

GRINDROD LIMITED

Reviewed results and dividend announcement for the year ended 31 December 2023

CORE BUSINESS

Grindrod achieved headline earnings growth of 29% in its core operations compared to the full year-ended 31 December 2022 ("the prior period").

Port and Terminals headline earnings grew 35% on the prior period. The port of Maputo achieved record volumes of 12.6 million tonnes, up 28% from the prior period. Grindrod's drybulk terminals in Mozambique handled 12.9 million tonnes, up 14% on the prior period. The conveyor belt linking Grindrod's Navitrade drybulk facility in Richards Bay is now commissioned.

Grindrod's Logistics segment delivered strong results despite subdued charter markets in the seafreight business. Headline earnings from ships agency and clearing and forwarding businesses grew 49% on the prior period. Grindrod's locomotive deployment rate closed strong at 70% with positive prospects in 2024.

	Reviewed 31 December 2023 Rm	Audited 31 December 2022 Rm	Change %
Core operations inclusive of joint ventures *			
Revenue **	7 490	7 405	1
Earnings before interest, taxation, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA)	2 513	2 174	16
Profit attributable to ordinary shareholders	1 334	1 090	22
Headline earnings	1 359	1 057	29

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

** Revenue was impacted by reduced value added services mineral export sales and charters. Revenue includes R999.4 million (2022: R1 787.3 million) relating to the above-mentioned revenue streams.

NON-CORE BUSINESS

The period's results include fair value losses of R255.7 million on the private equity portfolio, including full impairment of the asset financing investment. In addition, net provisions and fair value losses of R77.9 million relating to the KwaZulu-Natal North Coast property loans were recorded.

GROUP RESULTS

The Group reported earnings of R987.8 million against R601.1 million in the prior period. Headline earnings increased by 18% to R1 012.4 million compared to R859.7 million in the prior period. Results presented below include continuing and discontinued operations.

	Reviewed 31 December 2023 Rm	Audited 31 December 2022 Rm	Change %
Total Group on a legal basis			
Revenue ^	4 846	6 332	(23)
EBITDA	923	1 224	(25)
Basic earnings	988	601	64
Headline earnings	1 012	860	18
Basic earnings per share (cents)	148.0	90.1	64
Headline earnings per share (cents)	151.7	128.9	18

^ Revenue was impacted by reduced value added services mineral export sales and charters, the disposal of Grindrod Logistics and no discontinued operations revenue in the current year. Revenue includes R999.4 million (2022: R3 472.8 million) relating to the above-mentioned revenue streams.

DECLARATION OF DIVIDEND

Ordinary dividend

Notice is hereby given that a final gross dividend of 38.0 cents per share has been declared out of income reserves for the year ended 31 December 2023 (2022: 22.2 cents per share). The final net dividend is 30.4 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 final gross preference dividend of 521.0 cents (2022: 421.0 cents) per cumulative, non-redeemable, non-participating and non-convertible preference share has been declared out of income reserves for the year ended 31 December 2023. The final net preference dividend is 416.8 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 ("dividends") are as follows:

Dividend declaration date	Thursday, 07 March 2024
Last date to trade cum-dividend	Tuesday, 02 April 2024
Securities start trading ex-dividend	Wednesday, 03 April 2024
Record date	Friday, 05 April 2024
Payment date	Monday, 08 April 2024

No dematerialisation or rematerialisation of ordinary shares and preference shares will be allowed during the period Wednesday, 03 April 2024 to Friday, 05 April 2024, 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 full announcement and does not contain full or complete details. The full announcement is available on the Company's website at www.grindrod.com and on the JSE's website on 07 March 2024 at <https://senspdf.jse.co.za/documents/2024/jse/isse/GNDE/ye2023.pdf>. Copies of the full announcement may also be requested by email at investorrelations@grindrod.com. Any investment decision by investors and / or shareholders should be made having considered the full announcement as a whole.

By order of the Board

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Group Company Secretary
07 March 2024

Review conclusion

The condensed consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 have been reviewed by Grindrod's auditors, Deloitte & Touche, who issued an unmodified review conclusion report thereon. The auditor's review conclusion and the condensed consolidated financial statements are available on the Company's website at www.grindrod.com. This short-form announcement has not been reviewed by Grindrod's auditors.

EBITDA *

^ 16%

R2 513 million
(2022: R2 174 million)

Headline earnings *

^ 29%

R1 359 million
(2022: R1 057 million)

Net asset value per share

^ 13%

1 368 cents per share
(2022: 1 211 cents per share)

Total interim and final ordinary dividends

^ 84%

72.4 cents per share
(2022: 39.4 cents per share)

Maputo port concession extension to 2058

* Core business inclusive of joint ventures.

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