



# RFG

### **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the six months ended 31 March 2024











# **KEY FEATURES**



Regional operating profit margin + 110 bps to 10.0%

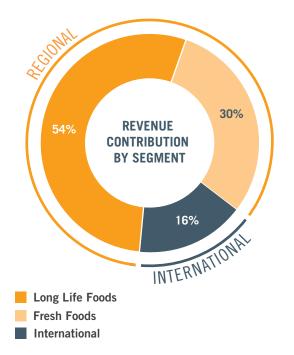
Diluted headline earnings per share + 20.4% to 99.8 cents Group operating profit + 15.2% to R399 million

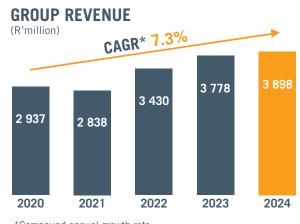
International operating profit margin + 110 bps to 11.5%

Net debt-to-equity ratio improved to 33.3% from 46.7% Group operating profit margin + 100 bps to 10.2%

Headline earnings + 20.7% to R262 million

Return on equity improved to 15.7% from 14.1%





\*Compound annual growth rate.

# COMMENTARY

### PROFILE

RFG is a leading producer of fresh, frozen and long life convenience meal solutions for customers and consumers across South Africa, sub-Saharan Africa and major global markets. RFG's balanced portfolio of market leading brands, which includes Rhodes, Bull Brand, Magpie, Squish, Hinds and Today, is complemented by private label product ranges packed for all major South African retailers and international customers.

### **TRADING AND FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**

Group revenue increased by 3.2% to R3.9 billion as regional segment sales volumes declined in the weak domestic consumer environment. The revenue of the international segment was impacted by ongoing operational challenges at the Cape Town port and softer international pricing, which was partially offset by foreign exchange gains.

Revenue growth was mainly driven by price inflation of 6.9% as the Group continued to recover higher input costs.

Revenue (% change)	Increase/decrease	Price	Volume	Mix	Forex
Regional segment	5.8	10.0	(5.5)	1.3	-
International segment	(8.6)	(6.5)	(8.9)	1.3	5.5
Total Group	3.2	6.9	(6.1)	1.4	1.0

Revenue in the regional segment increased by 5.8% with price inflation of 10.0% while sales volumes declined by 5.5% due to constrained consumer spending as well as increased competitor promotional activity in some product categories. However, both the rate of volume decline and price inflation have slowed relative to the first half of the 2023 financial year.

Long life foods increased revenue by 7.5%. After reporting good revenue growth for the first quarter of the financial year, long life sales slowed in the second quarter to March 2024. The three largest categories of fruit juice, meat products and dry foods continue to deliver good growth, supported by improved performances in the vegetable and salads categories.

The Group recorded strong market and brand share gains in several key product categories. Rhodes has gained the number one brand position in the jam market and Hinds Spices has moved into the number two position in the spices, herbs and pepper category. The Group's brands are the market leaders in jam, canned meat, canned tomato and frozen pies and pastry, and hold the number two positions in fruit juice, canned fruit, canned vegetables, infant meals and spices, herbs and pepper.

Fresh foods revenue increased by 2.9% with the pie category continuing to grow volumes while the ready meals category benefited from the resilience of higher income customers.

International segment revenue declined by 8.6% due to softer international pricing relative to the prior year as well as the decline in export volumes due to lower opening stock levels. This was compounded by the challenges at the Cape Town port, particularly in the last few months. The lower sales volumes were partially offset by depreciation in the Rand against the Group's basket of trading currencies which contributed 5.5% to revenue growth.

Despite the pressure on sales volumes, the Group has improved its operating profit margin by driving profitable growth, recovering inflationary increases on raw material and packaging costs and extracting cost savings from operational efficiencies. Load shedding related diesel costs reduced to R19.6 million compared to R37.8 million in the prior period. These factors contributed to the Group's operating profit increasing by 15.2% to R399 million, with the operating profit margin improving by 100 basis points to 10.2%.

Regional segment operating profit increased by 19.7% to R326.6 million as the operating profit margin expanded from 8.9% to the targeted 10.0%. Margins are being supported by production efficiency gains from recent capital investment, notably the new canning equipment and capacity expansion at the meat products plant in Krugersdorp.

The operating profit for the international segment increased by 0.5% to R73.2 million as the operating profit margin strengthened from 10.4% to 11.5%. Profitability was supported by the weakening of the Rand against the US dollar as well as improved factory efficiencies over the recent deciduous season relative to the prior period. The upgrade and replacement of equipment at the Tulbagh fruit products factory further contributed to the margin expansion.

Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) increased by 14.6% to R552 million, while the EBITDA margin strengthened by 140 basis points to 14.2%.

The Group's net interest expense was R6.4 million lower at R39.6 million due to the Group's lower debt levels.

Headline earnings increased by 20.7% to R261.7 million, with diluted headline earnings per share (HEPS) 20.4% higher at 99.8 cents. Earnings per share increased by 20.6% to 100.5 cents and HEPS by 21.1% to 100.7 cents.

Net working capital totalled R2.2 billion, decreasing by R5.9 million over the prior period. The increase in inventory levels for the period of R507 million was R52.5 million lower than the increase in the prior period. Net cash outflow from operations at R48.2 million was R38.3 million lower than the prior period due to the lower investment in working capital and improved profitability, partially offset by an increase in income tax payments of R55.0 million.

# COMMENTARY CONTINUED

Net debt decreased by R294 million to R1.17 billion and the net debt-to-equity ratio improved to 33.3% from 46.7%. Long-term loans of R185 million were repaid while no further loan funding was raised during the period. Capital expenditure totalled R200 million (H1 2023: R144 million), with the largest investment being at the Tulbagh fruit products factory.

The Group achieved its medium-term targets for operating profit margin and return on equity.

Metric	Medium-term target	Achieved in H1 2024
Revenue growth	<b>GDP* + CPI + 2.0%</b> (0.6% + 5.3% + 2.0% = 7.9%)	<b>3.2%</b> (H1 2023: 10.2%)
Operating profit margin	10.0%	<b>10.2%</b> (H1 2023: 9.2%)
Return on equity	<b>WACC + 2.0%</b> (13.4% + 2.0% = 15.4%)	<b>15.7%^</b> (H1 2023: 14.1% <sup>^</sup> )

\* SA National Treasury actual GDP for 2023

^ Rolling 12-month period

### OUTLOOK

Consumer spending is expected to remain under pressure for the remainder of the financial year due to continued inflationary pressure on consumers while interest rates are now only expected to start declining in the 2025 financial year. In this environment the Group will drive sales and brand share growth through a heightened focus on product innovation, particularly in the fruit juice and dry foods categories.

The Group continues to focus on price, volume and margin management as well as improving operating efficiencies to maintain the operating profit margin. Input costs have generally moderated from the high levels experienced over the past two years which should support the operating profit margin being maintained.

In the international business, customer demand for RFG's canned fruit products remains strong and management will continue their focus on volume recovery in the second half of the year despite the port challenges. The Group aims to maintain the international operating profit margin at 10% through-the-cycle.

Cash flow management is a priority in the current low growth environment to ensure efficient management of working capital and interest costs. Capital expenditure of R300 million is planned for the full financial year.

Any reference to future performance included in this announcement has not been reviewed or reported on by the Group's independent auditor.

Pieter Hanekom Chief executive officer

Groot Drakenstein 22 May 2024

Tiaan Schoombie Chief financial officer

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 31 March 2024

Notes	Reviewed Six-month period ended 31 March 2024 R'000	Reviewed Six-month period ended 2 April 2023 R'000	Audited year ended 1 October 2023 R'000
ASSETS			
Non-current assets	2 716 357	2 677 452	2 645 832
Property, plant and equipment3Right-of-use assets4Intangible assets5Goodwill1Investment in associate5Deferred taxation asset5Biological assets5Loans and other receivables5	1 981 467 113 864 144 056 444 857 6 613 249 14 795 10 456	1 886 528 135 308 178 572 444 857 7 262 217 14 990 9 718	1 898 663 113 902 156 923 444 857 6 866 395 14 684 9 542
Current assets	3 554 189	3 386 473	2 904 060
Inventory 5 Accounts receivable Biological assets Loans and other receivables Taxation receivable Cash and cash equivalents	2 176 232 1 277 162 69 372 9 131 149 22 143	2 103 139 1 216 823 52 850 11 272 - 2 389	1 669 543 1 159 781 27 769 12 260 18 34 689
Total assets	6 270 546	6 063 925	5 549 892
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Capital and reserves	3 510 445	3 133 223	3 406 583
Stated capital Equity-settled employee benefits reserve Accumulated profit	1 536 906 47 698 1 915 349	1 547 735 22 023 1 552 964	1 544 818 37 615 1 813 407
Equity attributable to owners of the group Non-controlling interest	3 499 953 10 492	3 122 722 10 501	3 395 840 10 743
Non-current liabilities	481 442	678 331	614 419
Loans Lease liabilities Deferred taxation liability Employee benefit liability	154 754 75 748 237 526 13 414	293 501 112 606 258 576 13 648	261 382 100 729 240 092 12 216
Current liabilities	2 278 659	2 252 371	1 528 890
Accounts payable and accruals Employee benefits accruals Taxation payable Loans Lease liabilities Bank overdraft	1 220 250 67 006 29 914 139 918 59 636 761 935	1 080 932 72 511 39 116 212 150 49 414 798 248	974 328 117 750 37 325 217 867 49 274 132 346
Total equity and liabilities	6 270 546	6 063 925	5 549 892

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

for the six month period ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Reviewed Six-month period ended 31 March 2024 R'000	Reviewed Six-month period ended 2 April 2023 R'000	Audited year ended 1 October 2023 R'000
<b>Revenue</b> Direct manufacturing costs Manufacturing operating costs Selling and distribution costs Other operating costs Other income	6 5.2 5.2	3 897 784 (2 458 503) (441 967) (247 606) (364 110) 13 054	3 778 435 (2 470 881) (373 867) (266 687) (333 401) 12 331	7 886 679 (5 085 573) (822 914) (539 870) (699 676) 18 059
Operating profit before associate loss		398 652	345 930	756 705
Associate loss		(252)	(121)	(518)
Profit before interest and taxation		398 400	345 809	756 187
Interest expense		(39 655)	(46 228)	(99 358)
Interest income		77	272	444
<b>Profit before taxation</b>		358 822	299 853	657 273
Taxation		(97 955)	(81 804)	(179 737)
Profit for the period Other comprehensive income		260 867	218 049	477 536
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss		-	-	1 181
Remeasurement of employee benefit liability Deferred taxation effect				1 629 (448)
Total comprehensive income for the period		260 867	218 049	478 717
Profit attributable to:		261 118	217 295	476 595
Owners of the group		(251)	754	941
Non-controlling interest		260 867	218 049	477 536
<b>Total comprehensive income attributable to:</b>		261 118	217 295	477 721
Owners of the group		(251)	754	996
Non-controlling interest		260 867	218 049	478 717
Earnings per share (cents)	7.2	100.5	83.3	183.0
Diluted earnings per share (cents)	7.2	99.6	83.1	181.6

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

for the six month period ended 31 March 2024

		Stated	Equity-settled employee	Accumulated	Non-controlling	
		capital	benefits reserve	profit	interest	Total
	Note	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
Balance at 2 October 2022 – audited		1 554 251	15 994	1 452 951	9 747	3 032 943
Profit for the period		—	-	217 295	754	218 049
Other comprehensive income for the period		-	-	-	-	-
Equity-settled employee benefits						
expense recognised		-	10 471	-	-	10 471
Equity-settled employee benefits settlement <sup>1</sup>		-	(4 4 4 2)	2 547	-	(1 895)
Acquisition of treasury shares		(6 516)	-	-	-	(6 516)
Dividend paid	12	-	-	(119 822)	-	(119 822)
Balance at 2 April 2023 – reviewed		1 547 735	22 023	1 552 971	10 501	3 133 230
Profit for the period		_	_	259 300	187	259 487
Other comprehensive income for the period Equity-settled employee benefits		-	_	1 126	55	1 181
expense recognised			15 602			15 602
Equity-settled employee benefits settlement <sup>1</sup>			(10)	10		15 002
Acquisition of treasury shares		(2 917)	(10)	-	-	(2 917)
Balance at 1 October 2023 – audited		1 544 818	37 615	1 813 407	10 743	3 406 583
Profit for the period		_	_	261 118	(251)	260 867
Other comprehensive income for the period		-	_	-	_	-
Equity-settled employee benefits						
expense recognised		—	16 192	-	-	16 192
Equity-settled employee benefits settlement <sup>1</sup>		—	(6 109)	2 973	-	(3 136)
Acquisition of treasury shares		(7 912)	-	-	-	(7 912)
Dividend paid	12	-	-	(162 149)	-	(162 149)
Balance at 31 March 2024 – reviewed		1 536 906	47 698	1 915 349	10 492	3 510 445

<sup>1</sup> Settled by purchase of shares in the open market.

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the six month period ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Reviewed Six-month period ended 31 March 2024 R'000	Reviewed Six-month period ended 2 April 2023 R'000	Audited year ended 1 October 2023 R'000
Cash flows from operating activities Cash generated from operations Interest paid Interest received Taxation paid	8	95 397 (35 708) 77 (107 917)	12 272 (46 018) 272 (52 933)	1 075 075 (99 162) 444 (171 785)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities		(48 151)	(86 407)	804 572
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b> Purchase of property, plant and equipment Purchase of intangible assets Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment Loans and other receivables advanced Loans and other receivables repaid		(199 837) (39) 368 - 2 531	(143 512)  258  488	(288 412) 
Net cash outflow from investing activities		(196 977)	(142 766)	(287 677)
Cash flows from financing activities Equity-settled employee benefits settlement <sup>1</sup> Acquisition of treasury shares Loans repaid Principal portion of lease liabilities repaid Dividend paid Net inflow/(outflow) from bank overdraft	12	(3 136) (7 912) (184 577) (39 233) (162 149) 629 589	(1 895) (6 516) (188 563) (29 109) (119 829) 567 107	(1 895) (9 433) (214 965) (47 663) (119 822) (98 795)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities		232 582	221 195	(492 573)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period		(12 546) 34 689	(7 978) 10 367	24 322 10 367
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period		22 143	2 389	34 689

<sup>1</sup> Settled by purchase of shares in the open market.

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED SEGMENTAL REPORT

for the six month period ended 31 March 2024

# PRODUCTS AND SERVICES FROM WHICH REPORTABLE SEGMENTS DERIVE THEIR REVENUES

Information reported to the chief operating decision-maker for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance focuses on the types of goods or services delivered or provided, and in respect of the 'regional' and 'international' operations. The information is further analysed based on the different classes of customers. The chief operating decision-maker of the Group has chosen to organise the Group around the difference in geographical areas and operates the business on that basis.

Specifically, the Group's reportable segments under IFRS 8: Operating Segments, are as follows:

- Regional
- International

### **SEGMENT REVENUES AND RESULTS**

The Group's revenue and results by reportable segment are analysed below and incorporate disaggregation of revenue.

	Reviewed Six-month period ended 31 March 2024 R'000	Reviewed Six-month period ended 2 April 2023 R'000	Audited year ended 1 October 2023 R'000
		Segment revenue	
<b>Regional</b> Fresh products sales Long life products sales	1 166 090 2 092 200	1 133 160 1 945 482	2 264 421 3 735 508
International Long life products sales	3 258 290 639 494	3 078 642 699 793	5 999 929 1 886 750
Total	3 897 784	3 778 435	7 886 679
		Segment profit	
Regional International	326 574 73 243	272 925 72 884	527 090 244 571
Operating profit from normal activities <sup>1</sup>	399 817	345 809	771 661
Impairment loss Interest income Interest expense	(1 417) 77 (39 655)	272	(15 474) 444 (99 358)
Profit before taxation	358 822	299 853	657 273

<sup>1</sup> Operating profit from normal activities excludes items that do not occur in the normal course of the Group's operating activities.

	Se	gment depreciation	
Regional International	99 458 41 281	90 092 35 133	177 429 93 143
Total	140 739	125 225	270 572

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED SEGMENTAL REPORT CONTINUED

for the six month period ended 31 March 2024

	Reviewed Six-month period ended 31 March 2024 R'000	Reviewed Six-month period ended 2 April 2023 R'000	Audited year ended 1 October 2023 R'000
	Se	gment amortisation	
Regional International	12 890 16	10 795 210	27 642 519
Total	12 906	11 005	28 161
	Sha	re of loss of associat	e
Regional	(252)	(121)	(518)

Segment revenue reported above represents revenue generated from external customers. Intercompany sales in the regional long life segment amounted to R286.599 million (six months ended 2 April 2023: R242.120 million, year ended 1 October 2023: R461.778 million).

The accounting policies of the reportable segments are the same as the Group's accounting policies described in note 1. Segment profit represents the profit before tax earned by each segment without allocation of impairment losses, interest received and interest paid. This is the measure reported to the chief operating decision-maker for the purpose of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance.

### **GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

The Group's non-current assets by location of operations (excluding goodwill and deferred taxation asset) and revenue are detailed below. Executive management does not evaluate any of the Group's other assets or liabilities on a segmental basis for decision-making purposes.

	Reviewed Six-month period ended 31 March 2024 R'000	Reviewed Six-month period ended 2 April 2023 R'000	Audited year ended 1 October 2023 R'000
		Non-current assets	
South Africa Eswatini	2 052 569 218 682	1 987 617 244 761	1 977 939 222 641
	2 271 251	2 232 378	2 200 580
		Revenue	
South Africa Eswatini	3 810 498 87 286	3 694 388 84 047	7 600 428 286 251
	3 897 784	3 778 435	7 886 679

### **INFORMATION REGARDING MAJOR CUSTOMERS**

Two customers (six months ended 2 April 2023: two customers, year ended 1 October 2023: two customers) individually contributed 10% or more of the Group's revenue arising from both regional and international sources.

for the six month period ended 31 March 2024

#### 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

RFG Holdings Limited is a company domiciled in the Republic of South Africa. These condensed consolidated financial statements as at and for the six-month period ended 31 March 2024 comprise the company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the "Group"). The main business of the Group is the manufacturing and marketing of convenience meal solutions. These include ready meals, pies and other pastry-based products, dairy products, fruit juices, fruit purees and concentrates and long life meals including jams, fruits, salads, vegetables, meat and dry packed foods. There were no major changes in the nature of the business for the Group during the periods ended 31 March 2024 and 2 April 2023.

The condensed consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and contains the information required by IAS34: Interim Financial Reporting, the SAICA Financial Reporting Guides as issued by the Accounting Practices Committee, the Financial Pronouncements as issued by the Financial Reporting Standards Council, the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa and the JSE Listings Requirements.

The accounting policies and methods of computation applied in the preparation of the condensed consolidated financial statements comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) Accounting Standards and are consistent with those applied in the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 1 October 2023. The Group has not identified any standards, interpretations or amendments issued and effective in the current year which had a material impact on the Group's financial statements.

These condensed consolidated financial statements were prepared under the supervision of CC Schoombie CA(SA), Chief Financial Officer.

#### 2. SEASONALITY OF OPERATIONS

The Group's performance is subject to seasonal trends based on the seasonality of fruit crops which are processed annually from November to July. Due to the seasonal nature of fruit production, working capital is actively managed over an annual cycle.

### 3. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

During the six-month period ended 31 March 2024 the following transactions accounted for the movement in the property, plant and equipment balance:

COST		Opening balance R'000	Additions R'000	Disposals R'000	
31 March 2024		3 026 209	199 837	(1 321)	3 224 725
2 April 2023		2 788 910	143 512	(4 129)	2 928 293
1 October 2023		2 788 910	289 985	(52 686)	) 3 026 209
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION AND IMPAIRMENT	Opening balance R'000	Depreciation R'000	Disposals R'000	Impairment R'000	
31 March 2024	1 127 546	115 555	(1 260)	) 1 417	1 243 258
2 April 2023	943 786	102 012	(4 033)	) —	1 041 765
1 October 2023	943 786	224 046	(51 294)	11 008	1 127 546
NET BOOK VALUE			Ope	ening balance R'000	Closing balance R'000
31 March 2024				1 898 663	1 981 467
2 April 2023				1 845 124	1 886 528
1 October 2023				1 845 124	1 898 663

The disposal of property, plant and equipment resulted in a profit of R0.306 million (six months ended 2 April 2023: profit of R0.162 million, year ended 1 October 2023: loss of R0.675 million). An impairment of land for which the fair value was less than the current cost during the six month period ended 31 March 2024 amounted to an impairment loss of R1.417 million (six months ended 2 April 2023: Rnil, year ended 1 October 2023: decommissioning of redundant plant and equipment amounted to an impairment loss of R1.1008 million). These impairment losses were recognised as part of 'other operating costs' in the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

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#### 3. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT CONTINUED

During the six month period ended 31 March 2024, the Group contracted R72.395 million (six months ended 2 April 2023: R65.875 million, year ended 1 October 2023: R76.033 million) for future capital commitments. This will be financed through a combination of operating cash flows and available credit facilities.

There has been no major change in the nature of property, plant and equipment, the policy regarding the use thereof, or the encumbrances over the property, plant and equipment.

#### 4. **RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS**

The Group leases various land and buildings, plant and machinery, office equipment and vehicles. Rental contracts are typically entered into for fixed periods, but may sometimes have extension options. Lease terms are negotiated on an individual basis by the underlying business components and contain a range of terms and conditions. Leases of plant and machinery, office equipment and vehicles have a lease term ranging from three to twenty years (2023: three to twenty years). Leases of land and buildings have a lease term ranging from two to ten years.

Set out below are the carrying amounts of right-of-use assets recognised and the movements during the year:

NET BOOK VALUE	Opening balance R'000	Additions R'000	Terminations R'000	Depreciation R'000	Remeasurements R'000	Closing balance R'000
31 March 2024	113 902	16 335	-	(25 184)	8 811	113 864
2 April 2023	146 185	3 441	-	(23 213)	8 895	135 308
1 October 2023	146 185	5 189	(197)	(46 526)	9 251	113 902

### 5. **INVENTORY**

#### 5.1 **INVENTORY**

A provision for obsolete stock of R36.442 million is included in the inventory balance as at 31 March 2024 (2 April 2023: provision for net realisable value of R8.974 million, 1 October 2023: provision for obsolete stock of R37.120 million).

#### 5.2 COST OF SALES

	Reviewed Six-month period ended 31 March 2024 R'000	Reviewed Six-month period ended 2 April 2023 R'000	Audited year ended 1 October 2023 R'000
Direct manufacturing costs Manufacturing operating costs	2 458 503 441 967	2 470 881 373 867	5 085 573 822 914
	2 900 470	2 844 748	5 908 487

Cost of sales consists of direct manufacturing costs and an allocation of manufacturing operating costs.

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### 6. **REVENUE**

The disaggregated revenue from contracts with customers is as follows:

	Reviewed Six-month period ended 31 March 2024 R'000	Reviewed Six-month period ended 2 April 2023 R'000	Audited year ended 1 October 2023 R'000
Regional		1 100 100	0.001.101
Fresh products	1 166 090 412 492	1 133 160 362 983	2 264 421 678 889
Long life fruit products Long life grocery products	1 679 708	1 582 499	3 056 619
	3 258 290	3 078 642	5 999 929
International			
Long life fruit products	628 359	684 683	1 856 546
Long life grocery products	11 135	15 110	30 204
	639 494	699 793	1 886 750
	3 897 784	3 778 435	7 886 679

The revenue categories consist of net sales of the following:

- Fresh products: Ready meals, pies, bakery and dairy products.
- Fruit products: Canned fruit and jam, fruit purees and fruit concentrates.
- Grocery products: Canned vegetables, canned meat, bottled salads and pickles, fruit juice, dry packaged foods and infant meals.

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### 7. EARNINGS AND HEADLINE EARNINGS PER SHARE

#### 7.1 HEADLINE EARNINGS PER SHARE

Reconciliation between earnings attributable to owners of the parent and headline earnings:

	Six-month perio	Reviewed Six-month period ended 31 March 2024	
	Gross <sup>1</sup> R'000	Net R'000	
Earnings attributable to owners of the parent		261 118	
Adjustments to profit attributable to owners of the parent: Profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(306)	(223)	
Impairment of property, plant and equipment	1 417	1 034	
Insurance proceeds related to property, plant and equipment	(303)	(221)	
Headline earnings		261 708	
Headline earnings per share (cents)		100.7	
	Reviewed Six-month perior 2 April 202	d ended	
	Gross <sup>1</sup> R'000	Net R'000	
Earnings attributable to owners of the parent Adjustments to profit attributable to owners of the parent:		217 295	
Profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(162)	(118)	
Insurance proceeds related to property, plant and equipment	(514)	(376)	
Headline earnings		216 801	
Headline earnings per share (cents)		83.2	
	Audited year ende 1 October 2		
	Gross <sup>1</sup> R'000	Net R'000	
Earnings attributable to owners of the parent Adjustments to profit attributable to owners of the parent:		476 595	
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	675	493	
Impairment of property, plant and equipment	11 008	8 036	
Impairment of intangible assets Insurance proceeds related to property, plant and equipment	4 466 (536)	3 260 (391	
	(000)	487 993	
Headline earnings			
Headline earnings per share (cents)		187.4	

<sup>1</sup> Pre-tax amounts attributable to owners of the parent.

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### 7. EARNINGS AND HEADLINE EARNINGS PER SHARE CONTINUED

		Reviewed Six-month period ended 31 March 2024 R'000	Reviewed Six-month period ended 2 April 2023 R'000	Audited year ended 1 October 2023 R'000
7.2	EARNINGS AND DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE			
	Earnings attributable to owners of the parent Earnings per share (cents) Diluted earnings per share (cents)	261 118 100.5 99.6	217 295 83.3 83.1	476 595 183.0 181.6
7.3	DILUTED HEADLINE EARNINGS PER SHARE			
	Headline earnings Diluted headline earnings per share (cents)	261 708 99.8	216 801 82.9	487 993 185.9
7.4	WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF SHARES IN ISSUE			
	Weighted average number of shares in issue Treasury shares	262 762 018 (2 917 352)	262 762 018 (2 027 446)	262 762 018 (2 303 658)
	Weighted average number of shares in issue Effect of share options	259 844 666 2 306 940	260 734 572 842 552	260 458 360 2 022 535
	Weighted average number of dilutive shares in issue	262 151 606	261 577 124	262 480 895

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### 8. CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATIONS

	Reviewed Six-month period ended 31 March 2024 R'000	Reviewed Six-month period ended 2 April 2023 R'000	Audited year ended 1 October 2023 R'000
Reconciliation of profit before taxation to cash generated from operations			
Profit before taxation Adjusted for:	358 822	299 853	657 273
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	115 555	102 012	224 046
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	25 184 12 906	23 213 10 978	46 526 28 161
Amortisation of intangible assets Net interest paid	39 578	45 956	28 161 98 914
(Profit)/loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(306)	(162)	675
IFRS 16 lease cancellation gain	-	(2 561)	(2 566)
Foreign exchange (gain)/loss on foreign currency denominated lease liabilities	(531)	(1 181)	1 646
Impairment of property, plant and equipment	1 417	-	11 008
Impairment of intangible assets	-	-	4 466
Net loss of associate	252	121	518
Share-based payment expense recognised	16 192	10 471	26 073
Allowance for credit losses on loans	(317)	(89)	(431)
Net movement in biological assets	(41 714)	(25 328)	59
Net movement in employee benefit liability	1 198	-	
Operating cash flows before working capital changes	528 236	463 283	1 096 368
Working capital changes	(432 839)	(451 011)	(21 293)
Increase in inventory	(506 689)	(559 180)	(125 584)
(Increase)/Decrease in accounts receivable	(117 381)	(44 855)	12 187
Increase in accounts payable and accruals	241 975	175 314	68 958
(Decrease)/Increase in employee benefit liability accruals	(50 744)	(22 290)	23 146
Cash generated from operations	95 397	12 272	1 075 075

### 9. **CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

	Reviewed Six-month period ended 31 March 2024 R'000	Reviewed Six-month period ended 2 April 2023 R'000	Audited year ended 1 October 2023 R'000
Bank guarantees for import and operational activities	19 389	15 111	16 903
Suretyship for RFG Foods Proprietary Limited banking facilities with Nedbank Limited, issued by Pacmar Properties Proprietary Limited.	44 000	44 000	44 000
Suretyship for RFG Eswatini Proprietary Limited banking facility with Nedbank (Eswatini) Limited issued by RFG Foods Proprietary Limited.	75 000	75 000	75 000
Cession of all amounts owing to RFG Foods Proprietary Limited by RFG Eswatini Proprietary Limited and Rhodes Foods Eswatini Proprietary Limited in favour of Nedbank Limited. Suretyship including cession of loans receivable by Rhodes Foods Eswatini Proprietary Limited for RFG Eswatini Proprietary Limited banking facilities with	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Nedbank (Eswatini) Limited.	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited

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#### **10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The carrying amounts of the financial assets and liabilities reported in the statement of financial position approximate fair values at the reporting date.

#### 11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Group sold goods to Peaty Mills Plc for R124.885 million (six months ended 2 April 2023: R178.677 million, year ended 1 October 2023: R454.980 million). Included in trade receivables are amounts due from Peaty Mills Plc for R61.616 million (six months ended 2 April 2023: R104.117 million, year ended 1 October 2023: R86.814 million).

There were no other significant related party transactions during the period under review.

#### 12. DIVIDEND PAID

On 22 January 2024 a dividend of 62.0 cents (23 January 2023: 45.8 cents) per share was paid amounting to a total dividend of R162.1 million (2023: R119.8 million).

#### 13. GOING CONCERN

The directors believe that the Group has adequate financial resources available within the Group to continue in operation for the foreseeable future and accordingly the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

#### 14. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO REPORTING DATE

The board of directors is not aware of any matter or circumstance of a material nature arising since the end of the six-month period ended 31 March 2024, otherwise not dealt with in the condensed consolidated financial statements, which significantly affects the financial position of the Group or the results of its operations.

#### 15. SIX-MONTH PERIOD END

The Group's financial year ends on or about 30 September which reflects 52 weeks of trading, and as a result the reporting date may differ year on year. References to an interim financial period are to the 26 weeks ended on or about 31 March. The interim financial statements were prepared for the 26 week period ended 31 March 2024 (2023: 26 week period ended 2 April 2023).

### 16. APPROVAL OF THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The condensed consolidated financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 17 May 2024.

#### 17. PREPARER OF THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These condensed consolidated financial statements were prepared under the supervision of CC Schoombie CA(SA), chief financial officer.

#### 18. **REVIEW REPORT**

The directors have elected to engage the Group's auditors, Ernst & Young Inc., to conduct a voluntary review of the condensed consolidated financial statements.

The Group's auditors have issued an unmodified review conclusion on the condensed consolidated financial statements. Any reference to the Group's outlook included in this announcement has not been reviewed or reported on by the Group's auditors.

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#### **19. INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT ON INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF RFG HOLDINGS LIMITED

We have reviewed the condensed consolidated financial statements of RFG Holdings Limited, contained in the accompanying interim report, which comprises the condensed consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 March 2024 and the condensed consolidated statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the six-month period then ended, and selected explanatory notes.

#### DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The directors are responsible for the preparation and presentation of these interim financial statements in accordance with the IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting, the SAICA Financial Reporting Guides as issued by the Accounting Practices Committee, Financial Pronouncements as issued by Financial Reporting Standards Council, the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of interim financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on these interim financial statements. We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements (ISRE) 2410, Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity. ISRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the interim financial statements are not prepared in all material respects in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. This standard also requires us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of interim financial statements in accordance with ISRE 2410 is a limited assurance engagement. We perform procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluate the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less than and differ in nature from those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

#### CONCLUSION

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements of RFG Holdings Limited for the six-month period ended 31 March 2024 are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting, the SAICA Financial Reporting Guides as issued by the Accounting Practices Committee, Financial Pronouncements as issued by Financial Reporting Standards Council and the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa.

Ernst & Young Inc.

Ernst & Young Inc. Director: Lucian Rolleston *Registered Auditor* Chartered Accountant (SA)

22 May 2024

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# **CORPORATE INFORMATION**

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Company secretary	BM Lakey
Transfer secretaries	Computershare Investor Services Proprietary Limited
Sponsor	Rand Merchant Bank, a division of FirstRand Bank Limited
Auditors	Ernst & Young Inc.

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