



Condensed consolidated, unaudited group results and dividend declaration for the six months ended 31 December 2013



Advances growth of

20.4%

Dividends per ordinary share of

55 cents

Profit up

20%

Group overview

We are pleased to report that focus, commitment and innovation have paid off again for FNB Namibia Holdings. Profit for the six months to December 2013 increased by 20% to NS385 million (2012: NS320 million) with both retail and corporate sectors contributing. An interim dividend of 55 cents per ordinary share has been declared, compared to 46 cents for this period last year.

The excellent results vindicate our strategy of building a profitable asset base and committing ourselves to core values. They also speak to the value of innovation. FNB's electronic channels have driven above-average growth in retail and corporate sectors contributing. An interim dividend of 55 cents per ordinary share has been declared, compared to 46 cents for this period last year.

Earnings per share increased to 145.7 cents (2012: 121.3 cents). Annualised return on average equity improved to 32.9% (2012: 30.7%). The cost to income ratio has improved to 47.3% from an already commendable 48.2% in the prior year.

Group prospects

There is a discernible nascent recovery in the global economy led by the momentum in the US economy which augurs well for export-oriented economies such as Namibia. However, it is early days and there are still significant medium-term risks in the global growth environment. Key among them is the deceleration in Chinese real growth which could depress commodity prices and the US recovery. This, in turn, could impact capital flows to emerging markets, leading to further currency weakness and inflationary pressure. Continued depreciation of the Namibia dollar has both negative and positive implications.

Domestic growth is expected to accelerate during the second half of our financial year, but continued drought will hamper growth. Positively however, inflationary pressure has partly abated which, combined with recent tax relief for households, is expected to help drive growth. Inflation is expected to remain in the 4-5% band on investment demand. Our growth forecast for 2014 is around 4.5%, based on ongoing investment in the mining and manufacturing sectors and the strong pipeline of public sector investment, notably in the deepening of the Walvis Bay port and in generating more electricity.

The group is well positioned to continue building on its solid foundations. Our objective remains to create optimal banking solutions for our broad client base. Our strategic plans include enhancing the use of safe and viable electronic and digital channels for the retail sector and creating new business and corporate opportunities.

We are confident that our enthusiastic and diversified team will continue to increase our business and advances at a rate exceeding private sector credit extension.

Given the economic outlook and our own strategy, we expect to be able to maintain our trajectory in the next six months

For and on behalf of the board
CJ Hinrichsen
Chairman
Windhoek, 13 February 2014

Dividend declaration

Notice is hereby given that an interim dividend (interim dividend 4.1) for the half year ended 31 December 2013 of 55 cents per ordinary share was declared on 31 January 2014.

The last day to trade shares on a cum dividend basis will be on 28 February 2014 and the first day to trade ex dividend will be 3 March 2014. The record date will be 7 March 2014 and the payment date 27 March 2014.

By order of the board

Yamillah Katjira,
Company Secretary
Windhoek, 13 February 2014

Basis of presentation

The group prepares its condensed consolidated interim financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and the Namibian Companies Act and these are presented in accordance with measurement and recognition prescribed by IAS 34: Interim Financial Reporting. The principal accounting policies are consistent in all material aspects with those applied as at 30 June 2013, with the exception of the changes mentioned below. The estimates and judgments made in applying the accounting policies are consistent with those applied and disclosed in the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2013.

The following new and amended standards have been adopted with effect from 1 July 2013:

IFRS 10: Consolidated Financial Statements

IFRS 10 established a new control model for determining which entities should be consolidated. The standard also provides guidance on how to apply the principle of control to specific situations in order to identify whether an investor controls an investee. IFRS 10 supersedes a portion of IAS 27 Separate and Consolidated Financial Statements and SIC 12 Consolidation – Special Purpose Entities. The adoption of IFRS 10 did not have a material impact on the group's financial report.

IFRS 13: Fair value measurement

IFRS 13 was issued in order to eliminate inconsistencies in the guidance on how to measure fair value and disclosure requirements that existed under the various standards that required or permit fair value measurement. It provides a fair value hierarchy, which gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs. The adoption of IFRS 13 did not have any impact on the group's financial report.

IAS 19: Employee benefits

The main change includes the removal of the corridor approach, which allowed entities the option to defer the recognition of actuarial gains and losses on defined benefit plans. The revised standard requires that all re-measurements arising from defined benefit plans be presented in other comprehensive income. It also includes enhanced disclosure requirements for defined benefit plans. The adoption of IAS 19 Revised resulted in the group restating its previously reported financial results. The impact of this restatement has been set out in the restatement note.

Statement of comprehensive income

Interest income

Net interest income increased by 12.5% to NS557 million (2012: NS495 million). Fair value income of NS30 million (2012: NS26 million) is included in non-interest income rather than interest income. In addition, the prior year included a significant release of interest previously suspended in line with bad debt recoveries compared to a moderate charge in the current period. Prolonged low interest rates continued to impact negatively on the endowment effect on capital and certain deposits.

Impairment losses

The net impairment reversal of NS1 million reported in the prior year has swung around into a NS9 million charge, mainly because a NS7.4 million portfolio impairment charge was triggered by the growth in advances. The basis for the provision remains consistent with the prior year.

The specific impairment charge reflects a net release of NS1.6 million, thanks to our continuing effort to recover amounts previously written off and our determination to pursue quality business. Impairments are expected to move towards the long-term average loss ratio cycle by year end. Defaults should remain relatively low.

Non-interest revenue

Fee and commission income increased by 23% to NS531 million as a result of elevated volumes and an increase in the average value of transactions. About 70% was contributed by retail. Our expanding network has also helped. In the past year FNB has added 25 ATMs to its network and opened two new branches.

Fair value income contributed NS73 million (2012: NS56 million) to non-interest revenue. Foreign exchange trading accounted for almost half – NS37 million, a year on year increase of 15%.

Net insurance premium income, net claims and benefits paid
OUTsuranco's net premium income increased by an encouraging 25%. The main driver was the personal lines product, which grew by 27%. Higher upfront sales expenses reduced profitability. Premium income on the homeowners' book was in line with inflation and a favourable loss ratio resulted in good operating profits.

Operating expenses

Non-interest expenditure increased by 14% to NS524 million. Operating expenses rose above inflation because the group invested in new technology and expanded its footprint. Increased transaction volumes brought correspondingly higher processing costs.

We continue to monitor costs closely and remain acutely aware of the need for an efficient and effective business model. We lead the industry with a cost to income ratio of 47.3% (2012: 48.2%).

Statement of financial position

The group's total assets grew by almost 23%, or NS4.5 billion, to NS24.8 billion. The NS692 million increase in cash and cash equivalents, and balances due from banks, relate to short-term investments and reflect a spike in surplus liquidity.

Overall, the market for private credit expanded by 14.4% on an annual basis but FNB's advances grew by more than 20% to NS18.8 billion – a clear indication of the success of the group's strategy to target corporate business. Our investment banking team has generated almost NS1 billion worth of assets over the past 12 months.

Retail loans and advances have grown by a slower 11% year on year, reflecting a slow-down in demand after mid-year tax refunds. However, demand for asset financing remains good, resulting in WesBank's loan book increasing by 14% and home loans by 16%. FNB remains the market leader for home loans and vehicles.

Notwithstanding the impressive growth in advances, the ratio of non-performing loans to overall gross advances continued to improve, reducing to 0.96% (2012: 1.04%). Average credit quality remains sound.

We continue to match demand for credit with favourably priced deposits while protecting our liquidity profile. Deposits increased year on year by 18.7% to NS24.8 billion, with retail deposits up 20.3%. The retail contribution to the group's funding requirements has improved to more than 36% which ultimately benefits margins.

Capital management

FNB remains well capitalised with a total capital adequacy of 15.7% (2012: 16.1%) – well above the regulatory requirement of 10% and internal target of 14%. Economic risk is still backed by a strong Tier 1 capital level of 11.7% (2012: 11.0%).

OUTsuranco's solvency margin, a measure of an insurance company's ability to pay claims, was 22% (2012: 38%), against a statutory minimum requirement of 15%.

Shareholder return

The group aligns growth in dividend with growth in sustainable earnings and continues to review appropriate levels of capital.

Events subsequent to the reporting date

The directors are not aware of any material events, as defined in IAS 10 Events After the Reporting Period, occurring between 31 December 2013 and the date of authorisation of the results announcement.

Condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income

Table with 4 columns: 2013, 2012, 2013, 2013. Rows include Interest and similar income, Net interest income before impairment of advances, Net interest income after impairment of advances, Net income from operations, Profit before tax, Profit for the period, Other comprehensive income for the period, Total comprehensive income for the period, Earnings per share (cents).

1 Comparative figures have been restated to reflect adoption of IAS 19 R. These restatements are unaudited.

Condensed consolidated statement of financial position

Table with 4 columns: 2013, 2012, 2013, 2013. Rows include Assets (Cash and cash equivalents, Derivative financial instruments, etc.), Equity and liabilities (Liabilities, Deposits, etc.), Total assets, Total equity and liabilities.

Condensed consolidated statement of cash flows

Table with 4 columns: 2013, 2012, 2013, 2013. Rows include Net cash generated from operations, Net cash flow from operating activities, Net cash outflow from investing activities, Net cash outflow from financing activities, Net increase in cash and cash equivalents.

1 Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period 1 690 1 002 690 1 002 2 106 716 1 002

Condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity

Table with 7 columns: 2013, 2012, 2013, 2013, 2012, 2013, 2013. Rows include Balance at beginning of the period, Total comprehensive income for the period, Dividends paid, Consolidation of share trusts, Balance at end of the period.

1 includes general risk reserve

Contingent liabilities and capital commitments

Table with 4 columns: 2013, 2012, 2013, 2013. Rows include Contingent liabilities, Capital commitments.

Condensed consolidated segment information

Table with 4 columns: 2013, 2012, 2013, 2013. Rows include Income from operations (FNB, OUTsuranco, Other), Profit for the period (FNB, OUTsuranco, Other), Total assets (FNB, OUTsuranco, Other).

1 Other segment includes FNB Insurance Brokers, property and consolidation entities

Headline earnings reconciliation

Table with 4 columns: 2013, 2012, 2013, 2013. Rows include Earnings attributable to equity holders of the parent, Headline earnings adjustment, Profit on sale of property and equipment, Headline earnings.

IFRS 13 disclosure

Table with 5 columns: Total instruments at fair value, Total instruments at amortised cost, Non-financial assets, Liabilities, Total. Rows include Assets (Cash and cash equivalents, Derivative financial instruments, etc.), Liabilities (Deposits, Due to banks and other financial institutions, etc.), Total.

Financial instruments carried at fair value

Table with 4 columns: Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, Total instruments at fair value. Rows include Assets (Derivative financial instruments, Advances, Investment securities), Liabilities (Derivative financial instruments).

There were no transfers of financial instruments between level 1, level 2 and level 3 during the period ended 31 December 2013.

The following table is a reconciliation of the opening balances to closing balances for fair value measurements in level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

Table with 5 columns: NSm, Total gains or losses, Direct tax, Fair value on 31 December 2013, Fair value movements through other comprehensive income. Rows include Total gains or losses, Direct tax, Fair value on 31 December 2013.

Effect of changes in significant unobservable assumptions to reasonably observable alternatives

As described above, the fair value of instruments that are classified in level 3 of the fair value hierarchy is determined using valuation techniques that make use of significant inputs that are not based on observable market data. Inputs into these valuation techniques are derived from an available information and management's judgement. While management believes that these fair values are appropriate they could be sensitive to changes in the assumptions used to derive the inputs. The table below illustrates the sensitivity of the significant inputs when they are changed to reasonably possible alternative inputs:

As at 31 December 2013

Table with 5 columns: Assets, Significant unobservable inputs, Reasonably possible changes to significant unobservable inputs, Reasonably possible alternative fair value using more positive assumptions, Reasonably possible alternative fair value using more negative assumptions. Rows include Advances at fair value, Day one profits or loss.

The table below sets out the aggregate day one profits yet to be recognised in profit or loss at the beginning and end of the period. NSm Unrecognised profit at 1 July 2013 Recognised in profit or loss during the period Unrecognised profit at 31 December 2013

The table below sets out the valuation techniques used for instruments for which there are no quoted prices in active markets or recent arm's length transactions:

Table with 3 columns: Instrument, Valuation technique, Description. Rows include Investment securities (Negotiable certificate of deposits, Treasury bills, etc.), Derivatives (Option contracts, Forward rate agreements, etc.), Deposits (Current accounts, Other), Loans and advances (Investment banking book, Other loans and advances), Other liabilities and Tier two liabilities.

Fair value of financial instruments at amortised cost

Table with 4 columns: Carrying amount, Fair value. Rows include Assets (Cash and cash equivalents, Advances, Investment securities, etc.), Liabilities (Deposits, Due to banks and other financial institutions, etc.), Total.

Restatements

Condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income Year ended 30 June 2013

Table with 5 columns: As previously reported, IAS 19, Restated. Rows include Operating expenses, Profit for the period, Other comprehensive income for the period, Total comprehensive income for the period.

IAS 19 impact on December 2012 less than NS 1m. No amounts reported in this statement of financial position were affected by the above restatements. Restatements are unaudited.

Features of the group results

Table with 4 columns: 2013, 2012, 2013, 2013. Rows include Headline and diluted headline earnings per share (cents), Ordinary dividends per share (cents), Number of shares in issue (millions) - ordinary, Weighted number of shares in issue (millions) - ordinary, Net asset value per share (cents), Market capitalisation (millions), Price to book ratio, Selected ratios, Capital adequacy of FNB (Risk weighted assets, Market risk, Operational risk, etc.), Regulatory capital, Capital adequacy ratios, Tier 1 leverage ratio.

Directors:

CJ Hinrichsen (Chairman), JJ Comalie, CJ JL Giddy*, CL R Haikali, L J Haynes*, JR Khecher*, JJ M Leyenaar* (Chief Executive), J K Macaekil*, S H Moir*, M N Ndilula, P T Nwonga, H Zaamwani-Kamwi * South African, * German, * Australian

Registered office:

First National Bank Building, 209-211 Independence Avenue, P O Box 195, Windhoek, Namibia

Registration No: 88/024, ISIN Code: NA0003475176, NSX Share Code: FNB

Transfer Secretaries:

Transfer Secretaries (Pty) Ltd, 4 Robert Mugabe Avenue, P O Box 2401, Windhoek, Namibia, Registration No: 93/713

Sponsor:

J J G Securities (Pty) Ltd, First Floor Heritage Square, 100 Robert Mugabe Avenue, P O Box 186, Windhoek, Namibia, Registration No: 95/505

