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for the six months ended 27 December 2020







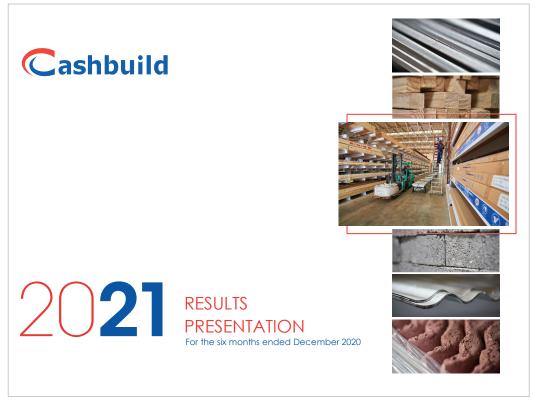
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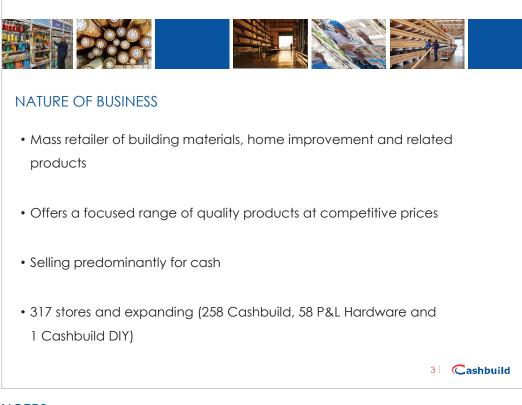
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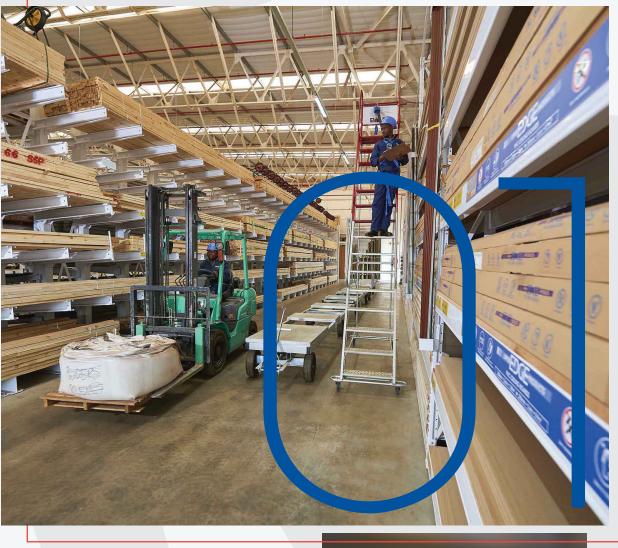






Financial review









INCOME STATEMENT STATUTORY PERIOD-ON-PERIOD

R'm	Audited 27 Dec 2020 (26 Weeks)	Audited 29 Dec 2019 (26 Weeks)	% change	Audited Jun 2020 (52 Weeks)
Revenue	6 695	5 510	21	10 091
Gross profit	1 765	1 369	29	2 525
Gross profit %	26.4	24.8		25.0
Operating expenses	1 189	1 069	11	2 005
Operating expenses %	17.8	19.4		19.9
Operating profit	576	299	92	520
Operating profit %	8.6	5.4		5.2
Net financing (cost)/income	(31)	(51)	(40)	(126
Profit for the period	364	173	111	273
Earnings per share (cents)	1 594.7	748.0	113	1 176.7
Dividend per share (cents)	724	435	66	707
Weighted number of shares ('000)	22 696	22 723		22 722

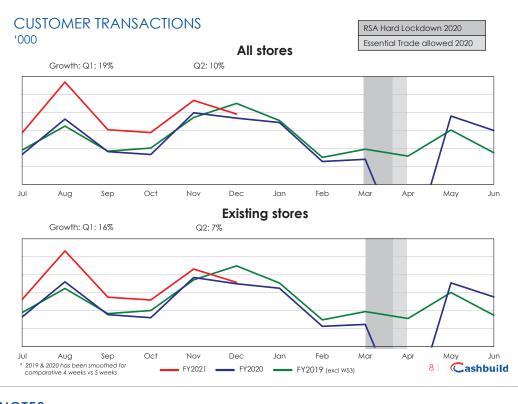
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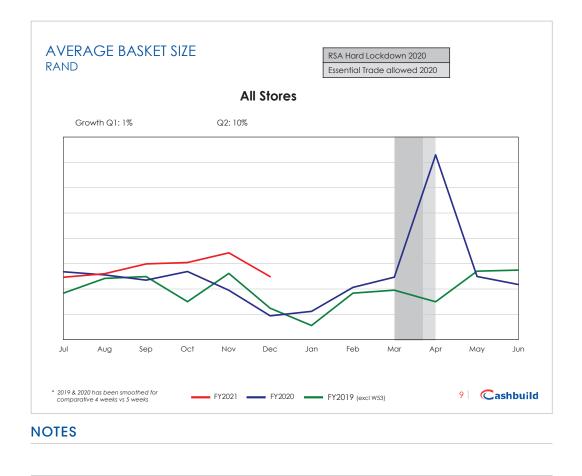
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% change								
Cashbuild stores			Cashbuild stores P&L Hardwar				ardware	stores
FY 2021	FY 2020	Total	Total	New	Existing*	Total	New	Existing*
3 317	2 712	22	24	3	21	7	3	4
3 378	2 798	21	23	2	21	-	2	(2)
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 $1\,{\rm st}$ 6 weeks trading since period end have increased by 24% to that of the comparative period

* All stores in existence prior to 1 July 2019

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R'm	Dec 2020	Dec 2019	%	Dec 2020	Dec 2019	%	Dec 2020	Dec 2019	%	Dec 2020	Dec 2019	%	Dec 2020	Dec 2019	%
Revenue	5 364	4 334	24	655	631	4	385	300	28	291	245	19	6 695	5 510	21
% Contribution to Group	80.1	78.6		9.8	11.5		5.8	5.4		4.3	4.5		100.0	100.0	
Gross profit	1 465	1 118	31	119	115	4	96	73	31	85	63	35	1 765	1 369	29
GP %	27.3	25.8		18.2	18.2		24.9	24.3		29.2	25.7		26.4	24.8	
Operating profit	495	257	93	12	17	(29)	41	15	173	28	10	180	576	299	92
% Contribution to Group	85.9	86.0		2.1	5.7		7.1	5.0		4.9	3.3		100.0	100.0	
OP %	9.2	5.9		1.8	2.7		10.6	4.9		9.5	4.3		8.6	5.4	
Capital investment	57	59	(3)	30	4	>100	8	12	(30)	1	7	(92)	96	82	16

EXISTING BUSINESS RESULTS

R'm	Dec 2020	Dec 2019	%
	Dec 2020		change
Revenue	6 509	5 471	19
Gross profit	1 717	1 357	27
Gross profit %	26.4	24.8	
Operating expenses	1 150	1 052	9
Operating expenses %	17.7	19.2	
Operating profit	567	305	86
Operating profit %	8.7	5.6	

"Existing business" refers to stores that have comparative trading results for the entire prior financial year

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OPERATING EXI	PENSES					
R'm	% of revenue	% of total	Dec 2020	Dec 2019	% change	Existing stores# %
Total	17.8	100	1 189	1 069	11	9
Main Contributors:						
People	8.8	50	591	473	25	24
Advertising	1.1	6	76	94	(19)	(20)
Delivery	1.0	6	67	68	(2)	(4)
IT	0.9	5	61	52	17	16
Property	2.9	16	194	176	10	6
Headcount at Dec	cember 2020	: 6 490 (Dec	ember 2019: 6 3:	27)		

Cost-of-living increase for Cashbuild of 5% implemented in October 2020

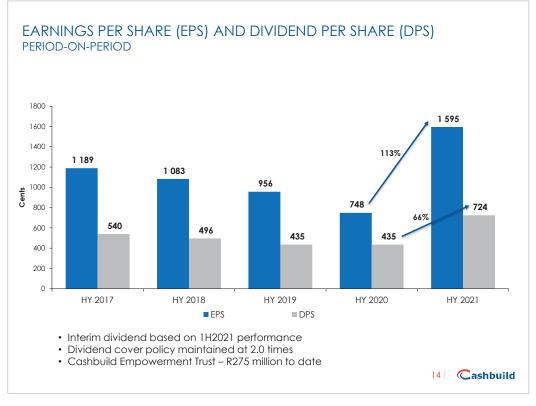
Advertising down due to delayed Art@Heart spend due to Covid-19 and revised focus of various alternative advertising platforms

• IT costs up due to P&L system conversion and higher license renewals

Property costs up as result of new stores, higher service costs and Covid-19 related costs

"Existing stores" refers to stores that have comparative trading results for the entire prior financial year

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R'm	Audited Dec 2020	Audited Dec 2019	% change	Audited Jun 2020
Assets				
Property, plant and equipment	1 143	1 132	1	1 125
Right-of-Use asset	1 254	1 298	(3)	1 270
Intangible assets	422	424	-	423
Investment property/Assets held for sale	58	61	(4)	67
Inventories	1 653	1 678	(2)	1 267
Trade and other receivables	144	149	(3)	104
Cash resources	2 819	1 404	101	1 952
Shareholders' equity and liabilities				
Shareholders' equity	2 444	2 1 2 9	15	2 155
Lease liabilities	1 604	1 624	(1)	1 615
Trade and other liabilities	3 392	2 425	40	2 522
Net asset value per share (Rand)	96.40	83.88	15	84.70

INVENTORY ANALYSIS

Stock holding – all stores (% change)	Cashbuild	P&L Hardware	Group
Stores stocked since December 2019 (6 Cashbuild and 1 P&L Hardware)	2	1	2
Existing stores	1	(26)	(4)
Total	3	(25)	(2)

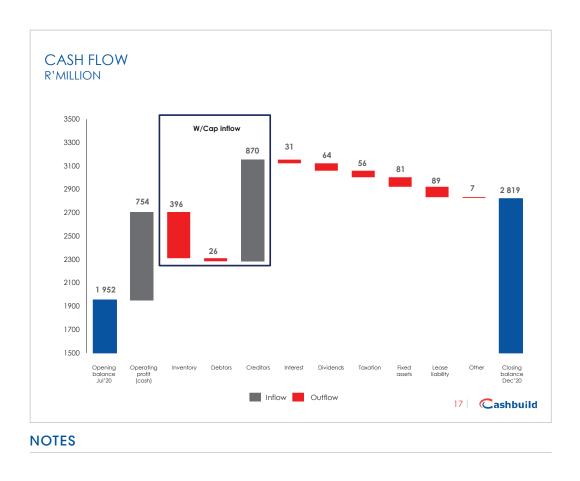
• Purchase inflation at 5%

• Sustained gains on excess and slow-moving stocks

• P&L Hardware was more affected by supplier shortages and delayed deliveries

Working capital days at period end	Dec 2020	Dec 2019		
Inventory	68	82		
Creditors	73	72	_	
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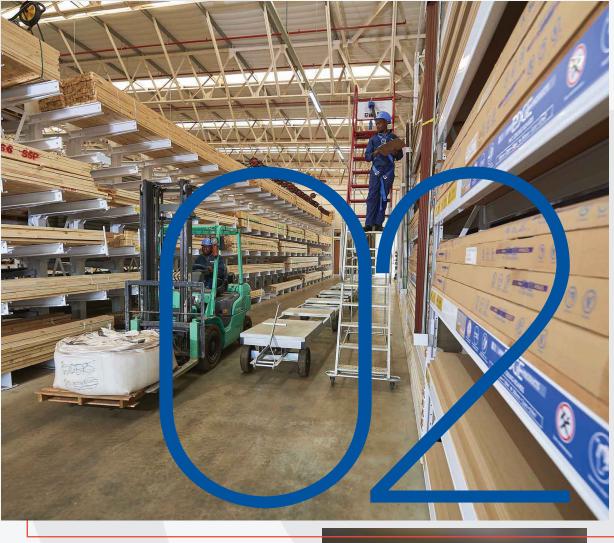
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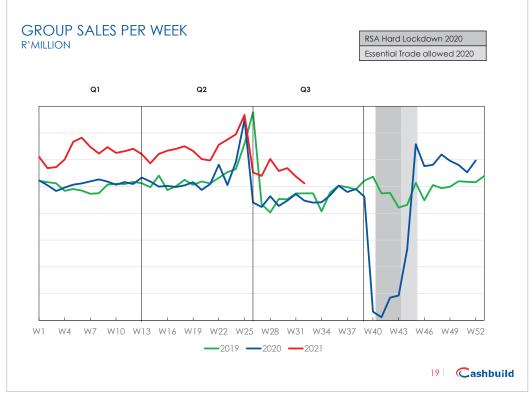
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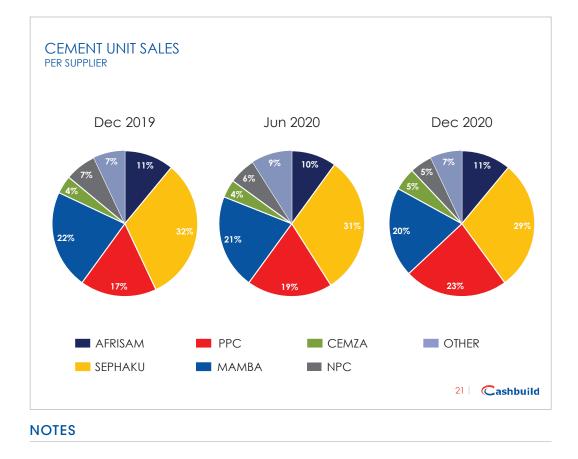


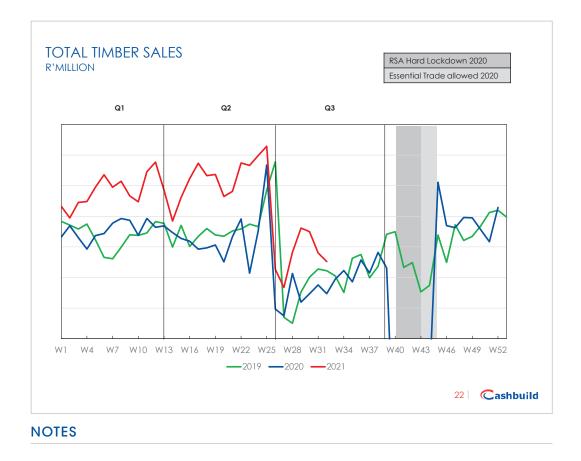




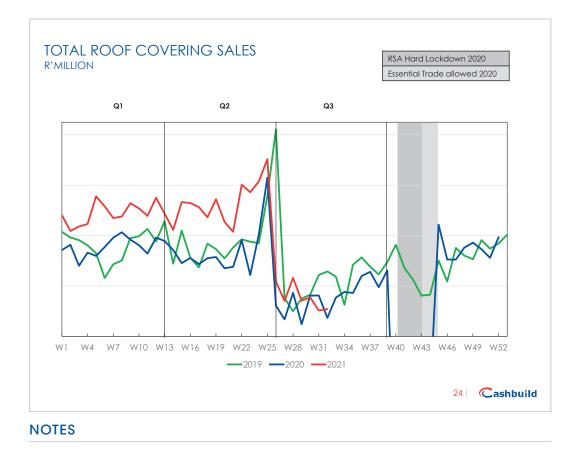


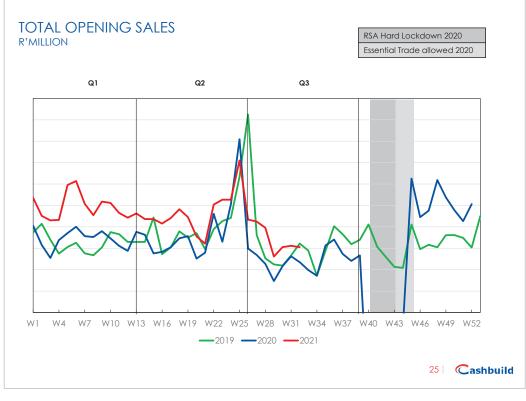


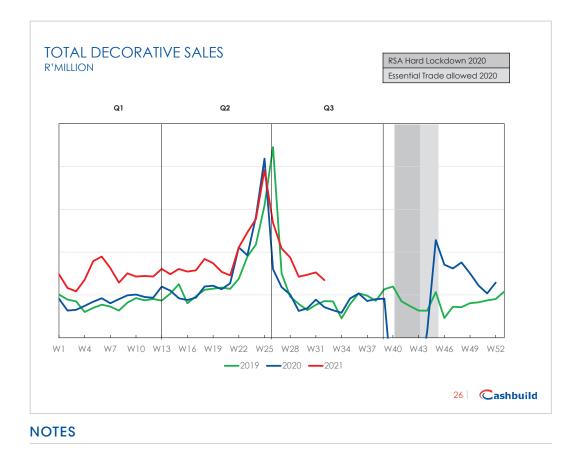








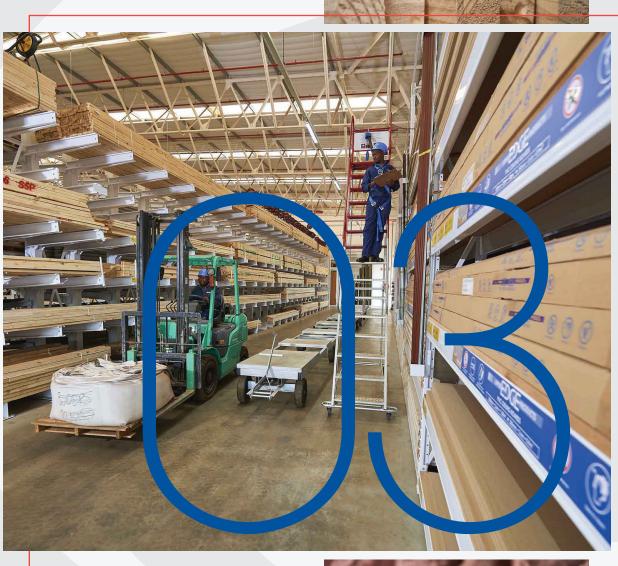




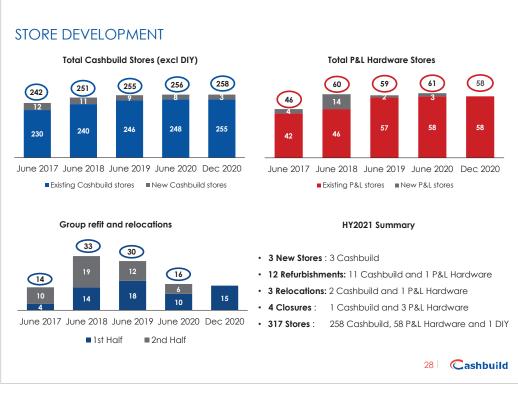
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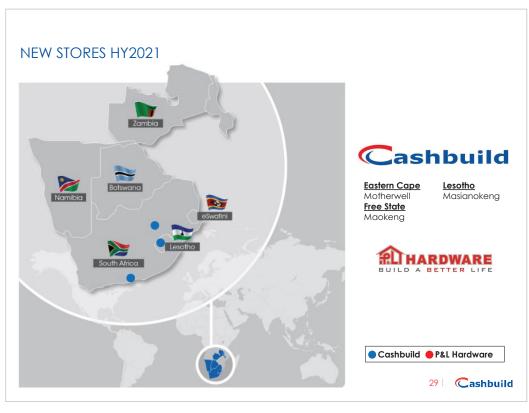


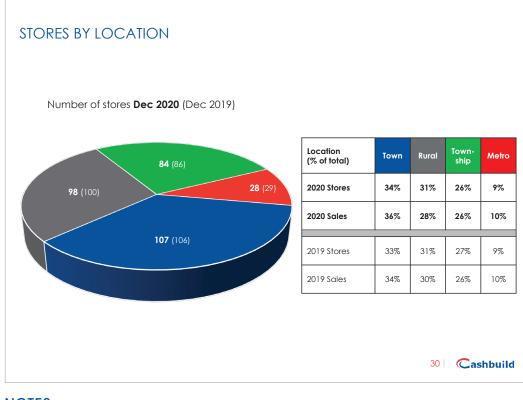
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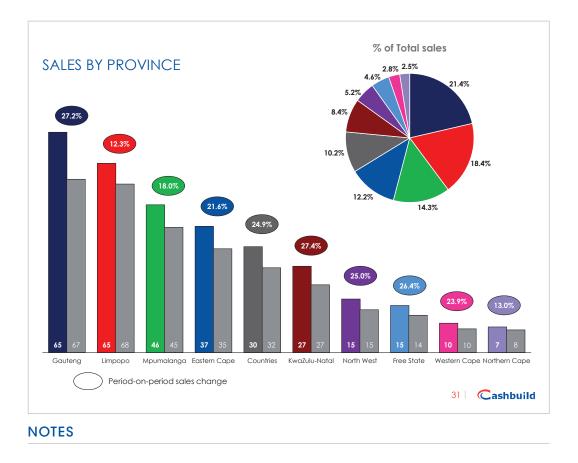


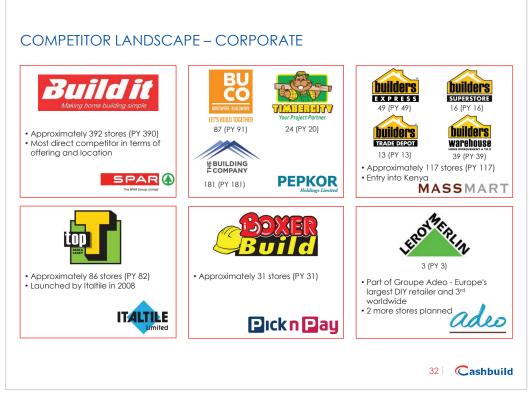


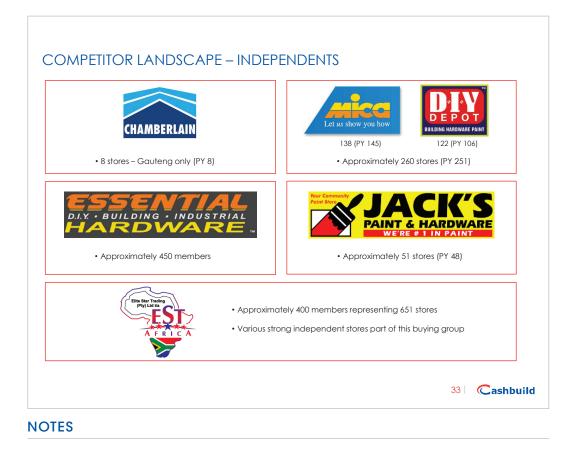




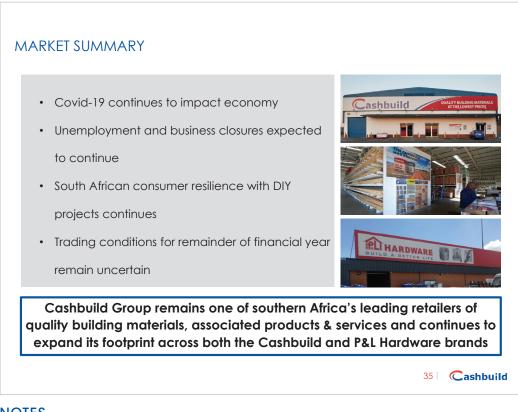








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South African Competition Commission	Various ex	on still in progre tensions grante completion ur	d			
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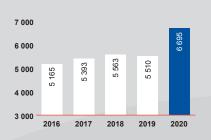






Financial highlights for the six months ended 27 December 2020

REVENUE (Rm)





HEADLINE EARNINGS (Rm)

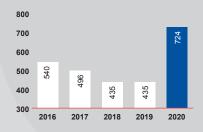
OPERATING PROFIT (Rm)



SPACE GROWTH (stores)



TOTAL DIVIDEND PER SHARE (cents)



NAV PER SHARE (cents)



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Summary consolidated interim income statement – Audited

R′000	Six months ended 27 December 2020 (26 weeks)	Six months ended 29 December 2019 (26 weeks)	% change	Year ended 28 June 2020 (52 weeks)
Revenue	6 694 502	5 510 188	21	10 090 910
Cost of sales	(4 929 613)	(4 141 614)	19	(7 565 860)
Gross profit	1 764 889	1 368 574	29	2 525 050
Selling and marketing expenses	(1 050 005)	(917 060)	14	(1 765 022)
Administrative expenses	(161 173)	(154 611)	4	(282 531)
Other operating expenses	(1 560)	(2 404)	(35)	(4 377)
Other income	23 502	4 950	375	47 192
Operating profit	575 653	299 449	92	520 312
Finance cost	(77 769)	(90 495)	(14)	(191 518)
Finance income	46 971	39 164	20	65 182
Profit before income tax	544 855	248 118	120	393 976
Income tax expense	(180 611)	(75 305)	140	(121 306)
Profit for the period	364 244	172 813	111	272 670
Profit attributable to:	361 932	169 957	113	267 371
- Owners of the company	2 312	2 856	(19)	5 299
- Non-controlling interests	364 244	172 813	111	272 670
Earnings per share (cents)	1 594.7	748.0	113	1 176.7
Diluted earnings per share (cents)	1 594.1	747.8	113	1 176.1

Summary consolidated interim statement of comprehensive income – Audited

R′000	Six months ended 27 December 2020 (26 weeks)	Six months ended 29 December 2019 (26 weeks)	Year ended 28 June 2020
Profit for the period Other comprehensive income: Total movement in foreign currency translation reserve (FCTR) Attributable to:	364 244 (10 896)	172 813 5 287	272 670 25 882
Owners of the companyNon-controlling interests	(6 720) (4 176)	4 496 791	22 223 3 659
Total comprehensive income for the period	353 348	178 100	298 552
Total comprehensive income attributable to: – Owners of the company – Non-controlling interests	355 212 (1 864) 353 348	174 453 3 647 178 100	289 594 8 958 298 552

Additional information

R′000	Six months ended 27 December 2020	Six months ended 29 December 2019	Year ended 28 June 2020
Net asset value per share (cents)	9 640	8 388	8 470
Net asset value per share (excluding treasury shares)	10 615	9 225	9 315
Ordinary shares ('000s):			
– In issue	24 990	24 990	24 990
- Weighted-average	22 696	22 723	22 722
 Diluted weighted-average 	22 704	22 728	22 734
Capital investment	95 941	82 221	170 093
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	179 233	177 523	349 545
Amortisation of intangible assets	2 518	2 921	5 275
Capital commitments	133 963	158 857	158 344
Contingent liabilities	8 524	16 022	6 794

Summary consolidated interim statement of financial position – Audited

R′000	27 December 2020	29 December 2019	28 June 2020
ASSETS Non-current assets	2 997 140	3 013 288	2 974 780
Property, plant and equipment Investment property Intangible assets Deferred income tax assets	2 397 165 57 924 422 268 119 783	2 430 394 54 435 424 285 104 174	2 394 577 57 924 423 101 99 178
Current assets	4 641 458	3 261 062	3 370 868
Assets held for sale Inventories Trade and other receivables Prepayments Cash and deposits	- 1 652 663 143 984 25 725 2 819 086	6 080 1 678 499 148 929 23 802 1 403 752	8 703 1 266 587 103 677 40 319 1 951 582
Total assets	7 638 598	6 274 350	6 345 648
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES Shareholders' equity Share capital and reserves	2 443 631	2 129 229 2 096 141	2 155 015
Non-controlling interests	34 555	33 088	38 399
Non-current liabilities	1 462 937	1 466 097	1 467 728
Lease liabilities Deferred income tax liability	1 422 900 40 037	1 434 039 32 058	1 432 590 35 138
Current liabilities	3 732 030	2 679 024	2 722 905
Trade and other liabilities Lease liabilities Current income tax liabilities	3 391 570 181 237 159 223	2 425 419 189 520 64 085	2 521 681 182 610 18 614
Total equity and liabilities	7 638 598	6 274 350	6 345 648

Summary consolidated interim statement of cash flows – Audited

R′000	Six months ended 27 December 2020	Six months ended 29 December 2019	Year ended 28 June 2020
Cash flows from operating activities Cash generated from operations Interest paid Interest received – non-investing Taxation paid Net cash generated from operating activities	1 195 401 (77 769) - (55 708) 1 061 924	1 187 845 (90 495) 803 (42 337) 1 055 816	2 108 499 (191 518) 800 (135 748) 1 782 033
Cash flows from investing activities Net investment in assets Increase in investments Interest received	(81 476) - 46 971	(75 928) (26 511) 38 361	(135 772) (29 766) 64 382
Net cash used in investing activities	(34 505)	(64 078)	(101 156)
Cash flows from financing activities Shares sold by Cashbuild Trusts Shares purchased by Cashbuild SA for FSP Finance lease payments Dividends paid: - Own equity - Non-controlling interests	- (13 591) (88 851) (62 367) (1 980)	1 266 (79 415) (96 437) (1 258)	- (135 717) (196 978) (1 258)
Net cash used in financing activities	(166 789)	(175 844)	(333 953)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	860 630	815 894	1 346 924
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	1 951 582	590 150	590 150
Effect of exchange rate movements on cash and cash equivalents	6 874	(2 292)	14 508
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	2 819 086	1 403 752	1 951 582

Summary consolidated interim statement of changes in equity – Audited

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Restated balance at 1 July 2019

Total comprehensive income for the period Dividends paid Shares sold by the Cashbuild Trusts Recognition of share-based payments

Balance at 29 December 2019

Total comprehensive income for the period Dividends paid Shares purchased by the Cashbuild Trusts Recognition of share-based payments

Balance at 28 June 2020

Total comprehensive income for the period Shares purchased by Cashbuild SA for Forfeitable Share Plan Dividends paid Recognition of share-based payments

Balance at 27 December 2020

Summary consolidated interim segmental analysis – Audited

			Group	Cas	hbuild busiı	ness	
		hs ended ember	Year ended June		ns ended mber	Year ended June	
R'000	2020	2019	2020	2020	2019	2020	
Income statement							
Revenue	6 694 502	5 510 188	10 090 910	5 364 089	4 333 948	7 919 278	
Operating profit	575 653	299 449	520 312	495 553	257 115	443 444	
Statement of financial position							
Segment assets	7 638 598	6 274 350	6 345 648	5 619 749	4 411 306	4 416 716	
Segment liabilities	5 194 967	4 145 121	4 190 633	3 797 825	2 817 537	2 857 876	
Other segment items							
Number of stores	317	320	318	229	225	228	
Depreciation	179 233	177 523	349 545	144 958	142 275	279 352	
Amortisation	2 518	2 921	5 275	2 438	2 794	5 003	
Capital investment	95 941	82 221	170 093	57 836	58 885	135 079	

* Includes Namibia, Swaziland and Lesotho.

	Attributable t	o owners of th	e company			
Share capital	S Share premium	hare-based payments reserve	FCTR	Retained earnings	Non- controlling interests	Total equity
227	(274 414)	79 137	2 149	2 200 776	30 699	2 038 574
_	-	_	4 496	169 957	3 647	178 100
-	-	-	-	(96 437)	(1 258)	(97 695)
_	1 266	_	_	-	-	1 266
-	-	8 984	-	-	-	8 984
227	(273 148)	88 121	6 645	2 274 296	33 088	2 129 229
_	_	_	17 727	97 414	5 311	120 452
-	-	-	-	(100 541)	-	(100 541)
-	(1 266)	-	-	-	-	(1 266)
-	-	7 141	-	-	-	7 141
227	(274 414)	95 262	24 372	2 271 169	38 399	2 155 015
-	-	_	(6 720)	361 932	(1 864)	353 348
-	(13 591)	-	-	-	-	(13 591)
-	-	-	-	(62 367)	(1 980)	(64 347)
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227	(288 005)	108 468	17 652	2 570 734	34 555	2 443 631

P&L Hardware business				embers of co onetary arec		Botswana	, Malawi and	d Zambia
Six months ended December		Year ended June		Year Six months ended December June		Six month Dece		Year ended June
2020	2019	2020	2020	2019	2020	2020	2019	2020
654 952	631 024	1 125 009	384 559	300 554	579 031	290 902	244 662	467 592
11 710	17 089	17 108	40 626	14 714	31 213	27 764	10 531	28 547
904 218	892 073	864 073	710 878	610 628	652 373	403 753	360 343	412 486
864 666	863 949	829 040	282 961	224 818	251 049	249 515	238 817	252 668
58	62	61	17	18	16	13	15	13
18 005	16 820	33 095	6 999	8 002	16 084	9 271	10 426	21 014
21	-	3	25	47	93	34	80	176
28 989	3 950	6 387	8 541	12 281	9 722	575	7 105	18 905

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.

The consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared under the supervision of the Finance Director, Mr AE Prowse CA(SA), and approved by the board on 1 March 2021.

- 2. **Independent audit by the auditor.** These summary consolidated interim financial statements were derived from the consolidated interim financial statements for the six months ended 27 December 2020. 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 (2020: 27 December (26 weeks); 2019: 29 December (26 weeks); June 2020: 28 June (52 weeks)).
- 4. **Declaration of dividend.** The board has declared an interim dividend (No. 56), of 724 cents (2019: 435 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 (2019: 24 989 811) shares in issue at date of dividend declaration. Net local dividend amount is 579.2 cents per share for shareholders liable to pay Dividends Tax and 724 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, 1 March 2021
Last day to trade "CUM" the dividend:	Tuesday, 23 March 2021
Date to commence trading "EX" the dividend:	Wednesday, 24 March 2021
Record date:	Friday, 26 March 2021
Date of payment:	Monday, 29 March 2021

Share certificates may not be dematerialised or rematerialised between Wednesday, 24 March 2021 and Friday, 26 March 2021, 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 22 695 705 ordinary shares in issue at period-end (2019: 22 723 080 shares; June 2020: 22 722 350).
- 6. Headline earnings per ordinary share. The calculations of headline earnings and diluted headline earnings per ordinary share are based on headline earnings of R349.7 million (2019: R173.2 million; June 2020: R258.7 million) and a weighted-average of 22 695 705 (2019: 22 723 080 shares; June 2020: 22 722 350) shares and fully diluted of 22 704 069 (2019: 22 727 551; June 2020: 22 734 169) 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 2020	Six months ended December 2019	% change	Year ended June 2020
Net profit attributable to the owners of the company (Profit)/loss on sale of assets	361 932	169 957	113	267 371
after taxation (Impairment reversal)/Impairment	(1 811) (10 438)	1 512 1 769	- -	(19 376) 10 687
Headline earnings	349 683	173 238	102	258 682
Headline earnings per share (cents) Diluted headline earnings per	1 540.7	762.4	102	1 138.5
share (cents)	1 540.2	762.2	102	1 137.9

On behalf of the board

Alistair Knock	Werner de Jager
Chairman	Chief Executive
Johannesburg	1 March 2021



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 chain of stores (317 at the end of this reporting period which includes 58 P&L Hardware stores and 1 DIY store). 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 21%. Revenue for stores in existence prior to July 2019 (pre-existing stores – 303 stores) increased with 19% and our 14 new stores contributed 2% growth. Gross profit increased by 29% with gross profit margin percentage increasing from 24.8% to 26.4%. Selling price inflation was 4.5%.

Operating expenses, including new stores, were well controlled considering the revenue growth, increasing by 11% (existing stores 9% and new stores contributed 2% of the increase) resulting in the operating profit increasing by 92%. Basic earnings per share increased by 113% with headline earnings per share also increasing by 102% from the prior period.

The effective tax rate of 33.1% for the period is higher than that of the previous period due to the write-off of deferred tax assets raised in prior years in respect of Cashbuild Zambia.

Cash and cash equivalents increased to R2 819 million as a result of increased profitability and higher creditors' balances due to suppliers' payments effected after half-year close. Stock levels, including new stores have decreased by 2% with stockholding at 68 days (December 2019: 82 days; June 2020: 60 days) at period end. Net asset value per share increased by 15%, from 8 388 cents (December 2019) to 9 640 cents.

During the period, Cashbuild opened 3 Cashbuild stores, refurbished 11 Cashbuild and 1 P&L Hardware store, relocated 2 Cashbuild and 1 P&L Hardware store. 1 Cashbuild and 3 P&L Hardware stores were closed at the expiration of their lease agreements. Cashbuild will continue its store expansion, relocation and refurbishment strategy in a controlled manner, applying an even more rigorous process, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated economic uncertainties.

Prospects

Group revenue for the subsequent six weeks after half year-end has increased by 24% for the comparable six week period. Management expects trading conditions to remain uncertain due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and its economic impact. This information has not been reviewed nor audited by the company's auditor.

Corporate information

Directors

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