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The past financial year was challenging for Lenmed and the sector at large. South Africa's economic woes persisted for much of the year, with growth lagging far behind our sub-Saharan, fellow emerging markets and global peers by some margin, with unemployment reaching record high levels. The newly elected leadership of the ruling party has a tough task at hand to reign in corruption, provide policy certainty and improve business confidence.

Despite these difficult trading conditions, Paid Patient Days (PPDs), on a like for like basis, remained static compared to last year, with Revenue per PPD increasing by 10%. This mainly resulted from a focused drive for more complex and high-end disciplines at our facilities. These results underscore not only Lenmed's resilience, but also serves as a good litmus test of our operational strategy against our peers.

The Group's revenue increased by 42.0% from R1 558.5 million to R2 220.8 million. The major reason for the increase was the R498.9 million increase in revenue arising from the Lenmed Ethekwini Hospital and Heart Centre (EHHC) acquisition. Further strong increases came from Zamokuhle, Randfontein and Kathu Private hospitals with all recording higher than 40% increase in revenue.

The Group continues to use the concept of normalised earnings before interest, taxation, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA), as well as normalised headline earnings, as measures to provide shareholders with consistent and comparable reporting. Normalised earnings before interest, taxation, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) increased by 46% to R399.1 million (2017: R272.7 million). The Group's normalised EBITDA margin increased to 18% from 17.5% in the prior year. On a segmental basis, the EBITDA margin for South African hospitals was 18% (2017: 19%), while the EBITDA margin achieved for the rest of the African operations was 18% (2017: 15%).

Core Headline Earnings at R162.6 million (2017: R174.0 million) decreased by 6.5% against the prior year. This was attributable to primarily the large increase in the financial expense of R65.5 million, arising from increased borrowings. These borrowings were incurred to finance the Royal Hospital and Heart Centre (RHHC) hospital which cost the group R408.4 million. Additionally, the group financed the acquisition of the increase holding in EHHC through debt financing.

The EHHC results are no-longer equity accounted which resulted in the large decrease of share of profits from associates. The remaining equity accounted earnings arose due to the Group's 30% investment in Lenasia Renal Centre and 40% in Renal Care Holdings. The two companies achieved satisfactory earnings of R1. 6 million which was 29% higher than the prior year.

Finance costs amounted to R105.2 million, which was substantially higher than the previous year. The Group continues to invest heavily in the future of the business, with R324.6 million spent on capital expenditure. In line with IAS 23 "Borrowing Costs", as well as the Group's accounting policy, R21.5 million (2017: R23.4 million) was capitalised due to interest incurred on the capital spend at the new hospital in Kimberley which opened in July 2017.

The Group's property, plant, equipment, furniture, fittings and vehicles increased in value to R2 825.8 million (2017: R2 605.7 million). These increases are due to the previously mentioned expansion projects.

During the financial year under review, Lenmed obtained a R1.4 billion composite facility from Rand Merchant Bank to allow it to continue its expansion projects. Interest bearing borrowings (excluding shareholder loans) increased from R902.5 million to R1 262.5 million.

Lenmed's total interest bearing debt to equity ratio (excluding loans from minorities) has increased to 60.6% (2017: 35.0%). The interest ratio coverage decreased in line with increased debt levels to 3.5 times (2017: 6.6), with cash flow from operations to net interest expense dropped from 7.7 times to 3.8 times. This should be the peak of the borrowing cycle in the group and debt levels will decrease over the forthcoming years.

Subsequent events

The directors are not aware of any other matter or circumstance arising since the end of the financial year, not otherwise dealt with in the Group and company financial statements which significantly affects the financial position at 28 February 2018 or the result of its operations or cash flows

Outlook

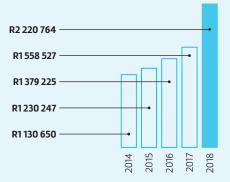
We remain optimistic that the improved business sentiment will set the economy onto a positive trajectory increasing employment. Demand for quality private healthcare services are expected to remain strong due to the ageing medically insured population and southern Africa's 'quadruple burden of disease'. We will strive relentlessly to fulfil our vision of being a relevant and growing hospital group championing exceptional patient experiences and clinical outcomes, while remaining true to our roots, the communities and the people we serve.

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Five-year review* Figures in R'000

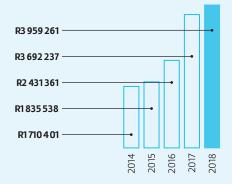
REVENUE

five-year CAGR 27%



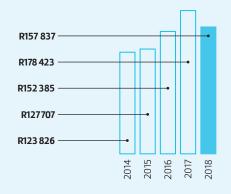
TOTAL ASSETS

five-year CAGR **22%**



HEADLINE EARNINGS

five-year CAGR 12%



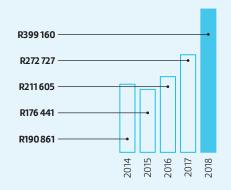
TOTAL INTEREST-BEARING DEBT

five-year CAGR **26%**



NORMALISED EBITDA

five-year CAGR **25%**



CASH FLOW FROM OPERATIONS

five-year CAGR **34%**



^{*} Calculated based on 2013 as the base year.

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Statement of comprehensive income

		GROUP		
Figures in R'000	2018	2017	2017*	% Change
Profit and Loss				
Revenue Cost of sales	2 220 764 (642 592)	1 558 527 (416 981)	1 558 527 (416 981)	42%
Gross profit	1 578 172	1141 546	1141 546	38%
Gross profit	1576 172	1 141 540	1 141 340	30%
Other income	77 729	268 364	59 362	
Operating costs	(1 316 972)	(976 106)	(976 106)	
Profit before interest and taxation	338 929	433 804	224 802	51%
Share of profit from associates	1 628	28 474	28 474	
Investment income	8 680	5 358	5 358	
Finance costs	(105 205)	(39 710)	(39 710)	
Profit before taxation	244 032	427 926	218 924	11%
Taxation	(54 063)	(87 616)	(40 799)	
Profit for the year	189 969	340 310	178 125	7%
Other comprehensive income Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit and loss Foreign currency translation reserve	(37 920)	(77 185)	(77 185)	
TOTAL OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	(37 920)	(77 185)	(77 185)	
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	152 049	263 125	100 940	51%
Profit for the year attributable to: Non-controlling interests Lenmed Investments Ltd equity holders	32 571 157 398 189 969	(554) 340 864 340 310	(554) 178 679 178 125	(12%)
Total comprehensive income attributable to:				
Non-controlling interests	32 091	(7 473)	(7 473)	
Lenmed Investments Ltd equity holders	119 958	270 598	108 413	11%
	152 049	263 125	100 940	
Core Headline Earnings**	162 590	173 963	173 963	(7%)

^{*} Without the fair value increase arising on consolidation of Lenmed Ethekwini Hospital and Heart Centre.

Core Headline Earnings Reconciliation

		GROUP		
Figures in R'000	2018	2017	2017*	% Change
Profit for the year attributable to Lenmed Add/(Less): Loss/(Profit) of disposal of assets net of taxation	157 398	340 864	178 679	(12%)
and minority interests Less: Fair Value uplift on associate investment in EHHC	439	(256)	(256)	
net of taxation	-	(162 185)	-	
Add/(Less): Currency losses and gains	4 753	(4 460)	(4 460)	
Core Headline Earnings	162 590	173 963	173 963	(7%)

^{**} Core Headline earnings is defined as headline earnings without currency fluctuations as it is group policy not to hedge foreign earnings.

Statement of financial position

	GROUP		
Figures in R'000 Note	2018	2017	
Assets			
Non-Current Assets Property, plant and equipment	2 825 788	2 605 660	
Goodwill	312 888	315 052	
Intangible assets	18 969	-	
Investment in associates Deferred taxation	5 607 50 077	4 429 35 653	
Defended Laxadion			
	3 213 329	2 960 794	
Current Assets Inventory	62 398	38 837	
Trade and other receivables	600 693	517 716	
Taxation	17 571	6 860	
Cash and cash equivalents	65 270	168 030	
	745 932	731 443	
TOTAL ASSETS	3 959 261	3 692 237	
Equity and Liabilities			
Equity and Reserves Stated capital 1	436.006	422.407	
Stated capital 1 Other Reserves	426 006 303 399	422 407 342 160	
Accumulated profits	1 109 105	1 134 401	
Non-controlling interest	135 624	202 883	
	1 974 134	2 101 851	
Non-Current Liabilities	4054000	774 722	
Long term liabilities Loans from minorities	1 054 930 63 832	774 722 102 347	
Deferred taxation	286 056	268 681	
	1 404 818	1145 750	
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	320 921	270 101	
Current portion of long term liabilities	112 511	87 331	
Provisions Taxation	47 666 4 221	36 376 10 455	
Bank overdraft	94 990	40 373	
	580 309	444 636	
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	3 959 261	3 692 237	

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Statement of changes in equity

Figures in R'000	Stated capital	Revaluation reserve	Foreign currency translation reserve	Share- based payment reserve	Accumulated profits	Equity attributable to Group	Non- controlling interest	Total
Balance at 1 March 2016 Profit for the year Other comprehensive	219 843 -	230 259 -	178 076 -	3 414 -	830 512 340 864	1 462 104 340 864	31 304 (554)	1 493 408 340 310
income Share-based	-	-	(70 266)		-	(70 266)	(6 919)	(77 185)
payment accrual Full control	-	-	-	3 320	-	3 320	-	3 320
of subsidiary Change in non-	-	-	(2 643)	-	(36 975)	(39 618)	526	(39 092)
controlling interest Issue of share capital	202 564	-	-	-	-	202 564	178 526 -	178 526 202 564
Balance at 1 March 2017 Profit for the year Other comprehensive	422 407 -	230 259	105 167	6 734 -	1 134 401 157 398	1 898 968 157 398	202 883 32 571	2 101 851 189 969
income Share-based	-	-	(37 440)	-	-	(37 440)	(480)	(37 920)
payment accrual Additional investment in	-	-	-	(1 321)	-	(1 321)	-	(1 321)
subsidiary Issue of share capital	- 3 599	- -		-	(182 694) -	(182 694) 3 599	(99 350) -	(282 044) 3 599
Balance at 28 February 2018	426 006	230 259	67 727	5 413	1 109 105	1 838 510	135 624	1 974 134

Note

Statement of cash flows

		GROUP		
Figures in R'000 Note	es	2018	2017	
Cash flows from operating activities Profit for the year		189 969	340 310	
Adjustments for: Finance costs		105 205	39 710	
Income tax		54 063	87 615	
Depreciation and amortisation Interest income		54 672 (8 680)	52 619 (5 359)	
Profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment		-	(663)	
Fair value adjustment on investment in associate		-	(209 002)	
Capital issued in respect of long service awards Share-based payment (reversal)/accrual		(1 321)	405 3 320	
Income from associates		(1 178)	(28 474)	
Foreign currency translation adjustments		(23 575)	(15 596)	
Operating cash flow before working capital changes Working capital changes		369 155	264 885	
Increase in inventory Increase in trade and other receivables		(13 864) (88 329)	1 290 (114 097)	
Increase in trade and other receivables Increase in trade and other payables and accruals		93 863	101 177	
Cash generated by operating activities		360 825	253 255	
Interest income		8 680	5 358	
Finance costs Income tax paid		(103 825) (67 590)	(39 710) (76 144)	
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	-	198 090	142 759	
Cash flows from investing activities Property, plant and equipment acquired		(300 311)	(397 150)	
- to maintain operating capacity		(28 947)	(85 165)	
- to expand operating capacity		(295 673)	(347 900)	
- instalment sale agreements (non-cash)		24 309	35 915	
Intangible assets acquired Proceeds on disposals of property, plant and equipment		(12 594)	- 1 921	
Increase in Investment in associates		_	(124 800)	
Business combination effected		(10 404)	(2.050)	
Additional consideration for investment in subsidiary	-		(2 850)	
NET CASH UTILISED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(323 309)	(522 879)	
Cash flows from financing activities Proceeds from equity issued	1	3 599	202 159	
Net loans (repaid)/raised	'	278 763	268 373	
Loans raised		565 354	704 433	
Loans paid		(286 591)	(436 060)	
Full control in subsidiary acquired Additional investment in subsidiary	2	– (316 298)	(98 860)	
NET CASH (UTILISED IN)/GENERATED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(33 936)	371 672	
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(159 155)	(8 448)	
Translation movement on cash and cash equivalents of foreign entities		1778	1 234	
Cash acquired on acquisition Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		- 127 657	28 475 106 396	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE YEAR		(29 720)	127 657	
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Accounting policies

1. Basis of preparation

These preliminary consolidated statements that are not audited have been correctly extracted from the audited annual financial statements that PKF Durban have issued an unqualified opinion on. The results have been prepared under the supervision of Vaughan Firman CA(SA).

These preliminary consolidated statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), comply with SAICA financial reporting guides as issued by the Accounting Practices Committee, Financial Reporting Announcements issued by the Financial Reporting Standards Council and the Companies Act of South Africa. They have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for revalued land and buildings and the fair value adjustment to investments in associate.

All new and revised standards that became effective during this period were adopted and did not lead to any material change to accounting policies. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that may affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision only affects that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Notes to the Consolidated Annual Financial Statements

1. Stated capital

Figures in R'000	No of Shares	2018	2017
Authorised 1 000 000 000 (2017: 1 000 000 000) ordinary shares at no par value			
Issued 709 533 909 ordinary shares at no par value (2017: 707 558 909 ordinary shares)		426 006	422 407
Share reconciliation Balance at the beginning of the year Share premium reclassified to stated capital Ordinary shares issued during the year Share issue expenses	707 558 909 1 975 000 -	422 407 - 3 950 (351)	219 843 - 202 564 -
	709 533 909	426 006	422 407

During the year under review 1,975 million (2017: 62,478 million) shares were issued by the company as follows:

Doctors - 1975 million shares

This share issue relates to a subscription for shares by doctors who currently practice at our facilities. During the year 21 doctors were issued shares at R2 per share.

The directors are authorised, in terms of the company's Memorandum of Incorporation, to issue and allot any of the unissued share capital for any purpose and upon such terms and conditions as they deem fit.

2. Business combination

2.1 INCREASE IN INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY

During the year the Group increased it's investment in Lenmed Ethekwini Hospital and Heart Centre (Pty) Ltd (Ethekwini hospital) by acquiring 23.11% from the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) for R313,471 million. This included both the shares and shareholders loans held by them. As at 28 February 2018, the Group owns of 76.72% of Ethekwini Hospital.

Figures in R'000	2018	2017
Net asset value of Ethekwini hospital at 31 July 2017 Non controlling interest of 23.11% Consideration paid	429 901 99 350 310 608	- - -
Shareholder loan acquired Shares	34 256 276 352	
Additional control transferred to accumulated profits	177 002	-
Acquisition-related costs costs Commission and legal costs	2 863	-

Our hospitals

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