

Sephaku Holdings Limited  
(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)  
(Company registration number: 2005/003306/06)  
JSE share code: SEP  
ISIN: ZAE000138459  
("SepHold" or the "Company")



## Unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial results for the six months ended 30 September 2023

SepHold is pleased to report on the Group's unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial results for the six months ended 30 September 2023. SepHold, Métier Mixed Concrete (Pty) Ltd ("Métier" or "the Subsidiary") and Dangote Cement SA (Pty) Ltd ("SepCem" or "the Associate") are collectively referred to as the Group.

### Salient points

#### Group<sup>1</sup>

- Group consolidated revenue: R626,6 million [H1 2023: R523,6 million]
- Net profit after tax: R19,7 million [H1 2023 net profit after tax: R26,7 million]
- Basic earnings per share: 7.74 cents [H1 2023 basic earnings per share: 10.51 cents]
- Headline earnings per share: 7.54 cents [H1 2023 headline earnings per share: 11.26 cents]
- Net asset value per share: 467.56 cents [H1 2023: 461.35 cents]

#### Métier<sup>1</sup>

- EBITDA margin: 10.0% at R62,8 million [H1 2023: 11.3% at R59,2 million]
- EBIT margin: 8.4% at R52,3 million [H1 2023: 8.4% at R43,8 million]
- Profit after tax: R37,8 million [H1 2023 profit after tax: R29,5 million]

#### SepCem<sup>2</sup>

- Sales revenue: R1,24 billion [H1 2022: R1,16 billion]
- EBITDA margin: 8.6% at R106,9 million [H1 2022: 12.6 % at R146,9 million]
- EBIT margin: 1.1% at R14,2 million [H1 2022: 5.3% at R61,8 million]
- Net loss after tax: R38,9 million [H1 2022 net profit after tax: R10,5 million]
- SepCem 36% equity accounted loss: R14,0 million [H1 2023 equity accounted profit: R3,8 million]

No dividends were declared or paid during the six months ended 30 September 2023.

<sup>1</sup>Figures refer to the interim period ended 30 September 2023 for the financial year ending 31 March 2024, and H1 2023 refers to the six months ended 30 September 2022 for the financial year ended 31 March 2023.

<sup>2</sup>SepCem has a December year-end as a subsidiary of Dangote Cement PLC. Therefore, the figures refer to the six months ended 30 June 2023, and H1 2022 refers to the figures for the interim ended 30 June 2022.

## **Remarking on the results, Chief Executive Officer, Kenneth Capes said,**

*“SepHold’s general operating environment remained subdued during the first six months of the financial year. Building construction works improved slightly during the first quarter of calendar 2023 but dipped in the second quarter. While the year-on-year value of residential buildings passed declined during 2023, activity on civil construction projects and non-residential buildings increased. The rising cost of essential goods and services, coupled with higher interest rates, continued to erode the disposable income of consumers, maintaining pressure on the retail market.*

*Despite the additional challenges of escalating diesel costs, the water crisis in Gauteng and congestion on the N3/N2 highway in KwaZulu Natal, SepHold’s ready-mix business, Métier, delivered a strong set of results. Métier’s performance was achieved by capitalising on opportunities in the industrial and infrastructure development sectors, managing costs consistently and enhancing profit margins with customer centric products and solutions.*

*The combination of excess capacity, lower demand for bagged cement from retail customers and above-inflation fuel and electricity costs eroded SepCem’s profit margins, resulting in a net loss after tax of R38,9 million. While SepCem continues to apply austerity measures, to be sustainable the business will have to recover input cost increases in a competitive market, through price growth measures. SepCem’s 36% equity-accounted loss in the Group’s interim profit and loss statement is R14,0 million.*

*Métier and SepCem remained resilient in challenging market conditions. Both businesses will continue to focus on cost efficiencies and innovative sales strategies to maintain market share. The strengthening of their balance sheets in FY 2023 positioned the businesses to capitalise on growth opportunities as they arise.”*

## **Investor presentation webcast and conference call**

The results webcast and conference call for investors will be at 10:00hs SAST on 14 November 2023. Pre-registration is required and can be done using the following links to obtain the dial-in details: [Sephaku Holdings FY 2024 Interim Results webcast link](#) and [Sephaku Holdings FY 2024 Interim Results conference call pre-registration](#)

The results presentation will be available on the Company website from 07:45hs SAST on 14 November 2023 at the following link: <https://sephakuholdings.com/investor-centre/presentations/>

## **Replay dial-in details**

<b>South Africa</b>	010 500 4108
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<b>Access code</b>	43307#

## **Forward-looking statements**

Any forward-looking information is the board of directors’ responsibility and has not been reviewed or reported on by the Company’s external auditors.

## **Directors’ statement**

The contents of this short-form announcement are the responsibility of the SepHold board of directors and have not been reviewed or reported on by the Company’s external auditors.

Shareholders are advised that this short-form announcement represents a summary of the information contained in the full announcement, published on the Stock Exchange News Service (SENS) at <https://senspdf.jse.co.za/documents/2023/jse/isse/SEP/Int2023.pdf> and on SepHold’s website: [www.sephakuholdings.com](http://www.sephakuholdings.com) on 9 November 2023.

The full announcement is available for inspection at no charge during normal business hours at SepHold's registered office. Copies of the full announcement may also be requested by email at [info@sephold.co.za](mailto:info@sephold.co.za). Any investment decisions by investors and/or shareholders should be based on consideration of the full announcement, and shareholders are encouraged to review the full announcement, which is available for viewing on SENS and on the Company's, website set out above.

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**About Sephaku Holdings Limited**

Sephaku Holdings Limited is a building and construction materials company with a portfolio of investments in the cement sector in South Africa. The company's core investments are a 36% stake in Dangote Cement SA (Pty) Ltd and 100% in Métier Mixed Concrete (Pty) Ltd. SepHold's strategy is to generate growth and realise value for shareholders through the production of cement and ready mixed concrete in Southern Africa.

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