## **OMNIA HOLDINGS LIMITED**

Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa (Registration number 1967/003680/06)

JSE code: OMN ISIN: ZAE000005153

("Omnia" or the "Company" or the "Group")



## TRADING STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Omnia is finalising its financial results for the year ended 31 March 2021. Paragraph 3.4 of the JSE Limited Listings Requirements requires a company to publish a trading statement as soon as its Board is satisfied that there is a reasonable degree of certainty that the financial results for a period to be reported on will differ by more than 20% from that of the previous corresponding period.

Accordingly, a review by Omnia's Board of the Group's financial results for the year ended 31 March 2021 has indicated that:

- total earnings per share is expected to increase by between 724% and 744%, from earnings per share of 99 cents for the year ended 31 March 2020, to earnings per share of between 816 cents and 836 cents for the year ended 31 March 2021;
- total headline earnings per share is expected to increase by between 86% and 106%, from a headline earnings per share of 189 cents for the year ended 31 March 2020, to headline earnings per share of between 352 cents and 390 cents for the year ended 31 March 2021;
- earnings per share from continuing operations is expected to increase by between 503% and 523%, from earnings per share of 64 cents for the year ended 31 March 2020, to earnings per share of between 386 cents and 399 cents for the year ended 31 March 2021; and
- headline earnings per share from continuing operations is expected to increase by between 141% and 161%, from a headline earnings per share of 154 cents for the year ended 31 March 2020, to headline earnings per share of between 371 cents and 402 cents for the year ended 31 March 2021.

## **Trading Statement commentary**

Following the successful stabilisation of the Group's financial position last year, the emphasis during 2021 was on the "fix" phase of the Group's turnaround strategy while also exploring new growth opportunities.

Operational performance exceeded management's expectations. Continued focus on the Group's strategy translated into increased operating profits, margins and free cashflows with a reduction in net working capital and further reduction in debt.

The Group kept pace with the fast-changing environment, demonstrating the agility required to address the COVID-19 challenges across its operations. The resurgence in infections across many regions during the last quarter created additional disruptions, particularly from a supply chain perspective, which have been well managed to date. Omnia continues to reinforce a culture of safety and accountability across the Group with concerted efforts being made to ensure that safety performance across the Group is continually improved.

With a resilient performance achieved during challenging economic conditions, Omnia remains focused on its commitment to improve overall returns through the pursuit of organic and inorganic growth opportunities, greener technologies and expansion into geographies that enhance its impact in the world and ultimately create value for stakeholders.

The contraction of the Zimbabwean economy continues, with a rapid increase in the inflation rate combined with a weakening Zimbabwean dollar resulting in hyperinflation and several associated consequences for the Group.

The Group's results include the effect of the once-off profit on the disposal of Oro Agri.

The Group is in a net cash position resulting predominantly from improved cash generation by the underlying businesses and the receipt of the Oro Agri sales proceeds. Omnia will announce its dividend decisions with its results. The Board is also carefully considering further capital allocation decisions to ensure that they are value accretive, provide the right diversification that is complementary to Omnia's core businesses and skill set and strengthen the Group's overall positioning.

The financial information on which this trading statement is based has not been reviewed by or reported on by Omnia's external auditors. Omnia's results for the year ended 31 March 2021 may be impacted further by adjustments resulting from the year-end closure process, which may result in a change in the estimated EPS and HEPS noted above. A further trading statement in this regard will be provided if necessary.

Omnia expects to release its results for the year ended 31 March 2021 on or about 22 June 2021.

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