

Mr Price Group Limited
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 Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa
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 ("group" or "company")

TRADING STATEMENT FOR THE 26 WEEKS ENDED 26 SEPTEMBER 2020

The group is currently finalising its interim financial results for the 26 weeks ended 26 September 2020. These results will be announced on the Stock Exchange News Service on or about Thursday, 26 November 2020.

Following the trading statement published on 20 August 2020, shareholders are further advised that headline earnings per share is likely to be between 23% and 28% lower than that reported for the previous corresponding reporting period, as reflected in the table below.

Earnings impact

The closure of all the group's South African stores during the nation-wide lockdown between 27 March 2020 and 30 April 2020, and the subsequent trade restrictions due to COVID-19, has had a material impact on the group's earnings. During the month of April 2020, the group estimates that it lost approximately R1.8bn in sales. Despite stores being permitted to trade from May 2020, the group was further negatively impacted as its full assortment of merchandise was not permitted to be sold until 1 June 2020.

As a result, the group advises that it expects the interim financial results for the 26 weeks ended 26 September 2020 to fall within the following ranges:

	Reported interim 28/09/2019	Expected interim 26/09/2020	
	cents	cents	%
Basic earnings per share	443.6	275.0 to 297.2	-33% to -38%
Basic headline earnings per share	443.2	319.1 to 341.3	-23% to -28%
Diluted earnings per share	436.3	270.5 to 292.3	-33% to -38%

Diluted headline earnings per share	435.9	313.9 to 335.6	-23% to -28%
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Following a detailed review, impairments of R153.4m were recognised, relating to IT assets and right-of-use-assets (store leases). These impairment charges were included in basic earnings per share but are added back for the calculation of headline earnings per share.

The current economic conditions have required an increase in the impairment of the group debtors' book to 15.2%. Cash continues to be the favoured tender type, accounting for 86.0% of total sales.

The group achieved its target of double-digit declines in inventory on hand in H1 FY21, which has been adequately provided for.

Interim results presentation

A live webcast of the interim results presentation is scheduled for 09:00 am on or about 26 November 2020. This can be accessed through the following link:

<https://www.corpcam.com/MrPrice26112020>

The estimate financial information on which this trading statement is based has not been reviewed and reported on by the company's external auditors.

Durban
4 November 2020

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