

Adcorp Holdings Limited Reg No 1974/001804/06 "ADCORP" or "the Group"

# REVIEWED GROUP RESULTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

### SALIENT FEATURES

- Earnings per share up by 61%
- Headline earnings per share up by 21%
- Final dividend of 126 cents per share up 20%
- Non-core businesses disposed

Reviewed

High growth core businesses acquired

Audited

- Quality and quantity of Group earnings greatly enhanced
- 25% BBBEE transaction concluded (conditional)

# INCOME STATEMENT

	Reviewed Total December 2006 R'000	Reviewed Continuing Operations 2006 R'000	Reviewed Discontinued Operations 2006 R'000	Audited December 2005 R'000
REVENUE Cost of sales	2 700 216 (1 973 819)	<b>2 586 280</b> (1 938 874)	<b>113 936</b> (34 945)	<b>2 359 652</b> (1 650 708)
GROSS PROFIT Other income Administrative expenses Marketing and selling expenses Other operating expenses	726 397 31 390 (235 130) (321 060) (76 432)	647 406 31 100 (205 404) (290 689) (64 690)	78 991 290 (29 726) (30 371) (11 742)	708 944 20 358 (238 923) (298 052) (75 920)
OPERATING PROFIT Interest received Interest paid Share of profits from associates Impairment of goodwill Impairment of investment Profit/(loss) on sale of property and equipment Profit/(loss) on disposal of operations and subsidiaries	125 165 4 088 (4 940) 5 477 (1 155) (101) 358 7 568	117 723 4 073 (4 932) 2 278 (1 155) - (109) 7 568	7 442 15 (8) 3 199 - (101) 467	116 407 2 587 (4 026) 3 294 (19 112) - 3 322 (333)
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION Taxation	136 460 (30 840)	<b>125 446</b> (27 730)	<b>11 014</b> (3 110)	<b>102 139</b> (35 010)
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	105 620	97 716	7 904	67 129
Profit for the year Attributable to: Ordinary shareholders Minority shareholders BEE shareholders	107 994 (2 374)	100 090 (2 374) -	7 904 - -	65 185 1 012 932
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	105 620	97 716	7 904	67 129
EARNINGS PER SHARE Basic (cents) Diluted (cents)	251,8 248,6	233,4 230,4	18,4 18,2	156,2 154,8
Proposed final dividend (cents) in respect of 2006	126			-
DISTRIBUTION TO ORDINARY SHAREHOLDERS Interim dividend (cents) Final dividend (cents) in respect of the prior year	42 105			35 80
RECONCILIATION OF HEADLINE EARNINGS Profit for the year Impairment of investment and goodwill Minority shareholders' share in interest BEE share of super profits (Profit)/loss on sale of property and equipment (Profit)/loss on disposal of operations and subsidiaries	105 620 1 256 2 374 - (254) (7 568)	97 716 1 155 2 374 - 78 (7 568)	7 904 101 - - (332)	67 129 19 112 (1 012) (932) (3 210)
HEADLINE EARNINGS	101 428	93 755	7 673	81 420
HEADLINE EARNINGS PER SHARE Headline earnings per share (cents) Diluted headline earnings per share (cents) Weighted average shares (000's) Diluted weighted average shares (000's)	236,5 233,5 42 882 43 444			195,1 193,4 41 730 42 103

#### **BALANCE SHEET** 31 December 2006

	Reviewed	Addited
	December	December
	2006	2005
	R'000	R'000
ASSETS		
Non-current assets	138 372	119 723
Property and equipment	32 775	34 667
Goodwill	41 525	42 015
Intangible assets	44 218	13 708
Investment in associates	3 189	4 092
Deferred taxation	16 665	25 241
Current assets	511 496	438 307
Trade, other receivables and prepayments	402 404	354 562
Assets classified as held for sale	30 408	-
Taxation prepaid	3 755	8 302
Cash resources	74 929	75 443
Total assets	649 868	558 030
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Capital and reserves	310 785	252 162
Share capital	1 085	1 065
Share premium	57 630	48 679
Treasury shares	(1 010)	(2 127
Minority shareholders' interest	5	2 379
BEE shareholders' interest	77	77
Retained earnings	252 998	202 089
Non-current liabilities	5 010	7 318
Non-interest-bearing non-current liabilities	1 585	5 541
Deferred tax	3 425	1 777
Current liabilities	334 073	298 550
Non-interest-bearing current liabilities	238 211	241 837
Trade and other payables	144 328	169 513
Amounts due to vendor	709	2 187
Provisions	51 944	58 523
Liabilities classified as held for sale	35 119	-
Taxation	6 111	11 614
Interest-bearing current liabilities	95 862	56 713
Bank overdrafts	95 862	56 713
Total equity and liabilities	649 868	558 030
Number of ordinary shares in issue (000's)	43 382	42 614
Net asset value per share (cents)	716	592

#### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the year ended 31 December 2006

1 085	57 630	(1 010)	-		252 998	310 785
_	-	_	_		105 620	105 620
-	-	-	(2 374)	-	2 374	-
-	-	190	-	-	(62 976)	(62 786)
-	-	-	-	-	6 079	6 079
-	-	927	-	-	(188)	739
20	8 951	-	-	-	-	8 971
1 065	48 679	(2 127)	2 379	77	202 089	252 162
R'000	R′000	R′000	R'000	R'000	R′000	R'000
capital	premium	shares	interest	interest	earnings	Total
Share	Share	Treasury	shareholders'	shareholders'	Retained	
			Minority	BEE		
	capital R'000 1 065 20 - - - -	capital         premium           R'000         R'000           1 065         48 679           20         8 951           -         -           -         -           -         -           -         -           -         -           -         -           -         -           -         -           -         -           -         -           -         -	capital R'000         premium R'000         shares R'000           1 065         48 679         (2 127)           20         8 951         -           -         -         927           -         -         -           -         -         190           -         -         -           -         -         -           -         -         -           -         -         -           -         -         -           -         -         -           -         -         -	Share capital premium         Share premium shares         Interest in	Share capital premium         Share shares         Treasury shareholders' interest inter	Share capital premium premium R'000         Share premium shares interest earnings R'000         R'

Note: Share-based payments reserve now included in retained earnings column

# **SEGMENT REPORT**

for the year ended 31 December 2006

	Rev	venue		rating ofit	Oper profit r	ating nargin		oution to		asset lue		isset ng value		bilities ng value	Depre	eciation		litions to PPE
Reviewed	2006 R'000	2005 R'000	2006 R'000	2005 R'000	2006 %	2005 %	2006	2005 %	2006 R'000	2005 R'000	2006 R'000	2005 R'000	2006 R'000	2005 R'000	2006 R'000	2005 R'000	2006 R'000	2005 R'000
Central costs Staffing Discontinued	2 586 280 113 936	2 176 543 183 109	(24 890) 142 613 7 442	(20 834) 126 761 10 480	- 5,5 6,5	- 5,8 5,7	(19,9) 114,0 5,9	(17,9) 108,9 9,0	195 200 127 023 (11 438)	201 220 73 792 (22 850)	318 577 307 610 23 681	282 232 249 124 26 674	123 377 180 587 35 119	81 012 175 332 49 524	1 531 13 799 2 162	1 214 11 506 2 528	106 14 779 1 706	1 413 13 586 3 519
Total	2 700 216	2 359 652	125 165	116 407	4,6	4,9	100,0	100,0	310 785	252 162	649 868	558 030	339 083	305 868	17 492	15 248	16 591	18 518

## Note: Revenue shown above is external revenue

## COMMENTS

The Adcorp Group continues to deliver strong profit growth with headline earnings increasing some 25% to R101,4 million (2005: R81,4 million) whilst headline earnings per share of 236,5 cents for the year ended 31 December 2006 (2005: 195,1 cents) increased some 21,2% compared to last year.

Operating profit of R125,2 million was some 7,5% ahead of the R116,4 million operating profit reported last year whilst earnings per share of 251,8 cents compared to the 156,2 cents reported in the prior year. Earnings per share were affected by the net, non-trading impact of a R7,6 million profit on the disposal of portion of the Group's Marketing Research division (The Customer Equity Company), which was disposed of with effect from 31 December 2006 as well as the Corporate Communications division which was disposed of with effect from 1 March 2006.

Also pleasing to note is that there were once again, strong performances with regard to the Group's two key financial imperatives namely, margin management and cash generation.

With regard to margin management, operating margins for the period decreased slightly compared to the prior year level of 4,9% to the current level of 4,6%. This was mainly due to mix resulting from high growth in lower margin blue collar business. The conversion ratio of cash generated by operating activities to operating profit was 74,9% (2005: 79,6%). R93,8 million cash was generated by operating activities.

During 2006, the decision was taken to focus Adcorp's activities solely in the area of human capital management and to exit the Group's marketing research, public relations and graphic design businesses.

As such, the 2006 financial year was an extremely busy one which involved redefining the Group's span of activities, disposing of non-core businesses and buying replacement, core businesses that will significantly bolster

As a result, Adcorp has positioned itself as a leading provider of both staffing solutions and business process outsourcing whereby our activities are now focused primarily on attracting, retaining and developing appropriate people talent and on optimising our client's business processes and people productivity.

In terms of repositioning the Group accordingly, Adcorp has now successfully disposed of Simeka TWS, Graphicor and Research Surveys, as well as its 25% minority stake in Career Junction (conditional upon signing of agreement). In redeploying the approximately R140 million funds realised through the sale of these businesses, the Group has acquired blue collar staffing businesses, Capital Outsourcing Group (subject to the Competition Commission and shareholders' approval) and Employrite as well as value-added employee benefit solutions business, FMS Marketing Solutions.

The total cost of these acquisitions has been approximately R501 million which will be funded by a combination of cash realised through the sale of non-core businesses, debt and the issue of shares

The profits of Employrite were included in the Group results from December 2006, while FMS Marketing Solutions will be included in the results with effect from 1 January 2007. The results of Capital Outsourcing Group will be included with effect from 1 May 2007 subject to approval of the transaction by the Competition Commission as well as approval by shareholders to issue additional Adcorp shares.

In addition, Adcorp recently announced a broad-based black economic empowerment (BBBEE) transaction that will significantly bolster the empowerment credentials of the Group and will also create an opportunity for all Adcorp employees to share in the Group's financial fortunes. In terms of this new empowerment initiative, the empowerment shareholding structures of the Flexible Staffing division and the disposed Communications division have been unwound thus consolidating all of the Group's empowerment shareholding in the new

Having redefined the Group as detailed above, the decision has also been taken to significantly streamline the senior executive management structure as well as to downsize the board of Adcorp.

Given this repositioning and restructuring, the future prospects for the Adcorp Group have been significantly

The permanent recruitment operations of the Group performed well, other than for a significant one-off contract in 2005, which was not repeated in 2006 and has skewed year-on-year comparison

The recruitment environment in South Africa continues to perform well in line with strong growth of the South African economy. In particular, the demand for staff in the financial services, retail, engineering, telecommunications and public sectors continues to be strong.

The demand for affirmative action candidates is also a major driver in the recruitment industry. As such, the balance in the market has shifted somewhat away from a constraint in new employment positions to a constraint in candidate availability.

The Flexible Staffing operations also had a strong year despite of Quest having a difficult start to the year following various management disruptions including the death of their CEO. The division now provides jobs for approximately 50 000 employees at any point in time with its biggest markets

being the financial services, telecommunications, retail, office support, call centre, technical and semi-skilled

# CONDENSED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Reviewed 31 December 2006 R'000	Audited 31 December 2005 R'000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES  Cash generated by operations before working capital changes (Increase) in working capital	150 383 (56 621)	134 814 (42 097)
Cash generated by operations Net interest paid Taxation paid Net dividend paid	93 762 (852) (34 670) (58 717)	92 717 (1 277) (26 210) (46 996)
Cash retained by operations Cash flows from investing activities Cash flows from financing activities	(477) (46 464) 9 710	18 234 (12 222) 14 062
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents Net cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	(37 231) 18 730	20 074 (1 344)
Net cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	(18 501)	18 730
NOTE TO THE CONDENSED CASH FLOW STATEMENT Cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents included in the cash flow statement comprise the following balance sheet amounts: Cash resources Bank balances included in assets held for sale Bank overdrafts	74 929 2 432 (95 862)	75 443 - (56 713)
	(18 501)	18 730

sectors of the job market. As nearly all of the Group companies contain both permanent and flexible elements it has been decided to combine these divisions for future reporting. In addition under the new structure both permanent and flexible staffing will report to the same director.

The Group is currently developing a new Microsoft Dynamics AX ERP system which will be implemented during 2007. The upgrade has been necessitated by the rapid growth and changing nature of the Flexible Staffing businesses, the age and complexity of the existing systems as well as the need for timely, relevant operational information given the strong focus on margin management and the untapped potential that can be achieved by focusing on operational excellence.

#### **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Adcorp prepares its accounts in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. The accounting policies are consistent with the prior year annual financial statements with the exception of the capitalisation of borrowing costs. Borrowing costs of R1,6 million related to the Dynamics AX ERP system were capitalised This financial report is prepared in accordance with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting.

The Group performed well with headline earnings per share up 21,2% compared with the same period last year. Earnings per share of 251,8 cents (2005: 156,2 cents) increased by 61,2% which was primarily the result of impairments in 2006 being R18,0 million lower than in 2005. Added to this was the profit on disposal of businesses in the current year amounting to R7,6 million.

The operating margin percentage decreased from 4,9% in 2005 to 4,6% in the current year which was largely due to an increase of R3,45 million in non-cash flow IFRS adjustments. If these adjustments were excluded the margin would have been 4,8% which is very much in line with 2005 and is a good result given that the growth experienced in 2006 was spearheaded by the blue collar market sector which typically carries lower margins.

In the balance sheet the assets and liabilities shown as being held for sale are in respect of Research Surveys, as the sale of this business is only effective in 2007, although its associate. The Customer Equity Company was sold in December 2006. The increase in intangible assets to R44,2 million (2005: R13,7 million) was mainly attributable to capital expenditure on the new Dynamics AX ERP system as well as intangibles identified in the Employrite acquisition.

During the 2006 year the Group utilised net cash resources totalling R37,2 million driven mainly by the cash payment for the Employrite acquisition amounting to R38 million. Debtors days moved out to 36 days (2005: 33 days) which has contributed to the increase in working capital of R56,6 million. The collection of debtors emains very much an area of focus.

## CHANGE IN YEAR-END

Given the significant changes to the Group structure as reported and given the fact that the Group's largest activity involves the contracting and administration of a significant number of individuals who are tax assessed according to a tax year that ends in February each year, the decision has been taken to change the company's financial vear-end to February.

As such, the financial results presented for the ensuing financial period will be for a 14-month period commencing on 1 January 2007 and ending on 29 February 2008, Interim results for this period will be disclosed for the eightmonth period ending 31 August 2007.

## POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

- Various events have taken place since 31 December 2006 a summary of which appears below: - Acquisition of FMS Marketing Solutions (Pty) Limited for R225 million - effective from 1 January 2007
- The 25% empowerment shareholding in Adcorp Flexible Staffing Solutions previously owned by a consortium comprising the Black Management Forum Investment Company Limited, Zungu Investment Company (Pty) Limited and Vunani Capital Holdings (Pty) Limited was re-acquired by Adcorp in January 2007 for an amount of
- Conditional purchase of Capital Outsourcing Group (Pty) Limited for R238 million - Disposal of Research Surveys for R57,6 million - effective from 1 January 2007
- Conditional disposal of Adcorp's 25% shareholding in Career Junction (Pty) Limited for R53,9 million
- New BBBEE shareholding transaction proposed
- Restructuring of Adcorp's board of directors following the new proposed BBBEE transaction LITIGATION

Kelly Group (SA) (Pty) Limited ("Kelly") has served a joint summons on Adcorp and other parties amounting to R40,5 million following the acquisition by Adcorp of FMS Marketing Solutions (Pty) Limited. The summons relates to Kelly's lack of success in pursuing the same acquisition opportunity. Adcorp has obtained a legal opinion on the matter which suggests that Kelly's claim is without any substance. As such Adcorp and the other parties are

Given the significant repositioning and restructuring of the Adcorp Group that has taken place over the past 12 months, the focus of management is now to consolidate and integrate the new acquisitions and

Although significantly bigger than before, the Group is now far more focused than ever in a high growth industry with fewer reporting entities and a simpler, streamlined management structure

Based on this strong positioning together with the prospect of a far greater BBBEE profile, 2007 should be both a successful and exciting year for the Adcorp Group.

## DECLARATION OF FINAL DIVIDEND

Notice is hereby given that a final dividend of 126 cents per share (2005: 105 cents per share) was declared on 7 March 2007 payable to shareholders recorded in the register of the company at the close of business on the record date appearing below. The salient dates pertaining to the final dividend are as follows:

Last day to trade cum final dividend First day to trade ex final dividend Monday, 9 July 2007 Friday, 13 July 2007 Record date

No share certificates may be dematerialised or rematerialised between Monday, 9 July and Friday, 13 July, 2007 both days inclusive.

Dividend cheques will be posted and electronic payments made, where applicable, to certificated shareholders on the payment date. Dematerialised shareholders will have their account with Central Securities Depository

Participant or broker credited on the payment date. **REVIEW OF RESULTS** 

Sponsor

The results have been reviewed by the independent auditors, Deloitte & Touche. A copy of their unmodified review report is available for inspection at the registered office of the company, 28 Sloane Street, Bryanston. By order of the board

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