

Dis-Chem Pharmacies Limited
(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)
(Registration number 2005/009766/06)
JSE share code: DCP ISIN: ZAE000227831
(“Dis-Chem” or “the Company” or “the Group”)

TRADING STATEMENT

In terms of the Listings Requirements of the JSE Limited (“JSE”), a company is required to issue a trading statement once it is satisfied that a reasonable degree of certainty exists that the financial results for the period to be reported upon will differ by at least 20% from the financial results for the previous corresponding period.

Accordingly, shareholders are advised that in respect of the twelve months ended 28 February 2022, the Company is expecting to announce earnings per share (“EPS”) and headline earnings per share (“HEPS”) of between 96.9c and 100.8c. This is an increase of between 24.5% and 29.5% compared to the published FY2021 EPS and HEPS number of 77.8c.

Rands (‘000)	FY2022e	FY2021a	% change
Profit before tax	1 204-1 252	941	28.0-33.0
Taxation	(334)-(347)	(253)	32.0-37.0
Profit after tax	874-908	688	27.0-32.0

Cents per share	FY2022e	FY2021a	% change
EPS	96.9c-100.8c	77.8c	24.5-29.5
HEPS	96.9c-100.8c	77.8c	24.5-29.5

The Group is pleased with the performance of its businesses considering the constrained consumer environment, the challenges that were posed by the pandemic as well as the civil unrest that was experienced in July 2021. The successful integration of recent acquisitions as well as the continued focus on Return on Invested Capital (ROIC) has driven cash generated from operations ahead of strong profitability growth and positions the Group well to take advantage of its longer term strategic initiatives.

The unrest had a minor impact on the Group’s HEPS. The Group was adequately insured and expects a final payment of approximately R23.4 million from the South African Special Risks Insurance Association (“SASRIA”) in FY2023.

The financial information contained in this announcement has not been audited, reviewed or reported on by the Group’s external auditors.

Dis-Chem will release its results for the twelve months ended 28 February 2022 on 23 May 2022. There will be a webcast at 10:00 am which can be accessed using the following link: <https://www.corpcam.com/Dischem2302022>. The slides accompanying the presentation will be available on the Group’s Investor Relations website in the Investors section at www.dischemgroup.com shortly before the commencement of the presentation. A playback of the webcast will be available approximately two hours after the presentation.

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