Media24’s revenue declined by 5% YoY to R2.2bn and the trading loss increased by 8% to R170m. This was mainly due to continued investment in growth for its applicant-tracking system Simplify.hr.

In September 2018, the Group acquired a 49.05% stake in GrowthAfrica, a leading HR business operating in Africa, for R443m. This transaction, subject to regulatory approval, is expected to be completed in December 2018. GrowthAfrica’s operations are expected to contribute to the Group’s revenue in the year ending 31 March 2019.

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Notes:
1. The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in the Group’s annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2018.
2. The interim financial statements do not incorporate revenue or profit before tax from certain joint ventures.
3. The interim financial statements incorporate the operations of Glacier and MyViza since their acquisition dates.
4. The interim financial statements incorporate the operations of GrowthAfrica since the date of acquisition.

Other Information:
1. Directors:
   - Rachel Jafta
   - Ishmet Davidson

2. The total purchase consideration is R443m, of which an estimated R193m contingent consideration is payable in June 2019.

3. The Board thanks Esmaré for her valuable contribution and wishes her well with future endeavours. Ishmet Davidson was appointed group chief financial officer on 1 October 2018.

4. Media24’s online fashion business Spree merged with fellow Naspers online brand Superbalist to form South Africa’s largest online fashion destination, Fashion United SA Proprietary Limited (FUSA), on 1 October 2018. Effective 1 October 2018, Media24’s online fashion business Spree merged with fellow Naspers online brand Superbalist to form South Africa’s largest online fashion destination, Fashion United SA Proprietary Limited (FUSA).

5. Media24’s revenue declined by 5% YoY to R2.2bn and the trading loss increased by 8% to R170m. This was mainly due to continued investment in growth for its applicant-tracking system Simplify.hr.

6. The Group has invested in growth for its applicant-tracking system Simplify.hr.

7. The Group recorded a loss before tax of R170m and a loss for the period of R207m.

8. The Group continued to invest in growth for its applicant-tracking system Simplify.hr.

9. The Group has invested in growth for its applicant-tracking system Simplify.hr.

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Independent auditor’s review report on interim financial statements

To the Shareholders of Media24 Holdings Proprietary Limited

We have reviewed the condensed consolidated interim financial statements of Media24 Holdings Proprietary Limited in the accompanying interim report, which comprise the condensed consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 September 2018 and the related condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the six months then ended, and selected explanatory notes.

Directors’ Responsibility for the Interim Financial Statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation and presentation of these interim financial statements in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard, (IAS) 34 Interim Financial Reporting, the SAICA Financial Reporting Guides as issued by the Accounting Practices Committee and Financial Pronouncements as issued by the Financial Reporting Standards Council and the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of interim financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor’s Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on these interim financial statements. We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements 2410, Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity. ISRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the interim financial statements are not prepared in all material respects in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. This standard also requires us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of interim financial statements in accordance with ISRE 2410 is a limited assurance engagement. We perform procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluate the evidence obtained. The procedures in a review are substantially less than and differ in nature from those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these interim financial statements.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying condensed consolidated interim financial statements of Media24 Holdings Proprietary Limited for the six months ended 30 September 2018 are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard, (IAS) 34 Interim Financial Reporting, the SAICA Financial Reporting Guides as issued by the Accounting Practices Committee and Financial Pronouncements as issued by the Financial Reporting Standards Council and the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa.

Other matter

We have not reviewed the future financial performance and expectations expressed by the directors included in the commentary in the accompanying interim financial statements and accordingly do not express a conclusion thereon.

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Registered Auditor
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