# FINANCIAL RESULTS for the year ended 29 February 2016

**PROFIT BEFORE TAX** 

(R'000)

29 756 33 470

23 216

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6 853

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66 736

51 386

40 014

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**INCREASE IN** 

NORMALISED HEADLINE

EARNINGS PER SHARE

33,2%



### Innovative Solutions. Endless Possibilities. **INCREASE IN** NORMALISED HEPS **NAV PER SHARE INCREASE IN NET ASSET** 245,26 **CAPITAL AND** (R'000) 34.28 VALUE PER SHARE RESERVES





# **KEY DIFFERENTIATORS**



## 203 SERVICES

### **Delivering innovative** Providing sourcing, end-to-end supply procurement. chain consulting, logistical and financial services through local

representation in key

trade centres

the

'Virtual' client-centric information systems unlocking supply chain data, enabling transparency through unrivalled electronic tools

**TECHNOLOGY** 

(A))

To be a recognised brand in global trade solutions through strategic international offices and leading intellectual capital.

### COMMENTARY

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**GLOBAL** 

Developing an

extensive network

of international

offices across

primary trade flow

routes

The 2016 financial period was an exciting year for the Group as it continued a seven year trend of consistent growth in profit and net assets and was marked by a number of significant financial events and results which have strengthened the overall Group balance sheet and positioned it well for future growth.

The Group achieved a 29,9% increase in net profit before tax to R66,7 million, which in turn translated into a 33,2% increase in normalised headline earnings per share for the period to 34,28 cents. This growth was achieved despite reduced trade volumes and ongoing over-capacity in ocean freight resulting in flat to negative growth in the industry and was predominantly as a result of:

performances from strona Netherlands and Australian operations

solutions and

systems

as they continue to grow and entrench themselves in their regions; and solid growth in profit in the South African logistics operation driven by margin

gains and operational efficiencies. Driven by this profitability and а the successful capital raising during

year, the current reporting period saw meaningful strengthening in the а Group's capital and reserves. This, coupled with strong cash generation and a 175,5% increase in cash on hand to R123.7 million, led to a significant reduction in the Group's overall gearing levels

The Group's strategy to grow and expand its international footprint continues to be a core focus and it achieved further key milestones during this reporting period, including the acquisitions of Tradeway (Shipping) in the United Kingdom and Jet-Freight Services in Mauritius, plus the establishment of offices in Hamburg, Germany and Tema, Ghana.

The significant contribution from the foreign operations is expected to continue in the forthcoming financial period, particularly with the inclusion of Tradeway (Shipping), whilst within South Africa economic conditions are expected to remain challenging. However, the Board is confident that the Group is well positioned to manage and capitalise on the challenges and opportunities that may present themselves.

# **GLOBAL PRESENCE**

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### FOR MORE INFORMATION

**INCREASE IN** 

PROFIT BEFORE TAX

29,9%

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### A SPECIALIST PROVIDER OF INNOVATIVE GLOBAL TRADE SOLUTIONS.

(cents)

17,66

13

15,99

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10,65

10 11 25,73

21.65

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Our STRATEGIC GLOBAL PRESENCE and DIVERSIFICATION in terms of geographies, currencies, industries, products and services focuses on MANAGING A NETWORK OF INTERCONNECTED **ACTIVITIES** for multinational organisations from origin to point-of-consumption.

VISION