



AUDITED INTERIM RESULTS AND DIVIDEND DECLARATION

for the six months ended 31 December 2018

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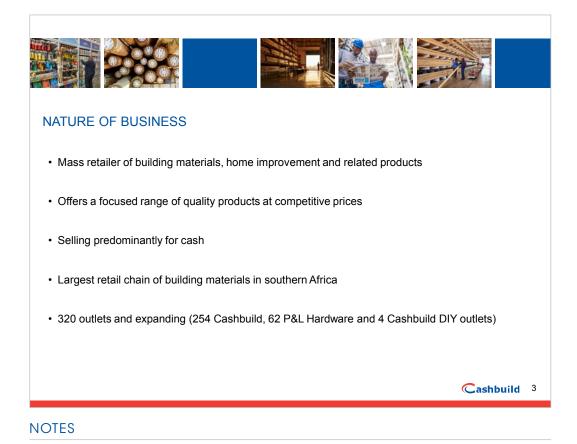


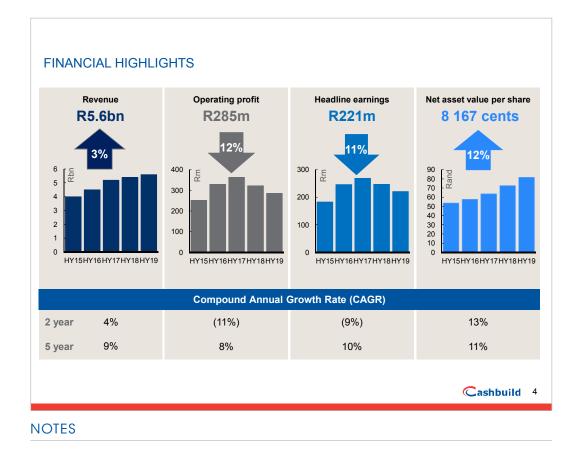
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FINANCIAL REVIEW



INCOME STATEMENT STATUTORY PERIOD-ON-PERIOD

R'000	Audited Dec 2018 (26 Weeks)	Audited Dec 2017* (26 Weeks)	% change	Audited Jun 2018* (52 Weeks)
Revenue	5 563 231	5 392 841	3	10 206 730
Gross profit	1 394 256	1 356 375	3	2 568 453
Gross profit %	25.1	25.2		25.2
Operating expenses	1 109 387	1 034 334	7	2 025 258
Operating expenses %	19.9	19.2		19.8
Operating profit	284 869	322 041	(12)	543 195
Operating profit %	5.1	6.0		5.3
Net financing income	27 751	26 951	3	50 985
Profit for the period	219 752	248 269	(11)	425 153
Earnings per share (cents)	956.2	1 083.1	(12)	1 851.6
Dividend per share (cents)	435.0	496.0	(12)	842.0
Weighted number of shares ('000)	22 715	22 710		22 711
* The application of IFRS 15 has resulted in the 2018 figures	restatement of Decembe	er 2017 and June		Cashbuild

S 15 ADJUSTMENTS		
R'000	Dec 2018 IFRS Adjustment	Dec 201 IFRS Adjustmer
Revenue	(12 074)	(12 144
Gross profit	(3 148)	(2 859
Profit for the period	(2 256)	(2 064
* The application of IFRS 15 relates to expecte	ed sale returns after period end	
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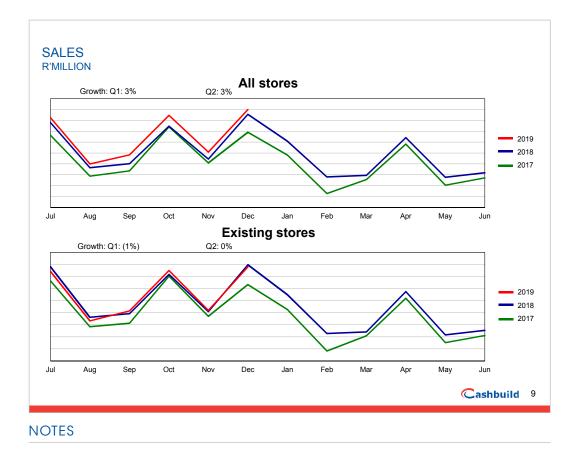
REVENUE BREAKDOWN

						% change			
				Cas	hbuild st	ores	P&L H	lardware	stores
R'000	FY 2019	FY 2018	Total	Total	New	Existing*	Total	New	Existing*
Quarter 1	2 650 823	2 572 837	3	1	3	(2)	19	6	13
Quarter 2	2 912 408	2 820 004	3	2	3	(1)	12	6	6
1 st Half	5 563 231	5 392 841	3	2	3	(1)	15	6	9
Quarter 3		2 398 519							
Quarter 4		2 415 370							
Total		10 206 730							

 $1^{\text{st}}\,6$ weeks trading since period end down 1%

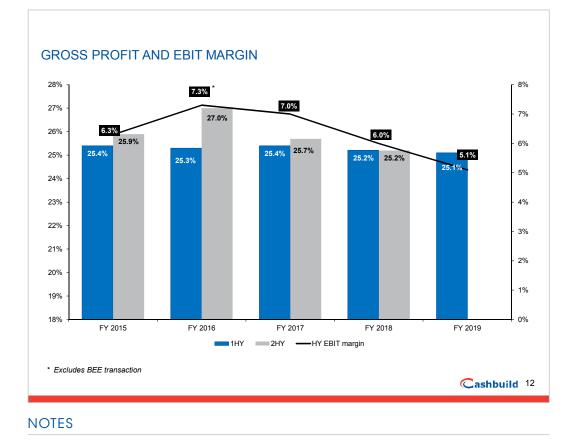
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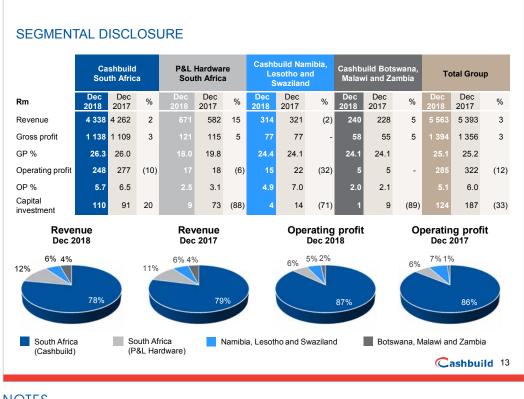
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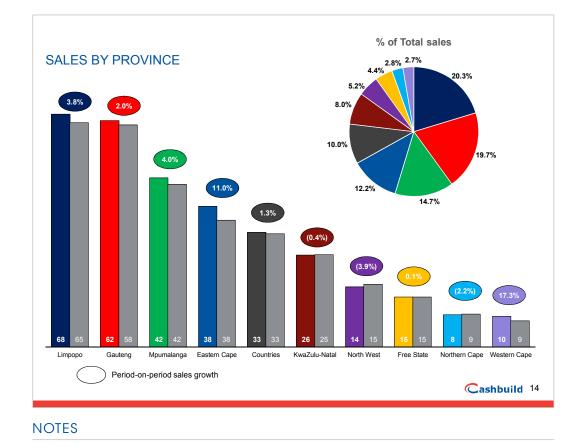












EXISTING BUSINESS RESULTS			
R'000	Dec 2018	Dec 2017	% chang
Revenue	5 309 127	5 339 656	(1
Gross profit	1 342 987	1 338 758	
Gross profit %	25.3	25.1	
Operating expenses	1 036 051	1 004 246	
Operating expenses %	19.5	18.8	
Operating profit	306 936	334 512	3)
Operating profit %	5.8	6.3	
"Existing business" refers to stores that have comparative trading result			

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OPERATING EXPENSES

R'000	FY 2019	FY 2018	% change
Existing business (241 Cashbuild and 46 P&L stores)		1 937 604	
- 1 st Half	1 036 051	1 004 247	3
- 2 nd Half		933 357	
New business (17 Cashbuild and 16 P&L stores)		87 654	
- 1 st Half	73 336	30 087	
- 2 nd Half		57 567	
Total		2 025 258	
- 1 st Half	1 109 387	1 034 334	7
- 2 nd Half		990 924	

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R'million	FY 2019	FY 2018	% change
Existing business (241 Cashbuild and 46 P&L s	tores)	830.2	
- 1 st Half	444.2	422.3	5
- 2 nd Half		407.9	
New business (17 Cashbuild and 16 P&L stores)	30.1	
- 1 st Half	22.7	11.9	
- 2 nd Half		18.2	
Total		860.3	
- 1 st Half	466.9	434.2	8
- 2 nd Half		426.1	
% of sales	8.4	8.0	
TE headcount	6 283	6 401	(2)

OPERATING EXPENSES – DELIVERY EXPENSES

R'million	FY 2019	FY 2018	% change
Existing business (241 Cashbuild and 46 P&L stores)		112.6	,e enange
- 1 st Half	58.1	58.0	_
- 2 nd Half		54.6	
New business (17 Cashbuild and 16 P&L stores)		3.1	
- 1 st Half	2.9	0.8	
- 2 nd Half		2.3	
Total		115.7	
- 1 st Half	61.0	58.8	4
- 2 nd Half		56.9	
% of sales	1.1	1.1	
 Delivery expenses remain below benchmark leve Fuel prices remain volatile 	I	C	ashbuild ¹

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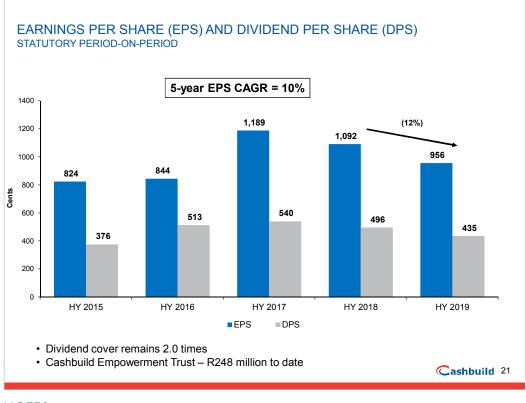
OPERATING EXPENSES – MARKETING			
R'million	FY 2019	FY 2018	% change
Existing business (241 Cashbuild and 46 P&L stores)		149.6	
- 1 st Half	88.1	83.8	5
- 2 nd Half		65.8	
New business (17 Cashbuild and 16 P&L stores)		11.5	
- 1 st Half	7.6	6.0	
- 2 nd Half		5.5	
Total		161.1	
- 1 st Half	95.7	89.8	7
- 2 nd Half		71.3	
% of sales	1.7	1.7	
Continued focused micro advertising			
New and refurbished stores launch costs			
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OPERATING EXPENSES – PROPERTY

R'million	FY 2019	FY 2018	% change
Existing business (241 Cashbuild and 46 P&L stores)		417.8	
- 1 st Half	210.1	206.2	2
- 2 nd Half		211.6	
New business (17 Cashbuild and 16 P&L stores)		21.2	
- 1 st Half	18.7	7.6	
- 2 nd Half		13.6	
Total		439.0	
- 1 st Half	228.8	213.8	7
- 2 nd Half		225.2	
% of sales	4.1	4.0	
 % of sales Starting store rentals remain unrealistically high 	4.1	4.0	

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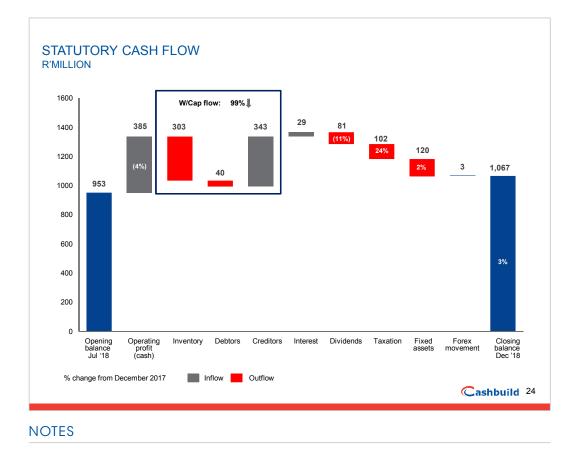


STATUTORY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

B /000	Audited	* Audited	%	* Audited
<u>R'000</u> Assets	Dec 2018	Dec 2017	change	Jun 2018
Property, plant and equipment	1 128 254	1 052 109	7	1 100 132
Intangible assets	428 842	433 017	.(1)	433 467
Assets held for sale	25 206	4 477	(')	4 510
Inventories	1 841 293	1 653 099	11	1 538 708
Trade and other receivables	164 246	138 294	19	118 489
Cash resources	1 066 718	1 039 081	3	952 929
Shareholders' equity and liabilities				
Shareholders' equity	2 071 143	1 843 764	12	1 917 319
Interest-bearing debt	516	1 643	(69)	1 051
Trade and other liabilities	2 445 748	2 350 582	4	2 102 343
Net asset value per share (cents)	8 167	7 278	12	7 561
* The application of IFRS 15 has resulted in the re 2018 figures	statement of Deceml	ber 2017 and June	C	Cashbuild 22

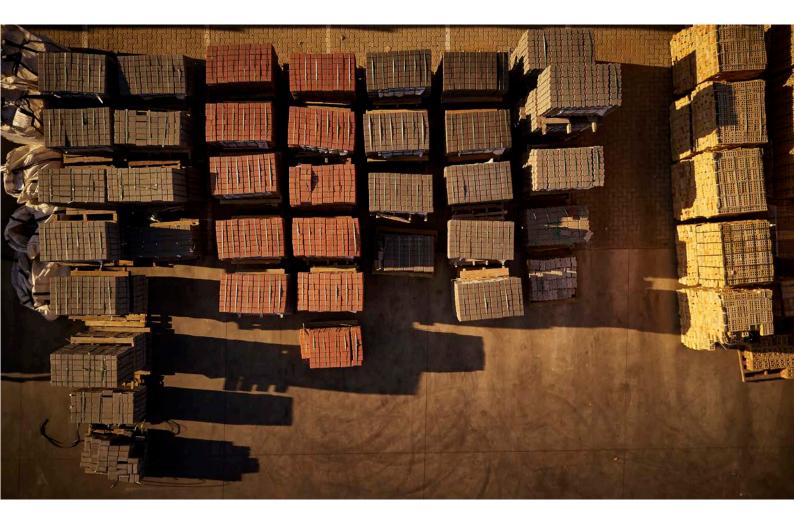
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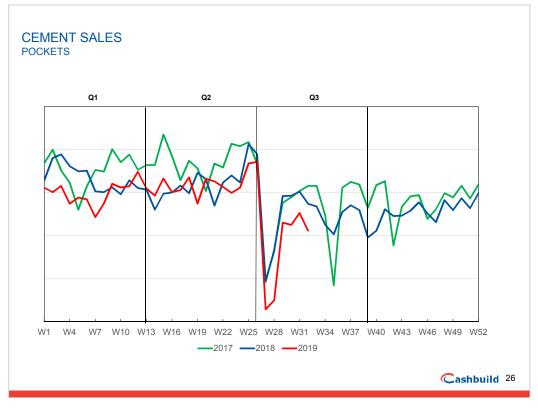
Stock holding – all stores (% growth)	Cashbuild	P&L Hardware	Group
Stores stocked since December 2017 (7 Cashbuild and 4 P&L Hardware stores)	2%	5%	3%
Existing stores	12%	(7%)	8%
Total	14%	(2%)	11%
Continued focus on excess and slow mov Working capital days at period end	Dec 2018	Jun 2018	Dec 2017
Inventory	85	88	79
Creditors	65	71	67

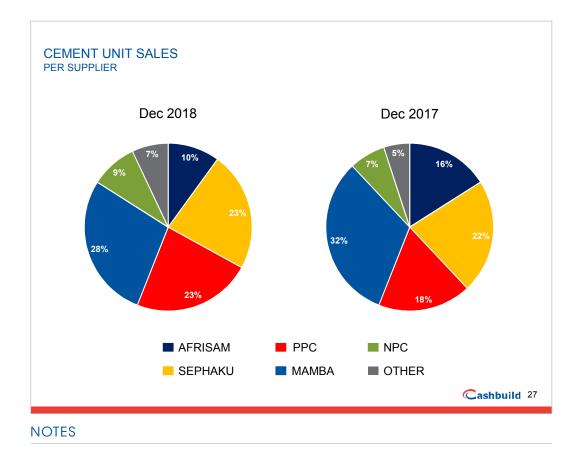


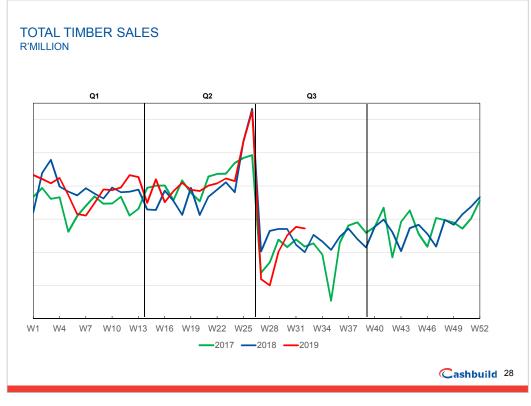
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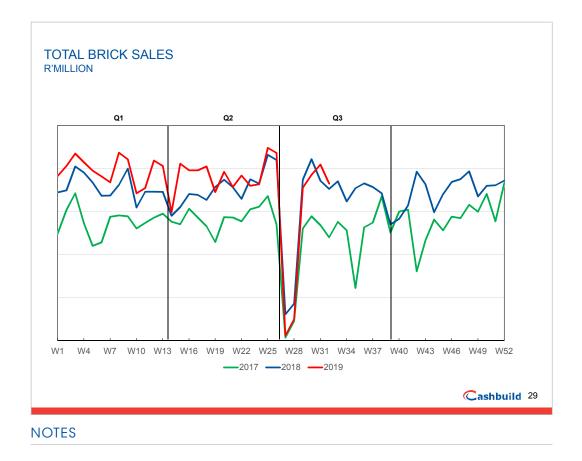
PRODUCT CATEGORIES

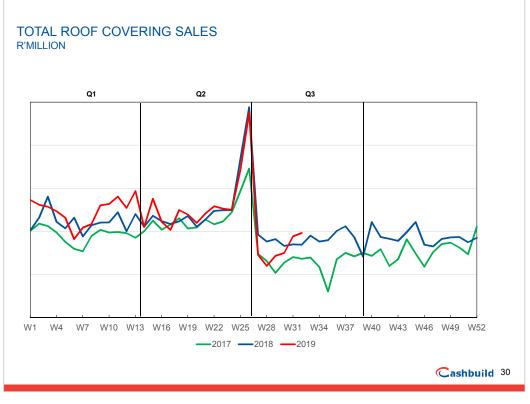


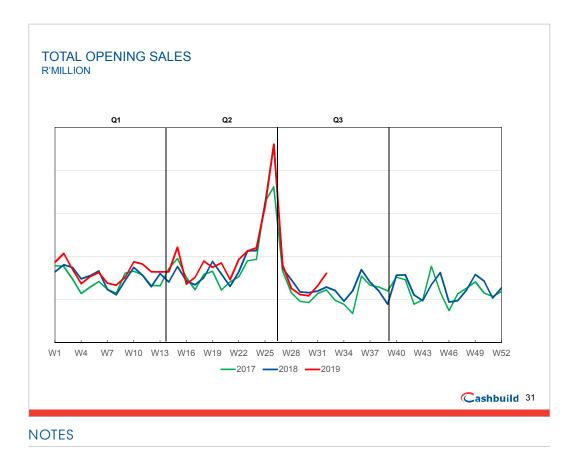


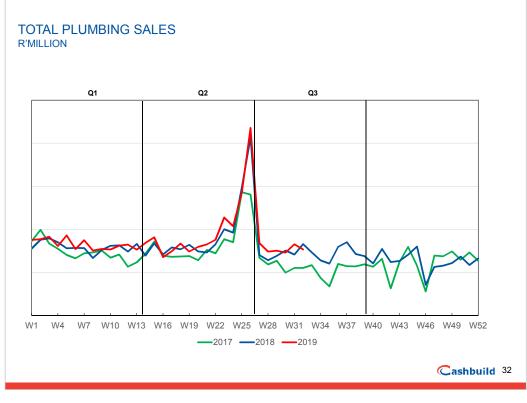


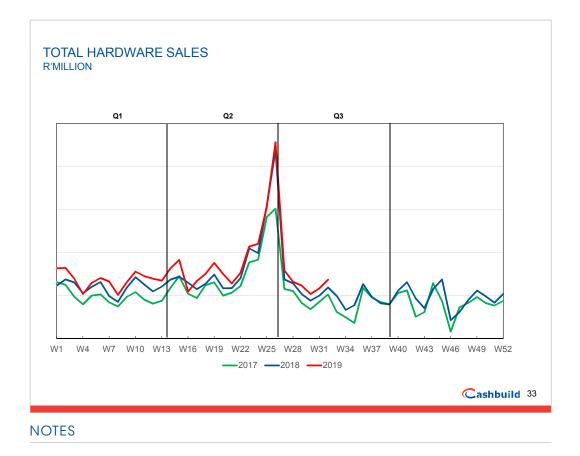


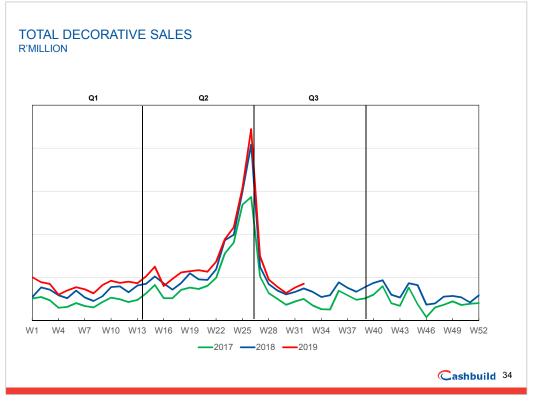


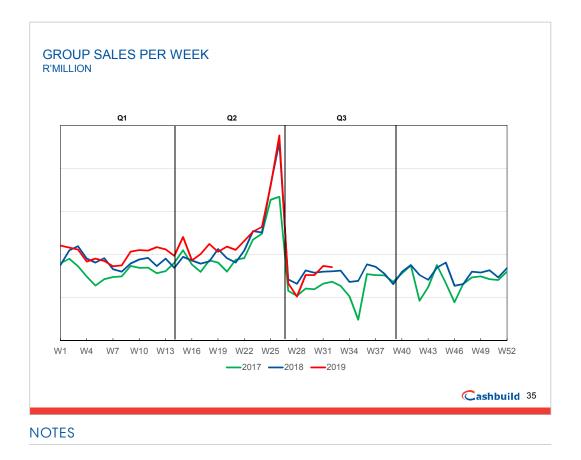






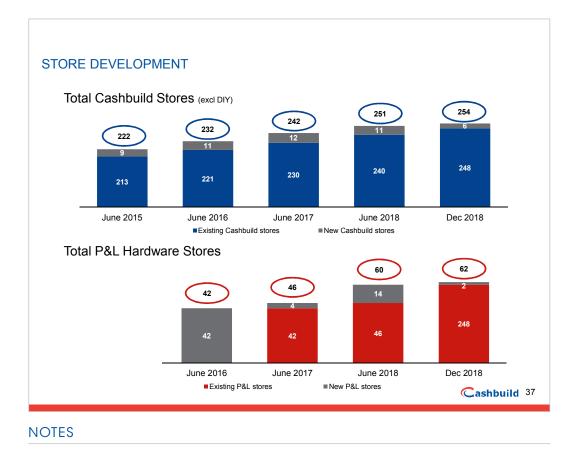


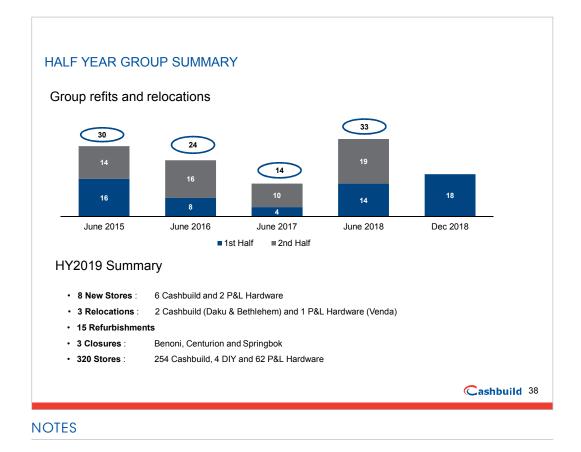


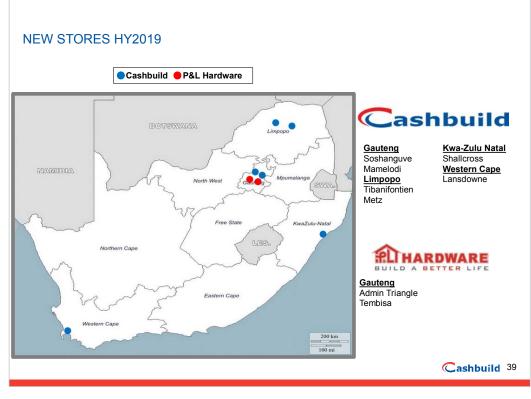


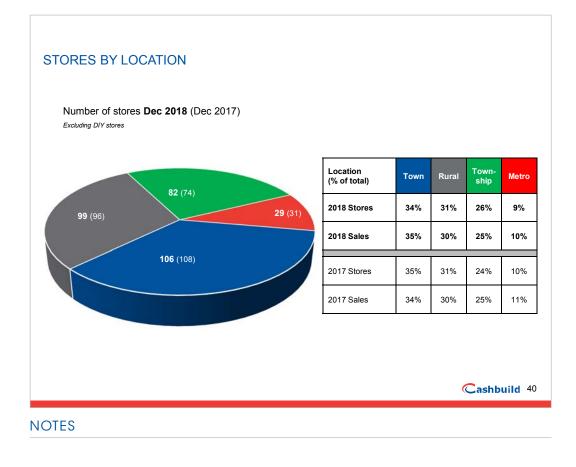
STORE DEVELOPMENT AND MARKET SUMMARY

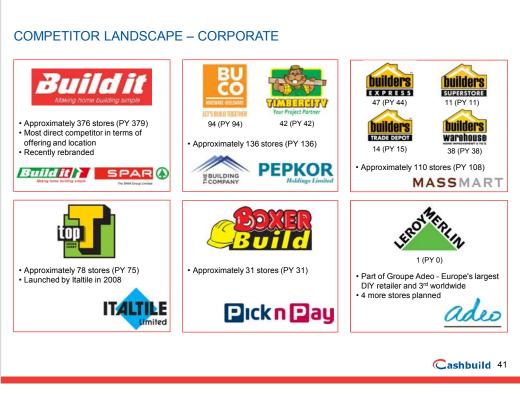


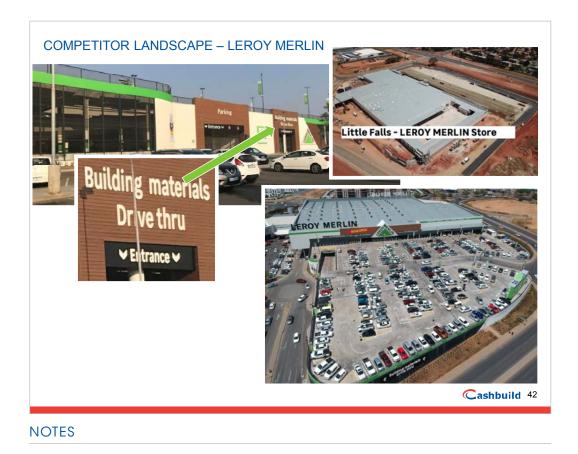


















FINANCIAL RESULTS

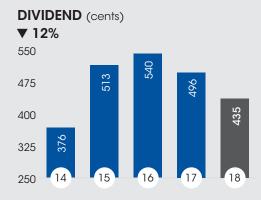


FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS









OPERATING PROFIT (restated) (Rm) ▼ 12%



HEADLINE EARNINGS (restated) (Rm) ▼11%



SPACE GROWTH (stores)

% 1/

SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED INTERIM INCOME STATEMENT – AUDITED

		*Restated		
	Six months	Six months		*Restated
	ended	ended		Year ended
	31 December	31 December		30 June
	2018	2017	%	2018
R'000	(26 weeks)	(26 weeks)	change	(52 weeks)
Revenue	5 563 231	5 392 841	3	10 206 730
Cost of sales	(4 168 975)	(4 036 466)	3	(7 638 277)
Gross profit	1 394 256	1 356 375	3	2 568 453
Selling and marketing expenses	(968 961)	(894 962)	8	(1 778 355)
Administrative expenses	(137 343)	(147 522)	(7)	(267 566)
Other operating expenses	(9 808)	(1 428)	>100	(10 263)
Other income	6 725	9 578	(30)	30 926
Operating profit	284 869	322 041	(12)	543 195
Finance cost	(2 966)	(1 024)	>100	(3 143)
Finance income	30 717	27 975	10	54 128
Profit before income tax	312 620	348 992	(10)	594 180
Income tax expense	(92 868)	(100 723)	(8)	(169 027)
Profit for the period	219 752	248 269	(11)	425 153
Profit attributable to:				
- Owners of the company	217 196	245 972	(12)	420 514
- Non-controlling interests	2 556	2 297	11	4 639
	219 752	248 269	(11)	425 153
Earnings per share (cents)	956	1 083	(12)	1 852
Diluted earnings per share (cents)	955.8	1 082.5	(12.0)	1 850.9

SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME – AUDITED

	Six months ended 31 December 2018	*Restated Six months ended 31 December 2017	*Restated Year ended 30 June
R′000	(26 weeks)	(26 weeks)	2018
Profit for the period Other comprehensive income: Total movement in foreign currency translation reserve (FCTR) Attributable to:	219 752 8 148	248 269 2 822	425 153 6 317
- Owners of the company	7 161	2 773	5 395
- Non-controlling interests	987	49	922
Total comprehensive income for the period	227 900	251 091	431 470
Total comprehensive income attributable to:			
- Owners of the company	224 357	248 745	425 909
 Non-controlling interests 	3 543	2 346	5 561
	227 900	251 091	431 470

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – AUDITED

R′000	Six months ended 31 December 2018	*Restated Six months ended 31 December 2017	*Restated Year ended 30 June 2018
Net asset value per share (cents)	8 167	7 278	7 561
Net asset value per share (excluding treasury shares) Ordinary shares ('000s):	8 986	8 009	8 320
- In issue	24 990	24 990	24 990
- Weighted-average	22 714	22 710	22 711
- Diluted weighted-average	22 723	22 722	22 720
Capital investment	124 491	186 982	243 999
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	66 286	63 974	130 356
Amortisation of intangible assets	3 399	4 256	7 631
Capital commitments	221 672	259 668	231 083
Property operating lease commitments	1 998 506	1 905 706	1 948 239
Contingent liabilities	14 618	29 049	16 022

SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION – AUDITED

R′000	31 December 2018	*Restated 31 December 2017	*Restated 30 June 2018
ASSETS			
Non-current assets	1 684 111	1 614 077	1 665 001
Property, plant and equipment	1 128 254	1 052 109	1 100 132
Intangible assets	428 842	433 017	433 467
Rent prepayments	68 524	90 095	85 707
Deferred income tax assets	58 491	38 856	45 695
Current assets	3 129 527	2 873 970	2 634 996
Assets held for sale	25 206	4 477	4 510
Inventories	1 841 293	1 653 099	1 538 708
Trade and other receivables	164 246	138 294	118 489
Prepayments	32 064	39 019	20 360
Cash and deposits	1 066 718	1 039 081	952 929
Total assets	4 813 638	4 488 047	4 299 997
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES Shareholders' equity	2 071 143	1 843 764	1 917 319
Share capital and reserves	2 041 023	1 818 775	1 889 594
Non-controlling interests	30 120	24 989	27 725
Non-current liabilities	215 904	203 559	205 225
Finance lease obligation	-	516	115
Deferred operating lease liability	174 369	150 534	162 930
Deferred income tax liability	40 089	39 331	42 180
Contingent consideration	1 446	13 178	-
Current liabilities	2 526 591	2 440 724	2 177 453
Trade and other liabilities	2 445 748	2 350 582	2 102 343
Finance lease obligation	516	1 127	936
Current income tax liabilities	80 327	89 015	74 174
Total equity and liabilities	4 813 638	4 488 047	4 299 997

SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS – AUDITED

R′000	Six months ended 31 December 2018	*Restated Six months ended 31 December 2017	*Restated Year ended 30 June 2018
Cash flows from operating activities Cash generated from operations Interest paid Interest received – non-investing Taxation paid	384 944 (2 966) 334 (101 602)	577 478 (1 024) 370 (82 642)	781 720 (3 143) 389 (169 702)
Net cash generated from operating activities	280 710	494 182	609 264
Cash flows from investing activities Net investment in assets Business combinations Interest received	(119 611) - 30 383	(121 031) (72 597) 27 605	(241 231) (72 573) 53 739
Net cash used in investing activities	(89 228)	(166 023)	(260 065)
Cash flows from financing activities Shares purchased by Cashbuild Trusts or subsidiary companies for share incentive schemes Shares sold by The Cashbuild Share Incentive Trust Finance lease payments Dividends paid: – Own equity – Non-controlling interests	- (535) (79 079) (1 148)	- (600) (89 224) (565)	(605) 1 610 (1 192) (201 210) (1 044)
Net cash used in financing activities	(80 762)	(90 389)	(202 441)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	110 720	237 770	146 685
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	952 929	801 420	801 420
Effect of exchange rate movements on cash and cash equivalents	3 069	(109)	4 824
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	1 066 718	1 039 081	952 929

SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY – AUDITED

R'000

Balance at 30 June 2017

Total comprehensive income for the period (*Restated) Dividends paid Recognition of share-based payments

Balance at 31 December 2017

Total comprehensive income for the period Shares purchased by The Cashbuild Operations Management Member Trust Shares sold by The Cashbuild Operations Management Member Trust Dividends paid Recognition of share-based payments

Balance at 30 June 2018

Total comprehensive income for the period Dividends paid Recognition of share-based payments

Balance at 31 December 2018

* Certain comparative amounts shown do not correspond to the prior period financial statements and reflect adjustments made. Refer to note 1.

SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED INTERIM SEGMENTAL ANALYSIS – AUDITED

South Africa

			Group	Cas	hbuild busir	ness	
	Civ month		Year	Civ month	he ended	Year	
		ns ended ember	ended 30 June		hs ended ember	ended 30 June	
D'000	2019	*Restated	*Restated	2019	*Restated	*Restated	
R′000	2018	2017	2018	2018	2017	2018	
Income statement							
Revenue	5 563 231	5 392 841	10 206 730	4 338 290	4 261 486	8 043 313	
Operating profit	284 869	322 041	543 195	248 114	277 547	478 776	
Statement of financial position							
Segment assets	4 813 638	4 488 047	4 299 997	3 095 260	2 951 771	2 787 079	
Segment liabilities	2 742 495	2 644 283	2 382 678	1 998 559	1 828 618	1 418 988	
Other segment items							
Number of stores	320	317	318	225	226	225	
Depreciation	66 286	63 974	130 356	52 020	53 590	107 108	
Amortisation	3 399	4 256	7 631	3 271	4 126	7 377	
Capital investment	124 491	186 982	243 999	109 797	92 065	119 772	

* Certain comparative amounts shown do not correspond to the prior period financial statements and reflect adjustments made. Refer to note 1.

**Includes Namibia, Swaziland and Lesotho.

	Attributable t	o owners of the	company			
Share capital	Share premium	Share-based payments reserve	FCTR	Retained earnings	Non- controlling interests	Total equity
227	(275 419)	57 317	(8 329)	1 881 901	23 208	1 678 905
- - -	- - -	- - 3 556	2 773 - -	245 972 (89 223) -	2 346 (565) -	251 091 (89 788) 3 556
227	(275 419)	60 873	(5 556)	2 038 650	24 989	1 843 764
	- (605) 1 610 - -	- - - 4 636	2 622 - - - -	174 542 - (111 986) -	3 215 - - (479) -	180 379 (605) 1 610 (112 465) 4 636
227	(274 414)	65 509	(2 934)	2 101 206	27 725	1 917 319
- - - 227	- - - (274 414)	- - 6 151 71 660	7 161 - - 4 227	217 196 (79 079) - 2 239 323	3 543 (1 148) - 30 120	227 900 (80 227) 6 151 2 071 143

P&L Hardware business			Other members of common monetary area**			Botswanc	ı, Malawi ar	nd Zambia
Six months ended 31 December				Six months ended 31 December			hs ended ember	Year ended 30 June
2018	*Restated 2017	*Restated 2018	2018	*Restated 2017	*Restated 2018	2018	*Restated 2017	*Restated 2018
670 900	582 496	1 136 053	313 914	320 760	606 637	240 127	228 099	420 727
16 535	17 771	21 388	15 456	22 179	36 266	4 764	4 544	6 765
854 664	722 958	719 003	559 784	541 538	528 377	303 930	271 780	265 538
371 341	447 624	635 375	190 365	199 380	172 615	182 230	168 661	155 700
62	58	60	18	18	18	15	15	15
6 037	3 350	8 388	4 093	3 477	7 496	4 136	3 557	7 364
-	-	-	47	52	103	81	78	151
9 182	72 665	81 638	4 254	13 592	23 954	1 258	8 660	18 635

NOTES TO THE SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- 1. Basis of preparation. The summary consolidated interim financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), the presentation and disclosure requirements of IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting as required by the JSE Limited Listings Requirements, the SAICA Financial Reporting Guides as issued by the Accounting Practices Committee, Financial Pronouncements as issued by the Financial Reporting Standards Council and the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa applicable to summary interim financial statements. The accounting policies applied in the preparation of the consolidated interim financial statements from which the summary consolidated interim financial statements were derived, are in terms of International Financial Reporting Standards and are consistent with those accounting policies applied in the previous consolidated annual financial statements. There are three significant new accounting standards which will impact the Group's reporting. The group has adopted the following standards that are effective for reporting periods commencing on or after 1 July 2018:
 - IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers
 - IFRS 9 Financial Instruments

IFRS 15 – Revenue from Contracts with Customers replaces IAS 18 – Revenue, and provides a single comprehensive model for revenue recognition based on the satisfaction of performance obligations and additional disclosures in respect of revenue. The adoption relates to the expected sale returns and the impact has been applied to the comparative figures to create a fair presentation for each period.

IFRS 9 – Financial Instruments replaces IAS 39 Financial Instruments. The adjustments have taken into account the impairment allowance of receivables which were estimated on the incurred loss model and now estimated on an expected credit loss model. No restatement has been done for prior periods as there is no material impact.

The following table summarises the impact of the adoption of IFRS 15 on the results of the comparative reporting periods:

IFRS 15	Previously reported R'000	Adjustment IFRS 15 R'000	Restated R'000
December 2017			
Non-current assets			
Deferred tax assets	36 494	2 362	38 856
Current assets			
Inventories	1 618 671	34 428	1 653 099
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	2 307 658	42 924	2 350 582
Retained earnings	2 044 784	(6 134)	2 038 650
June 2018			
Non-current assets			
Deferred tax assets	44 090	1 605	45 695
Current assets			
Inventories	1 512 823	25 885	1 538 708
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	2 070 688	31 655	2 102 343
Retained earnings	2 105 371	(4 165)	2 101 206

The interim financial statements have been prepared under the supervision of the Finance Director, Mr AE Prowse CA(SA), and approved by the board on 25 February 2019.

2. Independent audit by the auditor. These summary financial statements were derived from the consolidated interim financial statements for the six months ended 31 December 2018. The consolidated interim financial statements have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc. who expressed an unmodified opinion thereon. A copy of their unqualified audit report is available for inspection at the registered office of the company.

- 3. **Reporting period.** The Group adopts the retail accounting calendar, which comprises the reporting period ending on the last Sunday of the month (2018: 23 December (26 weeks); 2017: 24 December (26 weeks); June 2018: 25 June (52 weeks)). The Group closed on the second last Sunday for the period ending December 2018. This was done to ensure a comparable 26 weeks year on year.
- 4. **Declaration of dividend.** The board has declared an interim dividend (No. 52), of 435 cents (2017: 496 cents) per ordinary share out of income reserves to all shareholders of Cashbuild Limited. The dividend per share is calculated based on 24 989 811 (2017: 24 989 811) shares in issue at date of dividend declaration. Net local dividend amount is 348 cents per share for shareholders liable to pay Dividends Tax and 435 cents per share for shareholders exempt from paying Dividends Tax. Local dividend tax is 20%.

Cashbuild Limited's tax reference number is 9575168712.

Date dividend declared:	Monday, 25 February 2019
Last day to trade "CUM" the dividend:	Monday, 18 March 2019
Date to commence trading "EX" the dividend:	Tuesday, 19 March 2019
Record date:	Thursday, 22 March 2019
Date of payment:	Tuesday, 25 March 2019

Share certificates may not be dematerialised or rematerialised between Tuesday, 19 March 2019 and Thursday, 22 March 2019, both dates inclusive.

- 5. **Earnings per share.** Earnings per share is calculated by dividing the earnings attributable to owners of the company for the period by the weighted-average number of 22 714 257 ordinary shares in issue at period end (2017: 22 709 554 shares; June 2018: 22 710 768).
- 6. Headline earnings per ordinary share. The calculations of headline earnings and diluted headline earnings per ordinary share are based on headline earnings of R221 million (2017: R247 million; June 2018: R423 million) and a weighted-average of 22 714 257 (2017: 22 709 554 shares; June 2018: 22 710 768) shares and fully diluted of 22 723 330 (2017: 22 721 970; June 2018: 22 719 842) ordinary shares in issue.

Reconciliation between net profit attributable to the equity holders of the company and headline earnings:

R'000	Six months ended December 2018	Six months ended December 2017	% change	Year ended June 2018
Net profit attributable to the owners of the company Loss/(profit) on sale of assets after	217 196	245 972	(12)	420 514
taxation Impairment on intangible assets	2 034 1 620	1 306 -	>100 >100	3 457 -
Headline earnings	220 850	247 278	(11)	423 971
Headline earnings per share (cents) Diluted headline earnings per share	972.3	1 088.9	(11)	1 866.8
(cents)	971.9	1 088.3	(11)	1 866.1

On behalf of the board

Stefan Fourie *Chairman* Johannesburg Werner de Jager Chief Executive

COMMENTARY

Nature of business

Cashbuild is southern Africa's largest retailer of quality building materials and associated products, selling direct to a cash-paying customer base through our constantly expanding chain of stores (320 at the end of this financial period which includes the four DIY stores and 62 P&L Hardware stores). Cashbuild carries an in-depth quality product range tailored to the specific needs of the communities we serve. Our customers are typically home-builders and improvers, contractors, farmers, traders, as well as all other customers requiring quality building materials at the best value.

Cashbuild has built its credibility and reputation by consistently offering its customers quality building materials at the best value and through a purchasing and inventory policy that ensures customers' requirements are always met.

International Financial Reporting Standards

The Group is reporting its audited results in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

Financial highlights

Revenue for the period increased by 3%. Revenue for stores in existence prior to July 2017 (pre-existing stores – 287 stores) remained the same while our 33 new stores since July 2017 provided the 3% increase. Selling price inflation was 3%. Gross profit increased by 3% in tough trading conditions with gross profit percentages decreasing from 25.2% to 25.1%.

Operating expenses, including new stores, continue to be well controlled and increased by only 7% (existing stores 3%). Notwithstanding this, the increase in revenue did not compensate for the increased expenses, resulting in the operating profit decreasing by 12%. Earnings per share decreased by 12% and headline earnings per share decreased by 11%.

The effective tax rate of 29.7% is higher than the previous period of 28.9% due to a decrease in exempt income and an increase in disallowable charges relating to share-based payments.

Cash and cash equivalents increased by 3% to R1,067 million. Stock levels, including new stores, have increased by 12% with overall stockholding at 85 days (December 2017: 79 days) at period end. Net asset value per share has shown a 12% increase, from 7 278 cents (December 2017) to 8 167 cents.

During the first half, Cashbuild Group opened eight new stores, refurbished 15 stores, relocated three stores and closed six (three Cashbuild and three Cashbuild DIY stores). Cashbuild will continue its store expansion, relocation and refurbishment strategy in a controlled manner, applying the same rigorous process as in the past.

Prospects

Group revenue for the subsequent six weeks after half year end has decreased by 1% on the comparable six week period. Management believe trading conditions will remain extremely challenging. This information has not been reviewed nor audited by the company's auditor.

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