
REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT TO LIBERTY ON THE PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF SCHEME PARTICIPANTS

To the Directors of Liberty Holdings Limited

Report on the Assurance Engagement on the Compilation of Pro Forma Financial Information included in a Circular

We have completed our assurance engagement to report on the compilation of the *pro forma* financial information of Liberty Holdings Limited (the “Company” or “Liberty”) shareholders participating in the scheme (“Scheme Participants”) by the directors. The *pro forma* financial information, as set out in paragraph 19.7 of the Circular, consists of the *pro forma* financial effects and related notes for the six months ended 30 June 2021 on Scheme Participants (the “Pro Forma Financial Information”). The applicable criteria on the basis of which the directors have compiled the Pro Forma Financial Information are specified in the JSE Limited (JSE) Listings Requirements and described in paragraph 19.7 of the Circular.

The *pro forma* financial information has been compiled by the directors to illustrate the impact of the scheme of arrangement between Liberty and its eligible shareholders. As part of this process, information about the Company’s financial position and financial performance has been extracted by the directors from the Company’s interim financial results for the six months ended 30 June 2021, which is unaudited.

Directors’ responsibility

The directors of the Company are responsible for compiling the *pro forma* financial information on the basis of the applicable criteria specified in the JSE Listings Requirements and described in paragraph 19.7 of the Circular.

Our independence and quality control

We have complied with the independence and other ethical requirements of the *Code of Professional Conduct for Registered Auditors*, issued by the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors’ (IRBA Code), which is founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour. The IRBA Code is consistent with the corresponding sections of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants’ *International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards)*.

The firm applies International Standard on Quality Control 1 and, accordingly, maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Reporting accountant’s responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion about whether the *pro forma* financial information has been compiled, in all material respects, by the directors on the basis of the applicable criteria specified in the JSE Listings Requirements and described in paragraph 19.7 of the Circular based on our procedures performed.

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3420, *Assurance Engagements to Report on the Compilation of Pro Forma Financial Information Included in a Prospectus* issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

This standard requires that we plan and perform our procedures to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the *pro forma* financial information has been compiled, in all material respects, on the basis specified in the JSE Listings Requirements.

For purposes of this engagement, we are not responsible for updating or reissuing any reports or opinions on any historical financial information used in compiling the *pro forma* financial information, nor have we, in the course of this engagement, performed an audit or review of the financial information used in compiling the *pro forma* financial information.

The purpose of *pro forma* financial information is solely to illustrate the impact of a significant event or transaction on unadjusted financial information of the company as if the event had occurred or the transaction had been undertaken at an earlier date selected for purposes of the illustration. Accordingly, we do not provide any assurance that the actual outcome of the event or transaction would have been as presented.

A reasonable assurance engagement to report on whether the *pro forma* financial information has been compiled, in all material respects, on the basis of the applicable criteria involves performing procedures to assess whether the applicable criteria used by the directors in the compilation of the *pro forma* financial information provide a reasonable basis for presenting the significant effects directly attributable to the event or transaction, and to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence about whether:

- The related *pro forma* adjustments give appropriate effect to those criteria; and
- The *pro forma* financial information reflects the proper application of those adjustments to the unadjusted financial information.

The procedures selected depend on our judgment, having regard to our understanding of the nature of the Company, the event or transaction in respect of which the *pro forma* financial information has been compiled, and other relevant engagement circumstances.

Our engagement also involves evaluating the overall presentation of the *pro forma* financial information.

We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the *pro forma* financial information has been compiled, in all material respects, on the basis of the applicable criteria specified by the JSE Listings Requirements and described in paragraph 19.7 of the Circular.

Restriction on use

This Report has been prepared for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of the JSE Listings Requirements, and for no other purpose.

PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc.

Director: F.J. Kruger
Registered Auditor
Johannesburg, South Africa
7 September 2021