



SUMMARISED UNAUDITED INTERIM RESULTS

for the half-year ended 30 June 2017

HULAMIN

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Hulamin has delivered a strong manufacturing performance and improved financial results, despite difficult market conditions and the Rand being 14% stronger compared to the corresponding period in 2016. Sales volumes increased by 8% and we achieved improved overall and per unit cost performance. There will be a two-week shut on a number of production lines during the second half of the year for routine upgrades, gas conversions and maintenance which will enable continuing high levels of performance.

Group sales volumes for the six months to 30 June 2017 totalled 119 000 tons. This is 8% higher than the corresponding period and delivers a 12-month sales performance in excess of 220 000 tons from 1 July 2016 in Rolled Products.

Market conditions in South Africa have remained depressed. However, despite the overall manufacturing economy declining, Hulamin increased its local beverage can packaging volumes by 133% albeit from a relatively low base in the corresponding period, with a consequent increase in scrap purchases. Although export markets remain over-traded, Hulamin benefitted from actions to enhance the product mix, improved market positioning and

concerns among customers in the US that imports from China are likely to be controlled or curtailed.

In the US, Hulamin's Heat Treated Plate continues to set quality and performance benchmarks. Over and above Hulamin's niche automotive market in the US, our plate has been specified for two additional high-end applications: an aerospace Wi-Fi component and a high tolerance material handling application.

The US Dollar London Metal Exchange aluminium price rose further to close the period above US\$1 900/ton, following the lows of below US\$1 500/ton which prevailed in late 2015 and early 2016. Hulamin accordingly recorded a metal price lag profit of R78 million. The increase in these factors more than compensated for the 14% strengthening of the Rand to average R/US\$13,22 (2016: R/US\$15,46).

Manufacturing conversion costs in Rolled Products were 1% lower in aggregate and 8% lower on a per unit cost basis (13% lower after allowing for the effects of inflation), benefitting from lower US Dollar denominated costs, improved cost controls, and increased usage of Compressed Natural Gas ("CNG") that now makes up approximately 25% of Hulamin's total gas consumption.

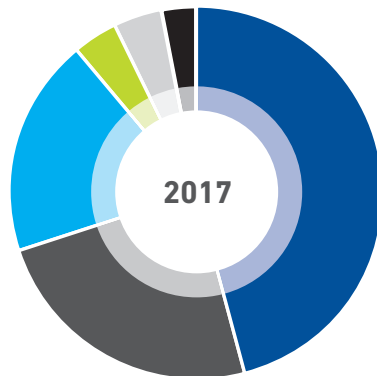
Earnings before interest and taxation ("EBIT") at R286 million increased by 11% compared to the prior period. Attributable earnings amounted to R178 million for the six months under review, an increase of 17% compared to the prior period.

Hulamin Extrusions performed consistently compared to the prior period despite further weakening of local market conditions. The investments in powder coating and packing are due for start-up in the second half that augurs well for an improved performance from 2018.

Hulamin expects the momentum that prevailed in the first half of 2017 to continue into the second half. We will compensate for weak local market conditions with further improvements in sales mix, cost controls and operating efficiencies. A number of concurrent shutdown activities are planned for the second half to include routine maintenance and upgrades. Also included is the next phase of conversion of our manufacturing facilities from Liquid Petroleum Gas to CNG that will increase our usage of CNG to around 45% of our total gas consumption. Order books for Rolled Products are healthy for the balance of the year following improvements in our US standard products distribution channel.

Richard Jacob, Chief Executive Officer

REVENUE BY REGION



South Africa	46%
Europe	24%
North America	19%
Middle East	4%
Asia	4%
Rest of the world	3%

"Hulamin is a key roleplayer in unlocking and enhancing the properties of aluminium for downstream fabrication."

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY		Half-year 30 June 2017	Half-year 30 June 2016	%	Year ended 31 Dec 2016
Revenue	Rmillion	5 095	4 928	3	10 099
Total sales volume	'000 tons	119	111	8	232
EBITDA ¹	Rmillion	392	350	12	808
Operating profit	Rmillion	286	257	11	622
Earnings	Rmillion	178	152	17	385
Headline earnings	Rmillion	178	152	17	380
Normalised earnings	Rmillion	178	153	17	380
Earnings per share (basic)	cents	56	48	17	120
Headline EPS (basic)	cents	56	48	17	119
Nomalised EPS (basic)	cents	56	48	17	119
Dividend per share	cents	–	–	–	15
Net asset value	Rmillion	4 455	4 105		4 347
Capital expenditure	Rmillion	137	136		328
Cash flows before financing activities	Rmillion	(38)	33		415
Net borrowings at year end	Rmillion	656	952		577

¹ Earnings before interest, taxation, depreciation, amortisation and impairment of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

- Operational performance at Rolled Products continues to improve
- Conversion to compressed natural gas (CNG) now at 25% improves risk mitigation
- Maintenance and upgrades shut planned for Q3 2017 to support operational momentum
- Improving market opportunities domestically and in the US market
- Hulamin Extrusions performance consistent with prior period

MORE THAN 75 YEARS OF ALUMINIUM BENEFICIATION

- Hulamin is a leading aluminium semi-fabricator and fabricator of aluminium products, and one of the largest mineral beneficiating exporters in South Africa
- Hulamin's Pietermaritzburg plant produces approximately 1% of the global aluminium rolled products output and is one of the 20 largest aluminium rolling mills in the world
- A major portion of Hulamin's sales are exported to leading manufacturers around the world
- Hulamin is a key role player in unlocking and enhancing the properties of aluminium for downstream fabrication through a technologically advanced, world-class operation

FULL RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT

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