**South Ocean Holdings Limited**
**(Registration number 2007/002381/06)**
**Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa**
**("South Ocean Holdings", "SOH", "the Company", or "the Group")**
**Share code: SOH ISIN: ZAE000092748**

# UNAUDITED GROUP SUMMARISED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

## SALIENT FEATURES

Revenue increased by 30.1% to R1 530.9 million
Operating profit increased by 195.2% to R30.1 million
Earnings per share of 8.02 cents
Headline earnings per share of 8.02 cents
Net asset value per share increased by 4.1% to 327.6 cents

## SUMMARISED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

| | Notes | **30 June 2026 (Unaudited) R'000** | 30 June 2025 (Unaudited) R'000 | 31 December 2025 (Audited) R'000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Assets** | | | | |
| **Non-current assets** | | **310 506** | 356 866 | 373 777 |
| Property, plant and equipment | **4** | **266 164** | 262 444 | 275 154 |
| Right-of-use assets | **5** | **8 653** | 64 739 | 55 569 |
| Deferred tax assets | | **35 602** | 29 243 | 42 967 |
| Investments in associates | | **-** | 354 | - |
| Loans to associates | | **87** | 86 | 87 |
| **Current assets** | | **1 314 705** | 1 007 683 | 1 059 678 |
| Inventories | | **794 393** | 610 532 | 759 208 |
| Trade and other receivables | | **512 240** | 393 143 | 276 270 |
| Current tax receivable | | **8 072** | 4 008 | 12 093 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | | **-** | - | 12 107 |
| **Total Assets** | | **1 625 211** | 1 364 549 | 1 433 455 |
| **Equity and Liabilities** | | | | |
| **Total equity** | | **665 833** | 639 896 | 655 431 |
| Share capital | **6** | **461 343** | 461 343 | 461 343 |
| Reserves | | **467** | 485 | 485 |
| Retained earnings | | **266 738** | 217 689 | 250 438 |
| Non-controlling interest | | **(62 715)** | (39 621) | (56 835) |
| **Liabilities** | | | | |
| **Non-current liabilities** | | **149 444** | 202 039 | 181 230 |
| Interest-bearing borrowings | **7** | **103 032** | 111 535 | 106 526 |
| Lease liabilities | | **9 504** | 64 352 | 46 557 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | | **33 713** | 15 997 | 26 602 |
| Share-based payments | | **3 195** | 10 155 | 1 545 |
| **Current liabilities** | | **809 934** | 522 614 | 596 794 |
| Trade and other payables | | **503 871** | 300 358 | 501 733 |
| Interest-bearing borrowings | **7** | **13 412** | 16 744 | 13 056 |
| Right-of-use liabilities | | **1 437** | 9 678 | 18 671 |
| Current tax payable | | **-** | - | 1 783 |
| Share-based payment liabilities | | **5 930** | 1 962 | 3 717 |
| Bank overdraft | | **285 284** | 193 872 | 57 834 |
| **Total liabilities** | | **959 378** | 724 653 | 778 024 |
| **Total Equity and Liabilities** | | **1 625 211** | 1 364 549 | 1 433 455 |

## SUMMARISED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

| | | Six months ended | | | Year ended |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | **30 June 2026** | 30 June 2025 | | 31 December 2025 |
| | | **(Unaudited)** | (Unaudited) | Change | (Audited) |
| | **Notes** | **R'000** | R'000 | % | R'000 |
| **Revenue** | **15** | **1 530 859** | 1 176 442 | 30.1 | 2 502 283 |
| Cost of sales | | **(1 454 954)** | (1 151 868) | | (2 421 876) |
| **Gross profit** | | **75 905** | 24 574 | 208.9 | 80 407 |
| Other operating income | | **17 062** | 9 495 | | 26 383 |
| Administration expenses | | **(29 517)** | (37 465) | | (36 366) |
| Distribution expenses | | **(6 536)** | (4 241) | | (11 188) |
| Operating expenses | | **(25 622)** | (23 983) | | (48 477) |
| Movement in credit loss allowance | | **(1 198)** | - | | 631 |
| Share in net losses from associates | | **-** | - | | (354) |
| **Operating profit/(loss)** | | **30 094** | (31 620) | 195.2 | 11 036 |
| Finance income | | **574** | 1 828 | | 3 682 |
| Finance costs | | **(16 369)** | (12 382) | | (41 012) |
| Finance cost net | | **(15 795)** | (10 554) | | (37 330) |
| **Profit/(loss) before taxation** | | **14 299** | (42 174) | 133.9 | (26 294) |
| Taxation (charge)/credit | **8** | **(3 861)** | 11 361 | | 11 016 |
| **Profit/(loss) for the period** | | **10 438** | (30 813) | 133.9 | (15 278) |
| Other comprehensive loss for the period net of taxation | | **(18)** | (18) | | (18) |
| **Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period** | | **10 420** | (30 831) | | (15 296) |
| **Profit/(loss) and total comprehensive profit/(loss) attributable to:** | | | | | |
| Equity holders of the parent | | **16 300** | (18 915) | | 13 834 |
| Non-controlling interest | | **(5 880)** | (11 916) | | (29 130) |

## PER SHARE INFORMATION

| | **Cents per Share** | Cents per Share | Change % | Cents per Share |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Earnings/(loss) per share – basic and diluted | **8.02** | (9.31)* | 186.1% | 6.81 |
| Dividend per share | **-** | - | - | - |

*Refer to note 9 for the restatement of the 30 June 2025 Basic and diluted earnings per share.

## SUMMARISED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

| | Notes | Six months ended 30 June 2026 (Unaudited) R'000 | Six months ended 30 June 2025 (Unaudited) R'000 | Year ended 31 December 2025 (Audited) R'000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Share capital** | | | | |
| Opening balance | **6** | **1 743** | 1 743 | 1 743 |
| Closing balance | | **1 743** | 1 743 | 1 743 |
| **Share premium** | | | | |
| Opening balance | **6** | **459 600** | 459 600 | 459 600 |
| Closing balance | | **459 600** | 459 600 | 459 600 |
| **Foreign currency translation reserve** | | | | |
| Opening balance | | **485** | 503 | 503 |
| Other comprehensive loss | | **(18)** | (18) | (18) |
| Closing balance | | **467** | 485 | 485 |
| **Retained earnings** | | | | |
| Opening balance | | **250 438** | 247 784 | 247 784 |
| Total comprehensive profit/(loss) for the period | | **16 300** | (18 915) | 13 834 |
| Dividends | | **-** | (11 180) | (11 180) |
| Closing balance | | **266 738** | 217 689 | 250 438 |
| **Non-controlling interest** | | | | |
| Opening balance | | **(56 835)** | (27 705) | (27 705) |
| Transactions with non-controlling interests | | **(5 880)** | (11 916) | (29 130) |
| Closing balance | | **(62 715)** | (39 621) | (56 835) |

## SUMMARISED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

| | Six months ended | | Year ended |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **30 June 2026 (Unaudited) R'000** | 30 June 2025 (Unaudited) R'000 | 31 December 2025 (Audited) R'000 |
| **Cash flows used in operating activities** | | | |
| Cash utilised in operations | **(205 347)** | (268 590) | (40 929) |
| Finance income | **574** | 1 828 | 3 682 |
| Finance costs | **(16 369)** | (12 382) | (41 012) |
| Taxation paid | **(954)** | (5 749) | (11 595) |
| Share-based payments paid | **(3 327)** | - | (3 020) |
| **Net cash used in operating activities** | **(225 423)** | (284 893) | (92 874) |
| **Cash flows used in investing activities** | | | |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | **(2 214)** | (1 911) | (29 143) |
| Repayment of loan to associates | **-** | 177 | 176 |
| **Net cash used in investing activities** | **(2 214)** | (1 734) | (28 967) |
| **Cash flows used in financing activities** | | | |
| Repayment of interest-bearing borrowings | **(3 138)** | (10 492) | (17 432) |
| Proceeds from interest-bearing borrowings | **-** | 1 757 | - |
| Repayment of lease liabilities | **(8 764)** | (8 764) | (16 708) |
| Dividends paid | **-** | (11 180) | (11 180) |
| **Net cash used in financing activities** | **(11 902)** | (28 679) | (45 320) |
| **Total cash and cash equivalents movements for the period** | **(239 539)** | (315 306) | (167 161) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period | **(45 727)** | 121 452 | 121 452 |
| Effect of exchange rate movement on cash balances | **(18)** | (18) | (18) |
| **Total cash and cash equivalents at end of the period** | **(285 284)** | (193 872) | (45 727) |

**SELECTED NOTES TO THE SUMMARISED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

## 1. General information

South Ocean Holdings and its subsidiaries ("SOH" or "Company" or "the Group") manufacture and distribute electrical cables and hold property investments in a property investment company. SOH is a public company listed on the JSE Limited ("JSE") and is incorporated and domiciled in the Republic of South Africa.

The unaudited summarised consolidated interim financial information was prepared by Mr WP Basson, the Company's Chief Financial Officer, and was approved for issue by the directors on 19 August 2026.

## 2. Basis of preparation

The summary consolidated interim Financial Statements of SOH have been prepared in accordance with the JSE Listings Requirements for provisional reports and the requirements of the Companies Act 71 of 2008 of South Africa applicable to summary Financial Statements. The summary consolidated interim Financial Statements should be read with the audited Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025. The JSE Listing Requirements require provisional reports to be prepared in accordance with the framework concepts and the measurement and recognition requirements of IFRS Accounting Standards ("IFRS") and the SAICA Financial Reporting Guides as issued by the Accounting Practices Committee and Financial Pronouncements as issued, by the Financial Reporting Standards Council and to also, as a minimum, contain the information required by IAS 34 "Interim Financial Reporting".

The directors take full responsibility for the preparation of the financial information.

## 3. Accounting policies

The accounting policies applied in the preparation of the summary Consolidated Financial Statements are in terms of IFRS and are consistent with those applied in the preparation of the audited Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

## 4. Property, plant and equipment

Due to the general economic decline in recent years, an impairment test was performed on the carrying value of assets held by the Group. Assets were allocated to the cash-generating unit ("CGU"). As a result of the impairment test performed on South Ocean Electric Wire Company Proprietary Limited ("SOEW") CGU, no impairment was recognised in 2026 (2025: Rnil).

During the first six months, the Group invested R2.2 million in capital expenditure relating to the acquisition of plant and machinery at SOEW. The details of the changes in tangible assets are as follows:

| | **30 June 2026 (Unaudited) R'000** | 30 June 2025 (Unaudited) R'000 | 31 December 2025 (Audited) R'000 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Opening net carrying amount | **275 154** | 269 039 | 269 039 |
| Additions | **2 214** | 1 911 | 27 386 |
| Depreciation | **(11 204)** | (8 506) | (21 271) |
| Closing net carrying amount | **266 164** | 262 444 | 275 154 |

## 5. Right-of-use assets

The Group leases several assets consisting of motor vehicles. The average lease term is 4 years and the interest rate ranges from 6.25% - 11.5%. There is an option to extend or to terminate the contracts. The contracts have no residual values, guarantees or restrictions.

In 2023 the Group entered into a property lease agreement. This lease was cancelled in 2026 which resulted in the de-recognition of a right of use asset.

The carrying amount of Right-of-use assets are as follows.

| | **30 June 2026 (Unaudited) R'000** | 30 June 2025 (Unaudited) R'000 | 31 December 2025 (Audited) R'000 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Opening net carrying amount | **55 569** | 73 741 | 73 741 |
| De-recognition | **(45 474)** | - | - |
| Depreciation | **(1 442)** | (9 002) | (18 172) |
| Closing net carrying amount | **8 653** | 64 739 | 55 569 |

There was also a decrease in lease liabilities of during the period ended 30 June 2026.

## 6. Share capital and share premium

| | Number of Shares issued | Ordinary shares R'000 | Share premium R'000 | Total R'000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **At 30 June 2026 (Unaudited)** | | | | |
| **Opening balance** | **203 276 794** | **1 743** | **459 600** | **461 343** |
| **Closing balance** | **203 276 794** | **1 743** | **459 600** | **461 343** |
| At 30 June 2026 (Unaudited) | | | | |
| Opening balance | 203 276 794 | 1 743 | 459 600 | 461 343 |
| Closing Balance | 203 276 794 | 1 743 | 459 600 | 461 343 |
| At 31 December 2025 (Audited) | | | | |
| Opening balance | 203 276 794 | 1 743 | 459 600 | 461 343 |
| Closing Balance | 203 276 794 | 1 743 | 459 600 | 461 343 |

Subsequent to the period end, the Company issued 4 591 837 shares for an acquisition as detailed in note 16 below.

## 7. Interest-bearing borrowings

The details of the total interest-bearing borrowings balance are as follows:

| | **As at 30 June 2026 (Unaudited)** | As at 30 June 2025 (Unaudited) | As at 31 December 2025 (Audited) |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Secured loans** | **R'000** | R'000 | R'000 |
| Non-current liabilities | **103 032** | 111 535 | 106 526 |
| Current liabilities | **13 412** | 16 744 | 13 056 |
| **Total secured loans** | **116 444** | 128 279 | 119 582 |

| | **As at 30 June 2026 (Unaudited)** | As at 30 June 2025 (Unaudited) | As at 31 December 2025 (Audited) |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **R'000** | R'000 | R'000 |
| **The movement in borrowings is analysed as follows:** | | | |
| Opening balance | **119 582** | 137 014 | 137 014 |
| Additional loans raised | **-** | 1 757 | - |
| Finance costs | **4 852** | 5 626 | 11 956 |
| Repayments | **(7 990)** | (16 118) | (29 388) |
| **Closing balance** | **116 444** | 128 279 | 119 582 |

The Group's bankers, First National Bank Limited ("FNB"). In July 2026 the Group renewed the bank overdraft facility of R525.0 million (2025: R450.0 million). The facility is reviewed annually.

## 8. Taxation

Income tax expense is recognised on management's best estimate of the weighted average annual income tax rate expected for the full financial year. The effective tax rate calculated is 27.0% (2025: 26.9%). The effective tax rate is lower in the prior period than the corporate tax rate due to deferred tax assets raised.

## 9. Reconciliation of headline earnings/(loss)

| | Six months ended | | Year ended |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **30 June 2026 (Unaudited)** | 30 June 2025 (Unaudited, Restated) | 31 December 2025 (Audited) |
| | **R'000** | R'000 | R'000 |
| Profit/(loss) attributable to the equity holders of the Group for the period | **16 300** | (18 915)* | 13 834 |
| Adjustment for: | | | |
| Profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment | **-** | - | - |
| Tax effect on adjustments | **-** | - | - |
| Headline earnings/(loss) for the period | **16 300** | (18 915)* | 13 834 |
| Headline earnings/(loss) per share (cents) | **8.02** | (9.31) | 6.81 |

*As previously announced on 3 March 2026, total comprehensive income for the period ending 30 June 2025 was incorrectly used for the computation of earnings per share and headline earnings per share, as opposed to the Total comprehensive income attributable to equity holders of the parent.

## 10. Weighted average number of shares

| | Six months ended | | Year ended |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **30 June 2026 (Unaudited)** | 30 June 2025 (Unaudited) | 31 December 2025 (Audited) |
| Number of shares in issue | **203 276 794** | 203 276 794 | 203 276 794 |
| Weighted average number of shares for the period. | **203 276 794** | 203 276 794 | 203 276 794 |

There are no dilutionary instruments in issue.

## 11. Net asset value

| | **As at 30 June 2026 (Unaudited)** | As at 30 June 2025 (Unaudited) | As at 31 December 2025 (Audited) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Net asset value per share (cents) | **327.6** | 314.8 | 322.4 |
| Tangible net asset value per share (cents) | **310.1** | 300.4 | 301.5 |

## 12. Impairment of assets in subsidiaries

To comply with IAS 36, the Group performed an impairment test of its assets in subsidiaries and no impairment was recognised in the current period (2025: Rnil) in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

No impairment of current and non-current assets was recognised (2025: Rnil).

## 13. Interim dividend declaration

The Company's policy is to consider the declaration of a final dividend after its financial year-end and no interim dividend is declared.

## 14. Segment reporting

The chief operating decision-maker reviews the Group's internal reporting in order to assess performance and has determined the operating segments based on these reports.

The business performance of the operating segments, including electrical cable and manufacturing and property investments, is evaluated both the market and product performance perspectives.

The segment information has been prepared in accordance with IFRS 8 – "Operating Segments", which defines the requirements for the disclosure of financial information of an entity's segments.

The Standard requires segmentation on the Group's internal organisation and reporting of revenue and adjusted EBITDA based upon internal accounting presentation.

The segment revenue, segments assets, segment liabilities and adjusted EBITDA generated by the Group's reportable segments are summarised as follows:

| **Six months ended** | **Electrical cable manufacturing R'000** | **Property investments R'000** | **Total R'000** |
|---|---|---|---|
| **30 June 2026 (Unaudited)** | | | |
| **Revenue** | **1 530 859** | **10 433** | **1 541 292** |
| Employee benefit expense | **(79 965)** | **-** | **(79 965)** |
| Change in inventories of finished goods and WIP | **79 026** | **-** | **79 026** |
| Raw materials and consumables purchased | **(1 417 862)** | **-** | **(1 417 862)** |
| Other expenses | **(52 468)** | **(3 645)** | **(56 113)** |
| **Adjusted EBITDA** | **59 590** | **6 788** | **66 378** |
| **Segment assets** | **1 487 195** | **101 548** | **1 588 743** |
| **Segment liabilities** | **936 974** | **97 239** | **1 034 213** |
| | | | |
| 30 June 2025 (Unaudited) | | | |
| **Revenue** | 1 198 220 | 10 433 | 1 208 653 |
| Employee benefit expense | (73 996) | - | (73 996) |
| Change in inventories of finished goods and WIP | 99 559 | - | 99 559 |
| Raw materials and consumables purchased | (1 160 056) | - | (1 160 056) |
| Other expenses | (61 814) | (7 385) | (69 199) |
| **Adjusted EBITDA** | 1 913 | 3 048 | 4 962 |
| **Segment assets** | 1 240 195 | 154 445 | 1 394 640 |
| **Segment liabilities** | 608 507 | 166 712 | 775 219 |

**Segment reporting (continued)**
Reconciliation of the total segment report to the statement of financial position and statement of comprehensive income is provided as follows:

| | Six months ended | | Year ended |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **30 June 2026 (Unaudited) R'000** | 30 June 2025 (Unaudited) R'000 | 31 December 2025 (Audited) R'000 |
| **Revenue** | | | |
| Reportable segment revenue | **1 541 292** | 1 208 653 | 2 547 286 |
| Inter-segment revenue | **(10 433)** | (32 211) | (45 003) |
| **Revenue per consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income** | **1 530 859** | 1 176 442 | 2 502 283 |
| **EBITDA** | | | |
| Adjusted EBITDA | **66 378** | 4 962 | 90 023 |
| Corporate and other overheads | **(10 117)** | (8 432) | (9 123) |
| Depreciation | **(12 646)** | (26 264) | (69 228) |
| Impairment of Group loans | **-** | - | (12 754) |
| Inter-segment eliminations | **(13 521)** | (1 886) | 12 472 |
| Share of net loss in equity accounted investments | **-** | - | (354) |
| **Operating profit/(loss) per consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income** | **30 094** | (31 620) | 11 036 |
| Operating profit/(loss) | **30 094** | (31 620) | 11 036 |
| Finance income | **574** | 1 828 | 3 682 |
| Finance costs | **(16 369)** | (12 382) | (41 012) |
| **Profit/(loss) before taxation per consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income** | **14 299** | (42 174) | (26 294) |
| **Assets** | | | |
| Reportable segment assets | **1 588 743** | 1 394 640 | 1 429 118 |
| Corporate and other assets | **1 446** | 1 397 | 4 847 |
| Current tax receivable | **8 072** | 4 008 | 12 093 |
| Deferred tax | **35 602** | 29 243 | 42 967 |
| Inter-segment eliminations | **(8 652)** | (64 739) | (55 570) |
| **Total assets per statement of financial position** | **1 625 211** | 1 364 549 | 1 433 455 |
| **Liabilities** | | | |
| Reportable segment liabilities | **1 034 213** | 775 219 | 814 641 |
| Corporate and other liabilities | **7 873** | 7 466 | 227 |
| Deferred tax | **33 713** | 15 997 | 26 602 |
| Current tax payable | **-** | - | 1 783 |
| Inter-segment eliminations | **(116 441)** | (74 029) | (65 229) |
| **Total liabilities per statement of financial position** | **959 358** | 724 653 | 778 024 |

## 15. Related party information

There have been no transactions with related parties during the period ended 30 June 2026, save for various intercompany transactions in the ordinary course of business.

## 16. Subsequent events

Subsequent to 30 June 2026, the Company acquired 100% of the issued shares in Southern Atlantic Cables Proprietary Limited ("SAC") for a consideration of R4.5 million settled through the issue of 4 591 837 new shares in South Ocean Holdings ("SAC Acquisition").

Other than the SAC Acquisition, the directors are not aware of any other matters of significant events arising since the end of the reporting period, which would materially affect the operations of the Company and Group, or its operating segments not dealt with in the financial results.

**17. Going concern**

The summary consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the basis of accounting policies applicable to a going concern. This basis presumes that funds will be available to finance future operations and that the realisation of assets and liabilities, contingent obligations and commitments will occur in the ordinary course of the business.

At 30 June 2026, the Group's assets, fairly valued, exceeded its liabilities. Furthermore, management assessed the Group's liquidity forecasts for a period of twelve months. Various scenarios have been considered to test the Group's resilience against operational risks.

Management has concluded that the Group's ability to continue to meet its financial obligations as they fall due is dependent on the Group's ability to continue to improve its performance, and the Group's bankers, FNB, renewing the Group's working capital facilities (refer note 7). Each of these matters present an ongoing normal operational risk to the Group to remain a going concern.

The directors perform a property valuation every three years with the previous valuation having been performed in the start of 2025. The market valuation of the properties was in excess of the carrying value by R62.2 million at the time. The properties are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, in line with the Group's accounting policy.

**COMMENTARY**

**Introduction**

The Board of SOH hereby announces its unaudited summary consolidated results for the six months ended 30 June 2026 ("the period").

South Ocean Holdings is a holding company with subsidiaries engaged in the manufacturing and distribution of electrical wire and cable, compounding material, conduit, and property rental. The Group also holds investments in several associates whose businesses serve as outlets for electrical wire and cables, conduit and related products.

**Financial overview**

**Earnings**

Group revenue for the period ended 30 June 2026 increased by R354.4 million or 30.1% (2025: decreased by R132.1 million or 10.1%) to R1 530.9 million (2025: R1 176.4 million) primarily due to increase commodity prices and an increase in production volumes sold.

The Group's gross profit increased by 208.9% (2025: decreased by 78.7%) to R75.9 million (2025: R24.6 million), mainly as noted above, improving production efficiencies and containing manufacturing costs. The margin is still under pressure for cheap imported product.

The above impacted on operating profit which increased by R61.7 million (2025: decreased by R99.8 million) to a profit of R30.1 million (2025: loss of R31.6 million) compared to the prior period.

Group profit before tax increased by R56.5 million or 133.9% (2025: decreased by R101.2 million or 171.5%) to a profit of R14.3 million (2025: loss of R42.2 million) compared to the prior period, which was primarily related to the reasons noted above. Basic earnings per share increased by 186.0% (2025: decreased by 170.7%) to a profit of 8.0 cents (2024: loss of 9.3 cents) with headline earnings per share increasing by 186.0% (2025: decreased by 170.7%) to a profit of 8.0 cents (2025: loss of 9.3 cents) compared to the prior period. Headline profit for the period amounted to R16.3 million (2025: headline loss of R18.9 million).

**Cash flow and working capital management**

Cash utilised in operations amounted to R205.3 million (2025: R268.5 million) during the period. Working capital increased by R269.0 million (2025: R267.9 million) since December 2025 and is primarily due to the increase in trade and other receivables. The trade receivables and trade payables continue to be well managed in an increasingly challenging credit environment. Working capital investment is currently at 52.4% (2025: 61.1%) of revenue.

The Group invested R2.2 million (2025: R1.9 million) in capital expenditure during this period and utilised R8.8 million (2026: R8.8 million) to repay its interest-bearing borrowings.

The Group's net cash utilised during the period amounted to R239.5 million (2025: R315.3 million) increasing the bank overdraft balance to R285.3 million (2025: R193.9 million) as at end of the reporting period. This is in line with the prior period seasonal business cycle.

**Segment results**

***Electrical cables and related products manufacturing – SOEW, Icembu Cables and Icembu Services***

This sector reported revenue of R1 530.9 million (2025: R1 198.2 million), which is an increase of 27.8% (2025: decrease of 10.1%) when compared to the same period last year. The increase in this segment's revenue is attributable to reasons noted above.

As evidence in the prior year, South Africa's cable manufacturing sector is under siege as a flood of cheap, substandard imports especially from China and threatens to dismantle a vital industry, putting thousands of jobs at risk and compromising public safety.

**Segment results (continued)**

Low-voltage wire and cable imports year on year almost doubled, while the cost of importing goods were significantly cheaper per kilogram landed, due to China dumping cables at suspiciously low rates.

The cable industry has sufficient capacity to meet local demand, yet the surge in imports, driven by cheap Chinese low-voltage cables-undermines quality and safety. Substandard cables have already caused fires, echoing concerns highlighted in SOEW's previous earlier press releases on cable risks. The economic toll is severe: local manufacturers of high-quality cables are losing ground to price-driven imports that jeopardise numerous projects. This unethical practice not only endangers safety but also undermines South Africa's economy, slashing both jobs and tax revenue. We have urged authorities to act swiftly, to investigate dumping and protect local industry. Failure to act risks irreparable damage, as illicit trade flagged across all cable types erodes a sector that is otherwise capable of self-sufficiency.

During the prior year, the Company took steps to address the above market conditions and risks, which led in part to the rebound in performance of the Group in difficult circumstances.

***Property investments – Anchor Park***
Anchor Park's revenue is mainly derived from Group companies, as it leases its properties to fellow subsidiaries.

**Seasonality**
The Group's earnings are affected by seasonality as earnings for the second half of the year are historically higher than the first six months. Management expects the historic seasonal trend to continue in future.

**Prospects**
The macro-economic environment in which the Group operates is not expected to improve in the near term, as political and fiscal uncertainties continue to shape economic conditions. In response, the Group is prioritising customer service, cost reduction and the use of technology to drive growth, productivity and long-term efficiencies, thereby enhancing the profitability of its operating entities.

The Board remains committed to advancing B-BBEE, recognising the importance of transformation in the markets in which the Group operates. The Group is proud to hold a Level 1 B-BBEE status currently.

Management is confident that the above actions will improve the Group's profitability.

**Acquisitions / Disposals**
There were no acquisitions or disposals that took place during the period under review other that what is described in note 4. Details of the SAC Acquisition subsequent to 30 June 2026 are contained in note 16 above.

**Associates**
The Group subscribed to shares in an associate during the period under review.

**Director changes**
There were no director changes during the period under review.

**Company Secretary**
Subsequent to the period end, Mr W Green retired and Light Consulting Proprietary Limited was appointed as the Company Secretary.

**Commitments and contingencies**
The Group is currently party to legal proceedings of which the possible outcome at this stage is still uncertain.

**Appreciation**
The directors would like to express their appreciation towards the management and staff as well as all our valued customers, suppliers, advisors, business partners, shareholders and stakeholders for their continued support.

The above information, including any forward-looking information included in this announcement has not been reviewed or reported on by SOH's independent auditors.

**On behalf of the Board**

J van Rensburg
*Non-Executive Director (Chairperson)*

A Smith
*Executive Director (Chief Executive Officer)*

20 August 2026

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