

# COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENTS



- Change of Address
  - RDCP announced that it will be relocating to Masa Square Centre, Plot 54,353, 1st floor, Unit 1H, Western commercial road, CBD Gaborone from Broadhurst industrial effective 15 Dec 23.
- - RDCP announced that it will redeem the RDCP005 Senior Unsecured Notes having an aggregate nominal amount of BWP 100.6mn maturing 9 Dec 23 under its BWP 500mn medium term note programme.
- P2.25 (YTD: +1.35%) PE: 12.6 PB: 0.6 D/Y: 1.89% Mkt Cap: P1,706.0mn

# **Ordinary Shares Additional Listing**

- BIHL advised that 2.5mn additional shares were listed on the BSE on the 12 Dec 23 in
  - terms of the company's employee share scheme. With the additional listing, the total number of ordinary shares in issue increased to

  - P20.01 (YTD: +12.99%) PE: 7.5 PB: 1.5 D/Y: 13.34% Mkt Cap: P5,700.3mn

# Change in Nominated Transfer Secretary (NTS), Circular to Unitholders and Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

- Change in NTS
  - Primetime notified unitholders that Transational Management Services PTY LTD t/a Corpserve Botswana transfer secretaries will no longer serve as their NTS effective 1 Nov 23. The Central Security Depository Botswana has been appointed as its NTS.
  - Unitholders are advised to contact the company directly for any enquiries at investor@time.co.bw.
- Circular to Unitholders
  - Primetime issued a circular to unitholders regarding a Related Party Transaction. Salient points are as follows:
  - The proposed Related Party Transaction involves acquiring a property portfolio worth P372,010,000.
  - The payment includes issuing 111,367,677 new Linked Units at P1.75/ Linked
  - Additionally, there's a renounceable Rights Offer of 36,600,000 Linked Units at P1.75 per unit, aiming to raise P64,050,000 in cash.
  - An Excess Offer is also planned, offering up to 106,285,714 Linked Units at P1.75 each, with the goal of raising up to P186,000,000 in cash.
- Notice Of EGM
  - Primetime announced that it will host its 2023 EGM at Plot Acacia, Prime Plaza, CBD, Gaborone on 22 Jan 23 at 10.00am. Shareholders will vote on:
    - Approving the acquisition of the Time Projects portfolio as circulated previously to unitholders.
    - Approving that Time projects shall not be obliged to make a mandatory offer to linked unitholders of the company should their effective interest in the company exceed change of control threshold of 35% of total linked units in issue after the rights and excess offer.
    - Approving that any director and officer of the company be and is advised to do all such things and sign all such documents that are necessary to give effect to the resolutions passed at this meeting.
- P1.74 (YTD: +8.75%) PE: 5.3 PB: 0.5 D/Y: 6.65% Mkt Cap: P439.5mn







### **Appointment of Mining Contractor**



- Minergy announced to shareholders that Meropa Resources has been appointed as its mining contractor.
- Meropa is a consortium of Botswana mining companies which has been involved in the contractor mining landscape in Botswana for the past 10 years.
- P0.40 (YTD: 0.00%) PE: N/A PB: N/A D/Y: 0.00% Mkt Cap: P188.0mn



### **Results of Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

- LLR announced the results of its 2023 AGM where all resolutions were passed by 100% votes in favour except for the following resolution:
  - To approve the remuneration of the directors for the year ended 2023 Directors.
     91.10% voted for, while 8.9% voted against.
- P2.70 (YTD: -22.41%) PE: 7.5 PB: 0.8 D/Y: 7.31% Mkt Cap: P756.0mn



# **Inaugural Note Issuance**

- Absa announced the inaugural issuance of a Sustainable Senior Unsecured and a Senior Unsecured Note, with fixed interest rates ranging from 7.00% to 8.30% and nominal value P88.2mn and P47.4mn respectively under it's new P2.0bn medium term note programme.
- The Sustainable Senior unsecured matures 6 Dec 28, while Senior unsecured note matures in 6 Dec25.
- P6.35 (YTD: +23.06%)
   PE: 7.5
   PB: 1.9
   D/Y: 8.57%
   Mkt Cap: P5,411.2mn



### **Notice Of End of Closed Period**

- BTCL announced the end of its closed period, following the publication of its 30 Sep 23
  interim results.
- P0.83 (YTD: +7.79%) PE: 5.5 PB: 1.5 D/Y: 10.55% Mkt Cap: P871.5mn



#### Non-Renounceable Entitlement Offer

- Tlou announced a non-renounceable entitlement offer, providing eligible shareholders with the opportunity to acquire 4 new shares for every 11 shares held at an issue price of \$0.035/new share.
- The goal is to raise approximately \$13,3mn for various purposes, including transmission infrastructure, drilling, gas generation, and working capital.
- The offer is open to shareholders with registered addresses in Australia, New Zealand, or Botswana as of the record date on 20 Dec 23.
- The total number of new shares to be issued is capped at 379,626,948, contributing to a potential total of 1.423.612.305 shares if all entitlements are taken up.
- The offer is non-renounceable, and the company will have 18,625,000 performance rights and convertible notes on issue in addition to the new shares.
- P0.50 (YTD: 0.00%) PE: N/A PB: 1.1 D/Y: 0.00% Mkt Cap: P522.0mn



## **Note Issuance**



- BSB announced the issuance of a Subordinated Unsecured fixed rate note, under it's existing P1.0bn medium term note programme.
- BSB announced that it obtained a waiver from the Botswana Stock Exchange (BSE) to
  proceed with private placement to an institutional investor while the process of approving
  the supplementary prospectus is to be issued within 3 months.
- The BSE has approved the listing of Tier II Subordinated Unsecured Fixed Rate Notes with a nominal value of P150,050,000, maturing 11 Dec 33.

# BTCL HY23 RESULTS - RISE IN SALES AND DECREASE IN ADMIN COSTS BOOSTS PROFITS

Income Statement P Mn	HY 23	HY 22	<b>%</b> ∆
Revenue	717	691	4%
Cost of sales	(335)	(291)	15%
Gross Profit	382	401	(5%)
Interest income	31	24	30%
Interest expense	(8)	(10)	(21%)
Other income	1	3	(55%)
Selling and distribution costs	(8)	(12)	(32%)
Administrative expenses	(172)	(261)	(34%)
Impairment losses and gains on financial and contract assets	(7)	(2)	188%
Other expenses	(126)	(117)	8%
Profit before taxation	93	25	268%
Tax	(22)	(3)	601%
Profit for the period	71	22	222%
Balance Sheet extract P Mn	HY 23	HY 22	<b>%</b> ∆
Cash and cash equivalents	588	616	-5%
PPE	1 427	1 436	-1%
Equity	2 354	2 251	5%

- Revenue +4% due to increase in demand for mobile data services and digital services.
- Cost of Sales +15% due to in spectrum license fees, repairs to network driven by copper theft and write-off of copper assets replaced with fibre optic.
- Admin costs -34% due to the absence of the once-off resource optimisation costs.
- PAT +2.2x due to significant decrease in administration costs and rise in revenue.
- Interim dividend of 2.05t/share declared, payable on 7 Feb 24.
  - P0.83 (YTD: +7.79%) PE: 5.5 PB: 0.4 D/Y: 10.55% Mkt Cap: P871.5mn

# **REGIONAL**

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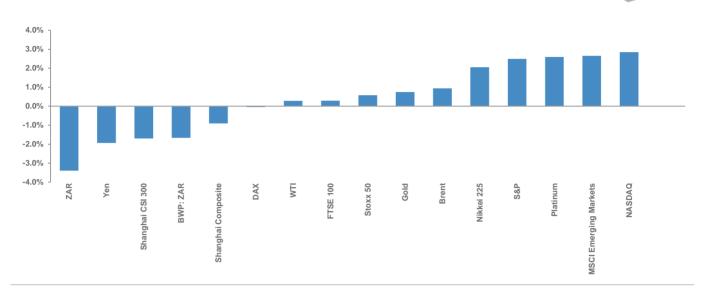
- Nov23 CPI y/y 5.5% v 5.4% (e) v 5.9% (Oct23)
- Oct23 Manufacturing Production m/m -0.2% v 0.3% (e) v -0.8% (Sep23)
- Oct23 Retail Sales m/m -1.2% v 0.1% (e) v -0.1% (Sep23)
- During the week Eskom suspended load shedding until further notice following improvements in generation capacity.

#### **ZAR PERFORMANCE**

- The ZAR strengthens against the USD as the Fed signaled rate cuts in 2024 as well as stronger performance of precious metals.
- ZAR 18.31 (WTD: -3.40%) v 18.96 (18 Dec 23)

# Rand strengthens against the US Dollar.

## INTERNATIONAL SNAPSHOT- 15 DEC 23 WEEKLY PERFORMANCE





- Oct23 Final Industrial Production m/m 1.3% v 0.5% (Sep23)
- Oct23 Core Machine Orders m/m 0.7% v -0.4% v 1.4% (Sep23)
- Dec23 Preliminary Manufacturing PMI 47.7 v 48.3 (Nov23)
- Japanese stocks ended the week in the green following the Feds decision to maintain interest rates signalling that inflation is finally under control and interest rate cuts are eminent.
- Nikkei 225: 32,971 (WTD: +2.05%). Yen: 142.15 (WTD: -1.93%)





- Eurozone Dec23 Preliminary Manufacturing PMI 44.2 v 44.6 (e) v 44.2 (Nov23)
- France Dec23 Preliminary Manufacturing PMI 42.0 v 43.3 (e) 42.9 (Nov23)
- Germany Dec23 Preliminary Manufacturing PMI 43.1 v 43.2 (e) v 47.6 (Nov23)
- UK Dec23 Preliminary Manufacturing PMI 46.4 v 47.5 (e) v 47.2 (Nov23)
- The Bank of England (BoE) Monetary Policy Committee met during the week and decided to maintain the Bank Rate at 5.25%.
- The European Central Bank (ECB) Governing Council (GC) met during the week and decided on the following:
  - To maintain refinancing operations rate, the marginal lending facility rate, and the deposit facility rate at 4.50%, 4.75% and 4.00% respectively.
  - To continue reinvesting principal repayments under its pandemic emergency purchase (PEPP) program during first half of 2024 but discontinue reinvestment by end of 2024.
- European markets concluded the week mixed as on one hand; investors cheered central banks dovish tilt of
  monetary policy posture while on the other hand disappointing economic data dampened investor
  sentiment
- DAX: 16,751 (WTD: -0.05%). Stoxx50: 4,549 (WTD: +0.58%). FTSE100: 7,576 (WTD: +0.29%)



- Nov23 CPI y/y -0.5% v -0.2% (e) v -0.2% (Oct23)
- Nov23 PPI y/y -3.0% v -2.8% (e) v -2.6% (Oct23)
- Nov23 Retail Sales y/y 10.1% v 12.5%(e) v 7.6% (Oct23)
- The People's Bank of China maintained the 1-year lending facility rate at 2.50%.
- China stocks closed the week in the red on the back the release of weak economic data for the week.
- SHSZ300: 3,342 (WTD: -1.70%). SHCOMP: 2,943 (WTD: -0.91%)



- Nov23 Retail Sales Advance m/m 0.3% v -0.1% (e) v -0.2% (Oct23)
- Dec23 Preliminary Manufacturing PMI 48.2 v 49.5 (e) v 49.4 (Nov23)
- The US Federal Reserve Open Market Committee met during the week and decided to:
  - Maintain the Fed fund rate at 5.25-5.50%.
  - Continue Reducing its holdings of Treasury securities, Agency debt and Agency mortgagebacked securities.
- US equities ended the week in the green following the Fed's decision to leave interest rates unchanged, fuelling expectations of rate cuts in early 2024.
- NASDAQ: 14,814 (WTD: +2.85%). S&P 500: 4,719 (WTD: +2.49%)





- ΔUS Crude Inventories -4,257 bbl (8 Dec 23) v -2,103k bbl (e) v -4,633k k bbl (1 Dec 23)
- ΔNorth American Oil Rigs -12; 808 (15 Dec 23) v 820 (08 Dec 23)
  - Oil prices closed the week in the green buoyed by increasingly dovish tilt from central banks following unchanged interest rates, supporting positive outlook for global oil demand into 2024.
  - WTI: \$71.43 (WTD: +0.28%)
  - Brent Crude: \$76.55 (WTD: +0.94%)



- Precious metals closed the green as the US Dollar weakens.
  - Gold: \$2,020 (WTD: +0.75%)
  - Platinum: \$945 (WTD: +2.59%)

Oil prices increase from improved outlook on globail oil demand as central banks posture turns dovish.



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