

PPC Limited

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

(Company Registration number 1892/000667/06)

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("PPC" or "Company" or "Group")

## **TRADING STATEMENT AND SALE OF PPC AGGREGATE QUARRIES BOTSWANA PROPRIETARY LIMITED**

### **TRADING STATEMENT**

PPC is currently finalising its results for the twelve months ended 31 March 2021 ("the period"). In terms of the JSE Limited Listings Requirements ("JSE Listings Requirements"), shareholders are advised that PPC is satisfied that a reasonable degree of certainty exists that the financial results for the period to be reported upon will differ by at least 20% from that for the previous corresponding period, being the twelve months ended 31 March 2020 ("the prior period").

In accordance with IFRS 5 - Non-current assets held for sale, the group has accounted for its PPC Lime, Botswana Aggregates and PPC Barnet DRC businesses as discontinued operations. Accordingly, the assets, liabilities and profit and loss are reported separately in the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation ("EBITDA") for continuing operations is expected to increase by between 14% and 18% compared to EBITDA in the prior period. This increase is notwithstanding the Group incurring significant restructuring costs in the current financial year and a full lock-down in April 2020 due to COVID with continuing COVID impacts thereafter.

Earnings per share ("EPS") for the period for continuing operations is expected to be between 63 cents and 68 cents per share, an increase of between 247% and 258% from the 43 cents per share loss for the prior period. Headline earnings per share for the period for continuing operations is expected to be between zero cents and 5 cents per share, a decrease of between 91% and 100% compared to the 54 cents per share for the prior period.

EPS for the Group for the period is expected to be between 10 cents and 15 cents per share, an increase of between 108% and 112% from the 124 cents per share loss for the prior period. Headline loss per share for the period for the Group is expected to be between 13 cents per share and 18 cents per share, a decrease of between 148% and 167% compared to the 27 cents per share profit for the prior period.

Headline earnings is impacted by the impairments of property, plant and equipment raised at 31 March 2020, some of which are now reversed as at 31 March 2021.

Earnings and headline earnings for the 2021 financial year are impacted by hyperinflation accounting in terms of IAS 29 - Financial accounting in hyperinflationary economies, resulting in a net monetary loss of R200 million in the current year compared to a gain of R651 million in the prior period.

The financial information on which this Trading Statement is based is the responsibility of the directors of the Company and has not been reviewed or reported on by the Group's independent auditor.

The Group's audited annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 are expected to be released on or about 21 June 2021.

#### **SALE OF PPC AGGREGATE QUARRIES BOTSWANA PROPRIETARY LTD**

A binding sale and purchase agreement has been entered into between PPC Botswana Proprietary Limited (a wholly-owned subsidiary of PPC) and a construction and mining company in Botswana, to sell PPC's 100% shareholding in PPC Aggregate Quarries Botswana Proprietary Limited for a cash purchase consideration of Pula 47.5 million (equivalent to approximately R60 million at an exchange rate of R/Pula of 0.78). The purchaser is not a related party in terms of the JSE Listings Requirements and the transaction is subject to customary conditions precedent for a transaction of this nature. PPC expects that the conditions precedent will be met before 1 August 2021.

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