

INTERNATIONAL DISTRIBUTION

	2013 R'000	2012 R'000	Growth R'000	% Growth
Revenue	—	17 429	(17 429)	(100%)
Gross profit	—	2 574	(2 574)	(100%)
EBITDA	(31 000)	(15 901)	(15 099)	(95%)
Discontinued operation – Africa Prepaid Services Nigeria	—	(5 493)	5 493	100%
Share of losses from associates and joint ventures	(49 036)	(19 182)	(29 854)	(156%)
– Ukash	7 291	2 228	5 063	227%
– Oxigen Services India	(565)	4 616	(5 181)	(112%)
– Blue Label Mexico	(51 124)	(24 873)	(26 251)	(106%)
– Other	(4 638)	(1 153)	(3 485)	(302%)
Core net loss from continuing operations	(73 294)	(36 563)	(36 731)	(100%)
– Equity holders of the parent	(50 685)	(20 943)	(29 742)	(142%)
– Non-controlling interests	(22 609)	(15 620)	6 989	45%
Core net loss from discontinued operation	—	(15 455)	15 455	100%
– Equity holders of the parent	—	(5 493)	5 493	100%
– Non-controlling interests	—	(9 962)	9 962	100%

Historically revenue and gross profit was generated by SharedPhone International, which was disposed of in January 2012. Negative EBITDA of R31 million was predominantly related to the costs incurred on the ongoing litigation pertaining to Africa Prepaid Services Nigeria (“APSN”). The losses in the comparative year from discontinued operations pertained to the winding down of APSN. The group's objective in the international segment is to partner with local management in the countries in which it operates. These partnerships result in its international operations being equity accounted for. The group's current active international operations, namely, Ukash, Oxigen Services India and Blue Label Mexico are disclosed accordingly under share of losses from associates and joint ventures. Share of these net losses comprised the following:

Ukash
The group's share of profits in Ukash, after the amortisation of intangible assets, increased by 227% to R7,3 million. These results were achieved through organic growth in revenue by 32%, an increase in gross profit by 39% and EBITDA growth of 66%, all reported in its local currency.

Oxigen Services India
Oxigen Services India's revenue increased by R470 million (18%) to R3 billion and gross profit increased by R10 million, both reported on in SA Rands. Operating expenses increased by R7,7 million (16%), resulting in a decline in EBITDA by R2,4 million to R1,7 million. The increase in operating expenses was largely due to the necessity to recruit 200 field sales executives, who were hired and trained during the current year in order to enable the company to reach the expansive rural and urban areas in the Indian market place. Further expenditure was incurred on the costs of the migration of PSTN to GPRS, affording wireless portable devices the capability of catering for more products at lower operating costs per terminal, as well as on the migration of the entire OSI platform to the new “Oxixecure” platform. The implementation of the Mobicash wallet with the State Bank of India to facilitate money transfers and the launching of an interbank mobile payment system together with the National Payment Corporation of India to enable money transfers by the unbanked, utilising the “Oxicash” Wallet, also necessitated additional operating expenses. After accounting for depreciation of R10 million, NPAT declined from R4,9 million to R1,3 million. The group's share of profits of R0,7 million equated to a decline on the prior year by R2,2 million. Amortisation of intangibles amounting to R1,3 million resulted in a net share of losses of R0,6 million. In the comparative year, the group's share of profit, after the amortisation of intangibles, amounted to R4,6 million inclusive of a consolidation adjustment of R2,9 million. This adjustment had no impact on the trading performance of Oxigen Services India during that year.

Blue Label Mexico
In the comparative year, Blue Label Mexico (“BLM”) incurred losses of R60 million after the amortisation of intangible assets, of which the group's 40% share equated to R24,9 million. In spite of revenue growth of 103% in the current year, losses in BLM escalated to R113 million, of which the group's share equated to R51,1 million. The increase in losses was attributable to margin compression and a significant increase in overheads. Furthermore, the group increased its shareholding from 40% to 45% during the course of the financial year and in turn the group assumed an additional 5% share of these losses. The decline in gross profit margins was attributable to a reduction in discounts afforded by Telcel, Mexico's predominant network operator, which controls approximately 70% of the Mexican market. Telcel, however, would reinstate the previous margins afforded to BLM, plus additional discounts, on the proviso that BLM would contractually agree to become an exclusive distributor on their behalf. Accordingly, a contract was concluded between BLM and Telcel on 1 April 2013 giving effect to this new arrangement. The increase in overheads was congruent with BLM's strategy to gear-up as a national distributor. This process also required the procurement of additional point-of-sale devices in anticipation of a national roll out. This in turn had a negative impact on depreciation by 58% in local currency, which equated to 78% on conversion to Rand. Although the above initiatives proved costly, during the current year, BLM is now positioned to roll out nationally, offering more favourable discounts, with a solid foundation in place to support national distribution.

MOBILE

	2013 R'000	2012 R'000	Growth R'000	% Growth
Revenue	151 420	87 244	64 176	74%
Gross profit	95 134	66 059	29 075	44%
EBITDA	37 055	97 359	(60 304)	(62%)
Core net profit	24 787	73 962	(49 175)	(66%)

This segment comprises Cellfind, Blue Label One, Content Connect Africa, Blue Label Engage and Panacea Mobile. Content Connect Africa was disposed of in September 2012 and Panacea Mobile and Blue Label Engage were acquired during the current year. The growth in revenue by 74% to R151 million was mainly attributable to the introduction of bulk SMS facilitation by Cellfind and Panacea Mobile. This resulted in the commensurate growth in gross profit by 44% to R95 million. EBITDA for the comparative year included the once off income receipt of R79,4 million. On exclusion of this receipt, EBITDA increased by R19 million (106%) to R37 million. On the same basis core net profit increased by R20 million after taxation thereon.

SOLUTIONS

	2013 R'000	2012 R'000	Growth R'000	% Growth
Revenue	120 710	171 029	(50 319)	(29%)
Gross profit	54 364	79 505	(25 141)	(32%)
EBITDA	24 703	38 927	(14 224)	(37%)
Core net profit	13 190	21 324	(8 134)	(38%)

The Solutions segment houses Blue Label Data Solutions (“BLDS”), Velociti and CNS Call Centre. BLDS, which markets data and analytical products and services increased its revenue by R10 million (19%) and gross profit by R4 million (12%), resulting in a contribution of R19 million towards group core net profit. This positive contribution was negated by core net losses of R8 million incurred by Velociti. Velociti's losses were incurred as a result of a significant decline in outbound campaigns. It is the intention to increase the volume of inbound activity in order to compensate for outbound declines.

CORPORATE

	2013 R'000	2012 R'000	Growth R'000	% Growth
EBITDA	(113 575)	(107 391)	(6 184)	(6%)
Core net loss	(120 542)	(126 183)	5 641	4%

The increase in negative EBITDA was attributable to a loan impairment of R6,3 million. The decline in core net loss was mainly due to the change in legislation applicable to Secondary Tax on Companies (“STC”). No STC was payable on the dividends declared in the current year, whereas STC on dividends declared in the comparative year amounted to R11 million.

DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION AND IMPAIRMENT CHARGES

Depreciation, amortisation and impairment charges declined by R24 million. There was no impairments to goodwill in the current year as opposed to R4,7 million required in the comparative year. The impairment of point-of-sale devices declined from R12,8 million to R3,4 million and the amortisation of intangible assets in terms of purchase price allocations declined by R6,9 million in line with the expiration of useful tenure. Depreciation on the remainder of the assets decreased by R3 million.

NET FINANCE INCOME

Finance costs
Finance costs totalled R167 million, of which R24 million related to interest paid on borrowed funds and R143 million to imputed IFRS interest adjustments on credit received from suppliers. On a comparative basis, interest paid on borrowed funds was R3 million and the imputed IFRS interest adjustment equated to R178 million. The increase in interest paid on borrowed funds was attributable to bulk inventory purchase transactions of which facilities were utilised and repaid during the year.

Finance income
Finance income totalled R173 million, of which R45 million was for interest received on cash resources and R128 million pertaining to IFRS adjustments. On a comparative basis interest received on cash resources amounted to R60 million and the imputed IFRS interest adjustment R111 million. The decline in interest received on cash resources was in line with the utilisation of funds on hand for bulk inventory purchase transactions and partly due to a reduction in interest rates by 0,5% from July 2012.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Total assets increased by R785 million, of which R347 million was attributable to growth in non-current assets and R438 million in current assets. The movement of intangible assets and goodwill by R200 million related to acquisitions to the extent of R34 million, the cost of annuity driven starter pack and post paid bases totalling R264 million, less disposals and amortisation of R18 million and R79 million respectively. The increase in investment in associates and joint ventures totalling R167 million was due to further investment into Blue Label Mexico of R110 million, the impact of foreign currency translation reserves of R80 million, set off by net losses of R47 million incurred by these companies. The movement in current assets by R438 million was mainly due to an increase in inventories by R1,3 billion which was attributable to bulk purchase transactions, causing a decline in cash resources by R1 billion. Although the stock turn consequently increased from an historical average of 11 days to 38 days, the discount afforded thereon justified the excess in inventory holding. Accounts receivable increased by R152 million, maintaining the debtors collection period at 27 days. The net profit of R425 million less a dividend of R155 million and a movement of R88 million in foreign exchange translation reserves were the main contributors to the growth in capital and reserves. Trade and other payables increased by R462 million with average creditors days increasing from 37 days to 46 days.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Cash flows of R432 million were generated from operating activities before accounting for the movement in inventory and accounts payable directly attributable to bulk purchasing transactions. There was a negative generation of cash flow of R440 million after accounting for the bulk purchase transactions. A further R406 million was applied to investing activities, of which R110 million related to an additional investment in BLM, R264 million to the acquisition of the annuity bases, R26 million to capital expenditure and R3 million to acquisitions. After the payment of dividends of R159 million to shareholders and non-controlling interest and the acquisition of treasury shares for R17 million, the cash on hand at year end amounted to R941 million.

FORFEITABLE SHARE SCHEME

Forfeitable shares totalling 3 496 103 (2012: 4 828 644) were issued to qualifying employees. During the year 1 285 962 (2012: 1 067 904) shares were forfeited and 2 700 513 (2012: 311 637) shares vested.

DIVIDEND NO 4

The group's current dividend policy is to declare an annual dividend. On 18 August 2013, the board approved and declared a gross ordinary dividend (number 4) of 25 cents per ordinary share (21,25 cents per ordinary share net of dividend withholding tax) for the year ended 31 May 2013. This dividend of R168 627 261, inclusive of withholding tax, equates to a 2,52 cover on headline earnings. The dividend for the year ended 31 May 2013 has not been recognised in the financial statements as it was declared after this date. The dividend has been declared from reserves. The company has no Secondary Tax on Companies credits available. The dividend withholding tax rate is 15%. The issued share capital at the declaration date was 674 509 042 ordinary shares. The company's income tax reference number is 9062246179. The salient dates are as follows:
Last date to trade cum dividend Friday, 6 September 2013
Shares commence trading ex dividend Monday, 9 September 2013
Record date Friday, 13 September 2013
Payment of dividend Monday, 16 September 2013
Share certificates may not be dematerialised or rematerialised between Monday, 9 September and Friday, 13 September 2013, both days inclusive.

PROSPECTS

A diverse range of customer engagement initiatives concerning membership and loyalty programmes has been developed. This will enable delivery to the market of unique turnkey customer engagement solutions that will generate multiple annuity based revenue streams through supporter engagement programmes. These programmes will include communications, events, access-control, ticketing and concessionary services that enhance service value to supporters. In this regard five year contracts have been concluded with both Cricket SA and The Blue Bulls Rugby Company. A ticketing engine has recently been acquired which will enable the end user to acquire tickets for sporting and entertainment events as well as transport services through the group's distribution capabilities and vast points of presence. Innovative financial services products, aimed at bringing financial inclusion and transactional value to customers, will be implemented. These initiatives will include debit and credit card processing through the existing extensive point-of-sale network. These additional financial services products complement the group's existing prepaid products and services and enhance the value-proposition to the merchants and their customers. The recent acquisitions of a post paid contract base and prepaid starter pack bases is expected to compound the annuity revenue generated from the existing bases within the group. SMS aggregation is expected to continue to gain further momentum following the successful development of technology by Panacea Mobile to support this service. Consumer awareness of the benefits of prepaid electricity is expected to continue to escalate and in turn compound the commissions earned on the distribution of this product. Blue Label Mexico intends to roll out point-of-sale devices incorporating banking transactional capabilities on the devices. It is the intention to aggressively implement this initiative, utilising the extensive distribution network of our partner, Grupo Bimbo.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In June 2013, the group secured a distribution agreement with a leading reseller at a purchase price of R84 million. This is expected to further enhance the group's prominence in the distribution of prepaid services. Subsequent to year end, dividend number 4 was declared and approved by the board.

LITIGATION UPDATE

In December 2008 Africa Prepaid Services (Pty) Ltd (“APS”), a subsidiary of Blue Label concluded a super dealer agreement with Multi-Links Telecommunications Limited (“MLT”), a wholly owned subsidiary of Telkom, at the time, in terms of which APS was appointed for a period of 10 years to market and distribute a range of products and services for MLT in Nigeria (“the agreement”). In 2009 APS ceded and assigned all its rights and obligations in terms of the agreement to Africa Prepaid Services Nigeria Limited (“APSN”), a subsidiary of APS and Blue Label. On 26 November 2010 APSN cancelled the agreement on the basis of MLT's wrongful repudiation of the agreement. In June 2011 APSN launched arbitration proceedings in South Africa against MLT (“the arbitration proceedings”). APSN claims payment of US\$457 million against MLT and MLT has counterclaimed for payment of the sum of US\$123 million. Telkom sold its shareholding in MLT to Hip Oils Topco Limited on 3 October 2011. In terms of an indemnity contained in the sale and purchase agreement, Telkom is liable for all amounts in excess of US\$10 million in respect of APSN's claim against MLT. The arbitration was due to commence in November 2012 but was postponed and is due to reconvene in February 2014. Telkom and MLT have instituted an action in the High Court against Blue Label, APS, APSN and certain individuals, including a former senior executive of Telkom in the High Court for payment of an aggregate amount of US\$724 million (“the action”). The claim in the action is based, inter alia, on an alleged breach of the duty of care and alleged misrepresentations made by Blue Label together with alleged breaches of fiduciary duties on the part of the former senior Telkom executive, at the time the agreement was concluded, in respect of which it is alleged Blue Label was a party to. On 16 May 2013 Telkom and MLT obtained an order without notice to APSN in terms of which APSN's claim against MLT in the arbitration proceedings together with a costs order in APSN's favour were purportedly attached in order to give the High Court jurisdiction over APSN in the action (“the ex parte order”). Telkom and MLT have conceded that there was no basis for the attachment and have abandoned the ex parte order. APSN is seeking a punitive order for costs against Telkom and MLT, which was set down for a hearing commencing on 19 August 2013. The High Court will simultaneously determine an application which has been launched by MLT to stop the arbitration proceedings, which is being opposed by APSN. At the time of going to print the outcome of these proceedings is yet to be pronounced upon by the court. A further announcement will be made when the court delivers its judgement.

INDEPENDENT AUDIT


PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc.'s unqualified audit reports on the group annual financial statements and the summarised group annual financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2013 are available for inspection at the company's registered office. Any reference to future financial performance in this announcement has not been audited or reported on by PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc.

APPRECIATION

The board of Blue Label Telecoms once again expresses its appreciation to its suppliers, customers, business partners and staff for their ongoing support and loyalty. For and on behalf of the board

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