)
Repayment of lease liabilities	(21 521)	(19 371)
Repayment of other liabilities	(13 893)	(33 745)
Proceeds from interest-bearing borrowings	12 470	24 746
Repayment of interest-bearing borrowings	(25 057)	(51 440)
Net cash outflow from financing activities	(90 187)	(105 800)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(69 913)	101 919
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	246 234	158 570
Exchange differences on cash and cash equivalents	(8 098)	(14 255)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	168 223	246 234

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 31 March 2022	Stated capital	Treasury shares	Employee share incentive reserve
	R 000	R 000	R 000
Balance at 31 March 2020	386 021	(88 191)	973
Share-based payments	-	6 157	520
Share buyback	(25 990)	-	-
Profit for the year	-	-	-
Non-controlling interest - dividend	-	-	-
Balance at 31 March 2021	360 031	(82 034)	1 493
Share-based payments	-	5 505	520
Share buyback	(42 186)	-	-
Other comprehensive income	-	-	(1 183)
Profit for the year	-	-	-
Non-controlling interest - dividend	-	-	-
Balance at 31 March 2022	317 845	(76 529)	830

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 31 March 2022 (continued)	Revaluation reserve	Foreign currency translation reserve	Retained earnings
	R 000	R 000	R 000
Balance at 31 March 2020	8 068	18 600	701 834
Share-based payments	-	-	-
Share buyback	-	-	-
Profit for the year	-	(22 315)	130 362
Non-controlling interest - dividend	-	-	-
Balance at 31 March 2021	8 068	(3 715)	832 196
Share-based payments	-	-	-
Share buyback	-	-	-
Other comprehensive income	1 597	-	1 183
Profit for the year	-	(9 473)	190 208
Non-controlling interest - dividend	-	-	-
Balance at 31 March 2022	9 665	(13 188)	1 023 587

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 31 March 2022 (continued)	Total attributable to owners of the parent	Non-controlling interest	Total shareholders' funds
	R 000	R 000	R 000
Balance at 31 March 2020	1 027 305	20 176	1 047 481
Share-based payments	6 677	-	6 677
Share buyback	(25 990)	-	(25 990)
Profit for the year	108 047	1 693	109 740
Non-controlling interest - dividend	-	(4 500)	(4 500)
Balance at 31 March 2021	1 116 039	17 369	1 133 408
Share-based payments	6 025	-	6 025
Share buyback	(42 186)	-	(42 186)
Other comprehensive income	1 597	-	1 597
Profit for the year	180 735	1 868	182 603
Non-controlling interest- dividend	-	(4 050)	(4 050)
Balance at 31 March 2022	1 262 210	15 187	1 277 397

Segmental review	Manufacturing	Steel trading	Properties	Consolidated
	R 000	R 000	R 000	R 000
Business segments for the year ended 31 March 2022				
Revenue from external sales	1 552 922	877 813	1 967	2 432 702
Inter-segment sales	138 625	116 722	22 322	
Total revenue	1 691 547	994 535	24 289	
Profit before taxation	159 644	79 902	13 063	252 609
Taxation				(60 533)
Profit for the year				192 076
Segment assets	1 307 990	415 592	256 097	1 979 679
Segment liabilities	372 253	202 693	127 336	702 282
Capital expenditure	51 690	1 899	2 553	56 142
Depreciation / amortisation	30 313	2 031	-	32 344
Depreciation on right-of-use assets	12 154	10 339	-	22 493
Interest paid on lease liabilities	2 155	5 389	-	7 544
Finance income	3 487	(134)	-	3 353
Finance expense excluding lease liabilities	1 094	84	6 281	7 459

Segmental review (continued)	Manufacturing	Steel trading	Properties	Consolidated
	R 000	R 000	R 000	R 000
Business segments for the year ended 31 March 2021				
Revenue from external sales	1 315 537	650 236	187	1 965 960
Inter-segment sales	189 614	113 311	29 259	
Total revenue	1 505 151	763 547	29 446	
Profit before taxation	118 160	45 657	12 017	175 834
Taxation				(43 779)
Profit for the year				132 055
Segment assets	1 123 070	318 554	244 376	1 686 000
Segment liabilities	281 541	151 157	119 894	552 592
Capital expenditure	26 041	3 146	2 590	31 777
Depreciation / amortisation	27 277	1 970	-	29 247
Depreciation on right-of-use assets	12 300	10 339	-	22 639
Interest paid on lease liabilities	2 214	6 116	-	8 330
Finance income	2 600	384	234	3 218
Finance expense excluding lease liabilities	1 059	101	7 428	8 588

Segmental review (continued)	South Africa	Rest of the world	Consolidated
	R 000	R 000	R 000
Geographical segments for the year ended 31 March 2022			
Revenue from external sales	1 828 960	603 742	2 432 702
Profit before taxation	146 781	105 828	252 609
Taxation			(60 533)
Profit for the year			192 076
Segment assets	1 476 425	503 254	1 979 679
Segment liabilities	515 333	186 949	702 282
Capital expenditure	19 168	36 974	56 142
Depreciation / amortisation	18 434	13 910	32 344
Depreciation on right-of-use assets	13 672	8 821	22 493
Interest paid on lease liabilities	6 587	957	7 544
Finance income	3 219	134	3 353
Finance expense excluding lease liabilities	6 939	520	7 459
for the year ended 31 March 2021			
Revenue from external sales	1 432 653	533 307	1 965 960
Profit before taxation	76 299	99 535	175 834
Taxation			(43 779)
Profit for the year			132 055

Segment assets	1 338 355	347 645	1 686 000
Segment liabilities	450 367	102 225	552 592
Capital expenditure	12 701	19 076	31 777
Depreciation / amortisation	18 309	10 938	29 247
Depreciation on right-of-use assets	13 400	9 239	22 639
Interest paid on lease liabilities	7 059	1 271	8 330
Finance income	3 001	217	3 218
Finance expense excluding lease liabilities	8 110	478	8 588

Fair value measurement of financial instruments
Assets and liabilities measured at fair value in the statement of financial position are grouped into three levels of a fair value hierarchy.

The three levels are defined based on the observability of significant inputs to the measurement, as follows:

- 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 asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3: unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The following table sets out the group's assets and liabilities that are measured and recognised at fair value:

31 March 2022	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	R 000	R 000	R 000	R 000
Recurring fair value measurements				
Financial assets:				
BEE minority shareholder loan	-	-	5 026	5 026
Total recurring financial assets	-	-	5 026	5 026
Non-financial assets:				
Land and buildings	-	-	269 624	269 624
Total recurring non-financial assets	-	-	269 624	269 624
Non-recurring fair value measurements				
Land and buildings held for sale	-	-	17 000	17 000
Total non-recurring fair value measurements	-	-	17 000	17 000

31 March 2021	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	R 000	R 000	R 000	R 000
Recurring fair value measurements				
Financial assets:				
BEE minority shareholder loan	-	-	8 656	8 656
Forward exchange contracts	-	732	-	732
Total recurring financial assets	-	732	8 656	9 388
Non-financial assets:				
Land and buildings	-	-	282 871	282 871
Total recurring non-financial assets	-	-	282 871	282 871

There have been no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 recurring fair value measurements during 2022 and 2021.

The group's policy is to recognise transfers into and out of the different fair value hierarchy levels at the date the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfer occurred.

Measurement of fair value of financial and non-financial instruments
The group’s finance team performs valuations of financial items for financial reporting purposes, including Level 3 fair values, in consultation with third party valuation specialists for complex valuations. Valuation techniques are selected based on the characteristics of each instrument, with the overall objective of maximising the use of market-based information. The finance team reports directly to the financial director (FD) and to the audit and risk committee. Valuation processes and fair value changes are discussed among the audit and risk committee and the valuation team at least every year, in line with the group’s reporting dates. The valuation techniques used for instruments categorised in Level 2 and 3 are described below.

Foreign currency forward contracts (Level 2)
The group’s foreign currency forward contracts are not traded in active markets. These have been fair valued using observable forward exchange rates and interest rates corresponding to the maturity of the contract. The effects of non-observable inputs are not significant for foreign currency forward contracts.

BEE minority shareholder loan (Level 3)
The fair value of the loan was based on unobservable inputs. The fair value has been calculated by discounting the loan at a market related interest rate and with reference to the underlying value of the shares.

The reconciliation of the carrying amounts of financial assets classified within Level 3 is as follows:

	2022 R 000	2021 R 000
Opening balance	8 656	12 737
Cash inflow	(4 050)	(4 502)
Recognised in profit or loss		
Fair value adjustment	420	421
BEE minority shareholder loan	5 026	8 656

Land and buildings (Level 3)
The group's land and buildings are estimated based on appraisals performed by the directors. The valuation processes and fair value changes are reviewed by the board of directors and audit and risk committee at each reporting date.

The fair values of the land and buildings is estimated using an income approach which capitalises the estimated rental income stream, net of projected operating costs, using a discount rate derived from market yields and take into account the type of property and the property's location.

The most significant inputs, all of which are unobservable, are the estimated rental value and the discount rate. The estimated fair value increases if the discount rates (market yields) decline. Rental base range is R31.40 to R63 per square metre (2021 - R31.40 to R63). Expense ratio range is from 10% to 38% (2021 - 7.6% to 38%).

A 1% increase or decrease in the discount rate will impact the fair value by R2.9 million (2021 - R2.1 million). A 1% increase or decrease in the rental rates will impact the fair value by R2.1 million (2021 - R2.3 million). The assumed discount rates applied for the future income streams range between 10.1% and 10.7% (2021 - 9.7% and 11.6%).

The reconciliation of the carrying amounts of non-financial assets classified within Level 3 is as follows:

	2022 R 000	2021 R 000
Opening balance	282 871	288 426
Additions	5 952	3 085
Disposals	(3 304)	(5 024)
Reclassification to non-current assets held for sale	(17 000)	-
Recognised in other comprehensive income		
Exchange difference on translation of foreign operation	(225)	(2 624)
Recognised in profit or loss		
Revaluation	2 188	-
Depreciation	(858)	(992)
Land and buildings	269 624	282 871

Financial overview

Argent Industrial Limited is a South African group with both local and international manufacturing and commodity trading interests.

The group has interests in South Africa ('SA'), the United Kingdom ('UK'), and the United States of America ('USA') and actively exports its products to over 35 countries around the world.

Results

The group exceeded its objectives for the 2022 financial year by investing in stable, developed international markets, by further growing its export markets, through efficiently sourcing of commodities globally, recognising and rewarding entrepreneurial management in its operations and through the repurchase of its own shares.

The consolidated earnings after taxation attributable to owners increased to R190.2 million, up significantly from R130.3 million in 2021. This is after accounting for a R0.973 million IFRS 16 expense and allowing for the amalgamation of Toolroom Services and Castor and Ladder, which resulted in a cost of R4.3 million in asset disposals, write downs and retrenchments. Headline earnings per share grew to 339.2 cents from 217.9 cents in 2021, calculated on the weighted average shares in issue over the financial year of 57.634 million shares.

American Shutters, a Cape Town based leading supplier of stylish door and window shutter systems in SA was purchased on 2 September 2021 for a cash consideration of R57.4. The rationale behind the transaction is to compliment the group's Xpanda Security product range and for the shutter company to benefit from Xpanda's extensive dealer network that would extend its presence throughout SA, Africa and the overseas dealer network, the impact of which is already being noticed.

The group also purchased the entire issued share capital of UK based Fluid Transfer Group Limited (Fluid Transfer) from Rockpool Investments Nominee Limited, through Argent Industrial UK Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Argent. The rationale for the acquisition is the opportunity to exploit the synergies in products, customers, and technologies of the two respective businesses. Fuel Proof Limited are leaders in the field of fuel storage and supply systems. Fluid Transfer Group on the other hand, specialise in the design and building of mobile aircraft refuelling systems, whose customer base is predominately in the UK, North Africa and the Middle East. The cash consideration was GBP1, settled on 29 October 2021 and there are no outstanding conditions precedent to the sale. The effective date of the transaction was 1 November 2021.

In line with Argent's share repurchase strategy, an additional 3.3 million shares were cancelled during this period at a cost of R42.1 million, equating to an average purchase price of R12.74 per share.

Prospects

The group increased its turnover from the overseas operations to R603 million and export revenue to R277 million, the strategy is to increase overseas exposure, our focus in the coming years.

All efforts will be on the following; to get Fluid Transfer readied for the increased activity and refuelling requirements with the return to capacity of the aviation industry, establishing an Xpanda Security operation in the

UK which is currently serviced through exports from SA, expanding Partington Engineering's manufacturing capabilities in the UK, bedding down the Castor and Ladder and Toolroom amalgamation, expanding the American Shutters operations into KwaZulu-Natal and finding additional businesses to acquire that suit our model, in the UK and USA.

During the year, the group sold the assets of Allan Maskew for R5.3 million, realising the net asset value of the business, and reorganised the Toolroom Services operation by removing uneconomical products and production lines and incorporated the balance into Castor and Ladder. Neither of these operations contributed to the groups bottom line and will not be missed.

All the assets required for Partington Engineering's business expansion has been brought into production except for the tube bender which is due to be delivered in July. The targeted orderbook for Fluid Transfer to build 42 refuelling trucks for this year has already been achieved, while Xpanda Security has received the first of several orders for securing the sensitive products of a major UK Retail Chain.

The relocation of Castor and Ladder to its new location is complete and the operation is back to full production. The new American Shutters showroom in Umhlanga Rocks in KwaZulu-Natal has been completed and the poorly located showroom and operation in Johannesburg has been relocated to a busy centre in Fourways, both of which will significantly improve the visibility of the brand. American Shutters also has an existing export market in the UK which we look to expand via their aluminium security shutters.

The group now has a buyer for the Alan Maskew property which is currently tenanted to an Argent subsidiary and several external tenants. The sale value of the property is R17 million which will be finalised on receipt of the bank guarantees.

Return to shareholders
Argent has adopted a policy of returning 30 percent of its after-tax income to shareholders either via a dividend or via share buybacks. This amount will be six monthly commencing from 1 October 2021.

Dividend
The directors have declared and approved a final gross dividend of 42 cents per share for the year ended 31 March 2022 from income reserves. Total ordinary dividends per share in respect of the financial year to 31 March 2022 therefore amounts to 42 cents (2021 - nil).

The following dates will apply to the abovementioned final dividend:

Last day to trade cum dividend:	Tuesday, 26 July 2022
Trading ex-dividend commences:	Wednesday, 27 July 2022
Record date:	Friday, 29 July 2022
Dividend payment date:	Monday, 1 August 2022

Share certificates may not be dematerialised or re-materialised between Wednesday, 27 July 2022 and Friday, 29 July 2022, both days inclusive.

In determining the dividends tax of 20% to be withheld in terms of the Income Tax Act (No 58 of 1962), those shareholders who are not exempt from the dividend tax will therefore receive a dividend of 33.6 cents per share net of dividend tax. The company has 57 199 206 ordinary shares in issue as at 29 June 2022 and its income tax reference number is 9096/002/71/3.

Ordinary shareholders who hold dematerialised shares will have their accounts at their CSDP or broker credited/updated on Monday, 1 August 2022.

Basis of preparation

The abridged audited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), the presentation and disclosure requirements of IAS 34 - Interim Financial Reporting, the SAICA Financial Reporting Guides as issued by the Accounting Practices Committee, the Financial Reporting Pronouncements as issued by the Financial Reporting Standards Council and in compliance with the Companies Act of South Africa (No. 71 of 2008) and the Listing Requirements of the JSE Limited.

The results have been prepared in terms of IFRS on the historical cost basis, except for the revaluation of land and buildings and certain financial instruments which are carried at either fair value or amortised cost as appropriate. The abridged audited consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the supervision of the Financial Director, Ms SJ Cox CA(SA).

The accounting policies are consistent with those of the previous annual financial statements.

The adoption of improved, revised, or new standards and interpretations did not have any significant impact on the financial statements.

Going concern

There has been no material impact from the COVID-19 pandemic nor the July 2021 civil unrest in South Africa.

Based on the above, no material uncertainties have been identified in relation to the ability of the company and group to remain going concerns for at least the next twelve months. The directors thus believe that the company and group are in a sound financial position and that they will continue to operate as going concerns for the foreseeable future.

As such, the financial statements have been prepared on the basis of accounting policies applicable to a going concern. This presumes the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities, contingent liabilities and commitments will occur in the ordinary course of business.

Events after the reporting period

No material facts or circumstances have occurred between the accounting date and the date of this report.

Changes to the board

During the reporting period there were no changes to the board of directors.

Annual Report and Notice of Annual General Meeting

The company's annual report ("**the Annual Report**"),including the full audited consolidated financial statements of the company for the financial year ended 31 March 2022 and the notice of the annual general meeting of the company ("**Notice of AGM**"), has been distributed to shareholders today, 29 June 2022. The annual report is available on the company's website, https://argent.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/annual-report-2022.pdf.

Notice is hereby given that Argent's annual general meeting(“**AGM**”) of shareholders will be held in the company's boardroom at First floor, Ridge 63, 8 Sinembe Crescent, La Lucia Ridge Office Estate, Umhlanga, on Friday, 19 August 2022 at 11:00 to transact the business as stated in the abovementioned notice of AGM.

The date on which shareholders must be recorded as such in the share register to be eligible to vote at the AGM is Friday, 12 August 2022, with the last day to trade being Monday,8 August 2022.

Audit opinion
The auditors, BDO South Africa Inc. (Mrs G Bass as designated auditor), have audited the group`s financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 and their unqualified audit report is available for inspection at the company`s registered office.

These abridged results are extracted from audited information but are not in itself audited. The directors therefore take full responsibility for the preparation of the abridged results and that the financial information has been correctly extracted from the underlying financial statements.

The auditor's report does not necessarily cover all the information contained in this announcement. Shareholders are therefore advised that to obtain a full understanding of the nature of the auditor's work they should obtain a copy of that report together with the accompanying financial information from the registered office of the company.

On behalf of the board

TR Hendry CA (SA)	Umhlanga Rocks
Chief Executive Officer	29 June 2022

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Transfer Secretaries:	JSE Investor Services
Company Secretary:	Jaco Dauth

Directors: CD Angus (Independent Non-executive), PA Christofides (Independent Non-executive), Ms SJ Cox (Financial Director), TR Hendry (Chief Executive Officer), AF Litschka, K Mapasa (Independent Non-executive), T Scharrighuisen (Non-executive Chairman).