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 DATACENTRIX HOLDINGS LIMITED
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 "DATACENTRIX HOLDINGS LIMITED" OR "THE GROUP"
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UNAUDITED INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 AUGUST 2000

- Operating income increased by 40% to R15,7 million (including e-business) and by 61% to R18,1 million (excluding e-business)
- Headline earnings per share increased by 6% to 7.0 cents (including e-business) and by 21% to 8.0 cents (excluding e-business)
- Turnover increased by 65% to R203,6 million
- Cash reserves of R42 million

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT				
	Group 6 months ended August 2000 R'000	Group 6 months ended August 1999 R'000	Excluding E- Business 6 months ended August 2000 R'000	E- Business 6 months ended August 2000 R'000
Turnover	203,557	123,235	203,557	-
Operating income	15,663	11,201	8,058	(2,395)
Depreciation	(567)	(348)	(567)	-
Interest received	1,065	2,810	992	73
Income before taxation	16,161	13,662	18,483	(2,322)
Taxation	(5,540)	(3,280)	(5,540)	-
Net income after taxation	10,621	10,382	12,943	(2,322)
Outside shareholders interest	(697)	-	-	(697)
Earnings attributable to ordinary shareholders	11,318	10,382	12,943	(1,625)
Basic, diluted basic, headline and diluted headline earnings per share in cents	7.0	6.6	8.0	(1.0)
Weighted average number of shares in issue R '000	160,823	157,426	160,823	160,823

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET		
	Group 6 month ended August 2000 R'000	Group 6 month ended August 1999 R'000
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Fixed assets - e-business	22,491	-
Fixed assets - other businesses	3,455	2,197
Deferred tax	4,436	4,833
Investments and loans	8,966	5,382
Intangible assets	10,120	44,876
	49,468	57,288
Current assets		
Inventories	3,473	482
Accounts receivable	77,766	32,184
Bank balances and cash	42,437	58,227
	123,676	90,893
Total assets	173,144	148,181
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Capital and reserves		
Share capital and premium	5,115	42,383
Non distributable reserve	6,761	-
Retained earnings	41,376	22,907
	53,252	65,290
Minority interest	3063	-
Non-current liabilities		
Acquisition consideration due	25,220	37,145
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable - e-business	14,378	-
Accounts payable - other businesses	67,462	36,717
Taxation	9,769	9,029

	91,609	45,746
Total equity and liabilities	173,144	148,181
Net asset value per share (cents)	33	41
Tangible net asset value per share (cents)	27	13
Number of shares in issue R'000	160,823	158,953

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT		
	Group 6 month ended August 2000 R'000	Group 6 month ended August 1999 R'000
Net cash (outflow) from operating activities : e-business	(7,126)	-
Net cash inflow from operating activities : other businesses	10,505	21,701
Net cash (outflow) from investing activities	(17,067)	(13,643)
Net cash inflow from financing activities	5,698	5,556
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(7,990)	13,614
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	50,427	44,613
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	42,437	58,227

Nature of Business

The group's major activities comprise the supply, integration and optimisation of IT-infrastructure, business solutions, e-business solutions and related services to the enterprise market in South Africa.

Commentary

It is with great pleasure that we present Datacentrix's fourth period of solid results since listing on the JSE main board in September 1998. The results have been split into e-business and other businesses. The e-business figures relate to the group's startup joint venture, Commerce Centre.

Compared to the corresponding prior year interim results:

- Operating income increased by 40% to R15,7 million (including e-business) and by 61% to R18,1 million (excluding e-business);
- Headline earnings per share increased by 6% to 7.0 cents (including e-business) and by 21% to 8.0 cents (excluding e-business); and
- Turnover increased by 65% to R203,6 million.

- Taxation has been provided for at the maximum rate.
- Diligent asset management and financial controls have resulted in the cash balances of R42 million at half year end, after significant investments made.
- The group has no interest bearing debt.

Infrastructure: Supply, Integration, Optimisation and Related Services

This focus area continues to be the largest contributor to the group. Contracts have been secured for the supply and related services from corporate customers that will produce revenue in excess of R150 million per annum for the foreseeable future.

Our unique position as warranty services partner for Compaq, HP and IBM makes us the partner of choice for the supply and maintenance of enterprise infrastructure requirements in the desktop and server environments.

Datacentrix's success in server-centric storage solutions has evolved into the enterprise storage marketplace where we provide storage area network solutions from leading vendors. Our skills and resources in this area were pooled into a dedicated business unit from which we expect significant growth. We have been particularly successful in the area of document and data management with the IXOS set of solutions.

Business Solutions

Although recently established, this focus area has already shown its value, having secured its first major contract with Genfood. The contract has a revenue stream of R98 million over the next 5 years. This business unit employs a sizeable skills-base focusing on hosting application services, managed infrastructure, financial systems and data mining. Business Solutions will be a high growth area going forward, which will include acquisitions of skills to complement our existing offering .

E-business

Datacentrix has entered the new economy with its investment in Commerce Centre, jointly held with international solution providers Sterling Commerce Inc and ParaRede SA. Stewart Barker has joined Commerce Centre as CEO. Several exciting opportunities are being pursued both at enterprise and community level. As per our announcement of 25 January 2000, we do not expect Commerce Centre to be profitable until financial year 2003. The pilot project for a national product data catalogue for the FMCG industry has been successfully concluded and the venture is on track to start generating revenue early in 2001.

Sterling Commerce has signed a global agreement with Commerce One which will allow Commerce Centre to include this proven procurement solution within its broad offering to the South African market.

Economic Empowerment

The percentage black shareholding in Datacentrix remains at 39%. It is the stated intention of CNI to increase both its shareholding and management involvement in the business. Datacentrix has successfully transferred skills to a number of small black IT companies during the period under review through involvement in its business.

Future Prospects

With the significant growth initiatives identified in our infrastructure business and the establishment of the new expanding divisions of Business Solutions and E-business, Datacentrix has successfully implemented its growth strategy. We are positive that the group will experience continued growth in the second half of the financial year.

Significant contracts will run well into the next two financial years.

Dividends

As per company policy, no interim dividend has been declared or paid. The directors believe that the cash resources can be best employed within the company to fund organic and/or acquisitive growth.