Sephaku Holdings Limited
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("SepHold" or the "Company")



Unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial results for the six months ended 30 September 2024

SepHold is pleased to report on the Group's unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial results for the six months ended 30 September 2024. 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

Group¹

- Group consolidated revenue: R613,8 million [H1 2024: R626,6 million]
- Net profit after tax: R32,6 million [H1 2024 net profit after tax: R19,7 million]
- Basic earnings per share: 13.91 cents [H1 2024 basic earnings per share: 7.74 cents]
- Headline earnings per share: 13.78 cents [H1 2024 headline earnings per share: 7.54 cents]
- Net asset value per share: 538.66 cents [H1 2024: 467.56 cents]

Métier¹

- EBITDA margin: 11.2% at R69,0 million [H1 2024: 11.2% at R70,3 million]*
- EBIT margin: 8.0% at R48,8 million [H1 2024: 8.4% at R52,3 million]
- Profit after tax: R36,6 million [H1 2024 profit after tax: R37,8 million]

SepCem²

- Sales revenue: R1,3 billion [H1 2023: R1,24 billion]
- EBITDA margin: 11.3% at R146,7 million [H1 2023: 8.6% at R106,9 million]
- EBIT margin: 4.8% at R60,9 million [H1 2023: 1.1% at R14,2 million]
- Net profit after tax: R5,0 million [H1 2023 net loss after tax: R38,9 million]
- SepCem 36% equity accounted profit: R1,5 million [H1 2023 equity accounted loss: R14,0 million]

No dividends were declared or paid during the six months ended 30 September 2024.

- Figures refer to the interim period ended 30 September 2024 for the financial year ending 31 March 2025, and H1 2024 refers to the six months ended 30 September 2023 for the financial year ended 31 March 2024.
- ² SepCem has a December year-end as a subsidiary of Dangote Cement PLC. Therefore, the figures refer to the six months ended 30 June 2024, and H1 2023 refers to the figures for the interim ended 30 June 2023.
- * Métier EBITDA margin for H1 2024 was previously reported as 10.0% at R62,8 million due to the IFRS 16 depreciation of R7,5 million being incorrectly included.

Message from the Chief Executive Officer, Kenneth Capes

The South African economy remained subdued during the first six months of the financial year, contracting marginally during the first quarter of calendar 2024 and growing by only 0.4% during the second quarter. Positive trends emerged during the period as inflation declined, the Rand strengthened against the US Dollar, electricity supply stabilised and the first of the anticipated interest rate reductions was announced in September.

However, low levels of infrastructure investment continued to weigh heavily on the construction sector and the related building and construction materials markets. While the reduction in fuel prices provided relief to businesses and consumers, cost inflation did not moderate for other essential goods and services, such as electricity and food.

Against this background, SepHold's businesses, Métier and SepCem, experienced low sales volumes and continued to mitigate the effects of difficult market conditions with cost efficiencies and targeted sales strategies. Both businesses capitalised on available opportunities in their markets.

Métier experienced a significant decline in overall sales volumes but countered the impact on revenue with strong cost controls. Price increases implemented in January 2024 contributed to EBITDA growth. However, an unforeseen maintenance cost adversely impacted net profit after tax. Métier continued to invest in growth opportunities, expanding its operations to accommodate new contracts to supply concrete to two large infrastructure development projects in KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) and growing its presence in the Western Cape.

SepCem delivered a sound financial performance, achieving modest growth in sales volumes and supporting revenue growth with nominal price increases. EBITDA normalised following the anomalous performance during the prior year when coal and fly ash supply constraints and an extended kiln stoppage depleted inventories. As a result, SepCem's 36% equity-accounted profit in the Group's interim profit and loss statement turned around from a R14 million loss to a R1.5 million profit for the period under review.

Investor presentation webcast and conference call

The results webcast and conference call for investors will be at 11:00 SAST on 11 November 2024. Pre-registration is required and can be done using the following links to obtain the dial-in details:

SepHold FY2025 Interim Results conference call pre-registration

SepHold FY2025 Interim Results Webcast link

The results presentation will be available on the Company website from 07:45hs on 11 November 2024 at the following link: https://sephakuholdings.com/investor-centre/presentations/

Replay dial-in details

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Access code 43307#

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/2024/jse/isse/SEP/Int2024.pdf and on SepHold's website: www.sephakuholdings.com on 8 November 2024.

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**. 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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