

CLARIFICATION NOTE ON TRADING STATEMENT

Further to the trading statement released on SENS on 31 January 2018 ("Trading Statement") and in response to investor requests for clarification, Ascendis has decided to clarify the methodology used to calculate Normalised headline earnings and Normalised headline earnings per share ("NHEPS") since an adjustment has been made to the methodology as reported on in previous financial reporting periods ("Previous Methodology").

Normalised headline earnings and NHEPS have been restated to no longer add back notional interest on deferred vendor liabilities. Even though the interest will not result in any cash flow to the vendors, management has elected to adopt a more conservative approach going forward. The Company confirms that this change in methodology has no impact on Basic earnings and Headline earnings as the notional interest continues to be expensed in terms of International Financial Reporting Standards.

The following table outlines the earnings ranges for Normalised headline earnings and NHEPS anticipated relative to the comparative period for both the Previous Methodology (for comparative purposes) as well as the updated more conservative methodology as reported on in the Trading Statement ("New Methodology"):

Continuing Operations	6 months ended 31 December 2017	6 months ended 31 December 2016	% increase/ (decrease)
New Methodology			
Normalised headline earnings	R329m – R365m	R294m	12% – 24%
Normalised headline earnings per share ("NHEPS")	74 – 78 cents	71 cents	4% - 10%
Previous Methodology			
Normalised headline earnings	R349m – R388m	R313m	12% - 24%
Normalised headline earnings per share ("NHEPS")	79 – 83 cents	76 cents	4% - 9%

Total Operations	6 months ended 31 December 2017	6 months ended 31 December 2016	% increase/ (decrease)
New Methodology			
Normalised headline earnings	R300m – R335m	R291m	3% - 15%
Normalised headline earnings per share ("NHEPS")	67 – 72 cents	70 cents	(5%) – 3%
Previous Methodology			
Normalised headline earnings	R320m – R357m	R310m	3% - 15%
Normalised headline earnings per share ("NHEPS")	71 – 77 cents	75 cents	(5%) – 3%

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