

Tongaat Hulett Limited
(Registration number 1892/000610/06)
Share code: TON
ISIN ZAE000096541
("Tongaat Hulett" or "the Group" or "the Company")

TRADING STATEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

The following trading statement is issued in terms of Section 3.4(b) of the JSE Limited ("JSE") Listings Requirements.

Tongaat Hulett has continued to make steady progress in the implementation of its turnaround strategy and in restoring the Group onto a sustainable growth path. The Group experienced strong local demand across all sugar businesses and achieved good market share gains. However, the interim period presented several additional obstacles to navigate, including hyperinflationary effects and higher input costs in Zimbabwe, disappointing milling performance in South Africa due to COVID-related maintenance delays, as well as significant challenges and losses related to the civil riots in South Africa, which also weighed on the revenue and profits of the property business. These obstacles were countered by much lower finance charges which contributed to the Group generating profit before tax growth for the period of more than 20%.

However, two non-operational matters require noting:

- the effective tax rate for the period was 97% due to deferred tax assets not being provided for tax losses in South Africa and the non-deductible net monetary loss; and
- since the majority of the profits are generated in Zimbabwe, and the interest and tax is carried in South Africa, THL's share of the profits for the period is negative.

Shareholders are advised that a reasonable degree of certainty exists that Tongaat Hulett's EPS and HEPS for the six months ended 30 September 2021 are expected to be within the ranges reflected in the table below.

	September 2020		September 2021	
	As Reported	Restated*	Expected Range	
			<i>Lower</i>	<i>Upper</i>
Weighted average number of shares	134.8 million	134.8 million	134.9 million	134.9 million
Earnings/(loss) for the period	R224 million	R290 million	(R249 million) (186%)	(R220 million) (176%)
Earnings/(loss) per share	166 cents	215 cents	(185 cents) (186%)	(163 cents) (176%)
Headline earnings/(loss) for the period	R175 million	R241 million	(R266 million) (210%)	(R242 million) (200%)
Headline earnings/(loss) per share	130 cents	178 cents	(197 cents) (211%)	(179 cents) (201%)

*The group has restated comparative information for errors identified as part of the activities to transition to new auditors. The aggregate of the errors improve EPS and HEPS for the six months ended 30 September 2020 by 49 cents and are timing in nature, so have no impact on the year ended 31 March 2021 results. Full details will be disclosed in the interim results.

The release of the interim results for the six months ended 30 September 2021 is scheduled for 9 December 2021.

The financial information contained in this trading statement has not been reviewed or reported on by Tongaat Hulett's auditors.

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