

The Standard Group PLC

Unaudited Group Results for the 6 months period ended 30 June 2020

The Board of Directors of The Standard Group PLC is pleased to announce the un-audited results for the six month period ended 30 June 2020.

Consolidated Statement of Profit or loss and Other Comprehensive Income for the 6 months period ended 30 June 2020

	30-Jun-2020 (Unaudited) Kshs'000	30-Jun-2019 (Unaudited) Kshs'000
Revenue	1,396,432	2,403,211
Total Operating Costs	(1,739,493)	(2,289,148)
Finance Costs	(73,502)	(86,353)
(Loss) Profit before income tax	(416,563)	27,710
Income tax credit/expense	110,434	(8,311)
(Loss) Profit after tax	(306,129)	19,399
Attributable to:		
Non - Controlling interests	(60,433)	(14,464)
Owners of the Parent	(245,696)	33,863
Other Controlling Income	(306,129)	19,399
Earnings per share Basics- Kshs	(3.01)	0.59
Earnings per share Diluted- Kshs	(3.01)	0.59
Dividend per Share - Kshs	-	-

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2020

	30-Jun-2020 (Unaudited) Kshs'000	31-Dec-2019 Audited Kshs'000
ASSETS		
Non Current Assets	2,862,749	2,810,667
Current Assets	1,393,561	1,385,279
Total Assets	4,256,310	4,195,946
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Capital and Reserves		
Share Capital	408,654	408,654
Share Premium	39,380	39,380
Retained Earnings	488,269	733,965
Capital Redemption Reserve	102	102
	936,405	1,182,101
Non - Controlling Interests	178,676	239,109
Total Shareholders Equity	1,115,081	1,421,210
Non Current Liabilities	402,736	454,076
Current Liabilities	2,738,493	2,320,660
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	4,256,310	4,195,946

GROUP RESULTS

The Group's performance during the first six months was affected by the difficult operating environment due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The industry experienced a decline in advertising spend by most of the clients which led to a drop in revenues.

The economic growth prospects remain highly uncertain and the outcome is dependent on management of the pandemic both in Kenya and globally. Government initiatives continue to yield positive results, creating an enabling business environment and opportunities for business resumption and revenue growth.

The Group's performance for 6 months to June 2020 was adversely affected by the aforementioned. Revenue declined by 42% to Kshs. 1.4B compared to Kshs. 2.4B over the same period in 2019.

Total operating costs reduced by 24% driven by a reduction in direct costs and overheads of 40% and 15% respectively. The cost reduction was a result of measures taken by management, in response to the revenue decline.

The Group has incurred a loss before tax of Kshs. 309M compared to a profit before tax of Kshs. 19M for the same period last year.

Outlook

The Board and Management have taken various measures to ensure the business navigates this difficult period and return to profitability. The Group remains focused on its mission to "Disseminate media content that provides a voice to society".

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Millicent Ng'etich
Company Secretary
29 August 2020

Condensed Consolidated Cashflow Statement as at 30 June 2020

	30-Jun-2020 Kshs'000	31-Dec-2019 Kshs'000
Cashflow from operating activities		
Cash generated from operations	221,084	837,328
Interest Paid	(73,502)	(169,242)
Tax paid	-	(140,453)
Net cash generated from operating activities	147,582	527,633
Cashflow: Investing activities	(124,672)	(192,529)
Cashflow: Financing activities	(142,334)	(255,364)
Net increase/ (Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(119,424)	79,740
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	(71,937)	(151,677)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	(191,361)	(71,937)

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the 6 months period 30 June 2020

	Share Capital Kshs'000	Share Premium Kshs'000	Capital Redemption Reserve Kshs'000	Revenue Reserve Kshs'000	Shareholders equity Group Kshs'000	Minority Interest Kshs'000	Shareholders equity Total Kshs'000
As at 1 January 2019	408,654	39,380	102	1,212,482	1,660,618	293,698	1,954,316
Profit/(Loss)	-	-	-	33,863	33,863	(14,464)	19,399
Dividend paid	-	-	-	(49,039)	(49,039)	-	(49,039)
As at 30 June 2019	408,654	39,380	102	1,197,306	1,645,442	279,234	1,924,676
As at 31 December 2019	408,654	39,380	102	733,965	1,182,101	239,109	1,421,210
Loss	-	-	-	(245,696)	(245,696)	(60,433)	(306,129)
Dividend payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
As at 30 June 2020	408,654	39,380	102	488,269	936,405	178,676	1,115,081