

**22 June 2009**  
Acquired BESA

**up 7%**  
Revenue from operations

**6% rise**  
Basic earnings per share

**February 2009**  
Launched Africa Board



## Reviewed condensed consolidated interim results for the six months ended 30 June 2009

### Commentary

Unless otherwise indicated, all comparatives refer to the six months ended 30 June 2008.

#### Introduction

The uncertainty that prevailed on world markets during much of 2008 has been felt also in H1 2009, though as the interim period progressed, sentiment about the stability of world financial systems started to improve, drawing investors back to exchanges. The JSE Limited's (JSE) risk management and operational systems have weathered the turbulence of the period.

JSE revenues are largely dependent on the volumes of equities trades on the exchange. The volatile conditions in the first half of 2009, combined with increased foreign investment in South African equities, boosted trading volumes and therefore revenues. However, there was a significant fall in volumes of derivatives contracts traded (off a high base). Group revenue climbed 7% to R544,5m (June 2008: R508,8m) during the period. This increase in revenue, combined with tightly controlled fixed costs, led to a 9% increase in profit before net financing income to R206,1m (June 2008: R188,8m).

#### Review of operations

In the six months to end-June 2009, the JSE focused on product and target market development (including the launch of new derivative products and the conclusion of the acquisition of the Bond Exchange of South Africa Limited (BESA)); client service delivery (information technology development and upgrades; liaison with market participants and issuers); fine-tuning of strong risk management systems; and maintaining control of costs. During the period, the JSE:

- Grew the number of trades in spot equities by 31% to 9,96m (2008: 7,62m);
- Kept costs low despite the continuous increase in product numbers and sophistication – see Financial review;
- Focused on growing the retail market through educational initiatives and the development of services and instruments specifically for this market;
- In response to client demand for rand-denominated exposure to well-known companies listed offshore, launched an innovative series of derivatives on large foreign companies;
- Encouraged institutions to reduce risks by bringing exposure to derivatives on-exchange, using Can-Do instruments;
- Launched the cash-settled Chicago Corn futures contract under licence from the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) Group on 27 January 2009;
- Bedded down the new derivatives trading and clearing systems implemented late last year;
- Almost doubled the number of currency derivatives contracts traded (on the previous period);
- Launched the Africa Board and listed Trustco Ltd from the Namibian Stock Exchange as its first counter, as part of the JSE's strategy to promote the growth of African capital markets;
- Met first half technology targets following the bolstering of the JSE's inhouse IT team during 2008.

#### Impact of BESA acquisition

The highlight of the period was the JSE's acquisition of BESA through a Scheme of Arrangement which was finalised in June 2009. As a consequence, on 22 June 2009 the JSE acquired 100% of the shares and voting interests in BESA.

BESA's market operations have been merged with the JSE's existing Yield-X division to form a new interest rate division, which is focused on running the JSE's now combined interest rate products and developing a fresh interest rate strategy for the South African fixed-income market. The strategy will be finalised in consultation with market participants in due course. BESA's operating activities and personnel have also been integrated into the JSE.

The JSE anticipates that the transaction – and the combined expertise of the BESA and JSE staff – will yield real benefits for market participants. These are expected to include economies of scale due to increased use of infrastructure, an increased range of spot and derivative interest rate products, enhanced liquidity and market volumes and improved, common risk management processes.

#### Accounting treatment of BESA acquisition

For the period to 1 January 2009 to 21 June 2009, BESA operated as an independent entity and reported a loss of R3,3m.

For the period 22 to 30 June 2009, the BESA Group results were consolidated into JSE Group results and contributed revenue and other income of R1,3m and a net loss of R0,7m. The JSE incurred acquisition-related costs of R4,2m (2008: R2,1m) relating to external legal and consultation fees. These costs have been included in other expenses in the Group's consolidated statement of comprehensive income. The revenue attributable to the BESA Group for this period is contained in the "interest rate market" line in the JSE Group's consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

If the acquisition had occurred on 1 January 2009, management estimates that BESA would have contributed R30,3m to the JSE's consolidated revenue and its contribution to profit for the period would have been a loss of R4m. In determining these amounts, management has assumed that the fair value adjustments, determined provisionally, that rose on the date of acquisition would have been the same if the acquisition had occurred on 1 January 2009. With effect from 1 July 2009, the core BESA business (and the exchange licence granted by the FSB) has been transferred out of BESA Limited into the JSE. The assets and liabilities, and associated revenues and expenditures, in respect of BESA Limited's core business have been allocated to the appropriate business units within the JSE.

The accounting treatment of the transaction is laid out more fully in note 4 to the interim financial statements.

#### Changes to the Board of directors

As a result of the JSE acquisition of BESA, BESA chairman Nonkululeko Nyembezi-Heita joined the JSE Board with Jonathan Berman, also a former non-executive BESA director, as her alternate with effect from 24 June 2009. We are delighted to have them as part of the JSE Board of directors. The JSE wishes to thank all outgoing BESA Board members for their long standing commitment to BESA and their engagement with the JSE during the transaction.

#### Financial review

Revenue increased by 7% to R544,5m during the six months to end-June 2009 (2008: R508,8m), mainly as a consequence of volatile market conditions and renewed foreign interest in our cash equities market, compensating for the decreases in revenues of 20,9% and 18,7% from equities and commodities derivatives trade respectively.

During H1 2009, personnel expenses rose by 28,5% mainly due to the impact of re-insourcing the operation and development of the JSE's IT system after ending an outsource arrangement, resulting in a 27% increase in headcount. This process has progressed satisfactorily.

Other expenses decreased by 6% due mainly to saving outsource expense (previously reflected in computer costs) as well as the charges relating to the broad-based BEE scheme having been finally expensed in H1 2008. By combining the two expense items of

Personnel and Other Expenses, it will be seen that total expenses increased by only 5%.

The effective tax rate fell to 34% (2008: 36%) during the period to June 2009, due to the conclusion of the charges relating to the broad-based BEE scheme in the previous equivalent period.

The improved revenue and controlled spending raised net profit after tax by 6%.

In the period from 1 January 2009 to 30 June 2009, the JSE has invested R17,7m in property and equipment and R155,7m in intangible assets. Goodwill/intangible assets from the BESA acquisition, with a combined value of R119,0m, have been provisionally analysed and allocated. This valuation is underway and we are aiming to finalise it before year-end.

Trade and other receivables are well controlled, despite growth in revenue. Net asset value is up 16% compared with the equivalent period last year.

#### Capital structure and dividend policy

After paying out R240,6m to the shareholders of BESA for their shares in the business and the acquisition of the BESA Guarantee Fund Trust, as well as payment of R163,5m in dividends to our shareholders, the JSE Group has long-term borrowings of R10m (arising from the consolidation of the BESA's pre acquisition obligations) and R841,6m in cash reserves (2008: R836,6m).

The Board is satisfied that we have sufficient cash reserves based on our current strategy of setting aside sufficient cash to fund four months of operations, guarantee all on-market equities trades and fund investment requirements.

The JSE's dividend policy is to maintain an earnings-based dividend cover of between 1,5 and 2,5 times. The Board has not declared an interim dividend as it is our policy to only consider one annual dividend at the end of each financial year.

#### Prospects

As a significant portion of revenue is dependent on the level of trades on the Exchange, the JSE is not able to predict future profits. There is no guarantee that first half trading volumes will be sustained throughout 2009.

The JSE will continue to focus on increasing liquidity and improving market competitiveness. In the equity derivatives market, the exchange will work with clients who previously traded off-exchange but who now want to trade on-exchange to manage risk. Moreover, new products planned for the second half in cash and derivatives markets should provide trading volume in the medium term. In September, rand-denominated contracts in platinum, gold and oil will be launched under licence from CBOT.

The transaction with BESA having been concluded, the JSE will also focus on making real progress with growing the combined interest rate markets and delivering the intended benefits of the merger. We are also continually striving to grow the exchange's other markets and revenue streams.

The JSE remains committed to delivering value to issuers and investors. Our focus is on consistent work to build a sustainable business model, with depth and breadth. The Board is optimistic that this should be achieved through the strategic objectives discussed above, combined with the strength of JSE regulation and the quality of our service.

For and on behalf of the Board

HJ Borkum  
Chairman

18 August 2009

RM Louber  
Chief Executive Officer

### Condensed consolidated interim statement of comprehensive income for the six months ended 30 June 2009

	JSE Group			Investor Protection Funds*		
	Six months ended	Year ended	Year ended	Six months ended	Year ended	Year ended
	30 June 2009 (reviewed) R'000	30 June 2008 (reviewed) R'000	31 December 2008 (audited) R'000	30 June 2009 (reviewed) R'000	30 June 2008 (reviewed) R'000	31 December 2008 (audited) R'000
Revenue	544 515	508 812	1 071 570	55	5 064	9 074
Other income	8 583	10 811	39 805	4 110	5 064	9 074
Personnel expenses	(129 272)	(100 615)	(238 565)	–	–	–
Other expenses	(217 270)	(230 227)	(484 281)	(6 453)	(5 626)	(20 588)
<b>Profit/(loss) before net financing income</b>	<b>206 106</b>	<b>188 781</b>	<b>388 529</b>	<b>(2 288)</b>	<b>(562)</b>	<b>(11 514)</b>
Interest received	736 322	1 087 791	2 202 351	2 400	2 890	5 926
Interest paid	(677 789)	(1 023 863)	(2 067 408)	–	–	–
<b>Net financing income</b>	<b>58 533</b>	<b>63 928</b>	<b>134 943</b>	<b>2 400</b>	<b>2 890</b>	<b>5 926</b>
Share of profit of equity accounted investees (net of income tax)	13 223	16 615	31 017	–	–	–
<b>Profit/(loss) before income tax</b>	<b>277 862</b>	<b>269 324</b>	<b>554 489</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>2 328</b>	<b>(5 588)</b>
Income tax expense	(94 321)	(96 690)	(180 132)	–	–	–
<b>Profit/(loss) for the period</b>	<b>183 541</b>	<b>172 634</b>	<b>374 357</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>2 328</b>	<b>(5 588)</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>						
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets	1 474	(1 979)	(33 721)	1 474	(1 979)	(33 721)
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets transferred to profit or loss	(1 221)	(3 176)	(3 388)	(1 221)	(3 176)	(3 388)
<b>Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the period, net of income tax</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>(5 155)</b>	<b>(37 109)</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>(5 155)</b>	<b>(37 109)</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period</b>	<b>183 794</b>	<b>167 479</b>	<b>337 248</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>(2 827)</b>	<b>(42 697)</b>
<b>Profit/(loss) attributable to:</b>						
Owners of the Company	183 539	172 634	374 357	112	2 328	(5 588)
Non-controlling interest	2	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Profit/(loss) for the period</b>	<b>183 541</b>	<b>172 634</b>	<b>374 357</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>2 328</b>	<b>(5 588)</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to:</b>						
Owners of the Company	183 792	167 479	337 248	365	(2 827)	(42 697)
Non-controlling interest	2	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period</b>	<b>183 794</b>	<b>167 479</b>	<b>337 248</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>(2 827)</b>	<b>(42 697)</b>
<b>Earnings per share</b>						
Basic earnings/(loss) per share (cents)	215,6	202,8	439,7	0,1	2,7	(6,6)
Diluted earnings/(loss) per share (cents)	212,5	200,5	434,0	0,7	2,7	(6,5)

\* Investor Protection Funds comprises the JSE Guarantee Fund Trust, JSE Derivatives Fidelity Fund Trust and BESA Guarantee Fund Trust (the "Trusts"). The JSE maintains these Trusts for investor protection purposes as required under the Securities Services Act 36, of 2004. The JSE is required to consolidate the Trusts into the results of the Group in terms of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). However, as these Trusts are legally separate from the JSE, neither the JSE nor its shareholders have any right to the net assets of these Trusts. For enhanced understanding, the Trusts have been shown separately (before intercompany adjustments), although, for compliance with IFRS, the results form part of the Group financial statements.

### Condensed consolidated interim statement of financial position as at 30 June 2009

	JSE Group			Investor Protection Funds		
	As at	As at	As at	As at	As at	As at
	30 June 2009 (reviewed) R'000	30 June 2008 (reviewed) R'000	31 December 2008 (audited) R'000	30 June 2009 (reviewed) R'000	30 June 2008 (reviewed) R'000	31 December 2008 (audited) R'000
<b>Assets</b>						
<b>Non-current assets</b>	<b>802 548</b>	<b>641 280</b>	<b>656 823</b>	<b>191 674</b>	<b>217 551</b>	<b>194 021</b>
Property and equipment	90 672	77 476	84 115	–	–	–
Intangible assets	378 138	210 796	232 763	–	–	–
Investments in equity accounted investees	78 163	68 244	82 647	–	–	–
Other investments	191 677	217 555	194 025	191 674	217 551	194 021
Derivative financial instruments	3 069	14 625	5 619	–	–	–
Deferred taxation	60 829	52 584	57 654	–	–	–
<b>Current assets</b>	<b>14 967 542</b>	<b>20 459 456</b>	<b>15 933 536</b>	<b>132 909</b>	<b>50 141</b>	<b>34 109</b>
Trade and other receivables	162 377	232 950	204 104	449	402	3 443
Income tax receivable	27 972	–	15 978	–	–	–
Margin and collateral deposits	13 955 414	19 389 881	14 827 113	–	–	–
Cash and cash equivalents	841 779	836 625	946 341	132 460	49 739	30 666
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>15 790 090</b>	<b>21 100 736</b>	<b>16 650 359</b>	<b>324 583</b>	<b>267 692</b>	<b>228 130</b>
<b>Equity and liabilities</b>						
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>1 395 436</b>	<b>1 203 723</b>	<b>1 373 492</b>	<b>323 367</b>	<b>267 367</b>	<b>227 497</b>
<b>Total equity attributable to equity holders of the Company</b>	<b>1 393 815</b>	<b>1 203 723</b>	<b>1 373 492</b>	<b>323 367</b>	<b>267 367</b>	<b>227 497</b>
<b>Non-controlling interest</b>	<b>1 621</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>	<b>216 008</b>	<b>177 133</b>	<b>188 619</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
Finance lease	1 459	801	2 402	–	–	–
Employee benefits	57 046	45 156	51 336	–	–	–
Deferred taxation	25 252	10 650	11 972	–	–	–
Operating lease liability	73 455	77 887	75 767	–	–	–
Investor Protection Levy	47 811	41 750	46 200	–	–	–
Loans and borrowings	10 000	–	–	–	–	–
Due to SAFEX members	985	889	942	–	–	–
<b>Current liabilities</b>	<b>14 178 646</b>	<b>19 719 880</b>	<b>15 088 248</b>	<b>1 216</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>633</b>
Trade and other payables	178 312	286 572	208 031	1 216	325	633
Employee benefits	40 076	38 762	50 071	–	–	–
Income tax payable	–	3 384	–	–	–	–
Operating lease liability	4 844	1 281	3 033	–	–	–
Margin and collateral deposits	13 955 414	19 389 881	14 827 113	–	–	–
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>15 790 090</b>	<b>21 100 736</b>	<b>16 650 359</b>	<b>324 583</b>	<b>267 692</b>	<b>228 130</b>

### Condensed consolidated interim statement of cash flows for the six months ended 30 June 2009

	JSE Group			Investor Protection Funds		
	Six months ended	Year ended	Year ended	Six months ended	Year ended	Year ended
	30 June 2009 (reviewed) R'000	30 June 2008 (reviewed) R'000	31 December 2008 (audited) R'000	30 June 2009 (reviewed) R'000	30 June 2008 (reviewed) R'000	31 December 2008 (audited) R'000
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>	<b>185 965</b>	<b>300 213</b>	<b>489 244</b>	<b>3 727</b>	<b>5 271</b>	<b>4 220</b>
<b>Net cash (outflow)/inflow from investing activities</b>	<b>(127 041)</b>	<b>(84 465)</b>	<b>(163 783)</b>	<b>98 067</b>	<b>4 114</b>	<b>(13 908)</b>
<b>Net cash outflow from financing activities</b>	<b>(163 486)</b>	<b>(143 668)</b>	<b>(143 665)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(104 562)	72 080	181 796	101 794	9 385	(9 688)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	946 341	764 545	764 545	30 666	40 354	40 354
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>841 779</b>	<b>836 625</b>	<b>946 341</b>	<b>132 460</b>	<b>49 739</b>	<b>30 666</b>

### Condensed consolidated interim statement of changes in equity for the six months ended 30 June 2009

	Share capital		Non-distributable reserve R'000	Attributable to equity holders of the Company					
	R'000	R'000		BBBEE reserve R'000	Retained earnings R'000	Non-controlling interest R'000	Total Exchange and subsidiaries R'000	Investor Protection Funds R'000	Total Group equity R'000
Balance at 31 December 2007 (audited)	8 514	162 779	10 058	127 371	529 762	–	838 484	270 194	1 108 678
Total comprehensive income for the period	–	–	–	–	170 306	–	170 306	(2 827)	167 479
Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity	–	–	–	38 132	(110 566)	–	(72 434)	–	(72 434)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2008 (reviewed)</b>	<b>8 514</b>	<b>162 779</b>	<b>10 058</b>	<b>165 503</b>	<b>589 502</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>936 356</b>	<b>267 367</b>	<b>1 203 723</b>
Balance at 31 December 2007 (audited)	8 514	162 779	10 058	127 371	529 762	–	838 484	270 194	1 108 678
Total comprehensive income for the period	–	–	–	–	379 945	–	379 945	(42 697)	337 248
Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity	–	–	–	38 132	(110 566)	–	(72 434)	–	(72 434)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2008 (audited)</b>	<b>8 514</b>	<b>162 779</b>	<b>10 058</b>	<b>165 503</b>	<b>799 141</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>1 145 995</b>	<b>227 497</b>	<b>1 373 492</b>
Total comprehensive income for the period	–	–	–	–	183 427	2	183 429	365	183 794
Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity	–	–	–	(4 469)	(159 000)	–	(163 469)	–	(163 469)
Non-controlling interest in BESA Group	–	–	–	–	–	1 619	1 619	–	1 619
Transfer to the BESA Guarantee Fund Trust*	–	–	–	–	–	–	(95 505)	95 505	–
<b>Balance at 30 June 2009 (reviewed)</b>	<b>8 514</b>	<b>162 779</b>	<b>10 058</b>	<b>161 034</b>	<b>728 063</b>	<b>1 621</b>	<b>1 072 069</b>	<b>323 367</b>	<b>1 395 436</b>

\* The transfer represents the isolation in the BESA Guarantee Fund Trust of the value on acquisition by the JSE of that fund.

### Notes to the condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2009

#### 1. Basis of preparation and accounting policies\*

JSE Limited (the "Company") is a company domiciled in the Republic of South Africa. The consolidated interim financial statements of the Company as at and for the six months ended 30 June 2009 comprise the Company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as "the Group") and the Group's interests in associates and jointly controlled entities.

Except for the adoption of new and revised accounting standards, the JSE Limited's principal accounting policies