



**Capricorn Group Limited**  
**(previously Capricorn Investment Group Limited)**  
**(Incorporated in the Republic of Namibia)**  
**(Date of Registration: 5 September 1996)**  
**(Registration Number: 96/300)**  
**Share code: CGP ISIN: NA000A1T6SV9**  
**("Capricorn Group")**

## **TRADING STATEMENT**

In terms of the Listing Requirements of the Namibian Stock Exchange, companies are required to publish a trading statement as soon as they become aware that the financial results for the period to be reported on next will be significantly different from those of the previous corresponding period, or when results are, in the issuer's view, price sensitive and important enough to be made the subject of a trading update.

Capricorn Group anticipates profit after tax from continued operations for the period ended 31 December 2020 to decrease by between 17% and 22% compared to the prior period, while profit after tax including discontinued operations is expected to decrease by between 20% and 25%. The reduction is mainly attributable to lower interest margins as a result of the unprecedented interest rate cuts by central banks in Namibia and Botswana and higher impairment charges.

Both the reduced interest margins and the higher impairment charge for the period under review are largely due to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Lockdowns and other restrictions were only imposed in Namibia and Botswana from March 2020 onwards. The comparative six-month period ended 31 December 2019 was therefore not affected by COVID-19, while the results for the six-month period to 31 December 2020 reflects the full economic impact of the pandemic.

As a result of the abovementioned, headline earnings and earnings per share for the period ended 31 December 2020 are expected to be lower than the prior year by between 22% and 27%.

This trading statement has not been reviewed or reported on by the Capricorn Group external auditors. The results for the period ended 31 December 2020 are expected to be published on or about 25 February 2021.

By order of the Board  
Windhoek  
16 February 2021

### **Sponsor**



PSG Wealth Management (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd  
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