



▲ EARNINGS PER SHARE UP 114%

▲ OPERATING INCOME UP 102%

▲ REVENUE UP 46%



## INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2002

### GROUP INCOME STATEMENT

	Unaudited six months ended 30 Sept 2002 R'000	Unaudited six months ended 30 Sept 2001 R'000	% Change	Audited year ended 31 March 2002 R'000
Revenue	906 703	621 144	46	1 352 311
Operating income	88 159	43 686	102	115 667
Interest received	3 238	3 188		6 184
Finance costs	(15 855)	(8 580)		(22 878)
Profit before taxation	75 542	38 294	97	98 973
Taxation	(25 605)	(13 983)		(27 949)
Earnings attributable to shareholders	49 937	24 311	105	71 024
Earnings attributable to outside shareholders	(16 173)	(7 456)		(25 033)
Earnings attributable to ordinary shareholders	33 764	16 855	100	45 991
<b>Determination of headline earnings</b>				
Earnings	33 764	16 855		45 991
Amortisation of goodwill and trademarks	1 006	930		1 819
Profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(71)	-		(162)
Headline earnings	34 699	17 785		47 648

### SHARE INFORMATION

Headline earnings per share (cents)	48	23	109	62
Earnings per share (cents)	47	22	114	60
Diluted earnings per share (cents)	45	22	105	58
Dividends per share proposed/declared				
Interim dividend (cents)	15	8	88	8
Final dividend (cents)	-	-		16
Total dividend for the period (cents)	15	8		24
Weighted average number of shares in issue ('000)	72 393	77 240		76 772

### GROUP BALANCE SHEET

	Unaudited six months ended 30 Sept 2002 R'000	Unaudited six months ended 30 Sept 2001 R'000	Audited year ended 31 March 2002 R'000
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	83 732	71 152	74 098
Intangible assets	13 898	16 465	15 586
Deferred taxation	16 869	7 362	13 543
Long-term receivables	10 812	8 888	8 408
	125 311	103 867	111 635
<b>Current assets</b>			
Inventories	442 419	351 123	426 408
Accounts receivable	233 862	195 946	209 795
Bank and cash balances	83 404	45 491	67 643
	759 685	592 560	703 846
Total assets	884 996	696 427	815 481
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Ordinary shareholders' funds	290 220	256 446	268 783
Outside shareholders' interest	119 861	92 275	108 402
	410 081	348 721	377 185
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Long-term borrowings	11 386	11 212	11 661
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Bank borrowings	62 475	80 969	78 534
Short-term borrowings	1 695	-	1 805
Trade and other payables	399 359	255 525	346 296
	463 529	336 494	426 635
Total equity and liabilities	884 996	696 427	815 481
Net asset value per share (cents)	400,9	333,9	371,2
Net tangible asset value per share (cents)	381,7	312,5	349,7
Shares in issue	72 393	76 794	72 393

### GROUP CASH FLOW STATEMENT

Cash generated from operations	85 721	55 209	133 380
Net finance charge	(12 617)	(5 392)	(16 694)
Dividends paid	(18 088)	(14 177)	(22 800)
Taxation paid	(4 055)	(22 083)	(37 652)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	50 961	13 557	56 234
Net cash flow from investing activities	(18 389)	(27 208)	(35 525)
Net cash flow from financing activities	(752)	(15 528)	(25 301)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	31 820	(29 179)	(4 592)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	(10 891)	(6 299)	(6 299)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	20 929	(35 478)	(10 891)

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Unaudited six months ended 30 Sept 2002 R'000	Unaudited six months ended 30 Sept 2001 R'000	Audited year ended 31 March 2002 R'000
<b>Share capital</b>			
Balance at beginning of period	3 619	4 007	4 007
Shares purchased in terms of share buy-back scheme	-	(213)	(388)
Balance at end of period	3 619	3 794	3 619
<b>Share premium</b>			
Balance at beginning of period	124 211	147 504	147 504
Shares purchased in terms of share buy-back scheme	(489)	(12 813)	(23 293)
Balance at end of period	123 722	134 691	124 211
<b>Accumulated profits</b>			
Balance at beginning of period	140 953	112 367	112 367
Earnings attributable to ordinary shareholders	33 764	16 855	45 991
Dividends paid	(11 838)	(11 261)	(17 405)
Balance at end of period	162 879	117 961	140 953
<b>Ordinary shareholders' funds</b>	290 220	256 446	268 783

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### Accounting policies

The financial information is prepared in accordance with South African Statements of Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and the principal accounting policies as set out in the Group's 2002 annual report have been consistently applied throughout the six month period under review.

### COMMENTS

#### OVERVIEW

The Invicta Group is one of Southern Africa's leading importers and distributors of:

- Bearings, belts, seals, power transmission products and geared motors (Bearing Man)
- Agricultural machinery and equipment (Northmec)
- Construction and earthmoving machinery equipment, turf grooming equipment and golf utility cars (CSE)
- Automotive engine spares (Engineparts Turbochargers and Autobax).

#### RESULTS

We are pleased to report on outstanding results for the six months under review. All sections of the Group enjoyed improved trading conditions, except for CSE, our construction and earthmoving machinery operation, which experienced subdued conditions.

Revenue increased by 46% from R621 million to R907 million, largely attributable to: a buoyant agricultural machinery industry, a 41% increase in revenue at Bearing Man and price increases necessitated by the substantially weaker Rand during the period under review.

Operating income increased by 102% to R88 million. Finance costs, which include foreign exchange costs, rose from R9 million to R16 million due mainly to higher costs of forward cover.

Headline earnings per share increased by 109% from 23 cents to 48 cents per share, and the dividend declared increased by 88% from 8 cents to 15 cents per share.

Cash generation during the period under review continued to be strong, with bank and cash balances increasing from R45 million to R83 million.

#### PROSPECTS

The excellent results in the first half of the financial year provide a solid base for the Group for the whole financial year. If the current favourable trading conditions continue, the Group should show an improved performance over the first half of the financial year.

**M Rose-Innes**

Chairman

**A Goldstone**

Managing Director

### DIVIDEND

Notice is hereby given that an interim dividend of 15 cents per share has been declared to shareholders. The last day to trade ("CUM" the dividend) in order to participate in the dividend will be Friday, 15 November 2002. The share of Invicta Holdings Limited will commence trading "EX" the dividend from the commencement of business on Monday, 18 November 2002 and the record date will be Friday, 22 November 2002. Dividends will be paid to members on Wednesday, 27 November 2002.

Share certificates may not be dematerialised or rematerialised between Monday, 11 November 2002 and Friday, 15 November 2002, both days inclusive.

In accordance with AC107, the interim dividend of 15 cents per share proposed by the directors' as shown in the share information has not been reflected in the financial statements.

By order of the board

**C Barnard**

Secretary

Johannesburg

28 October 2002

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