

## METAIR INVESTMENTS LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

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("Metair" or the "Company" or the "Group")

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### TRADING STATEMENT AND TRADING UPDATE

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In terms of paragraph 3.4(b) of the JSE Limited Listings Requirements, companies are required to publish a trading statement as soon as they are satisfied that a reasonable degree of certainty exists that the financial results for the period to be reported upon next, will differ by at least 20% from the financial results for the previous corresponding period.

Metair is in the process of finalising its results for the year ended 31 December 2022 ("**Results**") and shareholders are accordingly advised that Metair expects to report that earnings per share ("**EPS**") and headline earnings per share ("**HEPS**") will reduce by at least 105% and 104%, respectively (being a decrease of at least 369 cents per share in respect of both the EPS and HEPS) compared to the EPS and HEPS of the previous corresponding period of 350 cents per share and 354 cents per share, respectively.

The decrease in EPS and HEPS, taking into account our communications to the market relating to the interim results for the 2022 financial year and the voluntary operational update published on SENS on Monday, 5 December 2022, is as a result of, *inter-alia*:

- (i) the non-cash impact of applying hyper-inflation accounting in Turkish operations and its effect on earnings of Mutlu Akü and thus the Energy Storage Vertical;
- (ii) the planned pre-production and engineering (project) cash costs in respect of the Automotive Components Vertical (most notably at Hesto Harnesses) in relation to the new Ford Ranger project launched during November 2022;
- (iii) the knock-on impact of supply chain disruptions on logistical costs necessitating the use of premium air freight;
- (iv) the KZN floods which impacted production at our major customer, Toyota South Africa,
- (v) overall OEM production volumes and efficiencies for the year; and
- (vi) increased interest charges as a result of high net debt levels to support new projects and to mitigate supply chain disruptions.

A further trading statement will be issued as soon as there is a reasonable degree of certainty as to the likely ranges within which the Company's EPS and HEPS are expected to decrease.

The Automotive Component Vertical continues to benefit from ongoing operational performance with growth in OEM volumes. Within the Energy Storage Vertical, volumes remain above pre-Covid levels driven by strong OEM demand.

With regards to the earthquake in Türkiye, we can report that none of our facilities were directly affected and there were no injuries to our staff, however, some of our dealers have been impacted and we are currently assessing what the impact could be on our after-market business.

The Results are expected to be published on or about Thursday, 30 March 2023.

The information contained in this announcement is the responsibility of the directors of Metair and does not constitute an earnings forecast. Such information has not been audited, reviewed, or reported on by the Group's external auditors.

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Johannesburg

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