

# GRINDROD LIMITED

## Unaudited condensed consolidated interim results and cash dividend declaration for the six months ended 30 June 2023

### Revenue \*

^ 32%

R3 795 million  
[2022 H1: R2 876 million] \*\*

### EBITDA \*

^ 16%

R1 120 million  
[2022 H1: R963 million] \*\*

### Headline earnings \*

^ 26%

R563 million  
[2022 H1: R446 million] \*\*

### Total ordinary dividends

^ 100%

34.4 cents per share  
[2022 H1: 17.2 cents per share]

### CORE BUSINESS

Grindrod achieved core headline earnings growth of 26% for the six months ended 30 June 2023 ("period"), supported by continued strong demand for Grindrod's logistics solutions through its cargo terminals infrastructure footprint and complementary logistics service offerings.

Maputo port volumes increased by 30% compared to the prior period, resulting in record performance of 5.9 million tonnes exported during the period. Grindrod's Mozambique drybulk terminals in Maputo and Matola handled 6.0 million tonnes, up 17% on the prior period. Grindrod is collaborating with Transnet Freight Rail and Mozambique Port and Railways ("CFM") on the ongoing initiative to move cargo on trains running seamlessly between South Africa and Mozambique which will improve train turnaround time and benefit export customers.

The eSwatini multimodal corridor operation which provides customers in the Mpumalanga area with an alternative route to Maputo and Matola export terminals performed well, enabling export drybulk volume growth of 143% through this route. This success is attributable to the strong collaboration between eSwatini Rail, CFM and Grindrod which has enabled seamless flow of trains between eSwatini and Mozambique for the benefit of export customers and all parties. The northern Mozambique operations delivered solid results for the period with headline earnings up 15% on the prior period.

Grindrod's ships agency and clearing and forwarding headline earnings were strong, up 149% on the prior period, due to new customer contracts and growing port calls. Integration of Grindrod's and Maersk's South African container handling businesses, following the merger transaction implemented at the start of the year, is progressing well.

Grindrod's rail leasing business in Sierra Leone continues to deliver, having exceeded the 10 million tonne-mark since its inception in February 2021. Grindrod made significant strides in re-establishing its rail activities in Zambia through its strategic co-operation with Zambia Railways.

	Unaudited 30 June 2023 Rm	Unaudited 30 June 2022** Rm	Change %
<b>Core operations inclusive of joint ventures *</b>			
Revenue	3 795	2 876	32
Earnings before interest, taxation, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA)	1 120	963	16
Profit attributable to ordinary shareholders	520	426	22
Headline earnings	563	446	26

\* Core operations includes Port and Terminals, Logistics and Group.

\*\* Prior year figures have been re-presented to exclude the Bank segment from core operations as it is a discontinued operation in terms of IFRS 5: Non-current assets held for sale and discontinued operations.

### NON-CORE BUSINESS

The period's results include net impairment and fair value losses of R78.7 million relating to the KwaZulu-Natal north coast property loans and the private equity investment portfolio.

### GROUP RESULTS

Headline earnings increased by 21% to R487.3 million compared to R404.4 million in the prior period. The results presented below include continuing and discontinued operations.

	Unaudited 30 June 2023 Rm	Unaudited 30 June 2022 Rm	Change %
<b>Total Group on a legal basis</b>			
Revenue	2 470	2 479	-
EBITDA	487	615	(21)
Headline earnings	487	404	21
Basic earnings per share (cents)	66.6	57.8	15
Headline earnings per share (cents)	73.0	60.6	20

### DECLARATION OF DIVIDEND

#### Ordinary dividend

Notice is hereby given that a gross interim dividend of 34.40 cents per share has been declared out of income reserves for the six months ended 30 June 2023 (2022 H1: 17.20 cents per share). The interim net dividend is 27.52 cents per share for ordinary shareholders who are not exempt from dividends tax.

At the date of this announcement, there were 698 031 586 issued ordinary shares.

#### Preference dividend

Notice is hereby given that a gross interim preference dividend of 483.0 cents (2022 H1: 337.0 cents) per cumulative, non-redeemable, non-participating and non-convertible preference share has been declared out of income reserves for the six months ended 30 June 2023. The interim net preference dividend is 386.4 cents per share for preference shareholders who are not exempt from dividends tax.

At the date of this announcement, there were 7 400 000 preference shares in issue.

#### Salient dates

The salient dates for the ordinary dividend and preference dividend are as follows:

Dividend declaration date	Friday, 25 August 2023
Last date to trade cum-dividend	Tuesday, 19 September 2023
Securities start trading ex-dividend	Wednesday, 20 September 2023
Record date	Friday, 22 September 2023
Payment date	Tuesday, 26 September 2023

No dematerialisation or rematerialisation of ordinary shares and preference shares will be allowed during the period Wednesday, 20 September 2023 to Friday, 22 September 2023, both days inclusive.

The local dividend tax rate is 20% and Grindrod's tax reference number is 9435/490/71/0. Both the ordinary dividend and preference dividend are declared in the currency of the Republic of South Africa.

### Directors' statement

This short-form announcement is the responsibility of the directors and is only a summary of the information of the unaudited condensed consolidated interim results for the six months ended 30 June 2023 and does not contain full or complete details. The full announcement is available on the Company's website at [www.grindrod.com](http://www.grindrod.com) and the JSE's website on 25 August 2023 at <https://senspdf.jse.co.za/documents/2023/jse/isse/GNDE/ie2023.pdf>.

Shareholders are further advised that details in relation to the interim results presentation to be hosted by Grindrod at 9am on 25 August 2023 are available on the Company's website.

Copies of the full announcement may also be requested by email at [investorrelations@grindrod.com](mailto:investorrelations@grindrod.com) or telephonically from the Company's registered office and the office of the sponsor. Any investment decision by investors and / or shareholders should be made having considered the full announcement as a whole.

By order of the Board

VB Commaile  
Group Company Secretary  
25 August 2023

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