Libstar Holdings Limited (Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa) (Registration number 2014/032444/06) (JSE share code: LBR) (ISIN: ZAE000250239) ("Libstar" or the "company" or the "group")

RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 AND CASH DIVIDEND DECLARATION

SALIENT FEATURES:

- Listed on the JSE Limited on 9 May 2018, raising R3 billion primary and secondary capital;
- Revenue increased 12.5% to R9 892 million from R8 796 million, with organic revenue increasing by 5.1%;
- Normalised Earnings before interest and taxation (EBIT) increased by 1.4% to R819 million from R807 million;
- Normalised Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) increased 4.6% to R984 million. This was in line with Libstar's historic seasonal trend of an approximate 40:60 ratio between H1 and H2. Libstar reminds investors that certain once-off and non-operating items should be taken into account when calculating normalised earnings for the group. These impacts are outlined below:
- Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets of R42 million (F2017: R50 million), as discussed in the segmental review below;
- Unrealised foreign exchange translation losses of R46 million (F2017: gain of R40 million);
- Amortisation of customer relationships of R141 million (F2017: R132 million); and
- A reversal of the Share Appreciation Rights provision of R13 million (F2017: expense of R27 million).
- Profit after taxation increased by 1.1% to R236 million;
- As indicated to the market previously, Libstar has adopted new financial performance measures, namely normalised earnings per share (EPS) and headline earnings per share (HEPS), which will adjust basic and diluted earnings from continuing operations for the after-tax impact of the adjustments included in the group's existing accounting policy relating to Normalised EBITDA.
 - Normalised basic and diluted EPS decreased 11.8% from 76 cents to 67 cents; and
 - Normalised basic and diluted HEPS decreased 16.1% from 87 cents to 73 cents.
- R505.0 million cash flow generated from operating activities;
- Net indebtedness reduced from R1.9 billion to R1.2 billion; and
- Maiden cash dividend declaration of 22 cents per share.

INTRODUCTION

The retail and consumer environment were the toughest Libstar has experienced since its inception 14 years ago. The retail sector is experiencing structural pressures brought about by economic uncertainty and lower levels of consumer spending. Against this backdrop, the group performed satisfactorily, with the positive volume growth experienced during the first half of the year persisting and accelerating slightly into the second half of the year. Organic revenue was bolstered mainly by the successful launch of Lancewood-branded dairy products.

The group continues to focus on the supply of innovative and value-added products, mainly to targeted markets, which have proven to be more resilient, as well as focusing on low-cost manufacturing and procurement efficiencies. These are key to maintaining a competitive advantage in a challenging market.

However, as outlined in the segmental review, normalised EPS and HEPS were affected by the impairment in the Niche Beverages category.

OVERVIEW OF THE GROUP

Libstar is a leading producer and supplier of high-quality products in the consumer-packaged goods ("CPG") industry and markets a wide range of products in South Africa and globally. The group provides a multi-product offering in several categories across multiple channels, strategically positioning itself within the food, beverage, home and personal care ("HPC") sectors to maintain the flexibility to capitalise on growth areas in the CPG industry.

The group operates a number of business units. Business units are supported from the central office with functional business activities, including human resources, finance, sales, marketing and supply chain. Growth is driven from the central office both organically and through expansion projects, as well as acquisitions. Libstar's head office drives the broad group strategy frameworks, guidelines and governance policies and procedures, and generally provides the platform benefits that assist new small to medium-sized business units to grow exponentially. Key to this growth is the strategic allocation of capital by Libstar to fund investments in working capital and infrastructure development to build manufacturing capability and operational efficiencies.

STRATEGY

Libstar focused on the following initiatives in F2018, all geared towards innovation to counter the impact of the tough retail and consumer environments:

- Category and channel development

The detailed analysis of product categories, in-depth relationships with customers and knowledge of the market continued to highlight growth opportunities which, in turn, drive new product innovation to grow the group's market share and the overall size of selective markets;

Investment

The group invested R349 million in new technologies, efficiency improvements and capacity expansion in key categories to remain competitive;

Systems

Business unit information technology systems and processes are being standardised across the group. Significant upgrades to the group's information technology systems and processes were implemented in F2018;

- Exploiting trends

The growth of new trends in the market provides diverse opportunities to innovate products. The current, fast-growing trends in Libstar's markets include:

- On-the-go and convenience eating. The group is meeting the consumer requirement to dine out of home through a range of products to quick service restaurants, such as McDonald's, KFC and Nando's and to family restaurant chains, such as Panarotti's, Mugg & Bean and Spur Steak Ranches;
- Health and wellness preferences. The group has introduced a range of healthy nut snacks in the Snacks and Confectionery category, as well as a range of yoghurts under the Lancewood brand within the Perishables category;
- Private Label and Dealer-Own Brands (DOB) products. The fast-growing, value-for-money private label and DOB markets constitute c.44% of group revenue.

This strategy, with a strong emphasis on innovation, allowed the group to achieve market share growth in a number of key businesses. In F2018 the group launched 387 new stock-keeping units (SKUs) and renovated 336 SKUs.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

In the challenging operating environment of F2018, Libstar was able to deliver total revenue growth of 12.5% on the prior year. Organic revenue increased by 5.1%, comprising organic volume growth of 3.8% and organic price growth of 1.3%. The successful launch of new dairy products, such as the new branded, taste-differentiated yoghurt products in Q3 F2018 especially bolstered H2 organic revenue growth. The acquisition of Sonnendal Dairies in F2017 provided the additional capacity required for Lancewood to launch this new product range.

Although gross profit margins recovered strongly during the second half of the year, mainly due to lower input costs in the dairy and dry condiment product categories, they were 0.6 percentage points lower than the prior year at 22.2% (F2017: 22.8%). This was driven by:

- the additional revenue from Sonnendal Dairies (acquired at the end of F2017) at lower full-year gross profit margins, despite H2 F2018 margins improving in line with expectation;
- prolonged promotional activity of value-added chicken products in retail and the under-utilisation of the newly-built Finlar chicken plant due to a delay in the launch of fully-cooked chicken products; and
- lower realised foreign exchange translation gains of R56 million in F2018 compared to gains of R89 million in F2017.

Operating expenses were well controlled at 16.6% of net revenue (F2017: 17.7%).

The impact of unrealised foreign exchange translation losses of R46 million on profit before taxation was significant, relative to the gain of R40 million for the year to 31 December 2017. This resulted in net realised and unrealised foreign exchange translation gains in the current period of R10 million relative to R129 million during F2017.

Finance costs decreased from the comparative period, despite additional finance charges related to working capital facilities. This was mainly due to the repayment of facilities from capital raised in the initial public offering and the renegotiation of group facilities. This reduced the group average weighted cost of debt to 8.97% from November 2018 (F2017: 9.77%).

The group's tax rate was 32.6% (F2017: 36.5%), mainly impacted by the impairment in F2017 and the reversal of deferred tax assets on assessed losses related to historic subsidiaries of the group in F2018.

In terms of cashflow, the group generated R505.0 million from operating activities (F2017: R572.6 million). Net working capital at the close of the period remained at 45 days (F2017: 45 days). This resulted in a net investment in working capital of R92 million (F2017: net reduction of R71 million). Net indebtedness following the initial public offering reduced to R1.2 billion from R1.9 billion at 31 December 2017. R1.1 billion of the R1.5 billion proceeds from the initial public offering was utilised to repay term loans. During the year under review, the group invested R346 million in capital expenditure, representing 3.5% of net revenue. The group also made a capital distribution of R800 million to its pre-IPO shareholders on 28 February 2018.

SEGMENTAL RESULTS

	Revenue: Audited year ended 31 December		Normalised EBITDA: Audited year ended 31 December			
R'000	2018	2017	% change	2018	2017	% change
Perishables Ambient Groceries Snacks and Confectionery Baking and	4 569 593 2 471 896 477 391	3 729 670 2 614 824 428 505	22,5 (5,5) 11,4	454 652 338 425 73 051	446 280 350 263 71 551	1,9 (3,4) 2,1
Baking Aids Niche Beverages Household and Personal Care (HPC) Specialised Food Packaging Corporate	627 839 650 353 846 313 248 909	515 406 428 278 826 887 252 879	21,8 51,9 2,3 (1,6)	92 635 54 776 36 358 13 914 (80 147)	77 124 3 125 43 730 17 220 (68 928)	20,1 17,5x (16,9) (19,2) (16,3)
Total	9 892 294	8 796 449	12,5	983 665	940 365	4,6

Perishables - 46% of group revenue, 43% of group normalised EBITDA

Perishables revenue increased by 22.5% to R4 570 million (F2017: R3 730 million), driven by a very strong performance in the dairy sub-category which was bolstered by new product launches and the acquisition of Sonnendal Dairies. The acquisition has grown the group's footprint in the Perishables category and complemented the existing dairy offering.

Lancewood and Finlar Fine Foods (Finlar) contribute 73% of Perishables' revenue and 88% of the category's normalised EBITDA.

Lancewood had an outstanding year. As committed, Sonnendal Dairies' margins are steadily improving due to product diversification. As indicated previously, Sonnendal Dairies' and Lancewood now operate as a single operation and will no longer be separately reported from F2019. Libstar continues to drive growth through innovation, including the introduction of higher-margin, new products, such as Lancewood's launch of new branded, taste-differentiated yoghurt products. Yoghurt sales are increasing, and market share growth was substantially ahead of initial expectations. The full benefits of the launch will flow through in the first half of F2019.

Higher value sales of meat products contributed to Finlar's revenue growth, including the development of a Cajun chicken burger patty for McDonald's, which was also introduced to several regions elsewhere in the world. However, gross profit margins were adversely impacted by prolonged promotional activity of value-added chicken products in retail and the under-utilisation of the newly-built chicken plant due to a delay in the launch of fully-cooked chicken products.

H2 F2018 showed an improvement in fresh mushroom production volumes, yields and sales mix in Denny. F2019 initiatives include a new sales channel strategy, a focus on value-added and differentiated products and the continued implementation of international industry best practice.

Cheese and butter revenues were up year-on-year despite a very competitive market. Successful margin control initiatives and reduced input costs have bolstered gross profit margins.

The above performance resulted in normalised EBITDA for Perishables increasing by 1.9% to R455 million (F2017: R446 million). Normalised EBIT decreased by 4.0% to R395 million (F2017: R412 million).

Ambient Groceries - 25% of group revenue, 32% of group normalised EBITDA

Cape Herb and Spice, Rialto Foods and Dickon Hall contribute 75% of revenue and 86% of normalised EBITDA in this category.

Ambient Groceries revenue decreased 5.5% to R2 472 million (F2017: R2 615 million), impacted by weak international demand for dry condiments, as well as integration delays and industrial action experienced within the wet condiment sub-category during the first half of the year. The industrial action at Dickon Hall Foods in H1 was fully resolved and international demand for herbs and spices improved during H2. However, integration challenges, involving the combination of a number of non-fresh Denny production lines into the Montagu facility and the Ambient Groceries category, continued through to year-end. This business excludes fresh mushrooms and represents only 1% of group revenue. A revised sales demand planning programme will address these issues during F2019.

The Ambient Groceries gross profit margin exceeded that of the prior year, mainly due to lower input costs of dry condiments. Normalised EBITDA decreased by 3.4% to R338 million (F2017: R350 million) and normalised EBIT by 6.5% to R292 million (F2017: R312 million) respectively.

Snacks and Confectionery - 5% of group revenue, 7% of group normalised EBITDA

Ambassador Foods contributes 100% of revenue and normalised EBITDA in this category.

Snacks and Confectionery revenue increased 11.4% to R477 million (F2017: R429 million), driven mainly by the introduction of new products, as well as significant bulk volume sales of peanuts and raisins. Ambassador Foods' production of healthy nut snacks is a good example of how Libstar is exploiting the trend towards health and wellness preferences amongst consumers.

Gross profit margins were held constant in the face of slower than expected Q3 2018 sales in some grocery products and significant promotional activity in granolas. Normalised EBITDA therefore increased by 2.1% to R73 million (F2017: R72 million) and normalised EBIT by 2.0% to R63 million (F2017: R62 million).

Baking and Baking Aids - 6% of group revenue, 9% of group normalised EBITDA

Amaro Foods and Retailer Brands contribute 92% of revenue and 93% of normalised EBITDA in this category. Baking and Baking Aids experienced strong growth in revenue and EBITDA in F2018.

Revenue increased 21.8% to R628 million (F2017: R515 million). Revenue growth was driven by the incorporation of NCP Yeast and Cook 'n Bake into the Retailer Brands business unit from April 2018, as well as growth in the baking aids sub-category. Rolls and speciality breads performed strongly. This was driven by new product development within the retail channel, whilst some recovery was experienced in sales to the quick-service retail industry. Amaro Foods' production of gluten-free baked goods is another example of the group exploiting the trend towards health and wellness preferences amongst consumers. Amaro's flour tortilla wraps are also now supplied on a national scale to, amongst others, KFC, to capitalise on the consumer requirement for greater convenience.

Normalised EBITDA and normalised EBIT increased by 20.1% and 23.9% to R93 million (F2017: R77 million) and R74 million (F2017: R60 million) respectively.

The launch of new private label baking aids in the retail channel and the commissioning of a par-bake speciality bread facility during Q1 2019, with production to start from April 2019, are expected to support the category's growth trajectory in F2019.

Niche Beverages - 7% of group revenue, 5% of group normalised EBITDA

Elvin and Khoisan contribute 88% of revenue and 94% of normalised EBITDA in this category.

Niche Beverages revenue increased 51.9% to R650 million (F2017: R428 million), driven by a strong full-year performance from the newly-acquired Khoisan Gourmet range. Whilst dairy blends and related products remain under pricing pressure, this sub-category showed an improved full-year performance.

Normalised EBITDA and normalised EBIT increased more than 17-fold to R55 million (F2017: R3 million) and R46 million (F2017: -R3 million) respectively.

The dairy-blend and fruit concentrate beverage operations of the group remained under significant competitive pressure during F2018, which is likely to persist for some time to come. To address this, a restructuring exercise was undertaken during H2 F2018, resulting in the decision to relocate the marketing and sales functions of non-beverage products into certain of the group's wet condiments facilities. This will yield future cost rationalisation benefits for the group. An impairment loss in the amount of R42 million was recorded in respect of the residual dairy-blend and fruit concentrate beverage operations, as the group deliberates its strategic options regarding this component of the business.

Household and Personal Care - 9% of group revenue, 3% of group normalised EBITDA.

Contactim and Chet Chemicals contribute 91% of category revenue and 82% of normalised EBITDA in this category.

Household and Personal Care revenue increased 2.3% to R846 million (F2017: R827 million). Normalised EBITDA decreased by 16.9% to R36 million (F2017: R44 million) and normalised EBIT by 3.4% to R21 million (F2017: R22 million). This was a disappointing performance due to competitive pressures and an adverse change in product mix towards lower-margin products.

Specialised Food Packaging - 2% of group revenue, 1% of group normalised EBITDA.

Multicup contributes 100% of revenue and normalised EBITDA in this category.

The margin pressure from unfavourable exchange rates had a negative effect on performance in F2018. Specialised Food Packaging revenue decreased 1.6% to R249 million (F2017: R253 million) and normalised EBIT decreased 20.9% to R13 million (F2017: R16 million). Normalised EBITDA decreased 19.2% to R14 million (F2017: R17 million).

As expected, the launch of new eco-friendly products during H2 F2018 resulted in an improved second half of the year. This is expected to bolster F2019 performance.

GROUP MATTERS

During H2 F2018 Libstar made significant progress in establishing group-wide visibility of open foreign exchange contracts (FECs) and the formalisation of hedging policies across key business units. To continue lowering the cost of manufacturing, the group invested in a logistics tracking IT system, which is being piloted at Rialto Foods, and is set to improve import and export product costing abilities during F2019. These measures are set to culminate in the adoption of hedge accounting as an accounting policy during H1 F2019. This will ultimately assist to better match the volatility in FEC re-measurements to the transactions which they hedge. Until such time as hedge accounting is fully implemented for an entire year of trading, and all FECs entered into prior to the adoption of the hedge accounting policy have matured, the group may remain subject to more significant fluctuations in profitability caused by unrealised foreign exchange translation re-measurements.

In relation to the broad-based black economic empowerment (B-BBEE) transaction set out in the Libstar pre-listing statement of 24 April 2018, the group did not incur any costs in terms of IFRS 2 share-based payments during F2018.

OUTLOOK

The economy is expected to remain sluggish for the foreseeable future, with a particularly difficult first half expected.

These extremely difficult economic conditions are expected to continue impacting results.

However, the group has a very clear growth strategy in the anticipated operating environment, focusing management's efforts on organic, capacity and acquisitive growth.

Organic growth

In the coming year, the group's primary focus will remain on expanding its existing businesses, improving efficiencies, and leveraging off the existing base to expand its product offering.

Going forward, food inflation is likely to range between 0% to 2%, with growth therefore to be more volume-related.

In a difficult market environment, the group will continue to focus on its strategy of supplying innovative products and will ensure that it remains a low-cost manufacturer of quality, value-added products. The group aims, with product innovation, to grow its market share and the overall size of the market in terms of new products and new utilisation of products.

It will also focus on new technologies and efficiencies to maintain and improve margins.

Libstar is set to increase its penetration of independent retailers, wholesalers and exports, where the group has scope to grow.

Capacity growth

Libstar will increase the production capabilities and capacities of its business units by strategically investing further capital in plant and equipment and on specific earnings-enhancing capital projects. This increases output and allows it to produce products for customers in a more efficient and cost-effective manner. The group targets total capital expenditure as a percentage of group revenue to range between 2.5% to 3%, with the broad guideline of 35-40% on replacement capital expenditure and 60-65% on expansion capital expenditure.

In the coming year, the benefits of new manufacturing facilities and added capacity is expected to positively impact F2019 trading results.

The group has also continued to invest in technology to improve operational efficiencies and drive margin-enhancement through capacity expansion. As committed, Libstar has delivered on various growth opportunities through the completion of several earnings-enhancing projects. These include:

- Commissioning of a new plant during H2 which adds in-house granola toasting capabilities. Similar in-house manufacturing initiatives are underway within the Perishables and Specialised Food Packaging categories;
- Investing in a new hard-cheese manufacturing facility which adds in-house manufacturing capabilities in the Perishables category:
- Commissioning of the par-bake frozen speciality bread facility in February 2019, with commercial production to commence in April 2019;
- Commissioning of an outsourced manufacturing plant to manufacture cheese snacks for a third party, which has shifted from the initial Q2 2019 estimate to Q4 2019 due to a longer than expected project planning phase.

F2019 initiatives include:

- A new tea plant for the local and export market;
- A new Pringles plant to manufacture this snack for a third party;
- The expansion of its prepared meal capacity to further tap into the growing convenience market; and
- New soft cheese value-adding and packing facility.

Acquisitive growth

The group's strategy is to acquire businesses that can add scale, provide additional capacity, new capabilities or new entry-points to high-growth categories.

However, Libstar is not acquisition-dependent. The group did not conclude any acquisitions in F2018, but focused on the integration and expanson of the three acquisitions made late in F2017, namely Sonnendal Dairies, Millennium Foods and Khoisan Tea.

DECLARATION OF CASH DIVIDEND

The board of Libstar has approved and declared a final cash dividend of 22 cents per ordinary share (gross) in respect of the year ended 31 December 2018.

In accordance with paragraphs 11.17 (a) (i) to (x) and 11.17 (c) of the JSE Listings Requirements the following additional information is disclosed:

- The dividend has been declared from income reserves;
- The local Dividends Tax rate is 20% (twenty percent);
- The gross local dividend amount is 22 cents per ordinary share for shareholders exempt from the Dividends Tax;
- The net local dividend amount is 17.6 cents per ordinary share for shareholders liable to pay the Dividends Tax;
- Libstar has 681 921 408 ordinary shares in issue; and
- Libstar's income tax reference number is 9526395174.

Shareholders are advised of the following dates in respect of the final dividend:

Last day to trade cum the final dividend
 Shares commence trading ex the final dividend
 Record date to determine those shareholders entitled to the final dividend
 Payment in respect of the final dividend
 Monday, 8 April 2019

Share certificates may not be dematerialised or re-materialised between Wednesday, 3 April 2019 and Friday, 5 April 2019, both days inclusive.

CHANGES TO THE BOARD AND COMMITTEE COMPOSITIONS

With effect from 9 May 2018:

- Wendy Luhabe was appointed as Chairperson of the board and the Nominations Committee;
- Phumzile Langeni was appointed as Chairperson of the Audit and Risk Committee and the Social and Ethics Committee;
- JP Landman was appointed as Lead independent Director and Chairperson of the Investment and Strategy Committee; and
- Wahid Hamid was appointed as Chairperson of the Remuneration Committee.

With effect from 14 December 2018:

- Sibongile Masinga was appointed as an independent non-executive director. She replaced Phumzile Langeni as Chairperson of the Audit and Risk Committee and Social and Ethics Committee following Ms. Langeni's resignation as independent non-executive director with effect from 31 December 2018.

By order of the board

W.Y.N. Luhabe A.V. van Rensburg R.W. Smith

Chairperson Chief Executive Officer Financial and Commercial Director

Johannesburg 13 March 2019

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Any forward-looking statements included in this results announcement involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the group to differ materially from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Any reference to forward-looking information included in this results announcement does not constitute an earnings forecast and has not been reviewed or reported on by the group's external auditors.

AUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME for the year ended 31 December 2018

	Notes	2018 Audited R'000	2017 Audited R'000
CONTINUING OPERATIONS Revenue		9 892 294	8 796 450
Cost of sales		(7 693 591)	(6 788 632)
Gross profit Other income Operating expenses	5	2 198 703 18 538 (1 642 244)	2 007 818 146 653 (1 558 640)
Operating profit Investment income Finance costs	6	574 997 47 676 (272 890)	595 831 25 754 (254 431)
Profit before tax Income tax expense		349 783 (114 147)	367 154 (134 174)
Profit for the year from continuing operations DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS		235 636	232 980
Loss for the year from discontinued operations		(12 623)	(43 283)
Profit for the year		223 013	189 697
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax Items that will never be classified to profit or loss		(417)	(459)
Defined benefit plan actuarial losses		(417)	(459)
Total comprehensive profit for the year Profit attributable to:		222 596	189 238
Equity holders of the parent Non-controlling interest		222 224 789	188 354 1 343
		223 013	189 697
Total comprehensive income attributable to: Equity holders of the parent Non-controlling interest		221 807 789	187 895 1 343
		222 596	189 238
Basic and diluted earnings per share (cents)			
From continuing operations	7	41	49
From continuing and discontinued operations Headline earnings per share (cents)	7	39	40
From continuing operations	8	47	60
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From continuing and discontinued operations	8	46	57

AUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As at 31 December 2018

As at 31 December 2018	Notes	2018 Audited R'000	2017 Audited R'000
ASSETS	110100	11 000	11 000
Non-current assets		6 009 716	6 033 319
Property, plant and equipment Goodwill Intangible assets Other financial assets Operating lease asset Deferred tax assets	9	1 205 921 2 521 058 2 269 199 8 018 5 418 102	1 041 225 2 521 058 2 449 507 9 600 5 439 6 490
Current assets		3 784 159	3 459 378
Inventories Trade and other receivables Biological assets Other financial assets Current tax receivable Cash and bank balances		1 121 330 1 628 038 26 662 17 921 2 796 987 412	1 137 107 1 618 108 26 162 115 647 11 646 550 708
Total assets		9 793 875	9 492 697
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES Capital and reserves attributable to equity holders of the parent Share capital Defined benefit plan reserve Retained earnings Premium on acquisition of non-controlling interests Put options exercisable by non-controlling interests and executive management		5 410 079 4 818 884 (1 757) 668 120 (75 168)	4 559 272 4 187 177 (1 340) 445 895 (63 624) (8 836)
Non-controlling interests		8 661	7 696
Total equity Non-current liabilities		5 418 740 2 734 401	4 566 968 2 878 889
Other financial liabilities Deferred tax liabilities Employee benefits Share appreciation rights Operating lease liability		1 921 591 769 960 8 919 20 811 13 120	2 014 548 815 948 8 372 34 019 6 002
Current liabilities		1 640 734	2 046 840
Trade and other payables Other financial liabilities Current tax payable Bank overdraft		1 401 337 77 086 4 239 158 072	1 498 818 348 146 495 199 381
Total liabilities		4 375 135	4 925 729
Total equity and liabilities		9 793 875	9 492 697

	Share capital R'000	Defined benefit plan reserve(1) R'000	Premium on acquisition of non-controlling interests(2) R'000	Retained earnings R'000	exercisable by non-controlling interests and executive management(3)	Non- controlling interests R'000	Total R'000	
Balance at 1 January 2017	3 886 410	(881)	(18 390)	264 052	(55 129)	9 523	4 085 585	
Total comprehensive income		, ,	, ,		,			
for the year	-	(459)	-	188 354	-	1 343	189 238	
Profit or loss for the year	-	-	-	188 354	-	1 343	189 697	
Other comprehensive income								
for the year	-	(459)	-	-	-	-	(459)	
Transactions with owners								
of the Company Contributions and distributions	300 767	_	_	(33 816)	_	_	266 951	
Share buy back	(25 530)	_	_	(33 816)	_	_	(59 346)	
Issue of shares	326 297	-		(00 010)	-	-	326 297	
Changes in ownership interests	-	-	(45 234)	-	-	(3 170)	(48 404)	
Purchase of non-controlling interest in subsidiary	-	-	(45 234)	-	-	(3 170)	(48 404)	
Movement in put options	-	-	-	27 306	46 293	-	73 599	
Put options exercised	_	-	-	-	97 458	-	97 458	
Fair value adjustment taken through equity	-	-	-	-	(18 049)	-	(18 049)	
Transfer from retained earnings on exercise of put options by executive management	-	-	-	27 306	(33 116)	-	(5 810)	
Balance at 1 January 2018	4 187 177	(1 340)	(63 624)	445 896	(8 836)	7 696	4 566 969	
Total comprehensive income								
for the year	-	(417)	-	222 224	-	789	222 596	
Profit or loss for the year	-	-	-	222 224	-	789	223 013	
Other comprehensive income		(417)					(417)	
for the year Transactions with owners	-	(417)	-	-	-	-	(417)	
of the Company								
Contributions and distributions	631 707	_	_	_	_	_	631 707	
Capital distribution	(800 000)	_	_		_	_	(800 000)	
Issue of shares	1 500 730	_	-	-	-	-	1 500 730	
Held as treasury shares	(730)	-	-	-	-	-	(730)	
Share by back	(7 964) (60 329)	-	-	-	-	-	(7 964)	
Capitalisation of costs directly attributable to issue of shares Changes in ownership interests	(00 329)	-	(11 544)	-	-	- 176	(60 329) (11 368)	
	-	-	(11 544)	-		176	(11 368)	
Purchase of non-controlling interest in subsidiary Movement in put options	-	-	(11 344)	-	- 8 863	1/0	8 863	
Fair value adjustment taken through equity	-	-	-	-	8 863	-	8 863	
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Balance at 31 December 2018	4 818 884	(1 757)	(75 168)	668 120	-	8 661	5 418 740	

Put options

Note:

- 1. Defined benefit plan reserve: Reserves comprise actuarial gains or losses in respect of defined benefit obligations that are recognised in other comprehensive income.
- 2. Premium on non-controlling interests: Represents the difference between the carrying amount of the non-controlling interests and the fair value of the consideration given on acquisition of non-controlling interests.
- 3. Put options exercisable by non-controlling interest and executive management relates to the liability raised in respect of put options exercisable by non-controlling interests and executive management.

AUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

	2018 Audited R'000	2017 Audited R'000
NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Cash generated from continuing operations Finance income received Finance costs paid Taxation paid Cash utilised by discontinued operations	505 044 875 396 47 676 (272 890) (139 341) (5 797)	572 614 955 204 25 754 (254 431) (145 191) (8 722)
NET CASH FLOW FROM INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES	(345 979)	(605 779)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment and computer software Sale of property, plant and equipment and computer software Proceeds from sale of discontinued operations Other financial assets advanced Acquisition of businesses (net of cash acquired)	(348 745) 3 505 1 000 (1 739)	(315 115) (6 914) - - (283 750)
NET CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	318 948	266 608
Proceeds from issue of equity shares Capital distribution Share issue costs Share buyback	1 500 000 (800 000) (60 329) (7 964)	132 151 - - (39 961)
Loans (repaid to)/advanced by shareholders Loans repaid by/(advanced to) shareholders Proceeds from other financial liabilities Repayment of loans from non-controlling interests	(17 267) 39 648 (34 462) (28 592)	19 384 (43 059) 35 040 (6 518)
Purchase of non-controlling interests Proceeds from term loans and asset-based financing Repayment of term loans and asset-based financing	(11 368) 2 584 364 (2 845 082)	300 274 (130 703)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	478 013 351 327	233 444 117 883
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	829 340	351 327
Continuing operations	829 340	351 327

AUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED SEGMENTAL INFORMATION BASIS OF SEGMENTATION

The executive management team of the group has chosen to organise the group into categories and manage the operations in that manner. The information reported to the chief operating decision maker for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance is based on seven categories.

Perishables

Perishable products are products that are refrigerated.

Ambient Groceries

Ambient Groceries (also known as "shelf-stable" groceries) is a category of foods that can be stored and preserved at room temperature.

Snacks and Confectionery

Premium snacks and confectionery products.

Baking and Baking Aids

Baked goods, specialised gluten-free offering and baking aids.

Niche Beverages

The Niche Beverages product category consists of beverages that do not fall within the mainstream beverage market.

Household and Personal Care

Detergents and household cleaning products.

Specialised Food Packaging

The Specialised Food Packaging product category is made up of custom-made packaging solutions for various food and drink products sold largely in the food services industry.

	Year ended	Year ended
	31 December	31 December
	2018	2017
	R'000	R'000
INFORMATION ABOUT REPORTABLE SEGMENTS Revenue		
Perishables	4 569 593	3 729 670
Ambient Groceries	2 471 896	2 614 824
Snacks and Confectionery	477 391	428 505
Baking and Baking Aids Niche Beverages	627 839 650 353	515 406 428 278
Household and Personal Care	846 313	826 887
Specialised Food Packaging	248 909	252 879
	9 892 294	8 796 450
Revenue comprised as follows:		
Total revenue for reportable segments	9 956 788	8 823 656
Elimination of inter segment revenue	(64 494)	(27 206)
Perishables	(5 663)	(2 215)
Ambient Groceries Snacks and Confectionery	(36 694) (94)	(15 156) (214)
Baking and Baking Aids	(11 599)	(4 360)
Niche Beverages	(8 598)	(2 413)
Household and Personal Care	(284)	(2 592)
Specialised Food Packaging	(1 562)	(256)
	9 892 294	8 796 450
Operating profit (EBIT)	000 040	074 750
Perishables Ambient Groceries	338 943 184 788	371 759 284 270
Snacks and Confectionery	58 723	51 569
Baking and Baking Aids	64 731	52 383
Niche Beverages	(2 312)	(57 057)
Household and Personal Care	5 492	4 847
Specialised Food Packaging	10 402	13 872
Corporate	(85 770)	(125 812)
	574 997	595 831
Reconciliation of operating profit per segment to profit before tax	F74 007	EOE 004
Operating profit Investment income	574 997 47 676	595 831 25 754
Finance costs	(272 890)	(254 431)
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Profit before tax	349 783	367 154

The chief operating decision maker reviews the revenue and operating profit on a regular basis. The chief operating decision maker does not evaluate any of the group's assets or liabilities on a segmental basis for decision making purposes.

	Year ended 31 December 2018 R'000	Year ended 31 December 2017 R'000
Normalised EBIT and EBITDA		
Group - continuing operations		
Operating profit	574 997	595 831
Amortisation of customer contracts Due diligence costs	140 841 3 319	131 486 4 428
Expenses relating to share appreciation rights granted	(13 208)	26 660
Fair value adjustment to put options	-	(1 436)
Government grants	(46)	(256)
Impairment losses	42 556	50 000
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment Costs and fees attributable to the Initial Public Offering	3 121 5 007	959 22 583
Retrenchment and settlement costs	7 050	15 193
Securities transfer tax	66	275
Straight-lining of operating leases	3 694	(459)
Strategic advisory fees	43 45 494	2 291 (40 211)
Unrealised loss/(gain) on foreign exchange Donation	6 000	(40 211)
Normalised EBIT	818 933	807 344
Amortisation of software	8 017	8 120
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	156 714	124 901
Normalised EBITDA	983 665	940 365
Perishables	000 000	0.10.000
Operating profit	338 942	371 759
Amortisation of customer contracts	44 676	37 873
Due diligence costs	-	17
Impairment losses Loss/(gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	243 365	(425)
Retrenchment and settlement costs	2 024	3 807
Straight-lining of operating leases	3 530	511
Unrealised loss/(gain) on foreign exchange	5 455	(1 633)
Normalised EBIT	395 237	411 909
Amortisation of software	306	87
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	59 109	34 284
Normalised EBITDA	454 652	446 280
Ambient Groceries		
Operating profit	184 788 61 151	284 270
Amortisation of customer contracts Government grants	01 131	60 408 (137)
Impairment losses	313	(107)
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	2 144	1 102
Retrenchment and settlement costs	2 201	7 704
Straight-lining of operating leases	257	72 1 716
Strategic advisory fees Unrealised loss/(gain) on foreign exchange	40 818	(43 217)
Normalised EBIT	291 672	311 918
Amortisation of software	4 286	582
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	42 467	37 763
Normalised EBITDA	338 425	350 263
	330 120	230 200

	Year ended 31 December 2018 R'000	Year ended 31 December 2017 R'000
Snacks and Confectionery Operating profit Amortisation of customer contracts	58 723 4 402	51 569 4 402
Government grants Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment Retrenchment and settlement costs Straight-lining of operating leases	44 - (112)	(24) 124 354 448
Strategic advisory fees Unrealised (gain)/loss on foreign exchange	(116)	4 831
Normalised EBIT Amortisation of software Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	62 941 809 9 301	61 704 257 9 590
Normalised EBITDA	73 051	71 551
Baking and Baking Aids Operating profit Amortisation of customer contracts Loss/ (gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment Retrenchment and settlement costs Straight-lining of operating leases Unrealised loss on foreign exchange	64 731 9 406 59 280 (666) 258	52 383 9 406 (51) 306 (2 268) 21
Normalised EBIT Amortisation of software Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	74 067 794 17 774	59 797 669 16 659
Normalised EBITDA	92 635	77 125
Specialised Food Packaging Operating profit Amortisation of customer contracts Government grants Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment Unrealised loss on foreign exchange	10 402 2 267 (46) (65) 23	13 872 2 267 (95) (141)
Normalised EBIT Amortisation of software	12 581 108	15 903 155
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment Normalised EBITDA	1 225 13 914	1 162 17 220
Household and Personal Care	13 914	17 220
Operating profit Amortisation of customer contracts Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment Retrenchment and settlement costs Straight-lining of operating leases Strategic advisory fees Unrealised (gain)/ loss on foreign exchange	5 492 12 183 407 1 946 685 42 (8)	4 847 12 183 994 2 118 653 212 468
Normalised EBIT Amortisation of software Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	20 748 (569) 16 179	21 475 4 052 18 202
Normalised EBITDA	36 358	43 729

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Export revenue for the year 1 270 480 1 004 528 Major customers		1 270 480	1 004 528
During the period under review, revenue from certain customers exceeded 10% of total revenue. Customer A 18% 18% Customer B 14% 14% Customer C 11% 10%	10% of total revenue. Customer A Customer B	14%	14%

NOTES TO THE AUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Reporting entity

Libstar is a leading producer and supplier of high-quality products in the CPG industry and markets a wide range of products in South Africa and globally. The group provides a multi-product offering in multiple categories across multiple channels, while strategically positioning itself within the food and beverage and HPC sectors and maintaining the flexibility to capitalise on growth areas in the CPG industry.

2. Basis of preparation and report of the independent auditor

These audited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), including the disclosure requirements of IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting (IAS 34) and comply with the Financial Reporting Guides as issued by the Accounting Practices Committee and Financial Reporting Pronouncements as issued by the Financial Reporting Standards Council, as well as the JSE Listings Requirements and the Companies Act, No 71 of 2008.

These financial statements have been prepared by P Makate CA(SA) under the supervision of R Smith CA(SA), the Group Financial and Commercial Director, and CB de Villiers CA(SA). The results were approved by the board of directors on 12 March 2019 and the directors take full responsibility for the preparation thereof.

The financial results presented have been audited by the group's independent external auditors, Moore Stephens, which expressed an unmodified audit conclusion. The auditor also expressed an unmodified opinion on the annual consolidated financial statements from which these condensed consolidated financial statements were derived.

The auditor's report on the condensed consolidated financial statements does not necessarily report on all of the information contained in this announcement. Shareholders are therefore advised that in order to obtain a full understanding of the nature of the auditor's engagement, they should obtain a copy of the auditor's report on the abridged summarised consolidated financial statements and of the auditor's report on the annual consolidated financial statements which are available for inspection at the company registered office, together with the accompanying financial statements identified in the respective auditor's report.

3. Accounting policies

The accounting policies applied by the group in these financial statements are consistent with those applied in the consolidated annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017 except as detailed below:

IFRS 15 Revenue from contracts with customers

The new standard features a contract-based five step analysis of transactions to determine whether, how much and when revenue is recognised. The new standard has not had any effect on the timing or quantum of revenue recognition for the group. The group predominantly and materially generates revenue by selling goods in accordance with terms which contain no material element of accrued or deferred revenue.

IFRS 9 Financial Instruments

In the current year, the group has applied IFRS 9 Financial Instruments and the related consequential amendments to other IFRS standards that are effective for the annual period that begins on or after 1 January 2018. The transitional provisions of IFRS 9 allow an entity to not restate comparatives. Accordingly, no comparatives have been restated for purposes of these consolidated financial statements.

The amendments introduced by IFRS 9 have not materially impacted the consolidate financial statements as presented.

Normalised EPS and Normalised HEPS

To arrive at normalised EPS, the after-tax earnings from continuing operations (as disclosed in the financial statements), is adjusted for the after-tax impact of the normalised EBIT adjustments shown above, excluding the after-tax impact of separately identifiable re-measurements as defined in accordance with IAS 33 Earnings Per Share read with circular 4 of 2018 Headline Earnings ("Headline Earnings Re-measurements").

To arrive at Normalised HEPS, the normalised EPS is adjusted for the after-tax impact of the Headline Earnings Re-measurements, the most common examples of which are (i) impairment losses on property, plant and equipment, goodwill and intangible assets and (ii) gains and losses on disposal of property, plant and equipment.

The following standards, amendments and interpretations are not yet effective and have not been early adopted by the group (the effective dates stated below refer to periods beginning on or after the stated dates):

IFRS 16 - Leases (effective from 1 January 2019)

IFRS 16 was published in January 2016. It sets out the principles for the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of leases for both parties to a contract, i.e. the customer ("lessee") and the supplier ("lessor"). IFRS 16 replaces the previous leases Standard, IAS 17 Leases, and related Interpretations. IFRS 16 includes a single model for lessees which will result in almost all leases being included in the Statement of Financial Position. No significant changes have been included for lessors. IFRS 16 also includes extensive new disclosure requirements for both lessees and lessors.

This new standard will most likely have a significant impact on the group. Had the new standard been implemented in the current financial year a lease asset and lease liability of approximately R301 million would have been recognised in the statement of financial position. The group has started a detailed assessment to determine the extent of the impact of IFRS 16 and will disclose more detailed information in future financial statements.

The standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019, with early adoption permitted. The group will apply IFRS 16 for the first time in its financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2019.

4. Accounting judgements and estimates

Management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts presented in the financial statements and related disclosures. Use of available information and the application of judgement is inherent in the formation of estimates. Actual results in the future could differ from these estimates.

In preparing these condensed consolidated financial statements, the significant judgements made by management in applying the group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those that applied to the consolidated annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017, save as noted above.

5. Other income

	Year ended	Year ended
	31 December	31 December
	2018	2017
	R'000	R'000
Bad debts recovered	23	173
Commissions received	35	39
Gain on foreign exchange	10 337	129 337
Realised gain on foreign exchange	55 831	89 126
Unrealised (loss)/gain on foreign exchange	(45 494)	40 211
Fair value adjustment to put options exercisable by executive management	-	1 436
Government grants(1)	137	684
Insurance claims received	2 020	552
Rebates received	67	-
Recoveries	-	11
Rental income	454	4 311
Sundry income	5 465	10 110
	18 538	146 653

¹ Income from government grants includes income received under the Manufacturing Competitiveness Enhancement Programme, Skills Development Programme and the Employer Tax Incentive programme

6. Operating profit

	Year ended	year ended
	31 December	31 December
	2018	2017
	R'000	R'000
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment Amortisation of computer software Amortisation of customer relationships Impairment loss on goodwill	156 715 8 017 140 841	125 400 8 120 132 462 50 000
Impairment loss on intangible assets	42 000	-
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	3 121	959
Employee benefits	1 139 027	1 038 333
Salaries and wages Retrenchment and settlement costs	1 132 805 6 222	1 022 457 15 876
Strategic advisory fees Due diligence costs Charges relating to share appreciation rights granted Securities transfer tax Operating lease charges	43 8 326 13 203 66 143 912	2 291 4 428 26 660 275 91 479
Premises Straight-lining of operating leases Motor vehicles & equipment	113 823 3 694 26 393	80 534 (459) 11 403
Research and development costs expensed as incurred Auditors remuneration	430 7 874	832 6 007

7. Earnings per share

Earnings per share	Year ended 31 December 2018 R'000	Year ended 31 December 2017 R'000
The earnings and weighted average number of ordinary shares used in the calculation of basic earnings per share are as follows:		
Earnings used in the calculation of basic earnings per share	222 224	188 354
From continuing operations	234 847	231 637
From discontinued operations	(12 623)	(43 283)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purposes of basic earnings per share ('000)	566 445	468 189
Basic earnings per share in cents		
From continuing operations	41	49
From discontinued operations	(2)	(9)
From continuing and discontinued operations	39	40
To arrive at Normalised EPS, the after-tax earnings from continuing operations is adjusted for the after-tax impact the following:		
Profit for the year from continuing operations	234 847	231 637
Normalised for:	147 176	123 407
Amortisation of customer contracts	101 406	94 670
Due diligence costs	3 319	4 428
Provision for share appreciation rights	(9 510)	19 195
Fair value adjustments to put options Government Grants	(46)	(1 436)
IPO costs	(46) 5 007	(256) 22 583
Retrenchment costs	5 076	10 939
Securities transfer tax	66	275
Straight lining of operating leases	2 659	(330)
Strategic advisory fees	43	2 291
Impairment	401	
Donation Unrapliced force gains //seess	6 000	(20.052)
Unrealised forex gains/losses	32 755	(28 952)
Normalised earnings used in the calculation of basic earnings per share	382 023	355 044
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purposes of basic		
earnings per share ('000)	566 445	468 189
Normalised basic earnings per share in cents	67	76

Diluted earnings per share

There are no convertible shares, share options, warrants or any other instruments in issue that have a potential dilutive effect on the earnings per share.

8. Headline earnings per share

	Year ended	Year ended
	31 December	31 December
	2018	2017
	R'000	R'000
The headline earnings used in the calculation of headline earnings per share are as follows:		
2018	Gross	Net of tax
Basic earnings from continuing operations Adjustments	234 847 45 121	234 847 32 662
Impairment of brands Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	42 000 3 121	30 240 2 422
Headline earnings from continuing operations	279 968	267 509
2017	Gross	Net of tax
Basic earnings from continuing operations Adjustments	231 637 50 959	231 637 50 744
Impairment of goodwill Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	50 000 959	50 000 744
Headline earnings from continuing operations	282 596	282 381
Basic earnings from discontinued operations Adjustments (net of tax)	(12 623) 5 064	(43 283) 28 659
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment and customer contracts Impairment of customer contracts Impairment of goodwill	5 064 - -	5 825 5 990 16 844
Headline earnings from discontinued operations	(7 559)	(14 624)
Headline earnings from continuing and discontinued operations Headline earnings per share in cents	259 950	267 757
From continuing operations	47	60
From discontinued operations	(1)	(3)
From continuing and discontinued operations	46	57

	Year ended	Year ended
	31 December	31 December
	2018	2017
	R'000	R'000
To arrive at normalised HEPS, the Normalised EPS is adjusted for the after-tax impact of the below:		
Normalised basic earnings from continuing operations	382 023	355 044
Adjusted for:	32 674	50 744
Impairment losses on goodwill and customer relationships	30 240	50 000
Loss on disposal of PPE	2 434	744
Normalised headline earnings from continuing operations	414 697	405 787
Normalised headline earnings per share from continuing operations (cents)	73	87

9. Property, plant and equipment

During the year ended 31 December 2018, the group acquired plant, equipment and computer software in the amount of R346 million (2017: R315 million). These include major capex of R64 million in respect of capacity enhancing equipment and leasehold improvements at Lancewood, R37 million in respect of a new par bake frozen facility at Amaro, R54 million in respect of capital enhancing projects which include a new granola facility at Ambassador, R33 million in respect of leasehold improvements at Denny, R25 million relating to a chicken plant upgrade and other replacement capacity at Finlar.

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 as disclosed in the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017.

10. Financial instruments

At the reporting dates, the financial assets and liabilities of the group that are classified at fair value through profit and loss comprise forward exchange contracts. These are classified at a Level 2 in terms of the fair value hierarchy.

11. Subsequent events

The board of Libstar has approved and declared a final cash dividend of 22 cents per ordinary share (gross) in respect of the year ended 31 December 2018.

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