

CAXTON&CTP publishers & printers

RESULTS AND DIVIDEND DECLARATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS AND

COMPREHENSIVE INCOME					
R'000	Reviewed for the year ended 30 June 2025	Audited for the year ended 30 June 2024	Percentage change		
Revenue Other operating income	6 709 078 91 576	6 647 278 248 561	0.9%		
Total operating income	6 800 654	6 895 839			
Changes in inventories of finished goods and work in progress Raw materials and consumables used Staff costs Other operating expenses	(46 067) (3 492 285) (1 272 818) (1 161 457)	17 490 (3 600 569) (1 257 923) (1 127 612)			
Total operating expenses	(5 972 627)	(5 968 614)	0.1%		
Profit from operating activities before depreciation and amortisation Depreciation and amortisation	828 027 (260 321)	927 225 (269 322)			
Profit from operating activities after depreciation and amortisation Impairment of goodwill Reversal of investment Reversal of impairment of investments in associates Loss on disposal of investment Profit on deemed disposal of associate on gain of control Impairment of intangible assets Impairment of plant	567 706 - - 92 - - (5 329) (45 470)	657 903 (18 165) 74 21 000 (45 292) 1 801 (330) (18 078)	(13.7%)		
Profit from operating activities Net finance income – dividends – interest income	516 999 247 414 108 519 146 419	598 913 237 037 122 379 110 882	(13.7%)		
– interest expense – (loss)/profit on foreign exchange	(2 878) (4 646)	(5 651) 9 427			
Income from associates	6 269	1 905			
Profit before taxation Taxation	770 682 (172 889)	837 855 (180 498)			
Profit for the year	597 793	657 357	(9.1%)		
Other comprehensive income: Items that will be not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss	65 764	83 520			
Fair value adjustment – investments Fair value adjustment – properties	(45 219) 110 983	83 520 -			
Total comprehensive income for the year	663 557	740 877			
Total comprehensive income attributable to Non-controlling interests Equity holders of the parent	(1 864) 665 421 663 557	1 547 739 330 740 877			
Profit attributable to Non-controlling interests Equity holders of the parent	(1 864) 599 657	1 547 655 810			
	597 793	657 357			

CONDENICED CONSOLIDATED SECMENTAL ANALYSIS

Earnings and diluted earnings per ordinary share (cents)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED SEGMENT	AL ANALYSIS			
	Reviewed for the year ended 30 June 2025	%	Audited for the year ended 30 June 2024	%
Revenue				
Publishing, printing and distribution Packaging and stationery Other	2 973 196 3 735 882	44 56 -	2 946 620 3 700 658 -	44 56 -
	6 709 078	100	6 647 278	100
Profit from operating activities before depreciation and amortisation				
Publishing, printing and distribution	364 698	44	342 850	37
Packaging and stationery	566 717	68	491 857	53
Other	(103 388)	(12)	92 518	10
	828 027	100	927 225	100
Profit from operating activities after depreciation and amortisation				
Publishing, printing and distribution	270 657	48	242 213	37
Packaging and stationery	421 601	74	356 180	54
Other	(124 552)	(22)	59 510	9
	567 706	100	657 903	100
Total assets				
Publishing, printing and distribution	1 974 644	20	2 237 113	23
Packaging and stationery	2 418 307	24	2 447 441	25
Other	5 549 758	56	4 968 650	51
	9 942 709	100	9 653 204	100
Total liabilities				
Publishing, printing and distribution	572 327	31	679 950	35
Packaging and stationery	564 497	31	577 198	31
Other	702 379	38	675 959	34
	1 839 203	100	1 933 107	100

182.9

(7.9%)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS				
R'000	Reviewed for the year ended 30 June 2025	Audited for the year ended 30 June 2024		
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Cash generated by operations Changes in working capital	842 853 245 912	956 015 87 579		
Cash generated by operating activities Taxation paid	1 088 765 (178 376)	1 043 594 (169 628)		
Cash inflow from operating activities	910 389	873 966		
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Property, plant, equipment and intangibles – additions to maintain operations – proceeds from disposals	(321 059) 31 692 (289 367)	(266 632) 5 442 (261 190)		
Investments Disposal of business Associate loans and investments Investments Interest received Dividends received	2 845 (59 076) 146 419 108 519	11 830 9 024 90 291 110 882 122 379		
Cash (outflow)/inflow from investing activities	(90 660)	83 214		
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES Dividends paid Additional investment in subsidiary	(222 142)	(243 895) (60 946)		
Interest paid Principal paid on lease liabilities Own shares acquired	(17 640) (58 005)	(5 651) (16 402) (12 898)		
Cash outflow from financing activities	(300 665)	(339 <i>7</i> 91)		
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	519 064 2 505 765	617 389 1 888 376		
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	3 024 829	2 505 765		

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Share capital			Non-	
	& preference	Revaluation	Distributable	controlling	
Audited	shares	reserves	reserves	interest	Total
June 2024					
Opening balance	9 076	1 120 243	6 134 547	33 090	7 296 956
Own shares acquired	(31)		(12 866)		(12 897)
Non-controlling interest disposed			(28 181)	(32 <i>7</i> 65)	(60 946)
Total comprehensive					
income for the year Realisation of land and buildings		83 520	655 811	1 547	<i>7</i> 40 878
revaluation reserve		(1 373)	1 373		_
Dividends paid			(215 827)	(28 068)	(243 895)
Closing balance	9 045	1 202 390	6 534 857	(26 196)	7 720 096
Reviewed					
lune 2025					
Opening balance	9 045	1 202 390	6 534 857	(26 196)	7 720 096
Own shares acquired	(103)		(57 902)		(58 005)
Non-controlling interest disposed			11 678	(11 678)	-
Revaluations		65 764			65 764
Total comprehensive ncome for the year			599 657	(1 864)	597 793
Realisation of land and buildings			377 037	(1 004)	377 770
evaluation reserve		(1 403)	1 403		_
Dividends paid			(213 978)	(8 164)	(222 142)
Closing balance	8 942	1 266 751	6 875 715	(47 902)	8 103 506

SUMMARISED NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL

STATEMENTS			
Note: 1 Garnings and diluted earnings per ordinary share (cents) Headline earnings and diluted headline earnings per ordinary share (cents) Normalised earnings and diluted headline earnings per ordinary share (cents) Normalised headline earnings and diluted headline earnings per ordinary share (cents) Teleference dividend paid per share in respect of the previous year (cents) Ordinary dividend paid per share in respect of the previous year (cents)	168.4 178.9 168.4 178.9 490 60	182.9 196.1 146.4 159.6 490 60	
hares in issue (weighted average shares in issue)	356 071 051	358 554 601	
Note: 2 Reconciliation between earnings and headline earnings Formings attributable to equity holders of the parent Adjusted for excluded remeasurements	599 657 37 449	655 810 47 427	
mpairment of goodwill oss on disposal of investment trofit on deemed disposal of associate on gain of control mpairment of intangibles teversal of impairment of investments in associates mpairment of plant Profit]/loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment fax effect on above adjustments	5 329 150 45 470 (1 674) (11 826)	18 165 45 292 (1 801) 330 (21 000) 18 078 4 148 (15 785)	

637 106

703 237

nents are classified as at fair value through other comprehensive income

The Group's at fair value through other comp nsive income financial assets are valued using fair market values at 30 June 2025. Fair value estimation

The investments are valued at fair value at the reporting date using the following hierarchy. Level 1 - Listed investments - quoted prices available in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

Level 3 – Unlisted Investments – Fair value determined by valuation that uses inputs that are not based on observable market data. For the Level 3 valuation of the investment is made using a discounted cash flow model will be applied using cash flow forecasts for five years and an extrapolation of expected cash flows using a long-term growth rate, with the following key assumptions applied by management. Long term growth rate of 3.0% (3.9%) and a pre-tax discount rate of 21.71% (21.72%).

Commentary

Headline earnings

Material accounting policy information **Basis of preparation**

The condensed consolidated financial statements of Caxton and CTP Publishers and Printers Limited ("Caxton") and its subsidiaries and associates ("the Group") for the year ended 30 June 2025 have been prepared in accordance with the framework concepts, the measurement and recognition requirements of IFRS(R) Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), the SA Financial Reporting Requirements and the requirements of the South African Companies Act and the Listings Requirements of the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. The report contains, as a minimum, the information required by IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting and the methods of computation are consistent with those applied in the audited annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024.

The accounting policies applied in preparing these condensed consolidated financial statem applied in the consolidated financial statements in the prior year.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

We delivered commendable results in difficult operating circumstances characterised by little to no growth and, subdued consumer spending in a highly competitive environment. These results are testament to Caxton's resilience, focus on our customers, cost consciousness, as well as the benefits of timely and well-judged capital investments.

In the prior year Caxton benefitted from a non-recurring insurance receipt of R173.2 million (R130.9 million after taxation) that was shown as "other" in the segmental report. In order to assist with a like for like comparison, we included the normalised

earnings and headline earnings per share to correctly reflect the operating performance. The operating performance excluding the insurance proceeds is a notable achievement as follows:

- Normalised headline earnings per share increased by 12.0 % to 178.9 cents
 Normalised earnings per share increased by 15.0 % to 168.4 cents
- Whereas inclusive of the insurance proceeds in the prior year
- Headline earnings per share decreased by 8.8 % to 178.9 cents • Earnings per share decreased by 7.9 % to 168.4 cents.

Caxton's solid operating results combined with strong cash generation (cash and cash equivalents amounted to R3.0 billion) resulted in the net asset value per share increasing by 6.7% to R23.06.

Revenues showed signs of recovery in the second half of the year but still reflect the tough economic environment marginally up by R61.8 million (0.9%). Packaging revenues declined in the second half, primarily as a result of the loss of tender er label operation, and ended 0.9% up for the year. Publishing and printing revenues finished the year up 0.9% with the second half showing improved newspaper printing turnover on the back of increased commercial volumes. The increased earnings for the year were determined by the excellent work done on procurement of raw materials, which when

combined with excellent staff and operating expense management, led to the pleasing result. The Group took advantage of pockets of well-priced raw materials as well as sourcing from alternative better priced suppliers which assisted in mitigating the muted reven

Staff costs increased by R14.9 million (1.2%) – the result of extracting efficiencies out of operations where new investments in nt have been made, flexible working shifts in some printing operations and restructurings to take account of the Operating expenses increased by R33.8 million (3.0%) – maintenance costs continue to outstrip inflation and although power

costs increased this was mitigated by our investment in solar which contributed to save in the region of R24 million per annum These increases were offset by savings in diesel, distribution and other operating costs as all operation

Profit from operating activities before depreciation and amortisation decreased by R99.2 million (10.7%), whilst profit from operating activities after depreciation and amortisation of R260.3 million declined by R90.2 million (13.7%).

profit increased by R74.0 million (9.8%), and after depreciation and amortisation, operating profit increased by R83.0 million (17.1%). However, on a normalised basis, excluding the prior year insurance receipt, before depreciation and amortisation operating

Impairments of plant and intangible assets amounted to R50.8 million (2024: R18.4 million) being R5.3 million as a result of the closure of a digital business and plant of R45.5 million – R32.4 million being the impairment of assets at our Durban gravure printing operation which is faced with reduced throughputs and cash generating outlook – this will be reviewed on an ongoing basis. The remainder of the asset impairments relates to equipment that is no longer in use or been replaced with newe technology.

Net finance income increased by R10.4 million from R237.0 million to R247.4 million as increased interest income (R35.5 million) more than offset the reduced dividend flow (R13.8 million) – Mpact Limited and Thebe Convergent Technology Holdings (Kaya FM) both reduced their dividends. Although interest rates declined over the period this was more than offset by the higher average cash balances held.

Income from associates increased by R4.4 million to R6.3 million as our packaging associate posted improved profits. The Group's profit before taxation was R770.7 million and after taxation of R172.9 million, the profit after taxation was R 597.8 million. Based on a lower weighted average number of shares in issue of 356 071 051 this represents:

Earnings per share of 168.4 cents (2024: 182.9 cents) – a decrease of 7.9%
 Headline earnings per share of 178.8 cents (2024: 196.1 cents) – a decrease of 8.8%

- Normalised earnings per share of 168.4 cents (2024: 146.4 cents excluding the once off insurance receipt)- an increase of
- Normalised headline earnings per share of 178.9 cents (2024: 159.6 cents excluding the once off insurance receipt) an
- increase of 12.0% Net asset value per share of R23.06 (2024: R21.62) – an increase of 6.7%

Cash flow

The Group's traditionally strong cash flows were sustained, ending with cash and cash equivalents at R3 025 million – an increase of R519.1 million. Over the last two financial years the Group's cash balances have increased by R1.1 billion and are testament to our cash generating ability. In addition, cash increased by R668.4 million since the interim reporting period, which is a normal trend following the peak trading season.

Cash generated from operations of R842.8 million approximates the profit from operating activities before depreciation and amortisation – a decrease of R13.2 million over the prior year primarily as a result of the once off prior year insurance receipt of R173.2 million. Working capital released R245.9 million as inventory levels were further reduced. This, combined with trade and other receivables which benefitted from enhanced collections towards the end of the financial year resulted in cash generated by operations of R1 088.8 million, a slight increase of R45.2 million (4.3%).

A net investment in property, plant and equipment of R289.4 million includes the following major investments: . Completion of the solar investment project - over the whole investment period the Group has installed 13MW at a total

investment of R180.9 million

Continued investment in our packaging operations to upgrade machinery or enter new markets

- Cash inflow from investing activities of R198.7 million comprising of: • Interest and dividends received of R254.9 million, partly offset by investments of R59.1 million in Mpact Limited and
- Transpaco Limited; bringing our shareholding in Mpact Limited to 34.9% Cash outflow from financing activities amounted to R300.7 million:
- The Group returned a total of R280.1 million to shareholders in the form of a dividend (R222.1 million) and repurchase of shares (R58.0 million)

PERFORMANCE REVIEW

PUBLISHING, PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION

Newspaper publishing and prin

National advertising revenues continued to decline and ended the year 3% below the prior year. Grocery retailers continue to dominate the profile of our customers and delivered strong growth over the prior year but this was offset by declines in the home improvement, electronics and furniture markets. Most of our publications are published weekly and we have seen the most dramatic drop off in the third week of the month as retailers focus on mid-month and month-end campaigns. We will continue to monitor this trend but we still remain positive that with closer collaboration within the Group we will unlock some growth

Local advertising revenues continued to be impacted negatively by consumer pessimism and the stagnant growth environment resulting in a decline of between 7% - 9% across the various regions. Even though operational costs have been well managed, ending 5% down, the declines in revenue resulted in a drop in profitability.

Our newspaper business remains key to the Group and the challenge to develop new revenue streams and manage costs as tightly as possible remains. The performance will be monitored closely with appropriate action taken should conditions persist. The Group's daily newspaper, The Citizen, posted a much-improved performance driven by the combination of restructuring initiatives and stable advertising revenues in a challenging market. It was extremely encouraging to see a reversal of the declining print advertising revenue trends, delivering a growth of 3%, as we increased share in the Legal Notice market. The focus remains on revenue growth and working with the national advertising team on areas where we see pockets of opportunities on which to capitalise. Newspaper tonnages in our printing plants remained stable whereby the continued decline in the daily and weekend papers was

offset by increased retailer demand. The newspaper market is of real concern and we have assisted various publications with reduced sizes, which negatively impact tonnage throughput, but is necessary to support the newsrooms. As previously reported various retailers moved their advertising brochure requirements between our newspaper printing plant and our web/gravure operations, depending on the look and feel required for their promotions. We are in a fortunate position to be able to meet thes requirements and offer solutions across the country. With the de-listing of Cognition Holdings Limited in June 2024, this was the first financial year as an operating unit within the wider Group. The successful integration into existing structures yielded significant cost savings. This, combined with strong growth

in the incentives division led to a notable increase in profitability. The incentive division remains an important growth opportunit and to support this we have made an investment in an enhanced software platform, which will be launched in the new financial year- we are excited about the potential to further strengthen our market position. The research division underperformed over the year as revenues remained under pressure but, we are nevertheless optimistic about the current momentum in new research assignments for the upcoming period.

Web and gravure printing

The decline in tonnage throughput reported at the half year (14%) was mitigated by an improved second half, as a major retailer moved its requirements back from newspaper printing to our web facility in Johannesburg. Tonnages ended down on the prior year by 6.7%. The brochure demand from the food and liquor retailers remains buoyant, but this was offset by significant declines in the technology and electronic retailers, who in some instances have ceased printing altogether. We firmly believe that retail brochure advertising collateral remains an important part of efficiently getting product range and price to a large proportion of our population, and this is borne out by the experiences of some major European retailers who have experie vith removing print from the advertising mix, only to suffer the consequence, which forced the return to this tried and tested

The largest decline in throughput was felt at our Durban gravure facility which, due to the nature of the printing process, has higher fixed costs when compared to our Johannesburg facility. The cash generating ability of this plant has declined and resulted in a reduction in the useful life of the assets and an impairment of R32.0 million. This will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

It is encouraging to see the ability of the operations and employees to adjust the operating models to compensate for the throughput declines, and to post commendable results.

Book and magazine printing

The difficult trading environment continued into the second half of the financial year as the impact of the loss of the Media 24 magazine volumes took effect. This necessitated a further restructuring which is now complete. It was hoped that this would be compensated by increased education book demand from the proposed Foundation Phase curriculum rewrite, but this was delayed by the Department of Basic Education and is now expected to be in place for the start of the 2026 school year. This shift should help volume throughput in the first half of the new financial year.

The operation managed to increase market share in the general book, commercial and diary markets, but due to excess capacity in the market, this impacted margins negatively and overall profitability declined.

PACKAGING AND STATIONERY

Group's various packaging operations continue to deliver good results in tough and con the Group's capital investments as well as the operational management and employees. The Group's long run beer label unit delivered a solid performance especially in the light of the volumes lost during the tender with the country's largest brewer. The impact of this loss was felt more significantly in the second half of the financial year as the volumes fully migrated to our competitor. In line with this development, the cost structure was right sized, but there is still concern

over some customer lines that are showing significant volume declines in the face of depressed consumer spending and thus it is critical that we continue to reevaluate our cost base and drive efficiencies. Our medium and short run label operations, in the Western Cape, produced excellent results, growing revenues and profitability driven by the spirits, beverage and cider markets. To consolidate our position and drive for further growth, the opera invested in a mid-web printing press, which is expected to be commissioned during Q1 of the new financial year. In addition, early investment into this jet technology has enabled the operation to meet the promotion activities of a large beverage manufacturer, which resulted in an extension of the supply contract to end 2026. The wine label market was flat, and with the current position of our United States tariffs compared to competitors, we expect the wine market demand to be impacted, but are

confident that our business can mitigate this through other growth areas. The can label market was stable and, combined with growth in the short run bag in box market, enabled our Wellington facility to produce improved results. This was also driven by capital investments to streamline and drive efficiencies. Volumes in the cigarette packaging operation produced mixed results, whereby our traditional lines declined, but were offset by continued growth in new product lines. The decline was mainly driven by destocking by a large export customer. In order to support the growth of the new product lines, a further investment in equipment will come on stream by the end of the first quarter of the new financial year, and we are excited about additional opportunities this could open up for this division

Overall, the folding carton businesses delivered an improved result, with certain markets performing better than others over the year. The quick service restaurant market (QSR) showed a marginal recovery in the second half of the financial year, but this was offset by significant declines in volume in the fast-moving consumer goods markets (FMCG). The FMCG sector remains under pressure, driven by weak consumer demand while the QSR market, driven by value meal offerings, is showing some volume growth going forward. The growth in our bucket and cup product offerings has meant that we are equipping a new facility in Johannesburg and adding equipment to our Cape Town operation. This investment should be complete by the end of the cale year and will improve efficiencies and ability to meet growth going forward.

The bag-in-box demand was impacted by an anchor client losing market share to competitors in this price sensitive market; while frozen food demand showed growth as strong local demand offset a decline in the Namibian market

The beverage packaging operation is now fully operational and we have started supplying breweries and are optimistic about the ability of this division to meet the peak demand towards the end of the calendar year. In addition, we are installing further equipment to streamline production and offer our customers contingency as well as meeting growth prospects. The flexible plastics operation in the Western Cape delivered improved results as the rationalisation of the customer base to focus on more profitable product lines and customers took effect. The bag-in-box wine bladder business has become a valuable

contributor since the acquisition from Amcor in 2022, and with the benefits of capital investment to support it, has opened other markets to explore. The tyre liner film extrusion unit has settled down following the move from the Eastern Cape to our Western Cape operation, and this has improved waste and reduced overheads, resulting in a much-improved result

Our stationery division delivered a commendable performance on the back of the successful acquisition and integration of the Tidy Files assets effective 1 August 2024. In our traditional business (excluding Tidy Files) there was limited opportunity for growth in a muted back-to-school season, but margins and operational costs were well managed and thus also delivered improved results.

There is no expectation that the economic outlook will change substantially for the better and it is hoped that the economy will not experience any further decline – with this in mind we continue to manage all aspects of our operations closely and take appropriate actions where needed. Our balance sheet grows from strength to strength and puts us in the enviable position of being able to continue to allocate capital wisely and take advantage of any opportunities that might present themselves.

Review of the Independent Auditors The Company's auditors, Forvis Mazars, have reviewed these results. Their unmodified review conclusion is available for inspection at the registered office of the Company. The auditor's report does not necessarily report on all of the information contained in this announcement/financial results. Shareholders are therefore advised that in order to obtain a full understanding of the nature of the auditor's engagement they should obtain a copy of the auditor's report together with the accompanying nancial information from Caxton's registered office.

Statement of responsibility The preparation of the Group's consolidated results was supervised by the Financial Director, Mr TJW Holden, BCom, CA (SA).

The directors are not aware of any reportable material event which has occurred after the reporting date.

Related party transaction There were no related party transactions during the year ended 30 June 2025 save for the various inter-company transactions in the ordinary course of business.

The Board has declared a dividend of 70.0 cents (2024: 60.0 cents) per ordinary share (gross), and a preference dividend of 570.0 cents (2024: 490.0 cents) per preference share (gross) for the year ended 30 June 2025.

The dividends are subject to the Dividend Withholding Tax. In accordance with the provisions of the JSE Listings Requirements, the

following additional information is disclosed:

- the Dividend has been declared out of current profits available for distribution
- the Dividend Withholding Tax rate is 20% the gross dividend amount is 70.00 cents per ordinary share and 570.00 cents per preference share for shareholders exempt from Dividend Withholding Tax
- the nett dividend amount is 56.00 cents per ordinary share and 456.00 cents per preference share for shareholders liable for
- Dividend Withholding Tax the Company has 353 520 190 ordinary shares in issue the Company has 50 000 preference shares in issue
 the Company's income tax reference number is: 9175/167/71/8
- The following dates are applicable to the dividends.

The last date to trade in order to be eligible for the dividend will be Tuesday, 2 December 2025 Shares will trade ex-dividend from Wednesday, 3 December 2025.

The record date will be Friday, 5 December 2025 and payment will be made on Monday, 8 December 2025. Share Certificates may not be dematerialised or materialised between Wednesday, 3 and Friday 5 December 2025, both days

12 September 2025