

MEDI-CLINIC

MEDI-CLINIC CORPORATION LIMITED

FINANCIAL RESULTS

SALIENT FEATURES

REVENUE + 14% + 17% **EBITDA** + 5% CORE EARNINGS

AUDITED RESULTS OF MEDI-CLINIC CORPORATION LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2007

CONSOLIDATED ABRIDGED INCOME STATEMENT			
for the year ended 31 March	2007 R'm	Increase %	2006 R'm
Revenue Cost of sales Administration and other operating expenses	5,364 (2,928) (1,285)	14	4,723 (2,571) (1,165)
Operating profit before depreciation (EBITDA)	1,151	17	987
Depreciation BEE share-based payment Profit on sale of equipment Operating profit	(146) - 1 1,006	29	(124) (85) ————————————————————————————————————
Income from associates Profit on sale of associate Finance income Finance cost Profit before taxation	1 - 44 (88) - 963		13 43 70 (45) 860
Taxation Profit for the year	(270) 693		(428) 432
Attributable to: Shareholders of the company Minority interests	582 111 693		338 94 432
Earnings per ordinary share - cents - Basic - Diluted	162.5 147.5	67	97.1 85.9
Headline earnings per ordinary share - cents - Basic - Diluted	162.2 147.2	88	86.3 76.3
Core earnings per ordinary share - cents - Basic - Diluted	162.2 147.2	2	159.3 140.9
Earnings reconciliation: Profit attributable to shareholders Profit on sale of equipment After tax profit on sale of associate	582 (1)		338 (1) (37)
Headline earnings Net STC charge on special dividend BEE share-based payment Core earnings	581 - - - 581	94 5	300 168 85 553

CONSOLIDATED ABRIDGED BALANCE SHEET			
at 31 March	2007 R'm	2006 R'm	
Assets			
Non-current assets	3,709	2,617	
Property, plant and equipment	3,124	2,327	
Intangible assets	419	48	
Investments - unlisted	46	119	
Deferred income tax assets	120	123	
Current assets	1,780	980	
Inventories	190	153	
Trade and other receivables	874	667	
Cash and cash equivalents	716	160	
Total assets	5,489	3,597	
Equity and liabilities			
Total equity	2,820	1,931	
Share capital and reserves	2,068	1,641	
Minority interests	752	290	
Total liabilities	2,669	1,666	
Long-term interest-bearing borrowings	996	848	
Retirement benefit obligations	129	102	
Deferred income tax liabilities	5	5	
Short-term interest-bearing borrowings	628	74	
Short-term interest-free borrowings	911	637	
Total equity and liabilities	5,489	3,597	
Number of ordinary shares ('000)	359,369	356,231	
Weighted number of ordinary shares ('000)	357,606	347,140	
Diluted number of ordinary shares ('000)	394,107	392,417	
Net asset value per ordinary share - cents	575	461	
Directors' valuation of unlisted investments	46	119	

SEGMENTAL REPORT				
Balance Sheet at 31 March 2007	Southern Africa R'm	Middle East R'm	Total R'm	
Goodwill included in total assets	55	364	419	
Total assets	3,951	1,538	5,489	
Total liabilities	2,212	457	2,669	
Capital expenditure	325	-	325	

	2007	2006
for the year ended 31 March	R'm	R'm
Opening balance	1,931	2,928
Net shares issued	-	3
Minorities acquired	391	-
Distributed to shareholders	(178)	(1,493
Distributed to minorities	(40)	(39
Profit for the year	693	432
Movement in shares held in treasury	13	17
Movement in share-based payment reserve	8	90
Movement in foreign currency translations	4	-
Minority interest acquired by the group	(2)	-
Share issue costs	-	(7
	2,820	1,931

for the year ended 31 March	2007 R'm	2006 R'm
Cash flow from operating activities	837	571
Cash generated from operations	1,187	994
Net finance (cost) / income	(44)	25
Taxation paid	(306)	(448)
Cash flow from investment activities	(672)	(388)
Cash flow from financing activities	43	(830)
Distributions to shareholders	(178)	(1,493)
Distributions to minorities	(40)	(39)
Movement in borrowings	248	689
Other	13	13
Net movement in cash, cash equivalents and bank overdrafts	208	(647)
Opening balance of cash, cash equivalents and bank overdrafts	149	796
Closing balance of cash, cash equivalents and bank overdrafts	357	149
Cash and cash equivalents	716	160
Bank overdrafts	(359)	(11)
	357	149

COMMENTARY

We are pleased to report that the group has maintained its consistent growth pattern. It strengthened its operational performance and continued to implement strategic initiatives and investments aimed at expanding the group's operations in South Africa and other countries.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The black ownership initiative and the capital restructuring ("the transactions") implemented by Medi-Clinic in December 2005, continue to have an effect on the interpretation of the group's earnings, headline earnings per share ("HEPS") and earnings per share ("EPS").

The non-recurring effect of the transactions manifested in the following two charges to the group's income

- a net STC charge of R168 million ("the STC charge") resulting from the special dividend declared as part
- of the capital restructuring; and a charge of R85 million being the IFRS charge on the share-based portion of the black ownership initiative ("the BEE share-based payment").

These charges were fully reflected in the financial results for the year to 31 March 2006. The resulting low base of the group's earnings, HEPS and EPS in the previous financial year was the main reason for the substantial increases this year in these denominators of 94%, 88% and 67% respectively.

The ongoing effect of the transactions is mainly reflected in:

- higher interest charges ("the higher interest charges") resulting from the capital restructuring implemented in December 2005. The higher interest charges consist of the aggregate of the interest income foregone on the cash balance on hand prior to the capital restructuring and the interest paid on the newly introduced debt of R700 million. Compared with the previous financial year the higher interest charges for the year under review amount to about R122 million (2006: R32 million) before taxation (therefore, representing a net amount of R90 million in higher interest charges before taxation for the year under review); and
- treasury stock: the 28,5 million new shares issued to the strategic black partners in terms of the black ownership initiative are treated as treasury stock and are being released in line with payments made to Medi-Clinic by the strategic black partners relative to the original market value of these shares, being R525 million. To date 10,9 million of these shares have been released from treasury stock (1,3 million during the period under review). This leaves a balance of 17,6 million treasury shares at 31 March 2007 in addition to the existing treasury shares held by the group and the 15,8 million shares issued to the Mpilo Trust. The release of such shares from treasury stock has had and will continue to have a commensurate dilutive effect on the EPS and HEPS of the group.

In the context of the above, the core earnings of the group are emphasised in this report. The core earnings include the headline earnings of the group and the ongoing effect of the transactions, but exclude the nonrecurring effect of the STC charge and the BEE share-based payment.

The transactions did not have a significant financial effect on the operational performance of the group.

With the above transactions as background, revenue, which consists mainly of hospital fees, increased by 14% to R5 364 million (2006: R4 723 million) for the year under review. Operating profit before interest, taxation, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) was 17% higher at R1 151 million (2006: R987 million). After incurring the higher net interest charges of about R90 million before taxation, core earnings (which exclude the STC charge and the BEE share-based payment) rose by 5% to R581 million (2006: R553 million) resulting in an increase of 2% in core earnings per share ("CEPS") to 162.2 cents (2006: 159.3 cents). The total dividend per share at 54.1 cents for the year (2006: 53.1 cents) is 2% higher.

BUSINESS PERFORMANCE

The group acquired a 49.9% interest in the Wits Donald Gordon Medical Centre ("WDGMC") (190 beds), a 100% interest in the Legae Private Hospital ("Legae") (137 beds) and a 51% interest in the 200-bed Protector Group effective from 1 July 2005, 1 December 2005 and 8 November 2006, respectively. (The acquisition of a controlling stake in Emirates Healthcare Holdings Limited ("Emirates Healthcare") became effective on 27 March 2007 just before year-end. Hence, no operational results for Emirates Healthcare are included in the income statement for the period under review.) The current period's results are therefore, due to the above transactions, not directly comparable with those of the previous period. Excluding the increase in capacity, the group's revenue growth amounted to 11%.

On a comparable basis, the revenue growth of 11% was achieved through a 5% increase in in-patient beddays, a 5% increase in the average income per bed-day and a 1% change in the case profile of patients treated. The increase in utilisation was evident in both surgical and medical cases. The number of patients admitted to our hospitals increased by 5% while the average length of stay remained fairly stable.

The group's EBITDA margin increased from 20.9% to 21.5%, mainly due to a maintained focus on operational efficiencies, as well as releases from the provision for doubtful debts as a result of improved collections from medical schemes

THE PROTECTOR GROUP

The integration of the Protector Group consisting of the 155 bed Medivaal MediCentre in Vanderbijlpark, the 25 bed Kathu Private Hospital and the 12 bed Marapong Private Hospital went very smoothly. The staff at the various hospitals were very co-operative and supportive of the new ownership. We welcome

EMIRATES HEALTHCARE

The acquisition of a 49.9% interest in Emirates Healthcare, which was announced on 28 April 2006, became unconditional on 27 March 2007. This was communicated to the market in a SENS announcement on 19 April 2007. Ultimately, the group obtained a controlling equity interest of 50% plus one share, with board and management control. Emirates Healthcare owns and operates one of the two biggest private hospitals in Dubai, the 120-bed Welcare Hospital, along with one ambulatory surgery centre and two clinics which are in close proximity. It has also commenced with the construction of the first hospital in Dubai Health Care City ("DHCC"), the City Hospital with 210 beds, which is scheduled for commissioning towards the end of 2007. In addition, Emirates Healthcare has the right to develop a further hospital in DHCC and plans to develop a further three related clinics of which two will open during this year. This will make Emirates Healthcare the largest private healthcare provider in Dubai

In terms of the transaction Medi-Clinic Middle East, a group subsidiary, subscribed for an equity interest of 50% plus one share in Emirates Healthcare for an amount of US\$53.1 million (R384.2 million). while General Electric Company ("GE") a member of the General Electric Group subscribed for a 6,59% equity interest for an amount of US\$7 million. Mr Sunny Varkey (the founder and chairman of Emirates Healthcare) will retain an equity interest of 43,41%. The parties will endeavour to secure a further strategic equity investor in the subsidiary of Emirates Healthcare which owns the Dubai based operating companies. To facilitate this, Medi-Clinic Middle East also subscribed for cumulative variable rate participating redeemable convertible preference shares in Emirates Healthcare for an amount of US\$21,5 million (R155,2 million) to fund a portion of the equity contribution reserved for the strategic

The total equity capital referred to above together with debt funding from local financial institutions in the amount of US\$102 million are adequate to fund all the projects mentioned above. The debt funding is in the process of being finalised.

As mentioned in the SENS announcement of 19 April 2007 the short-term financial effect of the transaction on the group's EPS and HEPS is negligible, mainly due to the green field's nature of the investment. The group is very positive about the market outlook of Dubai and is confident about the long-term prospects

This investment in Dubai is an ideal platform to enter health care markets in the rest of the Gulf Coalition

Due to the fact that the transaction only came into effect on 27 March 2007, only the balance sheet of Emirates Healthcare on 31 March 2007, but no financial results were consolidated into the group's accounts. However, if the acquisition had occurred on 1 April 2006, the group's revenue would have increased by R409 million, EBITDA by R48 million, operating profit by R28 million and profit for the year by R24 million, of which R12 million would have been attributable to shareholders of the group.

From an operational perspective, two senior managers of the group who were or still are members of the Board hold the positions of Human Resource Director and Chief Financial Officer of Emirates Healthcare. The hospital managers of both the Welcare Hospital and the City Hospital were seconded by the group to Emirates Healthcare in addition to about 16 nurses. Medi-Clinic was also accredited by the DHCC as Emirates Healthcare's international affiliated partner.

Cash flow continued to be strong during the period under review, mainly due to more efficient working capital management. The group converted 103% (2006: 101%) of EBITDA into cash generated from operating activities. The group's strong cash flow continues to underline the quality of its earnings. Cash and cash equivalents increased from R160 million to R716 million (of which R505 million is held by Emirates Healthcare) at 31 March 2007. Interest-bearing debt increased from R922 million to R1 624 million (R307 million at Emirates Healthcare) after financing capital expenditure and acquisitions, mainly the Protector Group and Emirates Healthcare. This resulted in an increase in the debt: equity ratio from 48% to 58%.

Capital expenditure for the period under review was R751 million (2006: R427 million) of which R426 million (2006: R131 million) was for new acquisitions. Capital commitments (including amounts approved but not yet contracted for) amounted to R689 million (2006: R384 million) of which R201 million relates to Emirates

AFFORDABILITY OF HEALTHCARE

Affordability will always remain a critical issue in the healthcare industry internationally, but especially in developing countries.

Throughout the world increased healthcare costs are driven by increased utilisation resulting from factors such as the ageing population, new technology, patient expectations and the increased burden of disease. Locally the position is exacerbated by a shortage of skilled nursing staff, in line with the international shortage. This leads to and will for the foreseeable future continue to lead to sustained pressure for higher nursing salaries. Your group is fortunate to experience good staff retention due to proper retention strategies and also our drive to be the employer of choice. It further mitigates the risk by training nurses at all levels for its needs. Currently about 4% of payroll is spent on staff training. In addition to the above strategies, the group has embarked on a foreign recruitment project and the first 40 Indian nurses are expected to arrive towards the end of the year

The replacement cost of hospitals, being the cost of land as well as building costs, has risen dramatically in the recent past in line with local and international property trends. Current hospital tariffs do not reflect

The private hospital industry recognised the need to place private hospital costs in proper perspective and to explain the fundamental cost drivers in a typical private hospital in South Africa. To this end, the Hospital Association of South Africa, of which Medi-Clinic has always been an active member, commissioned independent research into the cost drivers and other variable factors influencing private hospital expenditure. Some of the most significant findings of the first phase of the research were that private healthcare cost inflation reduced significantly in the recent past; that private hospitals did absorb costs and did not pass all their cost increases on to consumers; and that South African private hospital inflation was the third lowest of the nine countries selected for the research. To compare public healthcare costs in South Africa with private healthcare costs is a futile exercise as the real, all inclusive public healthcare costs are just not known. The group is convinced that even medical scheme members in private wings of public hospitals receive substantial subsidisation by taxpayers: just to a lesser extent than the poor who should be receiving all the subsidisation.

The affordability of healthcare should be analysed through the total healthcare supply chain. The group's increase in average income per bedday of 5% compares favourably with premium increases of medical schemes. It also compares positively with inflation targets set by the South African Reserve Bank.

In order to find a solution to the issue of improved access to private hospitals, the group recently commissioned international consultants with the brief to assist the group in developing an alternative healthcare delivery model suitable for South African circumstances.

CHANGE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS Mr KHS Pretorius, the Chief Operating Officer of the group, was appointed to the Board with effect from

8 November 2006

PROSPECTS

The group expects to continue its track record of consistent growth in operating profit based on meeting the needs of the market. The group has taken the strategic decision to diversify geographically within its core business of acute,

specialist oriented hospital care. The Emirates Healthcare opportunity will require time and operational

resources, but the group is very confident that it will provide an excellent platform for further growth. Other opportunities are also explored on an ongoing basis Phodiclinics (Proprietary) Limited, a company owned 51% by Medi-Clinic and 49% by Phodiso, one of the group's black economic empowerment partners, has been awarded a license to build a 140 bed hospital in

this calendar year. The group will also, as a 49% shareholder, develop a 70 bed hospital in Scottburgh, An extensive upgrade of Panorama Medi-Clinic has commenced as well as the total reconstruction of the Plettenberg Bay Private Health Centre. The establishment of a new cardiac unit at Windhoek Medi-Clinic has been approved and construction will commence later this year. Major upgrades at Morningside Medi-Clinic and Sandton Medi-Clinic, each involving over R100 million, are nearing completion Expansions at Durbanville Medi-Clinic and Pietermaritzburg Medi-Clinic, as well as a project at Nelspruit

the northern suburbs of the Cape Town Metropole. The building of this hospital should commence during

Medi-Clinic consisting of additional consulting rooms and the upgrade of the original hospital are in their final stages. Routine upgrades continue at various other hospitals. It is projected that the number of beds in the South African operations will increase by about 500 over the next two years resulting from the building of new hospitals and extensions to existing hospitals.

The group remains optimistic about its operational prospects for the next year

REPORTS OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The annual financial statements have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc. and their unqualified audit reports on the comprehensive annual financial statements and the abridged financial statements are available for inspection at the registered office of the company.

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial results have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of IFRS and the disclosure requirements of IAS 34. Accounting policies are consistent with those adopted

FINAL DIVIDEND TO SHAREHOLDERS

The board of directors has declared a final dividend of 37.6 cents per share

In compliance with the requirements of STRATE, the following dates are applicable:

Friday, 15 June 2007 First date of trading ex dividend Monday, 18 June 2007 Friday, 22 June 2007 Record date Monday, 25 June 2007

Share certificates may not be dematerialised or rematerialised from Monday, 18 June 2007 to Friday, 22 June 2007, both days inclusive

The total dividend per share (excluding the special dividend paid during the previous reporting period) payable to shareholders in respect of the financial year amounts to 54.1 cents (2006: 53.1 cents) and

2007	Increase	2006
(cents)	%	(cents)
16.5		16.5
37.6	_	36.6
54.1	2	53.1
	(cents) 16.5 37.6	(cents) % 16.5

Signed on behalf of the board of directors: E DE LA H HERTZOG

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