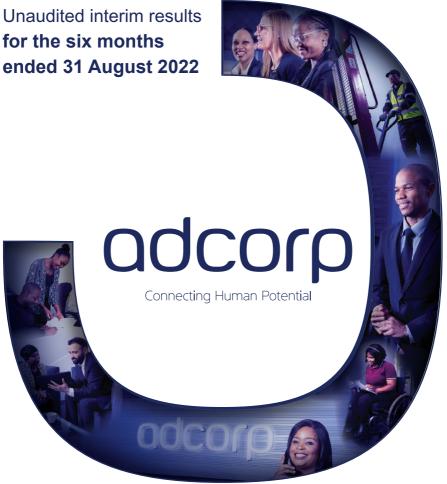
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Salient highlights

REVENUE

FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS

R**5,9** bn

2021* **R5,7 bn**

+ 3,2%

OPERATING PROFIT

FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS BEFORE FINANCE INCOME AND FINANCE COSTS

2021* | **R69 mil**

- 0.3%

INTEREST-BEARING DEBT

EXCLUDES LEASES

2021 R133 mil

- 82,5%

EARNINGS PER SHARE*

FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS

24.6 cents

2021* **23,8** cents

+ 3.4%

Restated.

** Net debt defined as interest-bearing debt excluding leases less unrestricted cash and cash equivalents from continuing operations. This is not an IFRS measure.

GROSS PROFIT

FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS

R627 mil

2021* **R590 mil**

+ 6,3%

CASH GENERATED

BY OPERATIONS

R69 mil 2021

+ 29.4%

NET CASH POSITION**

REDUCED TO

2021

R198 mil

- 26.7%

HEADLINE EARNINGS PER SHARE*

FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS

2021* **25,7** cents

- 4.3%

DIVIDEND DECLARED

PER SHARE

12,2 cents

2021

Nil

Commentary

Performance overview

The performance of Adcorp and its subsidiaries ("group") for the first six months to 31 August 2022 reflected ongoing execution of its growth strategy. Adcorp's revenue and gross profit was up compared to the six months ending 31 August 2021 ("comparative period") and also lifted profit before tax on a continuing operations basis. This is the first time since August 2018 that we can report a rise in revenue over prior period and the ongoing focus on improving the quality of our business has seen gross margins rise over the comparable period. Overall results were negatively impacted by problems in the allaboutXpert ("aaX") brand in Australia and at 31 August 2022 aaX has been classified as a discontinued operation in terms of IFRS 5: Noncurrent Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued operations.

Financial overview

Group revenue from continuing operations of R5,9 billion was up 3,2% compared to the comparative period. Margin improvement has resulted in gross profit from continuing operations increasing by 6,3% to R626,8 million (2021: R589,6 million).

Operating profit from continuing operations was similar to the comparative period. While gross profit improved, operating expenses increased by 9,1%. The majority of this increase was attributable to an investment in people, particularly in Australia.

Profit before taxation rose by 22,3% to R45,4 million (2021: R37,1 million), largely due to a reduced interest expense of R26,9 million (2021: R35,1 million). Earnings per share from continuing operations is up to 24,6 cents (2021: 23,8 cents). The loss from discontinued operations amounted to R13,7 million.

The group's effective tax rate from continuing operations was 40,8%, largely driven by current year tax losses not recognised and holding company non-deductible expenses in South Africa. The South African tax system does not

operate on group taxation principles and therefore all subsidiary group companies are taxed at an entity level. From the accounting charge of R18,5 million in income tax, only R6,1 million is payable as cash tax. As at 31 August 2022, total tax losses not recognised were R798 million (2021: R751 million) and those recognised were R238 million (2021: R332 million). As our businesses become more profitable, we anticipate recognising more of the assessed losses.

Cash generated by operations improved to R89,1 million from the comparative period (2021: R68,9 million) an increase of 29,4%. Net cash of R144,8 million was lower at 31 August 2022 (2021: 197,7 million) primarily due to investment in working capital, share buybacks of R12,6 million and returning cash to shareholders via a distribution of a net dividend of R49,2 million during the period. This is in line with the capital allocation framework shared with investors at year end. The group has extended its banking facilities for both South Africa and Australia during the period.

While the group continues to face pressure for extended terms from clients, the Days Sales Outstanding for the group has been carefully managed and has remained unchanged from year end on 38 days, with South Africa at 41 and 35 days in Australia.

Contingent Staffing

Overall performance was solid as in the comparative period; considerable revenue losses in Cynergy were progressively replaced with new business in the division. BLU saw growth in demand in Q1, but had a weaker Q2 as GDP contracted. Despite this, margins were up, and the forward-looking pipeline is solid, although some of these opportunities may only materialise in FY2024.

Functional Outsourcing

Overall performance was in line with expectations. The core FO brand continued to replace revenue lost from large contract withdrawals in the prior year with new sales. Gross profit margins improved as a continued focus on the quality of earnings paid dividends. The forward-looking pipeline remains strong. Capability performed strongly as its niche cleaning offering found willing customers.

Professional

The division's performance reflected the efforts to stabilise the business and pursue higher quality contracts. Quest showed excellent growth while talentCRU showed signs of recovery in the Recruitment Process Outsourcing market. Charisma showed a sharp decline as hours worked were significantly less than the comparative period at a COVID-19 peak. Paracon performed in line with expectations, with lack of resource supply affecting our ability to meet demand.

Training

Training had a weaker H1 than the comparative period. Large clients delayed spending in Q1, but these came through in Q2. Results were therefore negatively affected on a comparative basis to the prior year. PMI saw a decline in

turnover as clients cut back on training. In Torque IT, major suppliers discontinued long-standing incentive programmes, demand for IT training also fell, and clients adopted a wait-and-see attitude to training spending.

Australia

The Australia division produced a strong underlying performance. Investments in Labour Solutions Australia ("LSA") during H1 produced excellent results, with revenue climbing substantially over the prior year. Paxus revenue was also ahead of prior year.

The division's results have been markedly impacted by considerable losses on contracts at aaX, a subsidiary of Adcorp Holdings Australia, ultimately held by Adcorp, which required extensive investment to remediate. This brand is not core to the Adcorp staffing business, therefore a programme to market the assets was launched and aaX has accordingly been disclosed as a discontinued operation in terms of IFRS 5: Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations.



Commentary continued

Changes to the Board

The following changes to the directorate took place during the period under review:

- · Passing of MW Spicer on 9 March 2022.
- Appointment of P Mnganga as Lead Independent director effective 26 May 2022.
- Resignation of M Nkosi effective 1 June 2022.
- Appointment of T Olls as non-executive director effective 28 July 2022.
- Resignation of and subsequent appointment of S Sithole as alternate director effective 28 July 2022.
- Resignation of C Maswanganyi effective 28 July 2022.

Subsequent to the AGM held on 28 July 2022, changes in the constitution of the various Board Sub-Committees were effected.

Dividend declaration

Shareholders are hereby advised that the board of directors of Adcorp has approved and declared an interim gross dividend of 12,2 cents per ordinary share, from income reserves, for the six months ended 31 August 2022.

The dividend is subject to a South African dividend withholding tax rate of 20%, resulting in a net dividend of 9,76 cents per ordinary share, unless the shareholder is exempt from paying dividend tax or is entitled to a reduced rate of dividend tax in terms of an applicable double-taxation agreement.

As at the date of this announcement, the Company has 109 954 675 ordinary shares of no par value in issue.

The Company's income tax reference number is 9233680710.

Salient dates and times

Shareholders are hereby advised of the following salient dates and times for the payment of the dividend:

Publication of declaration data and finalisation information	Monday, 31 October 2022
Last day to trade cum dividend	Tuesday, 17 January 2023
Securities commence trading ex dividend	Wednesday, 18 January 2023
Record date for purposes of determining the registered holders of ordinary shares to participate in the dividend at close of business on	Friday, 20 January 2023
Payment date	Monday, 23 January 2023

Share certificates may not dematerialise or rematerialise between Wednesday, 18 January 2023 and Friday 20 January 2023, both dates inclusive.

Outlook

The South African operations in the second half of the 2023 financial year may be negatively affected by the persistent load shedding, high levels of labour unrest and rising inflation. In the absence of further weakening in the South African economy we expect that the progress we have made in the first half of the year will be sustained towards year end.

In Australia, we forsee softening demand for white collar contingent staff as inflation and interest rates rise, but we expect that demand for blue collar contingent staff will persist. We anticipate further costs associated with the resolution of the aaX matters will impact results.

By order of the Board

GT Serobe

Chairman

Dr JP Wentzel

Chief Executive Officer

N Prendergast

Chief Financial Officer

Consolidated statement of financial position

as at 31 August 2022

	Notes	Unaudited six months to 31 August 2022 R'000	Unaudited six months to 31 August 2021 R'000	Audited year to 28 February 2022 R'000
ASSETS				
Non-current assets		1 272 447	1 282 305	1 290 954
Property and equipment		34 081	43 922	37 171
Right-of-use assets		304 222	333 072	323 432
Intangible assets		121 113	129 817	125 773
Goodwill		528 092	500 219	512 723
Other financial assets – investment at fair value		20 126	19 348	19 597
Deferred taxation		208 641	196 404	214 187
Prepayments		56 172	59 523	58 071
Current assets		1 786 545	1 904 244	1 909 718
Trade receivables		1 392 343	1 344 079	1 336 354
Other receivables		104 624	130 457	143 562
Taxation prepaid		5 513	9 572	9 447
Cash and cash equivalents		284 065	420 136	420 355
Non-current assets held for sale	4	81 222	_	_
Total assets		3 140 214	3 186 549	3 200 672
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
Capital and reserves		1 474 070	1 340 430	1 472 529
Share capital and share premium		1 740 858	1 740 858	1 740 858
Treasury shares		(84 170)	(68 083)	(72 172)
Reserves		(182 618)	(332 345)	(196 157)
Non-current liabilities		443 417	443 854	438 004
Lease liabilities		346 703	356 173	348 493
Deferred taxation		96 714	87 681	89 511
Current liabilities		1 193 644	1 402 265	1 290 139
Interest-bearing borrowings	8	23 358	250 000	133 336
Lease liabilities		67 213	68 998	75 472
Trade and other payables		828 325	832 188	819 610
Provisions		225 305	205 265	203 930
Taxation		49 443	45 814	57 791
Liabilities held for sale	4	29 083	_	
Total equity and liabilities		3 140 214	3 186 549	3 200 672

Consolidated statement of profit or loss

	Notes	Unaudited six months to 31 August 2022 R'000	Restated¹ unaudited six months to 31 August 2021 R'000	Restated¹ audited year to 28 February 2022 R'000
CONTINUING OPERATIONS Revenue Cost of sales	6	5 860 947 (5 234 175)	5 680 579 (5 090 963)	11 318 048 (10 109 805)
Gross profit Other income Loss allowance for expected credit losses – trade receivables Operating expenses		626 772 9 667 8 312 (575 546)	589 616 6 236 1 150 (527 588)	1 208 243 19 553 15 673 (1 042 494)
Operating profit Interest income Interest expense		69 205 3 034 (26 851)	69 414 2 852 (35 146)	200 975 5 243 (69 015)
Profit before taxation Taxation expense		45 388 (18 525)	37 120 (11 299)	137 203 (31 890)
Profit for the period from continuing operations		26 863	25 821	105 313
DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS (Loss)/profit for the period from discontinued operations	4	(13 663)	6 505	13 644
Profit for the period		13 200	32 326	118 957
Profit attributable to: Owners of the parent – continuing operations Owners of the parent – discontinued operations Non-controlling interest		25 790 (13 663) 1 073	25 516 6 505 305	102 759 13 644 2 554
Continuing operations basic and diluted earnings per share: Basic earnings per share – cents Diluted earnings per share – cents Discontinued operations basic and diluted earnings per share:	7 7	24,6 23,8	23,8 22,3	96,3 91,1
Basic (loss)/earnings per share – cents Diluted (loss)/earnings per share – cents Total basic and diluted earnings per share:		(13,0) (12,6)	6,1 5,7	12,8 12,1
Basic earnings per share – cents Diluted earnings per share – cents	7 7	11,6 11,2	29,8 27,9	109,1 103,2

¹ 31 August 2021 and 28 February 2022 restated on the classification of aaX as discontinued operations. Refer to note 4 Discontinued operations. The published prior year results included aaX as continued operations.

Consolidated statement of other comprehensive income

	Unaudited six months to 31 August 2022 R'000	Restated¹ unaudited six months to 31 August 2021 R'000	Restated ¹ audited year to 28 February 2022 R'000
Profit for the period	13 200	32 326	118 957
Other comprehensive income/(loss)¹ CONTINUING OPERATIONS Exchange differences on translating			
foreign operations	38 505	(18 744)	9 375
Exchange differences arising on the net investment of a foreign operation	17 380	(30 330)	(15 987)
DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS			
Exchange differences on translating foreign operations	(567)	2 400	1 351
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the period, net of tax	55 318	(46 674)	(5 261)
Non-controlling interest	104	74	_
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	68 622	(14 274)	113 696
Total comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to:			
Owners of the parent continuing operations	81 675	(23 558)	96 147
Owners of the parent discontinued operations	(14 230)	8 905	14 995
Non-controlling interest	1 177	379	2 554

¹ 31 August 2021 and 28 February 2022 restated on the classification of aaX as discontinued operations. Refer to note 4 Discontinued operations. The published prior year results included aaX as continued operations.

Consolidated statement of changes in equity

	Share	Share premium	Treasury shares	Share- based payment	
	capital R'000	R'000	R'000	reserve R'000	
Balance as at 28 February 2021 (audited)	2 749	1 738 109	(68 083)	179 717	
Recognition of BBBEE and staff share-based payments	_	_	_	8 484	
Profit for the period	_	_	_	_	
Other comprehensive income	_	_	_	_	
Equity due to change in control	_	_	_	_	
Balance as at 31 August 2021 (unaudited)	2 749	1 738 109	(68 083)	188 201	
Balance as at 28 February 2022 (audited)	2 749	1 738 109	(72 172)	196 240	
Treasury share purchases	_	_	(12 560)	_	
Treasury shares sold	_	_	562	(562)	
Recognition of BBBEE and					
staff share-based payments	_	-	-	(5 312)	
Profit for the period	_	_	_	_	
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	_	
Distributions to shareholders	_	_	_	_	
Balance as at 31 August 2022 (unaudited)	2 749	1 738 109	(84 170)	190 366	

Foreign currency		Attributable to equity holders	Non-	Employee's share option	
translation reserve R'000	Accumulated loss R'000	of the parent R'000	controlling interest R'000	scheme reserve R'000	Total R'000
28 782	(529 095)	1 352 179	(93)	168	1 352 254
_	_	8 484	_	_	8 484
_	32 021	32 021	305	_	32 326
(46 674)	_	(46 674)	74	_	(46 600)
_	_	_	(6 034)	_	(6 034)
(17 892)	(497 074)	1 346 010	(5 748)	168	1 340 430
23 658	(412 692)	1 475 892	(3 531)	168	1 472 529
-	_	(12 560)	_	_	(12 560)
-	-	-	-	-	-
_	_	(5 312)	_	_	(5 312)
_	12 127	12 127	1 073	_	13 200
55 318	_	55 318	104	_	55 422
_	(49 209)	(49 209)	-	-	(49 209)
78 976	(449 774)	1 476 256	(2 354)	168	1 474 070

Consolidated statement of cash flows

	Unaudited six months to 31 August 2022 R'000	Restated¹ unaudited six months to 31 August 2021 R'000	Restated¹ audited year to 28 February 2022 R'000
Operating activities			
Profit before taxation	25 977	45 520	153 977
From continuing operations	45 388	37 120	137 203
From discontinued operations	(19 411)	8 400	16 794
Adjusted for:			
Depreciation of property and equipment	7 308	9 611	18 496
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	27 667	26 671	53 645
Impairment of financial asset	876	-	_
Amortisation of intangibles	8 491	8 512	16 880
Prepayment released – enterprise technology			10.011
transformation project	13 052	9 706	19 844
Impairment of right-of-use assets	_	2 770	2 770
Loss on the sale of property and equipment	6 9 792	164 8 484	2 182 19 709
Share-based payments Profit on the disposal of businesses	9 / 92	(1 526)	(13 950)
Fair value adjustment	(528)	(377)	(626)
Decrease in loss allowances for expected	(328)	(377)	(020)
credit losses – trade receivables	(8 312)	(1 150)	(15 673)
Interest income	(3 034)	(2 852)	(5 243)
Interest expense	26 851	35 153	69 022
Cash generated from operations before			
working capital changes	108 146	140 686	321 033
Increase in trade and other receivables	(46 289)	(57 992)	(13 658)
Increase/(decrease) in trade and			
other payables	18 400	(30 102)	(66 303)
Increase in provisions	8 859	16 292	18 946
Cash generated by operations	89 116	68 884	260 018
Interest income	3 034	2 852	5 243
Interest expense	(4 609)	(12 326)	(24 645)
Interest expense on finance lease liabilities	(22 242)	(22 522)	(45 087)
Taxation paid	(14 255)	(17 878)	(49 794)
Net cash generated by operating activities	51 044	19 010	145 735

¹ 31 August 2021 and 28 February 2022 restated on the classification of aaX as discontinued operations. Refer to note 4 Discontinued operations. The published prior year results included aaX subsidiaries as continued operations.

	Note	Unaudited six months to 31 August 2022 R'000	Restated unaudited six months to 31 August 2021 R'000	Restated audited year to 28 February 2022 R'000
Investing activities				
Additions to property, equipment and intangible assets		(5 206)	(4 545)	(10 835)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment		_	_	511
Prepayment – enterprise technology transformation project Additions to intangible assets		(15 529)	(4 983)	(23 798)
Net proceeds on disposal of businesses	4	_	150 773	(804) 163 684
Net cash (utilised)/generated by investing activities		(20 735)	141 245	128 758
Financing activities				
Treasury shares acquired		(12 561)	_	(4 089)
Distributions to external shareholders		(49 209)	_	_
Repayment of borrowings		(394 000)	(652 509)	(960 000)
Proceeds from borrowings		283 000	447 000	637 509
Repayment of lease liabilities		(18 931)	(17 327)	(36 217)
Acquisition of non-controlling interest shareholding		_	(3 857)	(3 864)
Distributions to non-controlling interest		_	(1 971)	(1 991)
Net cash utilised by financing activities		(191 701)	(228 664)	(368 652)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(161 392)	(68 409)	(94 159)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period		420 355	498 356	498 356
Non-cash item: Foreign currency exchange arising on cash and cash equivalents		28 606	(9 811)	16 158
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period ²		287 569	420 136	420 355

 $^{^{2}\,}$ For the period ended 31 August 2022 R3,5 million is included in non-current assets held for sale.

Segment report

	Industrial	Professional	Training	Australia	
	South Africa R'000	South Africa R'000	South Africa R'000	International R'000	
Revenue					
- August 2022	2 247 500	933 837	113 859	2 565 751	
- August 2021	2 235 649	997 650	124 206	2 323 074	
- February 2022	4 709 665	1 854 920	239 764	4 513 698	
Internal revenue					
- August 2022	20 197	12 590	4 390	_	
- August 2021	110 277	1 419	2 205	_	
- February 2022	59 515	52 995	11 388		
Loss allowances for expected credit losses and bad debts on trade receivables – income/(expense)					
- August 2022	7 169	934	761	(552)	
- August 2021	1 353	_	(750)	547	
- February 2022	10 081	4 642	176	774	
Depreciation and amortisation					
- August 2022	1 091	8 261	3 706	11 755	
- August 2021	1 039	9 080	3 550	12 194	
- February 2022	2 079	17 968	7 604	23 461	
Operating profit/(loss) before finance income and finance costs ^{3,4}					
- August 2022	40 595	7 253	(22 551)	38 846	
– August 2021	44 797	10 310	(21 734)	37 021	
- February 2022	129 246	23 906	(22 834)	70 834	
Finance income					
- August 2022	36	34	58	220	
– August 2021	_	11	17	(46)	
- February 2022	3	12	58	_	
Finance costs					
- August 2022	(134)	(10)	(520)	(3 049)	
– August 2021	(148)	(56)	(274)	(2 823)	
- February 2022	(276)	(80)	(670)	(5 671)	
Impairment expenses ⁴					
- August 2022	-	-	-	-	
- August 2021	_	_	_	_	
- February 2022	_	_	_	-	

Central	Group continued operations	Discontinued operations ¹	Discontinued operations ²	Total Group		aphical nents
South Africa R'000	R'000	South Africa R'000	International R'000	Total R'000	South Africa R'000	International R'000
-	5 860 947	-	97 464	5 958 411	3 295 196	2 663 215
_	5 680 579	11 024	100 252	5 791 855	3 368 529	2 423 326
-	11 318 047	11 024	194 900	11 523 971	6 815 373	4 708 598
-	37 177	-	-	37 177	37 177	-
_	113 901	_	_	113 901	113 901	_
	123 898			123 898	123 898	-
-	8 312	-	-	8 312	8 864	(552)
_	1 150	_	_	1 150	603	547
_	15 673	_	_	15 673	14 899	774
18 652	43 465	-	74	43 539	31 710	11 829
18 712	44 575	146	73	44 794	32 527	12 267
37 622	88 734	146	151	89 031	65 419	23 612
5 062	69 205	-	(19 411)	49 794	30 359	19 435
(758)	69 636	4 627	2 224	76 487	37 242	39 245
47	201 199	4 402	(1 827)	203 774	134 767	69 007
2 686	3 034	-	-	3 034	2 814	220
2 870	2 852	31	_	2 883	2 929	(46)
5 170	5 243	31	_	5 274	5 274	_
(23 138)	(26 851)	-	-	(26 851)	(23 802)	(3 049
(31 845)	(35 146)	_	(7)	(35 153)	(32 323)	(2 830
(62 332)	(69 029)	-	(7)	(69 036)	(63 358)	•
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(2 770)	(2 770)	_	_	(2 770)	(2 770)	_
(2 770)	(2 770)	_	-	(2 770)	(2 770)	_

Segment report continued

	Industrial	Professional	Training	Australia
	South Africa R'000	South Africa R'000	South Africa R'000	International R'000
Taxation (expense)/income				
- August 2022	(12 345)	1 561	(1 183)	(10 293)
- August 2021	(7 893)	5 465	1 167	(10 285)
- February 2022	(19 340)	(417)	5 118	(19 662)
Total assets				
- August 2022	918 974	445 106	78 430	1 089 682
- August 2021	982 008	544 874	82 299	1 059 496
- February 2022	839 565	448 313	100 096	1 146 197
Total liabilities				
- August 2022	414 082	179 566	134 767	422 621
- August 2021	395 756	182 429	127 454	418 506
- February 2022	372 681	159 618	138 677	471 515
Additions to property and equip	ment			
- August 2022	16	51	193	4 807
- August 2021	333	_	_	4 959
- February 2022	997	147	760	8 306
Additions to right-of-use assets				
- August 2022	1 589	-	-	5 174
- August 2021	1 289	_	1 417	_
- February 2022	2 699	2 271	8 117	7 152

Relates to the trading performance and financial position of Adcorp Support Services Proprietary Limited classified as a discontinued operation in the 2021 financial year and its related assets and liabilities classified as held for sale. The comparatives had been restated.

² Relates to the trading performance and financial position of allaboutXpert Australia Proprietary Limited, allaboutXpert NZ Proprietary Limited and allaboutXpert Technologies Proprietary Limited classified as a discontinued operation in the current financial year and its related assets and liabilities classified as held for sale.

³ Includes internal charges between segments within continued and discontinued operations. As a result, the amounts presented in the segmental report from continuing operations will not agree to the amounts presented in the consolidated statement of profit or loss for continuing operations.

⁴ Includes impairment on right-of-use assets.

Central	Group continued operations	Discontinued operations ¹	Discontinued operations ²	Total Group	Geogra segm	
South Africa R'000	R'000	South Africa R'000	International R'000	Total R'000	South Africa R'000	International R'000
,						
3 735	(18 525)	-	5 748	(12 777)	(8 232)	(4 545)
249	(11 297)	(1 242)	(655)	(13 194)	(2 254)	(10 940)
2 410	(31 890)	(1 242)	(1 888)	(35 020)	(13 471)	(21 549)
526 800	3 058 992	-	81 222	3 140 214	1 969 310	1 170 904
517 870	3 186 547	_	_	3 186 547	2 127 051	1 059 496
666 501	3 200 672	_	_	3 200 672	2 054 475	1 146 197
486 025	1 637 061	-	29 083	1 666 144	1 214 440	451 704
721 972	1 846 117	_	_	1 846 117	1 427 611	418 506
585 652	1 728 143	_	_	1 728 143	1 256 628	471 515
224	5 291	_	_	5 291	484	4 807
21	5 313	_	_	5 313	354	4 959
625	10 835	_	_	10 835	2 529	8 306
-	6 763	-	-	6 763	1 589	5 174
_	2 706	_	_	2 706	2 706	_
7 338	27 577	_	_	27 577	20 425	7 152

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1. Basis of preparation

The unaudited and unreviewed consolidated interim financial statements are prepared in accordance with the JSE Listings Requirements for preliminary reports, the requirements of IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting, the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA) Financial Reporting Guides as issued by the Accounting Practices Committee, Financial Reporting Pronouncements as issued by Financial Reporting Standards Council and the requirements of the Companies Act, No 71 of 2008 of South Africa applicable to summary financial statements.

These interim financial statements do not include all the notes typically included in the annual financial statements and should therefore be read in conjunction with the Group audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 28 February 2022.

The interim financial statements comprise the consolidated statement of financial position at 31 August 2022, consolidated statement of profit or loss, consolidated statement of other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the six months ended 31 August 2022 and selected explanatory notes.

The accounting policies and method of computation applied in the preparation of these interim financial statements are in terms of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and are consistent with those applied in the preparation of the Group's 2022 consolidated financial statements.

These unaudited and unreviewed consolidated interim financial statements for the six months ended 31 August 2022 were prepared under the supervision of Mr Noel Prendergast CA(SA), in his capacity as Chief Financial Officer.

1.1 Restatements

Assets held for sale and discontinued operations

As at 31 August 2022 the requirements of IFRS 5 Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations have been met for disclosure purposes and allaboutXpert NZ Ltd and allaboutXpert Technologies Proprietary Limited that are wholly owned subsidiaries of allaboutXpert Australia Proprietary Limited ("aaX"), have been disclosed as discontinued operations held for sale in the consolidated statement of profit or loss, consolidated statement of other comprehensive income and consolidated statement of financial position for the period 31 August 2022. The consolidated statement of profit or loss, consolidated statement of other comprehensive income and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the period ended 31 August 2021 have been restated on the classification as a discontinued operation in the current financial year. Refer to note 4.

2. Auditor's responsibility

These unaudited interim financial results have neither been audited nor reviewed by the Group's auditors.

3. Going concern

The directors believe that the Group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, accounting policies supported by judgements, estimates and assumptions in compliance with IFRS are applied on the basis that the Group shall continue as a going concern.

4. Discontinued operations

The Company's management approved the sale of allaboutXpert NZ Ltd and allaboutXpert Technologies Proprietary Limited that are wholly owned subsidiaries of allaboutXpert Australia Proprietary Limited ("aaX"), a subsidiary of Adcorp Holdings Australia which is ultimately held by Adcorp Holdings Limited. A programme to market the assets was launched and the identification of potential buyers is underway. Management is committed to the successful conclusion of this transaction within the next 12 months.

On 30 March 2021, the Group disposed of its 100% shareholding in Adcorp Support Services Proprietary Limited. The asset was disclosed as discontinued operations held for sale in terms of IFRS 5: Non-current Assets and Liabilities Held for Sale from Discontinued Operations in the statement of comprehensive income and statement of financial position for the periods 31 August 2021 and 28 February 2022.

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4. Discontinued operations continued

The current year financial performance presented below relates to aaX.

	Unaudited six months to 31 August 2022 R'000	Unaudited six months to 31 August 2021 R'000	Audited 28 February 2022 R'000
Profit or loss			
Revenue	97 464	100 252	194 900
Cost of sales	(106 217)	(90 445)	(181 091)
Gross (loss)/profit	(8 753)	9 807	13 089
Operating expenses	(10 584)	(7 583)	(15 636)
Operating (loss)/profit	(19 377)	2 224	(1 827)
Interest expense	(74)	(7)	(7)
(Loss)/profit before taxation	(19 411)	2 217	(1 834)
Taxation	5 748	(654)	(1 888)
(Loss)/profit for the period from discontinued operations	(13 663)	1 563	(3 722)

The assets and liabilities of the disposal group of aaX as at 31 August 2022 is presented as follows:

	Unaudited six months to 31 August 2022 R'000
	R 000
ASSETS	
Non-current assets	2 845
Property and equipment	215
Deferred taxation	2 630
Current assets	78 377
Trade and other receivables	73 008
Taxation prepaid	1 865
Cash and cash equivalents	3 504
Total assets	81 222
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities	29 083
Trade and other payables	27 336
Provisions	1 747
Total liabilities	29 083

4. **Discontinued operations** continued

The prior year financial performance presented below relates to Adcorp Support Services Proprietary Limited.

	Adcorp Support Services Proprietary Limited	Adcorp Support Services Proprietary Limited
	Unaudited six months to 31 August 2021 R'000	Audited 28 February 2022 R'000
Profit or loss		
Revenue	11 024	11 024
Cost of sales	(4 199)	(4 199)
Gross profit	6 825	6 825
Other income	158	158
Operating expenses	(2 356)	(2 356)
Operating profit	4 627	4 627
Interest income	31	31
Profit before taxation	4 658	4 658
Taxation expense	(1 242)	(1 242)
Profit for the period from discontinued operations	3 416	3 416
Profit on disposal after income tax	1 526	13 950
Profit from discontinued operation	4 942	17 366

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4. Discontinued operations continued

The sale of Adcorp Support Services Proprietary Limited was concluded in the prior year as represented below:

	31 August 2021 R'000	28 February 2022 R'000
Total consideration received	182 276	194 979
Cash (after closing liabilities)	173 932	173 932
Contingent consideration	8 344	21 047
Carrying value of net assets sold	(28 571)	(28 571)
Goodwill derecognised	(148 656)	(148 656)
Profit on disposal before transaction costs	5 049	17 752
Transaction costs	(3 523)	(3 802)
Profit on disposal	1 526	13 950
Net cash inflow on disposal:		
Net proceeds received on disposal	178 266	191 177
Less: cash and cash equivalents disposed of	(27 493)	(27 493)
Net cash flow	150 773	163 684

Cash flows from discontinued operation

The cash flows presented below relate to aaX classified as discontinued operations for the period 31 August 2022:

	31 August 2022 R'000
Cash flow from discontinued operations:	
Net cash outflow from operating activities	(19 668)
Net cash outflow from investing activities	(41)
Net cash inflow from financing activities	22 928
Net cash inflow from discontinued operations	3 219
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	285
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	3 504

5. Change in non-controlling interest

In the prior year, 25% of the minority interest in allaboutXpert Technologies Proprietary Limited in Australia was acquired by allaboutXpert Australia Proprietary Limited for a consideration of AUD351 218.

There were no transactions with minority shareholders in the current financial period.

6. Revenue

The Group is in the business of providing services to clients. Permanent placement and outsourced based solutions services are provided at a point in time. Temporary placement and training services are provided over a period of time. Revenue is therefore recognised at the point of delivery for permanent placement and outsourced based solutions, and over a period of time for temporary placement and training services. In certain cases the Group makes use of output-based methods to determine when the revenue for performance obligations is recognised over time.

Revenue is measured based on the consideration to which the Group expects to be entitled in a contract with a customer and excludes amounts collected on behalf of third parties. The Group recognises revenue when the performance obligations are met.

Performance obligation	Unaudited six months to 31 August 2022 R'000	Restated¹ unaudited six months to 31 August 2021 R'000	Restated¹ audited year to 28 February 2022 R'000
Permanent placement	44 821	37 541	73 006
Temporary placement	4 785 523	4 564 003	9 192 923
Training	113 859	124 197	239 764
Outsourced-based solutions	916 744	954 838	1 812 355
Total	5 860 947	5 680 579	11 318 048

¹ 31 August 2021 and 28 February 2022 restated on the classification of aaX as discontinued operations. Refer to note 4 Discontinued Operations.

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6. Revenue continued Disaggregation of revenue by geographical region

Region	Segment	Performance obligation	Unaudited six months to 31 August 2022 R'000	Restated¹ unaudited six months to 31 August 2021 R'000	Restated¹ audited year to 28 February 2022 R'000
South Africa			3 295 196	3 357 505	6 804 350
	Industrial		2 247 500	2 235 649	4 709 665
		Temporary placement Outsourced-	1 747 381	1 745 889	3 728 716
		based solutions	500 119	489 760	980 949
	Professional		933 837	997 650	1 854 921
		Temporary placement Permanent	498 590	516 288	994 237
		placement Outsourced-	18 622	16 284	29 280
		based solutions	416 625	465 078	831 404
	Training				
		Training	113 859	124 206	239 764
Australia			2 565 751	2 323 074	4 513 698
	Australia		2 565 751	2 323 074	4 513 698
		Temporary placement Permanent	2 539 552	2 301 817	4 469 972
		placement	26 199	21 257	43 726
Total revenu	е		5 860 947	5 680 579	11 318 048
The timing of as follows:	revenue reco	gnition is			
Over time			4 899 342	4 688 200	9 432 689
At a point in t	ime		961 605	992 379	1 885 359
Total revenu	е		5 860 947	5 680 579	11 318 048

In certain cases the Group uses output-based methods to determine when the revenue for performance obligations is recognised over time.

¹ 31 August 2021 and 28 February 2022 restated on the classification of aaX as discontinued operations. Refer to note 4 Discontinued Operations.

7. Earnings per share

The calculation of earnings per share on continuing operations attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the parent is based on profits of R25,8 million (2021 restated: R25,5 million), discontinued loss of R13,7 million (2021 restated: discontinued profit of R6,5 million), and ordinary shares of 108 227 303 (2021: 114 657 092), being the weighted number of shares relative to the above earnings.

	Unaudited six months to 31 August 2022 R'000	Restated ² unaudited six months to 31 August 2021 R'000	Restated ² audited year to 28 February 2022 R'000
Continuing operations Basic earnings per share – cents Diluted earnings per share – cents Discontinuing operations Basic (loss)/earnings per share – cents Diluted (loss)/earnings per share – cents	24,6 23,8 (13,0) (12,6)	23,8 22,3 6,1 5.7	96,3 91,1 12,8 12,1
Total basic earnings per share Basic earnings per share – cents Diluted earnings per share – cents	11,6 11,2	29,8 27,9	109,1 103,2
Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period: Reconciliation of weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding to the weighted average diluted number of shares outstanding during the period:	104 699 539	107 364 109	106 692 859
Ordinary shares Adcorp employee share schemes – potential dilution ¹ Adcorp employee share schemes – anti-dilutive	7 055 529 (3 527 765)	107 364 109 7 292 983	106 692 859 12 204 416 (6 102 208)
Diluted weighted number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period	108 227 303	114 657 092	112 795 067
Reconciliation of headline earnings from continuing operations Profit for the period Loss on sale of property and equipment Taxation recovered on the sale of property and equipment Impairment of right-of-use assets Taxation on impairment of right-of-use assets	25 790 6 (2)	25 516 164 (46) 2 770	102 759 2 182 (611) 2 770
Headline earnings from continuing operations	25 794	(776) 27 628	(776) 106 324
Headline earnings per share – cents Diluted headline earnings per share – cents	24,6 23,8	25,7 24,1	99,7 94,3

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7. Earnings per share continued

	Unaudited six months to 31 August 2022 R'000	Restated ² unaudited six months to 31 August 2021 R'000	Restated ² audited year to 28 February 2022 R'000
Reconciliation of headline earnings from discontinued operations			
(Loss)/profit for the period	(13 663)	6 505	13 644
Profits from the sale of businesses	-	_	(13 950)
Headline (loss)/earnings from discontinued operations	(13 663)	6 505	(306)
Headline earnings per share – cents	(13,0)	6,1	(0,3)
Diluted headline earnings per share – cents	(12,6)	5,7	(0,3)
Reconciliation of headline earnings from total operations			
Profit for the period	12 127	32 021	116 403
Loss on sale of property and equipment	6	164	2 182
Taxation recovered on the sale of property and equipment	(2)	(46)	(611)
Impairment of right-of-use assets	_	2 770	2 770
Taxation on impairment of right-of-use assets	_	(776)	(776)
Profits from the sale of businesses	_	(1 526)	(13 950)
Headline earnings from total operations	12 131	32 607	106 018
Headline earnings per share – cents	11,6	31,8	99,4
Diluted headline earnings per share – cents	11,2	29,8	94,0

¹ The dilution of shares results from the potential exercise of options in the employee share scheme.

² 31 August 2021 and 28 February 2022 restated on the classification of aaX as discontinued operations. Refer to note 4 Discontinued operations. The published prior year results included aaX as continued operations.

8. Interest-bearing liabilities

		Interest rate	Maturity	Unaudited six months to 31 August 2022 R'000	Unaudited six months to 31 August 2021 R'000	Audited year to 28 February 2022 R'000
8.1	Non-current interest-bearing liabilities					
	Lease liability	Incremental Borrowing Rate (IBR)		352 577	356 173	348 493
8.2	Current interest-bearing liabilities			84 697	318 998	208 808
	ZAR revolving credit facility	JIBAR + agreed margin ¹	31 August 2022	_	250 000	100 000
	AUD borrowing base facility Lease liability	Base rate ² + margin	10 March 2024	23 358 61 339	- 68 998	33 336 75 472
	Total			437 274	675 171	557 301

¹ The margin is determined on each measurement date being the last day of each financial quarter with reference to the agreed leverage ratio. The rate ranges between 3,4% and 5,2% on the ZAR revolving credit facility.

Trade receivables are used as security to secure funding relating to the Group loan facilities inclusive of South Africa and Australia.

As security for the South Africa loan facility granted to the Group, a shared security agreement was entered into that holds a cession over the trade receivables of specified operating subsidiaries of the Adcorp Group.

As security for the Australia loan facility, a shared security agreement was entered into that holds a cession over the trade receivables of specified operating subsidiaries of the Adcorp Group.

On 23 March 2022, the lenders of the Australian operation's interest-bearing borrowings agreed to extend the revolving borrowing base facility maturity date until 10 March 2024.

Subsequent to period end, the South African operation concluded the refinance of a total loan facility of R250 million, made up of a new revolving credit facility of R150 million and R100 million overdraft facility plus an accordion feature of R100 million effective from 1 September 2022. The facility will mature in three years from the effective date and will be used to fund working capital requirements of the South African operation.

² The base rate is determined with reference to the Australian Reserve Bank rates at the time of drawdown. The rate is 1,6% on the Australian borrowing base facility.

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9. Financial instruments

The Group manages its capital to ensure that entities in the Group will be able to continue as a going concern while maximising the return to stakeholders through the optimisation of the debt and equity balance. The capital structure of the Group consists of debt, which includes the interest-bearing borrowings disclosed in note 8, cash and cash equivalents, and equity attributable to equity holders of the parent, comprising issued capital, reserves and retained earnings.

The group's investment committee has considered the cost of capital and the risks associated with each class of capital. The Group's favourable gearing ratio is 9,8% (2021: negative 7,3%). The gearing ratio is determined as net debt (being interest-bearing borrowings less unrestricted cash and cash equivalents) excluding finance leases as a percentage of total equity. The committee believes that the appropriate leverage ratio for the nature of the business is the gross debt-to-EBITDA ratio and has a target of 1.0x. This is reviewed on an ongoing basis as the strategic transformation of the Group progresses.

9.1 Categories for financial instruments

	Unaudited six months to 31 August 2022 R'000	Unaudited six months to 31 August 2021 R'000	Audited year to 28 February 2022 R'000
Financial assets			
Investments – fair value through profit and loss	20 126	19 348	19 597
Trade receivables – amortised cost	1 392 343	1 344 079	1 336 354
Cash and cash equivalents	284 065	420 136	420 355
Other receivables – amortised cost	73 598	70 912	82 355
Financial liabilities			
Interest-bearing borrowings	23 358	250 000	133 336
Lease liabilities	413 916	425 171	423 965
Trade and other payables	272 270	257 762	317 441
The following table details the Group's remaining contractual maturity for its financial liabilities:			
Within one year	379 279	663 630	531 173
More than one year and not later than five years	607 092	649 911	621 474

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9. Financial instruments continued

9.2 Financial assets/financial liabilities

Some of the Group's financial assets are measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period. The primary valuation models utilised by the Group for valuing unlisted portfolio investments are market-related net asset value of investments. The market-related net asset value used is dependent on independent third party valuations. The following table gives information about how the fair values of these financial assets are determined (in particular, the valuation technique(s) and inputs used):

	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	six months	six months to	year to
	to 31 August	31 August	28 February
	2022	2021	2022
	R'000	R'000	R'000
Investment – fair value	20 126	19 348	19 597

Valuation technique(s) and key inputs: Fair value – market valuation

Fair value hierarchy: Level 3

Relationships of unobservable inputs to fair value: The fair value is determined based on the net asset value of the insurance cell captive at the reporting date. The net asset value is determined from financial information received from the insurer.

10. Contingent liabilities

The bank has issued guarantees of R25 million (2021: R26 million) on behalf of the Group, to creditors.

11. Events after the reporting period Debt refinance in South Africa

The South African operation concluded the negotiation for a total loan facility of R250 million made up of a new revolving credit facility of R150 million and R100 million overdraft facility plus an accordion feature of R100 million effective from 1 September 2022. The facility will mature in three years from the effective date and will be used to fund working capital requirements of the South African operation.

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12. Dividend declaration

Shareholders are hereby advised that the board of directors of Adcorp has approved and declared an interim gross dividend of 12,2 cents per ordinary share, from income reserves, for the six months ended 31 August 2022.

The dividend is subject to a South African dividend withholding tax rate of 20%, resulting in a net dividend of 9,76 cents per ordinary share, unless the shareholder is exempt from paying dividend tax or is entitled to a reduced rate of dividend tax in terms of an applicable double-taxation agreement.

As at the date of this announcement, the Company has 109 954 675 ordinary shares of no par value in issue.

The Company's income tax reference number is 9233680710.

Salient dates and times

Shareholders are hereby advised of the following salient dates and times for the payment of the dividend:

Publication of declaration data and finalisation information	Monday, 31 October 2022
Last day to trade <i>cum</i> dividend	Tuesday, 17 January 2023
Securities commence trading ex dividend	Wednesday, 18 January 2023
Record date for purposes of determining the registered holders of ordinary shares to participate in the dividend at	
close of business on	Friday, 20 January 2023
Payment date	Monday, 23 January 2023

Share certificates may not dematerialise or rematerialise between Wednesday, 18 January 2023 and Friday, 20 January 2023, both dates inclusive.

13. Related parties

The Group entered into various related party transactions in the ordinary course of business. There have been no significant changes in related party transactions and balances since the previous reporting period.

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