

Unaudited Abridged Financial Results

For the half year ended 30 June 2018

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

THE ECONOMY
General business confidence improved coming out of 2017 and into 2018 following political changes in the country. New economic policies in the ensuing period, geared towards improving relationships with the international community, set the tone towards improving business confidence and generated positive sentiments on Zimbabwe as an investment destination. However, the challenges relating to cash constraints, foreign currency shortages and low industrial capacity utilisation continued, as the productive sectors of the economy are still recovering from the prolonged period of economic decline. Improvements are expected in the medium to long term.

GDP growth forecasts from various sources remain positive at 4.50% for 2018 (2017: 3.70%). However, inflation is creeping upwards, following a deflationary period that ended in 2017, with official inflation statistics at 2.91% at 30 June 2018, while July 2018 statistics indicate a further increase to 4.29%.

Envisaged growth in agriculture, mining and tourism is expected to stimulate aggregate demand for real estate spanning office, retail, industrial, leisure and residential sectors of the property market.

THE PROPERTY MARKET

The property market was characterised by high rent default levels and also low absorption rates of rental space, despite the improving general business confidence. The inherent problems of low productivity in the productive sectors, inadequate infrastructure, changing structure of the economy and tenant preferences, continued to affect CBD Office and Industrial sectors, as these sectors continue to have low demand for rental space. The low demand is also a factor of the quality of space on the market, some of which is no longer suitable for emerging businesses and small to medium enterprises.

Demand for office park and retail space remains relatively strong, with voids slowly declining in spite of increasing competition from new developments on the market. In the medium term, planned developments are expected to increase competition for quality space, driven by changing tenant preferences and technology trends. Despite the improving economic fundamentals, strong GDP growth is still required to significantly increase effective demand for space. The socio-economic dynamics of the economy are seeing property investors adapt the product offering, to meet the needs of the informal sector.

Due to increasing inflation risk, investors are actively seeking assets to acquire and also increasing allocation of capital to refurbishments and maintenance programmes to preserve value, as few quality assets are available to acquire on the market.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Rental income for the six months' period at US\$3 949 million increased by 7% compared to US\$3 704 achieved in the prior period ended 30 June 2017. The growth in rental income is attributable to new lettings in high value space, increased turnover based rentals in retail properties and new rental income from recent acquisitions. The occupancy level improved to 74.44% during the period, up from 73.54% at 30 June 2017 and an increase from the 2017 year level position of 70.94%, testimony to significant leasing efforts during the period. The rental yield expanded to 6.76% (HY2017: 6.34%), while the average rental per square metre for the portfolio was US\$711 (HY2017: US\$694). The income return for the property portfolio at 4.35% improved from prior period (FY2017: 3.59%) driven by improved net operating income resulting from rising rental income. This solid performance translated to a 9% increase in operating profitability, showing the benefits of creating and maintaining a diversified property portfolio and active asset management strategies to sustain performance in the challenging operating environment.

Following an independent property valuation by Knight Frank Zimbabwe, the property portfolio appreciated in value by 6% to US\$145 million (FY 2017: US\$137million). The growth was mainly attributable to fair value gains on the back of improved occupancy levels and recent acquisitions. On a like for like basis, excluding property acquisitions concluded during the period amounting to US\$2 025 million, the fair value of the property portfolio value grew by 5% compared to 31 December 2017. The business will therefore continue to allocate capital to undertake refurbishments and maintenance programmes in order to preserve existing assets and improve earning potential of the portfolio.

DIVIDEND

At a meeting held on 27 August 2018, your Board deemed it prudent not to declare an interim dividend, as the Group embarks on property portfolio growth initiatives to further improve earnings. Apart from pursuing leveraged balance sheet growth, the Group also plans to recapitalize its equity contribution into new developments and acquisitions. While the Group remains committed to ensuring regular dividend distributions to shareholders, planned initiatives in the short term require equity funding. This position will, however, be reassessed at year-end.

OUTLOOK

In the short term, continued pressure on occupancy levels is expected. Developments going forward are very much dependent on post election issues such as international engagement, stability, peace and a national focus on development. These will determine the trajectory of the economy and consequently the property sector performance. The market is expected to remain an occupier's market in the short term due to the excessive supply of space, and the lack of quality assets to absorb either expanding businesses or new entrants. Over the long term, the general outlook appears positive.

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Board, I wish to thank our clients, staff, management and all other stakeholders for their invaluable support.

E. K. Moyo
Chairman

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AT 30 JUNE 2018		Note
All figures in US\$	Unaudited 30 June 2018	Audited 31 Dec 2017
ASSETS		
Investment properties	5 145 260 000	137 457 000
Vehicles and equipment	6 139 855	103 927
Deferred tax assets	7 433 237	414 629
Loans and other receivables	8 -	403 015
Financial assets held to maturity	9 508 179	190 311
Financial assets at amortised cost	146 431 271	138 548 882
Current assets		
Inventory	25 433	23 705
Tax receivable	502 378	550 479
Trade and other receivables	10 1 751 080	3 299 327
Cash and cash equivalents	11 3 354 281	2 072 088
Total assets	3 633 172	5 945 592
	150 064 443	144 514 481
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent		
Ordinary share capital	1 218 148	1 218 148
Retained earnings	13 027 18 811	3 296 516 986
Total Shareholders' equity	131 957 959	127 744 134
Non-current liabilities		
Deferred tax liabilities	13 15 362 274	13 176 741
Borrowings	14 641 665	1 100 000
Current liabilities		
Borrowings	15 -	306 982
Related party loan	16 105 888	138 051
Current income tax liability	-	1 956 657
Trade and other payables	-	1 956 908
Total liabilities	2 744 210	3 581 941
	18 106 484	16 770 347
Total equity and liabilities	150 064 443	144 514 481

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2018		Note
All figures in US\$	Unaudited 30 June 2018	Unaudited 30 June 2017
Revenue	3 980 804	3 715 477
Property expenses	17 -	-
Allowances for credit losses	18 (805 761)	(655 507)
Net property income ("NPI")	3 184 092	2 773 896
Employee related expenses	(697 022)	(630 486)
NPI after administration expenses	2 487 070	2 143 410
Fair value adjustment - investment properties	5 019 186	(389 633)
Finance income	96 601	177 974
Other income	130 160	104 994
Profit before income tax	7 636 915	1 310 868
Income tax expense	(2 567 027)	(502 512)
Profit for the period	5 069 878	808 355
Other comprehensive income for the period	5 069 878	808 355
Total comprehensive profit for the period	10 139 756	1 619 220
Attributable to:		
-Owners of the parent	5 069 878	808 355
-Non controlling interest	-	-
Total profit for the period	5 069 878	808 355
Basic and diluted earnings per share (US cents)	0 410	0 065
Weighted average number of shares in issue	1 236 927 672	1 236 927 672

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2018	
All figures in US\$	
Attributable to owners of the parent	
Ordinary share capital	1 218 148
Retained earnings	125 561 380
Total shareholders' equity	126 779 528
Profit for the period	1 694 006
Dividend paid	(720 000)
At 31 December 2017	126 659 586
Profit of the period	1 694 006
Dividend paid	(720 000)
At 30 June 2018	127 633 592

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018	
All figures in US\$	
Profit before income tax	7 636 915
Adjustment for non-cash items	(6 035 720)
Cash flows from operating activities before working capital adjustments	1 601 195
Working capital adjustments	1 485 093
Cash generated from operations	3 086 288
Income tax paid	(372 534)
Interest paid	(38 896)
Net cash flow from operating activities	2 674 858
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(2 112 634)
Net cash flows from financing activities	(1 280 000)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(717 806)
Opening cash and cash equivalents	2 072 087
Cash and cash equivalents	1 354 281

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS

FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

- Corporate information**
First Mutual Properties is a public company incorporated and domiciled in Zimbabwe and its shares are publicly traded on the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange. The principal activities of the Group are property investment, development and management. The consolidated financial statements of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2018 were authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the directors at a meeting held on 27 August 2018.
- Basis of preparation**
The Group's financial statements are prepared on the basis of the accounting policies adopted in accordance with US GAAP, "Interim Financial Reporting", as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and in the manner required by the Zimbabwe Companies Act (Chapter 24:03). The financial statements are based on statutory records that were maintained under historical cost convention except for investment properties, available for sale financial assets at fair value through profit or loss that have been measured at fair value.
- Accounting policies**
The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are consistent with those of the previous reporting period except for the effects of the adoption of IFRS 9, Financial Instruments and IFRS 15, Revenue, whose effective dates were 1 January 2018. The Group made a reassessment of the adequacy of the allowance for credit losses as at 31 December 2017 and made adjustments to the opening retained earnings. No restatements were made to revenue by the Group as a result of adopting IFRS 15.
- Reporting period and currency**
The reporting period is 1 January to 30 June 2018. The financial statements are presented in United States dollars (US\$) being the functional and reporting of the primary economic environment in which the Group operates.
- Investment Properties**
The Group's financial statements are prepared on the basis of the accounting policies adopted in accordance with US GAAP, "Interim Financial Reporting", as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and in the manner required by the Zimbabwe Companies Act (Chapter 24:03). The financial statements are based on statutory records that were maintained under historical cost convention except for investment properties, available for sale financial assets at fair value through profit or loss that have been measured at fair value.

All figures in US\$	
At 1 January	Unaudited 30 June 2018
Additions	137 457 000
Improvements to existing properties	2 158 228
Fair value adjustments	75 584
At 30 June 2018	139 690 811

Investment property with a total carrying amount of US\$12 700 million (Dec 2017: US\$12 700 million) was reclassified at 30 June 2018.

Vehicles and equipment	
At 1 January	Unaudited 30 June 2018
Additions	103 927
Depreciation	(48 551)
At 30 June 2018	152 478

Loans and other receivables

At 1 January	Unaudited 30 June 2018
Financial assets (reclassified)/ issued (note 9)	403 015
Amortised interest	(403 015)
At 30 June 2018	-

These are money market investments with financial institutions backing 15 year mortgages for staff. These investments have been reclassified at 1 January 2018 to Financial Assets at amortised cost.

Financial assets held to maturity

At 1 January	Unaudited 30 June 2018
Reclassified from loans and other receivables (note 7)	190 311
At 30 June 2018	190 311

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At 1 January	Unaudited 30 June 2018
Reclassified from loans and other receivables (note 7)	403 015
At 30 June 2018	403 015

The Group considers credit risk of the financial assets at amortised cost to be insignificant under IFRS 9. No credit loss has been recognised during the six months to 30 June 2018.

Trade and other receivables

At 1 January	Unaudited 30 June 2018
Reclassified from loans and other receivables (note 7)	1 765 570
At 30 June 2018	1 765 570

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