2024

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the six months ended 30 June 2024

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Key financial data

- Net asset value per share up 9% to R34.11 from June 2023
- Satisfactory progress on strategic projects and portfolio optimisation
- EBITDA of R763 million
- Underlying operating profit of R455 million
- Headline earnings per share of 145 cents
- Interim dividend per share of 30 cents

Commentary

Continuing operations

Overview

As anticipated, the challenging economic and trading environment persisted during the six months ended 30 June 2024. The uncertain socio-political environment leading up to the national elections, high levels of load shedding that continued until the end of March, high inflation and interest rates all contributed to weak consumer and business sentiment.

Bruce Strong, Mpact Chief Executive Officer, said: "Against this backdrop, we are pleased to report a 9% increase in our net asset value per share over the past year to R34.11. For the first six months ended 30 June 2024, the Group generated EBITDA of R763 million and cash from operations of R516 million. Although lower than last year, this demonstrates our resilience through the cycle.

We have also continued to drive our value enhancing strategy, of aligning our business to growth sectors with sustainable returns and enhancing our operational resilience. Our solar PV generated power amounting to 16MWp saved us over R18 million in electricity costs during the first half of the year.

The Mkhondo mill upgrade project of R1.3 billion is progressing well, with construction underway and most of the critical equipment ordered. The project is expected to be completed as planned during the first half of next year."

Mpact Operations (Pty) Ltd ("Mpact Operations"), the Group's main trading entity in South Africa, retained its Level 1 B-BBEE status.

Financial review

Group revenue from continuing operations for the period ended 30 June 2024 decreased by 1.1% to R6.173 billion (June 2023: R6.240 billion), primarily due to a 2.1% decrease in sales volumes.

Underlying operating profit decreased to R423 million (June 2023: R531 million), as a result of lower selling prices in the Paper business, the under-recovery of fixed costs and higher depreciation from major projects capitalised towards the end of 2023.

Return on capital employed for total operations was 14.4% (June 2023: 18.8%) due to relatively large capital outlays for the strategic growth projects which are still in progress.

Paper business

Revenue of R5.097 billion was 3.3% lower than the prior period (June 2023: R5.269 billion) due to lower sales volumes, as well as lower containerboard and cartonboard selling prices.

Paper Manufacturing total sales volumes were in line with the prior period with an increase in exports offsetting a decline in domestic sales. The continued slowdown in both containerboard and cartonboard sales necessitated production downtime at all three paper mills to manage inventory levels and conserve cash. This resulted in downtime amounting to approximately 13% of their capacity during the period, which includes eight days at the Springs mill due to utility outages.

In Paper Converting, sales volumes declined by 1.4% with an increase in the agricultural sector offset by a decline in the industrial sector.

Underlying operating profit decreased to R397 million (June 2023: R548 million) due to the under-recovery of fixed costs, non-recurring costs of R25 million as well as higher depreciation from major projects which were capitalised towards the end of 2023.

Commentary (continued)

Plastics business

Revenue in the Plastics business of R1.097 billion increased by 10.6% (June 2023: R993 million). Sales volumes increased by 2.7% with growth in the Bins & Crates and FMCG businesses on the back of recent investments and new products offset by a decline in Preforms & Closures.

Despite the increase in revenue, operating profit was in line with the prior period at R64 million with an increase in Bins & Crates offset by declines in the other two businesses. The decreases are mainly attributable to non-recurring items amounting to R19 million. Depreciation increased by R14 million, or 18%, due to major projects capitalised towards the end of 2023.

Effective 1 April 2024, Mpact Plastic Containers Castleview Proprietary Limited acquired a 30% interest in Africa Tanks (Pty) Ltd ("Africa Tanks") for a consideration of R73 million. Africa Tanks manufactures plastic water tanks for the residential, commercial and agricultural markets and is the first blow-moulding water tank manufacturer in southern Africa.

Net finance costs

Net finance costs increased to R148 million (June 2023: R132 million) mainly due to higher average net debt during the period. Finance costs of R19 million related to the Mkhondo mill project were capitalised during the period (June 2023: R2 million).

Earnings per share

Headline earnings per share decreased to 144.6 cents (June 2023: 211.6 cents) from total operations and to 122.2 cents (June 2023: 188.2 cents) from continuing operations. Basic earnings per share decreased to 146.3 cents (June 2023: 214.1 cents) from total operations and to 123.9 cents (June 2023: 190.7 cents) for continuing operations.

Net debt

Net debt increased to R3,230 million (December 2023: R2,665 million) with cash generation from operations offset by outflows of R111 million for dividends and R490 million for capital investments, in line with the Group's strategy.

Discontinued operation

Following a strategic review in 2021, Mpact's Board decided to sell its Plastic Trays & Films business, Versapak, as a going concern. Versapak currently forms part of the Plastics Division of Mpact Operations.

On 31 July 2024, Mpact entered into a sale of business agreement with Greenpath Recycling Proprietary Limited (a wholly owned subsidiary of Sinica Manufacturing Proprietary Limited) ("Sinica"), whereby Mpact will dispose of Versapak as a going concern for a purchase price of R268 million. The purchase price will be adjusted based on the actual amount of stock on hand and the value of certain employee liabilities as at the effective date of the disposal.

The disposal excludes all cash, debtors and creditors of the business. Also excluded from the disposal are the two properties from which the business operates. The parties have therefore also entered into two separate lease agreements in terms of which Sinica will lease these properties on market-related terms.

Mpact anticipates the effective date of the disposal to be in the second half of 2024, subject to the approval of the competition authorities having been received timeously. The disposal proceeds will be applied towards the settlement of debt.

For the period ended 30 June 2024, Versapak reported revenue of R485 million (June 2023: R545 million), and net earnings of R33 million (June 2023: R34 million). Versapak's net assets held-for-sale at period end were R247 million (June 2023: R173 million; December 2023: R239 million).

Outlook

Business and consumer sentiment has started to improve on the back of the positive outcome of the national elections, lower inflation, no load shedding since April 2024, and a possible interest rate cut later this year. This bodes well for all our operations as any recovery in the economy should translate into improved demand which we are well positioned to meet.

The recent changes and improvements at Transnet and Eskom, together with their commitment to proactively respond to challenges, should further support growth in South Africa. This in turn will benefit the prospects for all manufacturers. These improvements will also directly benefit our fruit exporting customers who have already invested extensively for growth.

Notwithstanding the above, we still expect our full year earnings to be under pressure relative to last year. Should demand pick up notably, the second half of this financial year could be better than the corresponding period of last year. However, this may not be enough to fully offset the first half decline in earnings.

We are expecting an increase in containerboard and cartonboard sales volumes, however, lower average selling prices may partially reduce the benefits of the positive operating leverage for the Group.

Commentary (continued)

The performance of the Plastics business is anticipated to improve on the back of recent investments in Bins & Crates, which may be partially offset by lower sales in the Preforms & Closures business.

The disposal of Versapak is expected to be completed by the end of the financial year, subject to regulatory approvals. The net proceeds will be used to reduce debt.

We will continue to focus on our value enhancing strategy, which prioritises growth sectors and investments in innovative, higher margin and sustainable products.

Board changes and retirement of Chief Financial Officer

Effective 17 May 2024, Ms Fikile Futwa was appointed to Mpact's Board as an Independent Non-executive Director and as a member of the Audit and Risk Committee. The Board is very pleased to welcome Fikile and looks forward to her contribution to the company.

Hannes Snyman was appointed as the Mpact Group Chief Financial Officer and an Executive Director effective 1 June 2024 following the retirement of Brett Clark on 31 May 2024.

Tim Ross retired at the Annual General Meeting held on 6 June 2024, having served as a Non-executive Director on the Board since Mpact listed in 2011. Tim simultaneously retired as the Chairman of the Audit and Risk Committee, as well as a member of both the Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee. The Board would like to thank Tim for his invaluable contribution and wishes him well in his retirement.

Dividends

The Board has resolved to declare an interim gross cash dividend of 30 cents per ordinary share for the six months ended 30 June 2024 (24 cents per share net of dividend withholding tax) (June 2023: 45 cents per ordinary share). A dividend withholding tax of 20% will be applicable to all shareholders who are not exempt. The dividend has been declared from income reserves.

The company's total number of issued ordinary shares at the date of this announcement is 149,453,688. Mpact's income tax reference number is 9003862175.

Salient dates for the cash dividend distribution

Event	2024
Publication of dividend declaration	Monday, 5 August
Last day of trade to receive a dividend	Tuesday, 27 August
Shares commence trading "ex" dividend	Wednesday, 28 August
Record date	Friday, 30 August
Payment date	Monday, 2 September

All times provided are South African local time.

Share certificates may not be dematerialised or rematerialised between Wednesday, 28 August 2024 and Friday, 30 August 2024, both days inclusive.

AJ Phillips Chairman

BW Strong

Chief Executive Officer

5 August 2024

Condensed Consolidated Interim Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

for the six months ended 30 June 2024

CONTINUING OPERATIONS Revenue from contracts with customers Material, energy and fixed overhead recovery Variable selling expenses Other net operating expenses¹	Note 4	Unaudited six months ended 30 June 2024 R'm 6,172.9 (3,217.9) (461.1) (1,763.2)	Unaudited six months ended 30 June 2023 R'm 6,240.3 (3,298.6) (457.0) (1,687.6)	Audited year ended 31 December 2023 R'm 12,823.1 (6,806.5) (894.7) (3,377.7)
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment Operating profit Share of profit from equity accounted investees	5	(308.2) 422.5 11.7	(266.4) 530.7 9.5	1,117.0 18.3
Profit from operations and equity accounted investees Net finance costs		434.2 (147.9)	540.2 (131.7)	1,135.3 (284.0)
Investment income Finance costs	6	12.5 (160.4)	6.3 (138.0)	15.6 (299.6)
Profit before taxation from continuing operations Tax expense	7	286.3 (83.7)	408.5 (111.3)	851.3 (249.5)
Profit for the period from continuing operations DISCONTINUED OPERATION Profit for the period from discontinued operation	13	202.6	297.2 34.2	601.8 175.7
Profit for the period	10	235.6	331.4	777.5
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss Actuarial gains on post-retirement benefit schemes Tax effect Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations		- - (1.7)	- - (1.0)	1.2 (0.3) 0.5
Other comprehensive (loss)/income for the period		(1.7)	(1.0)	1.4
Total comprehensive income for the period		233.9	330.4	778.9
Profit attributable to: Equity holders of Mpact Non-controlling interests		215.5 20.1	312.8 18.6	715.1 62.4
Profit for the period		235.6	331.4	777.5
Total comprehensive income attributable to: Equity holders of Mpact Non-controlling interests		213.8 20.1	311.8 18.6	716.5 62.4
Total comprehensive income for the period		233.9	330.4	778.9
Earnings per share (EPS) for profit attributable to equity holders of Mpact Basic EPS (cps) from continuing operations Diluted EPS (cps) from continuing operations Basic EPS (cps) from discontinued operation Diluted EPS (cps) from discontinued operation Basic EPS (cps) from total operations Diluted EPS (cps) from total operations	8	123.9 123.8 22.4 22.4 146.3 146.2	190.7 189.8 23.4 23.3 214.1 213.1	367.6 365.5 119.7 119.1 487.3 484.6

^{1.} Other net operating expenses includes a decrease in the expected credit loss on financial assets of R7.6 million (30 June 2023: increase of R16.7 million; 31 December 2023: increase of R14.0 million).

Condensed Consolidated Interim Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2024

		Unaudited as at	Unaudited as at	Audited as at
		30 June	30 June	31 December
	Note	2024 R'm	2023 R'm	2023 R'm
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ASSETS Goodwill and other intangible assets		430.0	531.6	434.2
Property, plant and equipment		4,984.4	4,279.2	4,742.6
Right-of-use assets		245.2	138.6	180.7
nvestments in equity accounted investees	9	187.6	115.2	112.9
Other financial assets		51.4	32.6	31.2
Deferred tax assets		67.8	10.8	72.6
Non-current assets		5,966.4	5,108.0	5,574.2
nventories		2,316.8	2,092.9	1,998.6
Trade and other receivables		3,080.5	2,946.8	2,924.5
Other financial assets		4.2	6.5	5.2
Derivative financial instruments			10.2	0.6
Current tax receivables		11.6	22.9	2.7
Cash and cash equivalents		543.9	565.5	881.5
Current assets		5,957.0	5,644.8	5,813.1
Assets held for sale	13	254.5	172.6	247.7
Total assets		12,177.9	10,925.4	11,635.0
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
Capital and reserves	40	0.000.0	0.000.0	0.000.0
Stated capital	10	2,360.9	2,360.9	2,360.9
Retained earnings Reserves		2,720.5 15.7	2,301.0 5.0	2,637.0 28.8
Total attributable to equity holders of Mpact		5,097.1	4,666.9	5,026.7
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Non-controlling interests in subsidiaries		460.9	405.0	440.8
Fotal equity		5,558.0	5,071.9	5,467.5
nterest and non-interest-bearing borrowings	11	3,409.7	2,900.4	3,297.3
Lease liabilities		240.0	133.2	173.2
Retirement benefits obligation Deferred tax liabilities		33.1 276.6	33.6 199.3	32.7 274.6
Provisions		2.3	4.8	2.2
Non-current liabilities		3,961.7	3,271.3	3,780.0
	11	70.5	125.1	25.3
nterest and non-interest-bearing borrowings _ease liabilities	11	70.5 54.0	46.5	25.3 51.2
Trade and other payables		2,487.5	2,367.7	2,245.2
Provisions		11.9	12.2	18.6
Deferred income		-	0.7	0.3
Derivative financial instruments		2.4	3.0	3.4
Current tax liabilities		24.7	27.0	35.1
Current liabilities		2,651.0	2,582.2	2,379.1
iabilities held for sale	13	7.2	_	8.4
Total liabilities		6,619.9	5,853.5	6,167.5
Total equity and liabilities		12,177.9	10,925.4	11,635.0

Condensed Consolidated Interim Statement of Changes in Equity

for the six months ended 30 June 2024

	Stated capital R'm	Share-based payment reserve R'm	Post- retirement benefit reserve R'm	Other reserves¹ R'm	Retained earnings R'm	Total attributable to equity holders of Mpact Limited R'm	Non- controlling interests R'm	Total equity R'm
Balance at 31 December 2022 (audited)	2,323.6	66.8	34.1	(104.8)	2,162.1	4,481.8	386.4	4,868.2
Total comprehensive income for the period	_	_	_	(1.0)	312.8	311.8	18.6	330.4
Dividends paid ²	_	_	_	_	(109.5)	(109.5)	_	(109.5)
Purchase of treasury shares	_	_	_	(59.3)	_	(59.3)	_	(59.3)
Share plan charges for the period	_	18.5	_	_	_	18.5	_	18.5
Issue/exercise of shares under employee share scheme	37.3	(35.1)	_	85.8	(64.4)	23.6	_	23.6
Balance at 30 June 2023 (unaudited)	2,360.9	50.2	34.1	(79.3)	2,301.0	4,666.9	405.0	5,071.9
Total comprehensive income for the period	_	_	0.9	1.5	402.3	404.7	43.8	448.5
Dividends paid ²	_	_	_	_	(66.5)	(66.5)	_	(66.5)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	_	_	_	_	_	_	(8.0)	(8.8)
Share plan charges for the period	_	21.3	_	_	_	21.3	_	21.3
Issue/exercise of shares under employee share scheme	_	_	_	0.1	0.2	0.3	_	0.3
Balance at 31 December 2023 (audited)	2,360.9	71.5	35.0	(77.7)	2,637.0	5,026.7	440.8	5,467.5
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	_	(1.7)	215.5	213.8	20.1	233.9
Dividends paid ²	-	-	-	-	(110.9)	(110.9)	-	(110.9)
Purchase of treasury shares	-	-	-	(58.8)	_	(58.8)	-	(58.8)
Share plan charges for the period	-	18.7	-	-	-	18.7	-	18.7
Issue/exercise of shares under employee share scheme	-	(33.8)	_	62.5	(21.1)	7.6	_	7.6
Balance at 30 June 2024 (unaudited)	2,360.9	56.4	35.0	(75.7)	2,720.5	5,097.1	460.9	5,558.0

^{1.} Other reserves consist of foreign currency translation reserve, treasury shares and fair value adjustments to equity investments.

^{2.} The dividend per share paid to equity holders of Mpact Limited was 75c per share (30 June 2023: 75c per share; 31 December 2023: 45c per share).

Condensed Consolidated Interim Statement of Cash Flows

for the six months ended 30 June 2024

	Note	Unaudited six months ended 30 June 2024 R'm	Unaudited six months ended 30 June 2023 R'm	Audited year ended 31 December 2023 R'm
Cash flows from operating activities Operating cash flows before movements in working capital Net (increase)/decrease in working capital		768.2 (252.5)	828.7 102.1	1,880.1 108.4
Cash generated from operations Dividends from equity accounted investees Taxation paid	17	515.7 3.9 (88.3)	930.8 7.8 (116.4)	1,988.5 18.9 (213.1)
Net cash inflows from operating activities		431.3	822.2	1,794.3
Cash flows from investing activities Additions to property, plant and equipment and intangible assets Acquisition of equity accounted investee Other investing activities		(490.0) (67.0) (3.3)	(842.9) - 16.5	(1,536.4) - 35.0
Net cash outflows from investing activities		(560.3)	(826.4)	(1,501.4)
Cash flows from financing activities Repayment of borrowings Proceeds from borrowings raised Repayment of lease liabilities Finance costs paid¹ Purchase of treasury shares Dividends paid to Mpact shareholders Dividends paid to non-controlling interests		(539.7) 710.0 (31.6) (177.3) (58.8) (110.9)	(701.0) 1,000.0 (35.2) (137.5) (59.3) (109.5)	(1,514.0) 2,127.0 (67.1) (309.3) (59.3) (176.0) (8.0)
Net cash outflows from financing activities		(208.3)	(42.5)	(6.7)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents Effect of movements in exchange rates on cash held Net cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period Net cash and cash equivalents at end of period ²		(337.3) (0.3) 881.5	(46.7) 0.6 594.8 548.7	286.2 0.5 594.8 881.5

Finance costs paid includes R11.1 million (30 June 2023: R7.9 million, 31 December 2023: R17.9 million) from lease liabilities.
 Net cash and cash equivalents comprise cash and cash equivalents of R543.9 million (30 June 2023: R565.5 million; 31 December 2023: R881.5 million) and bank overdrafts of Rnil (30 June 2023: R16.8 million; 31 December 2023: Rnil).

for the six months ended 30 June 2024

1. Basis of preparation

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards and contain information required by IAS 34: *Interim Financial Reporting* as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). The condensed consolidated interim financial statements are in compliance with the JSE Limited's Listings Requirements, the South African Companies Act 2008, the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants ("SAICA") Financial Reporting Guide as issued by the Accounting Practices Committee and the Financial Reporting Pronouncements as issued by the Financial Reporting Standards Council.

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements are presented in South African Rand, which is Mpact's functional currency and have been prepared on the historical cost basis, with the exception of certain financial instruments measured at fair value. The results for the interim period should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The presentation of headline EPS is mandated under the JSE Listings Requirements and is calculated in accordance with Circular 1/2023, "Headline Earnings", as issued by the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants.

The preparation of Mpact's consolidated results for the half year ended 30 June 2024 was supervised by the Chief Financial Officer, JJ Snyman CA(SA). The interim condensed consolidated financial statements have not been audited or reviewed by Mpact's external auditor.

Significant accounting policies, accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies and methods of computation used are in terms of IFRS Accounting Standards and are consistent with those applied in the preparation of the annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The following amendments were adopted in the current period:

- IAS 1: Classification of Liabilities as current or non-current
- IAS 1: Non-current liabilities with covenants

These amendments had no impact on the condensed consolidated interim financial statements on adoption.

Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The significant judgements made by management in applying Mpact's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were consistent with those applied to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

3. Seasonality

Seasonal effects in Mpact's markets have historically resulted in higher revenue and operating profits for the second half, when compared to the first half of the financial year.

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4. Segment information

Mpact's operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to Mpact's executive committee. Mpact has two reportable segments, namely Paper and Plastics.

Management has oversight to certain operating segment measures in making resource allocation decisions and monitoring segment performance. The operating segment measures that are required to be disclosed under IFRS 8 adhere to the recognition and measurement criteria presented in Mpact's accounting policies. All goods sold to customers occur at a point in time.

	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	six months	six months	year
	ended	ended	ended
	30 June	30 June	31 December
	2024	2023	2023
	R'm	R'm	R'm
Mpact's segment analysis of revenue Paper Plastics	5,096.6	5,269.3	10,714.9
	1,097.4	992.5	2,161.3
Revenue before inter-segment revenue Less: Inter-segment revenue	6,194.0	6,261.8	12,876.2
	(21.1)	(21.5)	(53.1)
Total	6,172.9	6,240.3	12,823.1
External revenue by product type Paper solutions	5,078.2	5,247.8	10,666.8
Recycled containerboard, cartonboard and other materials Corrugated packaging, bags and sacks	2,103.6	2,281.0	4,520.0
	2,974.6	2,966.8	6,146.8
Plastic packaging solutions	1,094.7	992.5	2,156.3
Total	6,172.9	6,240.3	12,823.1
External revenue by location of customer South Africa (country of domicile) Rest of Africa Rest of world	5,517.2	5,660.1	11,754.9
	577.5	514.4	973.9
	78.2	65.8	94.3
Total	6,172.9	6,240.3	12,823.1
Significant external components of operating profit Material, energy and fixed overhead recovery Paper Plastics Corporate	(2,699.3)	(2,762.3)	(5,754.7)
	(535.9)	(524.2)	(1,036.3)
	17.3	(12.1)	(15.5)
Total	(3,217.9)	(3,298.6)	(6,806.5)
Variable selling expenses Paper Plastics	(379.0)	(392.0)	(744.2)
	(82.1)	(65.0)	(150.5)
Total	(461.1)	(457.0)	(894.7)
Other net operating expenses Paper Plastics Corporate	(1,304.6)	(1,293.1)	(2,476.4)
	(303.5)	(241.6)	(596.2)
	(155.1)	(152.9)	(305.1)
Total	(1,763.2)	(1,687.6)	(3,377.7)

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4. Segment information (continued)

	Unaudited six months ended 30 June 2024 R'm	Unaudited six months ended 30 June 2023 R'm	Audited year ended 31 December 2023 R'm
Depreciation and amortisation Paper Plastics Corporate	(177.7) (93.9) (36.6)	(148.4) (79.6) (38.4)	(306.6) (151.4) (75.8)
Total	(308.2)	(266.4)	(533.8)
Impairment of plant and equipment and goodwill Paper Plastics			(1.2) (92.2)
Total	_	_	(93.4)
Total depreciation, amortisation and impairment	(308.2)	(266.4)	(627.2)
Operating segment operating profit/(loss) Paper Plastics Corporate Inter-segment elimination	397.1 63.9 (13.7) (24.8)	548.3 63.2 (46.8) (34.0)	1,168.1 188.7 (80.1) (66.3)
Operating profit Special items¹ Share of equity accounted investee's profit Net finance costs	422.5 - 11.7 (147.9)	530.7 - 9.5 (131.7)	1,210.4 (93.4) 18.3 (284.0)
Profit before tax and discontinued operation	286.3	408.5	851.3
Assets Paper Plastics Corporate ²	7,651.7 2,279.8 2,246.4	6,809.4 2,004.5 2,111.5	7,062.4 2,145.3 2,427.3
Total assets	12,177.9	10,925.4	11,635.0

^{1.} The special items for the year ended 31 December 2023 included impairment on property, plant and equipment of R1.2 million and impairment of goodwill of R92.2 million.

^{2.} Includes intangible, other non-operating assets and assets held for sale.

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5. Operating profit

	Unaudited six months ended 30 June 2024 R'm	Unaudited six months ended 30 June 2023 R'm	Audited year ended 31 December 2023 R'm
Included in operating profit are:			
Depreciation, amortisation and impairments	308.2	266.4	627.2
Amortisation of intangible assets	4.2	6.1	11.2
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	266.6	230.0	458.2
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	37.4	30.3	64.4
Impairment of goodwill	-	_	92.2
Impairment of plant and equipment	-	_	1.2
Net foreign currency gains	(6.1)	(29.3)	(19.6)
(Decrease)/increase in expected credit loss provision	(7.6)	16.7	14.0
(Decrease)/increase in provision for net write-down of inventories1	(2.2)	18.5	15.7
Net proceeds from insurance claim	(7.1)	(6.5)	(69.1)
Derecognition of financial asset	-	_	65.6

^{1.} The amount includes provisions raised during the period less reversals of prior period provisions. The inventories are disclosed net of provisions in the statement of financial position.

6. Finance costs

	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	six months	six months	year
	ended	ended	ended
	30 June	30 June	31 December
	2024	2023	2023
	R'm	R'm	R'm
Bank overdrafts and loans	166.4	130.5	292.4
Borrowing costs capitalised	(19.0)	(2.2)	(14.4)
Lease liabilities	11.1	7.9	17.9
Defined benefit arrangements	1.9	1.8	3.7
Total	160.4	138.0	299.6

7. Tax expense

	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	six months	six months	year
	ended	ended	ended
	30 June	30 June	31 December
	2024	2023	2023
	R'm	R'm	R'm
Profit before tax from continuing operations	286.3	408.5	851.3
Profit from discontinued operation	33.0	34.2	175.7
Less: Share of profit of equity accounted investees	(11.7)	(9.5)	(18.3)
Profit before tax, adjusted for equity accounted profit and profit			
from discontinued operation	307.6	433.2	1,008.7
Taxation	(83.7)	(111.3)	(249.5)
Effective tax rate on profit before tax on total operations	27.2%	25.7%	24.7%

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8. Earnings per share

	Unaudited six months	Unaudited six months	Audited year
	ended 30 June 2024 cents	ended 30 June 2023 cents	ended 31 December 2023 cents
Continuing operations earnings per share (EPS)			
Basic EPS	123.9	190.7	367.6
Diluted EPS	123.8	189.8	365.5
Basic headline EPS	122.2	188.2	443.0
Diluted headline EPS	122.2	187.3	440.5
Basic underlying EPS	123.9	190.7	444.6
Diluted underlying EPS	123.8	189.8	442.1
Discontinued operation earnings per share (EPS)			
Basic EPS Diluted EPS	22.4 22.4	23.4 23.3	119.7 119.1
Basic headline EPS Diluted headline EPS	22.4 22.4	23.4 23.3	69.3 68.9
Basic underlying EPS Diluted underlying EPS	22.4 22.4	23.4 23.3	69.3 68.9
, 0	22.7	20.0	00.3
Total operations earnings per share (EPS) Basic EPS	146.3	214.1	487.3
Diluted EPS	146.2	213.1	484.6
Basic headline EPS	144.6	211.6	512.3
Diluted headline EPS	144.6	210.6	509.4
Basic underlying EPS	146.3	214.1	513.9
Diluted underlying EPS	146.2	213.1	511.0
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	six months	six months	year
	ended 30 June	ended 30 June	ended 31 December
	2024	2023	2023
	R'm	R'm	R'm
Continuing operations			
Profit for the period	202.6	297.2	601.8
Less: Profit attributable to non-controlling interest	(20.1)	(18.6)	(62.4)
Profit for the period attributable to equity holders of Mpact	182.5	278.6	539.4
Continuing operations			
Profit for the period attributable to equity holders of Mpact	182.5	278.6	539.4
Impairment of plant and equipment and goodwill (Gain)/loss on de-recognition of right-of-use assets and lease liabilities	(0.6)	_	93.4
Profit on disposal of tangible assets	(0.6)	(5.2)	(3.7)
Deferred tax effect on gain recognised on the remeasurement to fair	(=:3)	()	(0.1)
value less costs to sell	_	_	20.0

0.7

180.1

1.5

274.9

0.7

650.1

Related tax

Headline earnings for the financial period

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8. Earnings per share (continued)

	Unaudited six months ended 30 June 2024	Unaudited six months ended 30 June 2023	Audited year ended 31 December 2023
Underlying earnings¹ Profit for the period attributable to equity holders of Mpact Impairment of plant and equipment and goodwill Deferred tax effect on gain recognised on the remeasurement to fair value less costs to sell Related tax	182.5 - - -	278.6 - - -	539.4 93.4 20.0 (0.3)
Underlying earnings for the financial period	182.5	278.6	652.5
Discontinued operation Profit for the financial period attributable to equity holders of Mpact Gain recognised on the remeasurement to fair value less costs to sell	33.0	34.2	175.7 (74.0)
Headline earnings and underlying earnings for the financial period	33.0	34.2	101.7

Weighted number of shares

	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	six months	six months	year
	ended	ended	ended
	30 June	30 June	31 December
	2024	2023	2023
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ² Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares ³	147,322,111	146,064,963	146,753,371
	113,532	700,656	829,162
Weighted average number of ordinary shares adjusted for the effect of dilution	147,435,643	146,765,619	147,582,533

^{1.} Underlying earnings is arrived at after adjusting profit attributable to equity holders of Mpact for special items, net of tax.

9. Investments in equity accounted investees

	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	six months	six months	year
	ended	ended	ended
	30 June	30 June	31 December
	2024	2023	2023
Investments in associates Investments in joint arrangements	136.6	64.2	61.9
	51.0	51.0	51.0
	187.6	115.2	112.9

In the current financial period, Mpact acquired a 30% interest in Africa Tanks Proprietary Limited ("Africa Tanks") for a consideration of R67.0 million and a shareholder loan of R5.8 million, with the total consideration amounting to R72.8 million. The loan is included in non-current financial assets. Africa Tanks manufactures water tanks using blow-moulding technology. The effective date of the transaction was 1 April 2024.

^{2.} The weighted average number of shares takes into account the weighted average effect of changes in treasury shares during the year.

^{3.} Diluted EPS is calculated by adjusting the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue, on the assumption of conversion of all potentially dilutive ordinary shares.

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10. Stated capital

	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	six months	six months	year
	ended	ended	ended
	30 June	30 June	31 December
	2024	2023	2023
	R'm	R'm	R'm
Authorised			
217,500,000 shares of no par value	-	-	_
Issued and fully paid			
149,453,688 shares (30 June 2023: 149,453,688;			
31 December 2023: 149,453,688) of no par value	2,360.9	2,360.9	2,360.9

11. Interest and non-interest-bearing borrowings

	Unaudited six months ended 30 June 2024 R'm	Unaudited six months ended 30 June 2023 R'm	Audited year ended 31 December 2023 R'm
 Secured interest-bearing borrowings¹ Instalment loan facility 	3,397.0 12.7	2,900.0 0.4	3,295.0 2.3
Non-current borrowings	3,409.7	2,900.4	3,297.3
 Secured interest-bearing borrowings¹ Unsecured non-interest-bearing borrowings Instalment loan facility Bank overdraft 	50.0 7.4 3.0 10.1	100.0 7.4 0.9 16.8	7.4 0.9 17.0
Current portion of borrowings	70.5	125.1	25.3
Total borrowings	3,480.2	3,025.5	3,322.6

^{1.} Mpact has pledged certain items of property, plant and equipment, inventories, cash and cash equivalents and trade receivables as collateral against certain borrowings. Certain inter-company loans have been subordinated in favour of the debt holders.

The current portion of borrowings is expected to be repaid from operational cash flows and other borrowings.

12. Capital commitments

	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	six months	six months	year
	ended	ended	ended
	30 June	30 June	31 December
	2024	2023	2023
	R'm	R'm	R'm
Contracted capital commitments Approved capital commitments	506.8	886.9	566.6
	1,162.1	1,285.0	1,434.6
Capital commitments	1,668.9	2,171.9	2,001.2

Commitments of R1,233.4 million (30 June 2023: R1,711.6 million; 31 December 2023: R1,719.2 million) is expected to be spent in the next 12 months subject to available cash resources. The balance of R435.5 million (30 June 2023: R460.3 million; 31 December 2023: R282.0 million) is expected to be spent in one to five years. These commitments will be met from existing cash resources and borrowing facilities available to Mpact.

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13. Discontinued operation

Plastics Trays & Films

Following a strategic review in 2021, Mpact's Board had decided to sell its Plastic Trays & Films business, Mpact Versapak, as a going concern. Versapak currently forms part of the Plastics Division of Mpact Operations Proprietary Limited.

On 31 July 2024, Mpact entered into a sale of business agreement with Greenpath Recycling Proprietary Limited (a wholly owned subsidiary of Sinica Manufacturing Proprietary Limited) (Sinica), whereby Mpact will dispose of Mpact Versapak as a going concern for a purchase price of R267.7 million. The purchase price will be adjusted based on the actual amount of stock on hand and the value of certain employee liabilities as at the effective date of the disposal.

The disposal excludes all cash, debtors and creditors of the business. Also excluded from the disposal are the two properties from which the business operates. The parties have therefore also entered into two separate lease agreements in terms of which Sinica will lease these properties on market-related terms.

Mpact anticipates the effective date of the disposal to be in the second half of 2024, subject to the approval of the competition authorities having been received timeously. The disposal proceeds will be applied towards the settlement of debt.

At 30 June 2024, Versapak was presented as a disposal group held for sale and as a discontinued operation. The results for the period are presented below:

	Unaudited six months ended 30 June 2024 R'm	Unaudited six months ended 30 June 2023 R'm	Audited year ended 31 December 2023 R'm
Revenue from contracts with customers Expenses Gain recognised on the remeasurement to fair value less costs to sell	484.8 (452.1) -	544.8 (511.2)	1,136.5 (1,035.8) 74.0
Operating profit Net finance income	32.7 0.3	33.6 0.6	174.7 1.0
Profit for the period from discontinued operation ¹	33.0	34.2	175.7
The major classes of assets and liabilities that were reclassified are as follows: Assets Property, plant and equipment Inventories	140.0 114.5	60.6 112.0	140.0 107.7
Assets held for sale	254.5	172.6	247.7
Liabilities Other payables	(7.2)		(8.4)
Liabilities held for sale	(7.2)	_	(8.4)
Net assets held for sale The net cash flows are as follows: Operating activities Investing activities	247.3 76.5 (11.4)	172.6 106.5 (14.7)	239.3 104.4 (19.1)
Net cash inflows	65.1	91.8	85.3

^{1.} Profit for the period is after eliminating inter-company transactions where they were recognised without further adjustment.

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14. Fair value estimation

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market (for example, over-the-counter derivatives) are determined using standard valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise the use of observable market data available and rely as little as possible on Mpact's specific estimates.

The significant inputs required to fair value all of Mpact's financial instruments are observable.

Specific valuation methodologies used to value financial instruments include:

- the fair values of interest rate swaps and foreign exchange contracts are calculated as the present value of expected future cash flows based on observable yield curves and exchange rates; and
- other techniques, including discounted cash flow analysis, are used to determine the fair values of other financial instruments.

	Unaudited six months ended 30 June 2024 R'm	Unaudited six months ended 30 June 2023 R'm	Audited year ended 31 December 2023 R'm
Financial instruments by category			
Financial assets			
Trade receivables ¹ (At amortised cost)	3,010.3	2,889.9	2,822.9
Loan receivables ¹ (At amortised cost)	55.6	39.1	36.4
Derivative financial instruments			
(Level 2 - At fair value through profit or loss)	-	10.2	0.6
Cash and cash equivalents ¹ (At amortised cost)	543.9	565.5	881.5
Total	3,609.8	3,504.7	3,741.4
Financial liabilities			
Borrowings (Level 3 - At amortised cost)	3,480.2	3,025.5	3,322.6
Lease liabilities (Level 3 – At amortised cost)	294.0	179.7	224.4
Trade payables ¹ (At amortised cost)	2,487.5	2,367.7	2,245.2
Derivative financial instrument			
(Level 2 - At fair value through profit or loss)	2.4	3.0	3.4
Total	6,264.1	5,575.9	5,795.6

^{1.} The carrying value approximates the fair value.

15. Net asset value per share

	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	six months	six months	year
	ended	ended	ended
	30 June	30 June	31 December
	2024	2023	2023
	R'm	R'm	R'm
Net asset value per share (cents)	3,410.5	3,122.6	3,363.4

Net asset value per share is defined as net assets attributable to equity holders of Mpact divided by the number of ordinary shares in issue as at the end of the period.

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16. Contingent liabilities and contingent assets

- Contingent liabilities for Mpact comprise aggregate amounts at 30 June 2024 of R27.7 million (30 June 2023: R21.8 million; 31 December 2023: R21.8 million) in respect of loans and guarantees given to banks and other third parties.
- As advised to shareholders on 26 May 2016, the Company is subject to a Competition Commission investigation. Mpact had co-operated with the Competition Commission and dealt with the issues identified transparently through applying for corporate leniency in respect of the Competition Commission's investigations. Pursuant to its leniency policy, the Competition Commission is not seeking the imposition of a penalty against Mpact. Mpact had also been notified that the Competition Commission had reached a settlement agreement with the other correspondent and this historic matter had now been finalised. Mpact and the Competition Commission had also concluded a settlement agreement relating to Mpact's historic acquisition of minority interests in certain sheet plants for an amount of R7.0 million.

17. Cash generated from operations

The notes to the condensed consolidated interim statement of cash flows include cash flows for discontinued operation. This differs to the notes to the condensed consolidated interim statement of profit or loss which excludes amounts for the discontinued operation.

	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	six months	six months	year
	ended	ended	ended
	30 June	30 June	31 December
	2024	2023	2023
	R'm	R'm	R'm
Profit before tax from total operations	319.3	442.7	1,027.0
Profit before tax from continuing operations Profit from discontinued operation	286.3	408.5	851.3
	33.0	34.2	175.7
Depreciation, amortisation and impairments Gain recognised on the remeasurement to fair value less costs to sell Share-based payments Net finance costs Share of profit from equity accounted investees Decrease in provisions (Increase)/decrease in inventories Increase in receivables Increase in payables Profit on disposal of tangible assets Exchange differences and fair value change on transactions not qualifying as hedges	308.2	266.4	627.2
	-	-	(74.0)
	18.7	18.5	39.8
	147.6	131.0	283.0
	(11.7)	(9.5)	(18.3)
	(8.1)	(4.2)	(1.9)
	(325.0)	(77.6)	20.8
	(155.4)	(34.2)	(12.4)
	227.9	213.9	100.0
	(2.5)	(5.2)	(3.7)
Amortisation of government grant (Gain)/loss on de-recognition of right-of-use assets and lease liabilities	(0.3) (0.6)	(1.3)	(1.7) 0.3
Cash generated from operations	515.7	930.8	1,988.5

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18. Related parties

Mpact has a related party relationship with its associates and joint ventures. Mpact, in the ordinary course of business, enters into various sales, purchase and services transactions with joint ventures and associates and others in which Mpact has a material interest. These transactions are under terms that are no less favourable than those arranged with third parties.

	Unaudited six months ended 30 June 2024 R'm	Unaudited six months ended 30 June 2023 R'm	Audited year ended 31 December 2023 R'm
Details of transactions and balances between Mpact and related parties are disclosed below:			
Sales to related parties	215.5	202.1	404.9
Dividend income from related parties	3.9	7.8	18.9
Purchases from related parties	1.9	0.4	1.6
Interest received from related parties	0.5	0.1	0.1
Receivables due from related parties	102.9	78.2	124.0
Payables due to related parties	15.7	1.7	5.5
Loans to related parties	19.0	2.4	2.6

19. Going concern

As part of the directors' consideration of the appropriateness of adopting the going concern basis in preparing the condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the period ended 30 June 2024, liquidity and solvency tests were performed based on Mpact's budgets for the next 12 months.

Mpact's net debt as at 30 June 2024 was approximately R3.2 billion (30 June 2023: R2.6 billion; 31 December 2023: R2.7 billion).

Mpact is subject to two financial covenant conditions, namely the interest cover ratio, defined as earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation ("EBITDA") divided by total net interest; and the net debt to EBITDA ratio, defined as net debt, excluding finance liabilities, divided by EBITDA.

	Threshold	At 30 June 2024
Interest cover ratio Net debt to EBITDA	greater than or equal to 3.5 times less than or equal to 3.0 times	5.3 times 1.6 times

Mpact has met these covenants with sufficient headroom and therefore minimal risk exists for any breach. The directors consider that Mpact has adequate resources to continue operating for the foreseeable future and that it is, therefore, appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the condensed consolidated financial statements. The directors have satisfied themselves that Mpact is in a sound financial position, and that it has access to sufficient borrowing facilities to meet its foreseeable cash requirements.

20. Subsequent events

The Board declared an ordinary dividend of 30 cents per share on 1 August 2024 payable on 2 September 2024 to shareholders registered on 30 August 2024.

The directors are not aware of any other matters or circumstances arising subsequent to 30 June 2024 that require any additional disclosure or adjustment to the condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

Corporate information

Company profile

Mpact is the largest paper and plastics packaging and recycling business in southern Africa, employing 5,339 people (June 2023: 5,349 people), and generating revenue from total operations of R6.7 billion in the six months ended 30 June 2024.

Sales in South Africa account for approximately 89% of Mpact's total revenue for the current period while the balance was predominantly to customers in the rest of Africa.

The Group operates across 41 sites, comprising 23 manufacturing sites, and 15 recycling operations. Proximity to our customers contributes to faster response times, reduces transport costs and creates economies of scale. Our integrated business model is uniquely focused on closing the loop in plastic and paper packaging through recycling and the beneficiation of recyclables.

Our strong customer relationships, a thorough understanding of the sectors we operate in, and our commitment to innovation allow us to continue creating fit-for-purpose sustainable packaging solutions as well as value-added services that anticipate our customers' needs.

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