

TRUSTCO GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED

Incorporated in the Republic of Namibia

(Registration number 2003/058)

Registered as an external company in South Africa

(External registration number 2009/002634/10)

NSX share code: TUC

JSE share code: TTO

ISIN Number: NA000A0RF067

("Trustco" or "the Company")

TRADING STATEMENT FOR THE INTERIM PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

In compliance with paragraph 3.4 of the JSE Limited Listing Requirements, Trustco shareholders ("**Shareholders**") are advised that the Group is presently finalising its interim annual financial statements for the six-month period ended 30 September 2018 ("**Interim Period**").

The Group expects to report:

- Basic earnings per share ("**EPS**") for the Interim Period of between 13.52 cents and 14.94 cents per share, being an increase of between 90.15% and 110.13% respectively compared to the previous 6-month interim period ended 30 September 2017 ("**Prior Year**") EPS of 7.11 cents per share; and
- Headline earnings per share ("**HEPS**") for the Interim Period of between 9.70 cents and 11.12 cents per share, being an increase of between 36.43% and 56.40% respectively compared to the Prior Year HEPS of 7.11 cents per share.
- Cash on hand increased by >100% to more than NAD 210 million.

The salient features during this reporting period were:

Resources (Namibia & Sierra Leone):

The Huso acquisition was perfected during the period under review with the issue of a 15-year mining license to Northern Namibia Diamond Company (Pty) Ltd (“NNDC”) situated in the North-Western frontier of Namibia. Next Investments (Pty) Ltd (the investment vehicle of the Van Rooyen Family) subsequently provided a loan forgiveness to Huso Investments (Pty) Ltd (“Huso”) of more than NAD 200 million after the acquisition date which increased EPS and HEPS. The upgrade of the diamond processing plant is a focus of the Group for the next reporting period.

During the period under review, the focus of the Group was to continuously invest in the exploration programme in Sierra Leone in order to complete the resource report in advance of applying for a 25-year mining license. During February 2018, Sierra Leone experienced a seamless and democratic transition of government, which is proceeding apace.

The announced capital raising exercise is earmarked to benefit this segment by increasing fleet and mining capacity in both mining assets and the Namibian polishing factory, in order to establish and maintain steady-state production post mining license.

Insurance and its investments (Namibia & South Africa):

In the insurance business a marginal increase in insurance premiums was recorded. Sales prices in the property segment that Trustco operates in remained intact during the period under review, with a steady increase in property transfers to buyers experienced. The group has NAD 400 million (market value) of fully-serviced properties available for sale, while the cash collected during the period enabled the unit to significantly reduce its leverage on the total property portfolio to NAD 69 million.

Banking and finance (Namibia):

Trustco Bank continued with its drive towards system readiness, and the first tests of the internet banking system have been concluded successfully. The debtors book in this segment has maintained a healthy <5% of non-performing loans despite the current economic conditions in Namibia. IFRS 9 was adopted and implemented during the period under review with a transition date of 1 April 2018.

Further details will be provided in the Group results, for the Interim Period, which will be released on or about 17 December 2018.

The financial information on which this trading statement is based has not been reviewed or reported on by the Group's auditors.

Windhoek, Namibia

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