



MURRAY & ROBERTS HOLDINGS LIMITED

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(“Murray & Roberts” or the “Group”)

UPDATED TRADING STATEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022 AND WITHDRAWAL OF CAUTIONARY ANNOUNCEMENT

Over the past 12 months, the Group’s liquidity came under increasing pressure due to the impacts of the continuing effects of the pandemic and the conflict in Ukraine, especially on Clough’s portfolio of large fixed-price contracts. Specific areas of impact include, amongst others, the disruption in supply chains, delays to project schedules and the associated deferral of milestone payments and global inflation, which added to an already difficult commercial environment. The compounding impact on project progress and ultimately liquidity came to the fore during October 2022.

Shareholders are referred to the SENS announcement of 17 October 2022, regarding the ongoing disruption to order book delivery, trading statement and cautionary announcement, as well as the announcement of 5 December 2022, regarding the termination of the proposed disposal by Murray & Roberts to Webuild of its interest in Clough Limited (“Clough”), and the subsequent placing of Murray & Roberts Pty Ltd (“MRPL”), the Group’s Australian holding company, and its subsidiary company Clough, into voluntary administration.

As a consequence of the voluntary administration, the Group lost control of MRPL and its subsidiaries, which include RUC Cementation Mining Contractors Pty Ltd (“RUC”). MRPL and its subsidiaries have thus been deconsolidated from the Group with effect from 5 December 2022. The financial results of these companies, and the impact of the deconsolidation, are reported under discontinued operations as from the start of the current financial year, FY2023, as from 1 July 2022. This accounting treatment will be reflected in the Group’s interim financial results and the net asset value of the deconsolidated companies is excluded from the Group’s net asset value as at 31 December 2022.

The comparative financial results for the six months to 31 December 2021 have been restated with MRPL and its subsidiaries, previously reported as continuing operations, now reported as discontinued operations.

The Group expects to report FY2023 H1 results within the following ranges:

Results from continuing and discontinued operations*

	FY2023 H1	FY2023 H1	FY2022 H1
	Expected range %	Expected range cps	Actual result cps
HEADLINE (LOSS)/EARNINGS PER SHARE			
Basic	>100%	(323) – (321)	13
Diluted	>100%	(323) – (321)	13
(LOSS)/EARNINGS PER SHARE			
Basic	>100%	(628) – (626)	14
Diluted	>100%	(628) – (626)	14

*Inclusive of the loss from the deconsolidation of MRPL, Clough and RUC.

Results from continuing operations

	FY2023 H1	FY2023 H1	FY2022 H1	FY2022 H1**
	Expected range %	Expected range cps	Actual result cps	Restated result cps
HEADLINE (LOSS)/EARNINGS PER SHARE				
Basic	>100%	(33) - (28)	30	(25)
Diluted	>100%	(33) - (28)	29	(25)
(LOSS)/EARNINGS PER SHARE				
Basic	>100%	(32) - (27)	31	(24)
Diluted	>100%	(32) - (27)	30	(24)

**Restated for MRPL, Clough and RUC, previously reported as continuing operations, now reported as discontinued operations.

PROSPECTS STATEMENT

The Group is much smaller following the loss of its investment in MRPL and its subsidiaries, and is currently navigating a challenging period considering its debt levels. The Group will continue to evaluate options to de-lever the balance sheet to achieve a sustainable long term capital structure.

As at 31 December 2022, the Group's order book was R16,1 billion (FY2022 H1: R18,0 billion excluding discontinued operations), and the project pipeline remains strong. The Mining platform represents R14,1 billion of the Group's total order book and the Power, Water & Industrial ("PIW") platform represents R2 billion.

The Group remains optimistic about the prospects for its multinational Mining platform, and the new opportunities for the PIW platform, specifically in the renewable energy and transmission sectors in South Africa.

PUBLICATION OF INTERIM FINANCIAL RESULTS

Murray & Roberts intends to publish its interim financial results for the six months to 31 December 2022 on SENS on Wednesday, 1 March 2023 before 17:00 (CAT).

WITHDRAWAL OF CAUTIONARY ANNOUNCEMENT

As the Group has now provided more certainty regarding the impact of both Clough and MRPL's voluntary administration on earnings per share for the financial results for the six months to 31 December 2022, shareholders no longer need to exercise caution when trading in their Murray & Roberts shares.

The information contained in this announcement has not been reviewed and reported on by Murray & Roberts' external auditors.

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