Interim Results for 6 months ended August 2008

Highlights

- First interim results following acquisitions (2 April 2008)
  - Diesel Power; Buildco group of companies
- Integration of Diesel Power and Buildco
- Successful capital raising April 2008 – raised ± R300 million
- Post-period Brait acquisition of 24% of Buildmax
  - acquisition of existing shares and R200 million issue of new shares
- Diesel Power (one of the most respected names in opencast coal mining in SA) and Vukuza Earth Works trading exceptionally well
- Buildmax's *Mining Services* continues benefitting from demand for coal locally and internationally
- Buildmax's *Construction Materials* repositioned to target infrastructure spend – new product mix

Financial Highlights

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+ 38%	Revenue to R755 million
+ 91%	EBITDA to R231 million
+ 69%	PBT to R131 million
+ 64%	HEPS to 11.8 cents
23%	Operating margin

Financial Highlights

↑	Number of shares in issue 907 million
↑	Order book R5 billion
↑	Cash generated from operations R209.2 million

Brait transaction

Salient features

- Brait subscribed for 133,3 million shares at aggregate price of R200 million
  - Subscription price of R1.50 per share represents 36% premium to 30 day VWAP
- Agreement entered into 24 October 2008, completed 19 November 2008
- Brait also entered agreements to acquire a further 120 million shares from existing shareholders at R1.10 per share
  - None of Vuwa Investments Group, Westbrooke, Interactive Capital, Paul de Klerk, Herman Fourie or Mike Watson sold any shares in terms of these transactions
- Brait is a public shareholder* and subscription shares will be issued in terms of general authority to issue shares
- Capital raised will be used primarily to reduce debt and pursue new business opportunities including acquiring capital equipment
- Partnership will enable Buildmax to pursue organic and acquisitive opportunities

as defined in JSE Listings Requirements

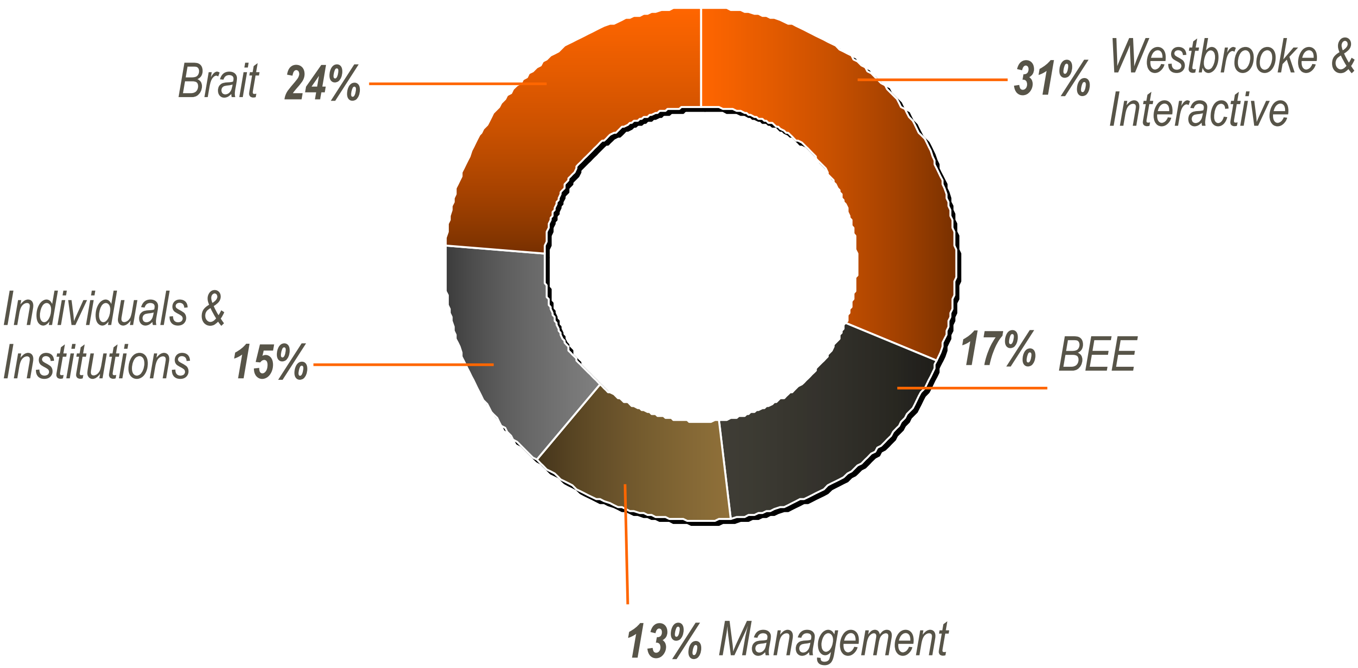
Financial effects

		Before issue	After issue	% change
Earnings per share	cents	12.6	11.9	(5.0%)
Headline earnings per share	cents	11.8	11.2	(5.6%)
Net asset value per share	cents	181.1	177.2	(2.2%)
Tangible net asset value per share	cents	46.0	59.4	28.9%

NOTES

- The pro forma financial effects are unaudited and have been prepared for illustrative purposes only.
- The figures set out in the before column have been extracted from the unaudited interim results for the six months ended 31 August 2008.
- The issue of the subscription shares is assumed to have been implemented on 1 March 2008.
- They have not been reviewed by the auditors.

Shareholding post subscription by Brait



Black Economic Empowerment

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- Vuwa Investments Group holds 15% of Buildmax
- Vuwa Investments Group is led by Bulelani Ngcuka
  - Chairman of Basil Read and Top Fix
  - Non-executive director of Transnet, Growthpoint, Mutual & Federal, City Lodge
- Retail BEE investors hold 2% of Buildmax

Total direct black equity holding in Buildmax totals 15%

BBBEE in subsidiary companies satisfies Mining Charter requirements

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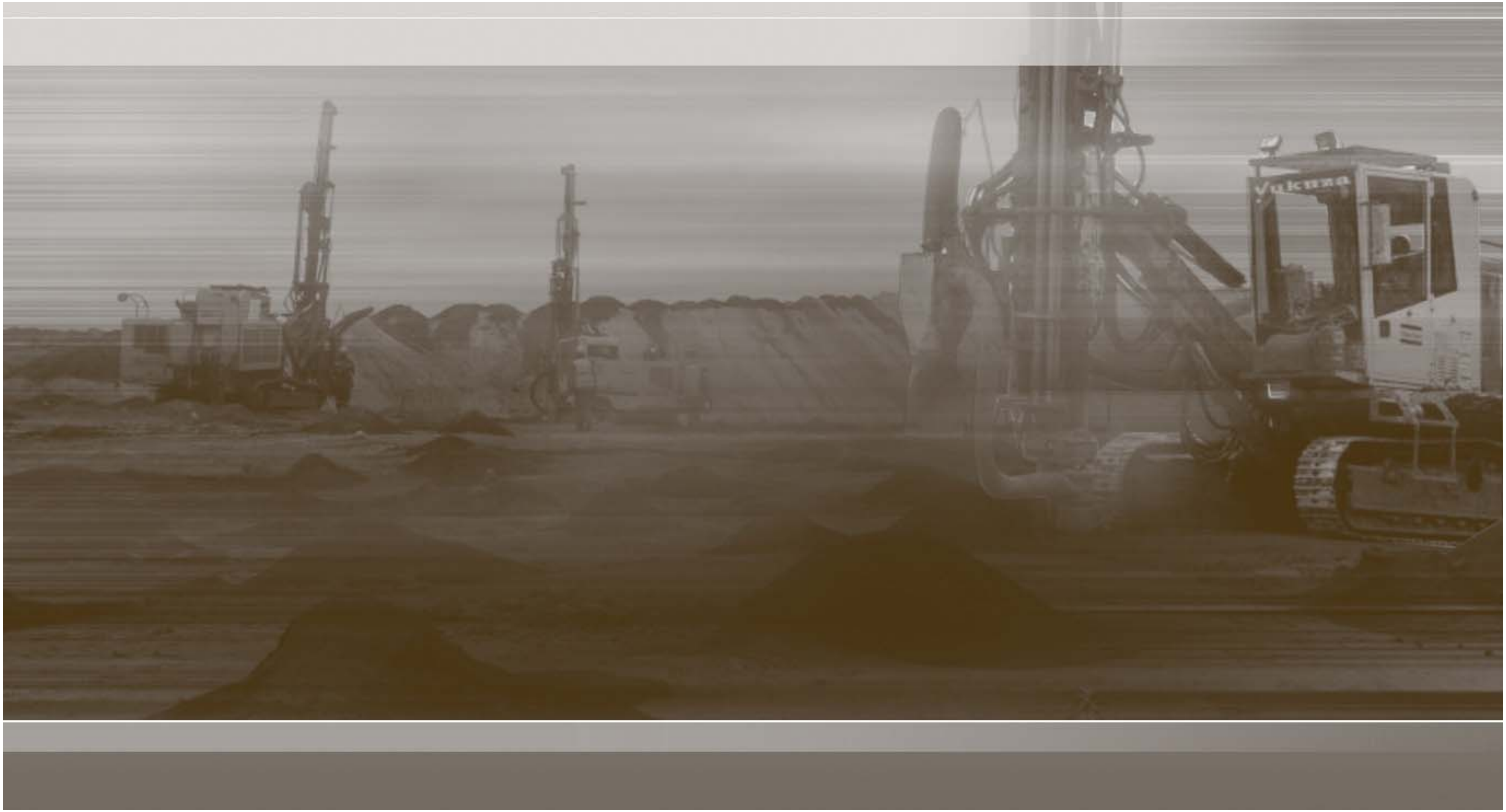
Capital Expenditure



Capital Expenditure

- RLP forecasts assumed investment in plant and equipment of ±R360 million for the year to February 2009
- Increased demand for coal resulted in requests for increased production from existing and significant new mining contracts
- Additional capital expenditure of ±R240 million-R300 million is therefore required for the year to February 2009
- 95% of capital expenditure is to expand coal mining operations
- Equipment acquired is deployed on existing and new contracts
- Most of the equipment was acquired at favourable prices and exchange rates prior to devaluation of the Rand
- Full benefit only to be realised in the years to Feb 2010 and beyond

Capital Expenditure (contd.)

- Strong growth has yielded a fleet with an average age of less than two years
- Formal preventative maintenance programmes ensure equipment life is extended without a decrease in reliability

Therefore

- Level of replacement CAPEX is expected to be relatively low in the next three years
- High level of expansionary CAPEX is not expected to recur

The group has made a significant investment in mining and earth moving equipment to accommodate demand for coal mining services

Funding of capital expenditure

- Capital expenditure will be funded by commercial debt funding and internal cash resources
- Majority of capital equipment acquired or to be acquired is for long-term contracts from large established mining houses
- Buildmax is highly cash generative at operations level (cash generated from operations before capital expenditure is in excess of 90% of EBITDA) - investment in working capital is relatively low
- Cash flow also benefits from accelerated tax write-offs for plant and equipment
- Cost of debt has increased as a result of global credit crisis

The group is highly cash generative at an operations level as a high proportion of EBITDA translates into operating cash generated

Review of Operations

Income Statement

	Unaudited six months ended 31 August 2008 R'000	Unaudited *Pro-forma* six months ended 31 August 2007 R'000	Audited Eleven months ended 29 February 2008 R'000
Revenue	**755 336**	548 506	111 543
EBITDA	**230 838**	121 064	6 012
Depreciation	**(55 273)**	(32 591)	(1 894)
PBIT	**175 565**	88 473	4 118
Net interest (paid)/received	**(44 325)**	(10 873)	863
Net profit before taxation ("PBT")	**131 240**	77 600	4 981
Taxation	**(35 145)**	(22 544)	1 849
Net profit after taxation	**96 095**	55 056	6 830
Outside shareholders' interest	**185**	–	–
Supplementary information			
EPS (cents)	**12,6**	7,2	16,3
HEPS (cents)	**11,8**	7,2	16,2
Shares in issue and to be issued ('000)			
– at end of the period	**907 366**	907 366	41 806
– weighted	**763 106**	763 106	41 806

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Balance Sheet

	Unaudited at 31 August 2008 R'000	Audited at 29 February 2008 R'000
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	**1 234 251**	12 288
Intangible assets	**1 225 797**	–
Deferred taxation	**1 905**	2 186
	2 461 953	17 285
Current assets		
Inventories	**92 988**	22 586
Trade and other receivables	**330 109**	18 921
Bank and cash	**55 928**	16 901
Taxation receivable	**1 080**	271
	480 105	58 679
	2 942 058	75 964
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Ordinary shareholders' interests	**1 643 614**	53 826
Outside shareholders' interests	**1 106**	–
Total shareholders' interests	**1 644 720**	53 826
Non-current liabilities		
Interest-bearing liabilities	**530 302**	–
Deferred taxation	**116 847**	421
	647 149	421
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	**249 690**	21 481
Current portion of interest-bearing liabilities	**307 200**	19
Vendor liabilities	**51 764**	–
Taxation payable	**41 535**	217

Cash Flow Statement

	Unaudited six months ended 31 August 2008 R'000	Audited eleven months ended 29 February 2008 R'000
Operating activities		
Cash generated from operations	**209 218**	5 434
Net interest (paid)/received	**(42 131)**	863
Taxation paid	**(4 811)**	(474)
Cash flows from operating activities	**162 276**	5 823
Investing activities		
Cash flow from investing activities	**(729 960)**	(452)
Financing activities		
Net proceeds of shares issued	**300 475**	–
Net proceeds and payments of interest-bearing liabilities	**175 658**	709
Cash flows from financing activities	**476 133**	709
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	**(91 551)**	6 080
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	**16 901**	10 821
Cash acquired as part of business combinations	**130 578**	–
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	**55 928**	16 901

Buildmax in the Value Chain

Exploration / Prospecting	*Mining*	*Beneficiation*	*Logistics*	*Sales Marketing*
Mining Services				
	Diesel Power Vukuza			
Construction Materials				
Crushco Alfa Verlesha Mystic Blue	Crushco Alfa Verlesha	Crushco Alfa Verlesha	Crushco Alfa BSB Wit Deep	Crushco Alfa BSB Wit Deep

Diesel Power is also active in civils/bulk earthworks – comprising 11% of Mining Services' revenue

Mining Services

Mining Services

	% of total	Unaudited six months ended 31 August 2008 R'000	% of total	Unaudited *pro-forma* six months ended 31 August 2007 R'000	Increase %
Revenue	68	**512 825**	56	**307 113**	67
EBITDA	80	**184 080**	65	**78 832**	134
PBIT	79	**138 291**	59	**52 053**	166
PBT	76	**100 033**	59	**45 416**	120

Operational Review

Opencast Coal Mining

- Diversified customer base:
  - 21 contracts
  - 9 mining companies
  - 12 mines
- Expected to increase to 12 mining companies by February 2009
- Exxaro, Xstrata, Anglo Coal and C.O.M.S account for approximately 60% of revenue
- Currently the second largest opencast coal mining services group but largest that is black empowered
- Diesel Power has extremely strong brand recognition in industry
- Revenue at end of period was ahead of target despite abnormally high rainfall in March 2008
- Diesel Power and Vukuza Earth Works assume no geological risk
- Changes to contract pricing being introduced to reduce risk on certain variable costs

Operational Review (contd.)

Earthworks

- Mining Civils contribution increasing in line with stated objective
- Group integration has led to positive spin-off for *Construction Materials* with cross-selling of product range to client bases
  - e.g. Diesel Power introduced aggregates and quarries products to clients

Prospects

South Africa

- Ongoing demand demand for coal due to additional capacity at Eskom, re-commissioning of 'mothballed' power stations and new power stations
- Export markets for thermal coal remain stable in current commodities crisis – prices have come off in USD but weak currency benefits SA miners
- Opencast coal is cheaper to mine than underground coal – 50% of coal is from opencast mines
- Diesel Power and Vukuza Earth Works have a combined fleet of over 700 heavy duty, plant & LDV's, deep skills pool and leverage off Buildmax's capital raising ability
- Key clients are reviewing investments – benefit from weak Rand
- Profit sharing models with junior miners being investigated

Redressing of South Africa's historic underinvestment in power generation still offers growth opportunity

Prospects (contd.)

Dependence on coal in South Africa:

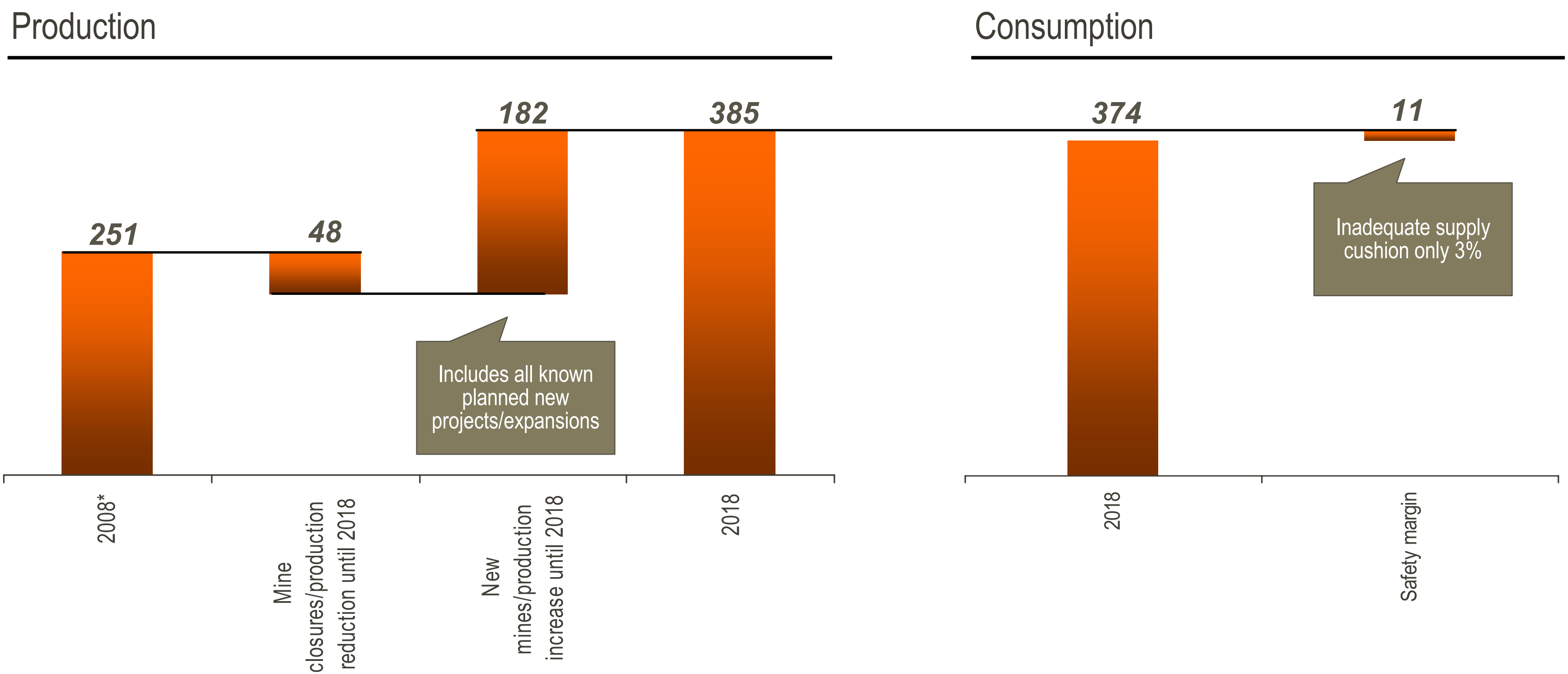
- 92% of energy (power generation) production
- >90% of carbon reductants in metallurgical industry
- >40% of petrol and diesel requirements (2007)
- >200 major chemicals for 1000s of carbon-based products

What makes South African coal attractive?

- Relatively easy and inexpensive to mine
- Steam coal price the cheapest in the world
- Cheap coal produces cheap electricity

Prospects (contd.)

Eskom's South African thermal coal forecast to 2018 / Mt



The difference between 2008 production and 2008 consumption will be covered by use of dumps and possible under utilisation of export capacity

DIESEL POWER OPENCAST MINING (PTY) LTD

Vukuza Earth Works (Pty) Ltd

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Prospects (contd.)

International

- Richards Bay Coal Terminal is increasing capacity from 70Mt per annum to 90Mt per annum to accommodate export demand
  - Rail capacity expected to be a constraint
- Additional export capacity coming on stream through Durban and Maputo
- Most new export allotment to go to BEE companies
- China is a net importer of coal and will require additional resources as energy requirements continue to grow

Construction Materials

Construction Materials

	% of total	Unaudited six months ended 31 August 2008 R'000	% of total	Unaudited *pro-forma* six months ended 31 August 2007 R'000	Increase %
Revenue	32	**242 511**	44	**241 393**	–
EBITDA	20	**46 758**	35	**42 232**	11
PBIT	21	**37 274**	41	**36 420**	2
PBT	24	**31 207**	41	**32 184**	(3)

Operational Review

Aggregates & Quarries

- Crushco is the largest river sand producer in Gauteng
- Dependence on group companies for distribution is decreasing
- Product mix and quality improved to cater for infrastructure spending, particularly roads
- Management team bolstered

Bricks & Blocks

- Negative growth in Western Cape market necessitated cost-cutting
- Watson Concrete production efficiency doubled since take-over
- Cast's newly commissioned plant now producing at full capacity

The economic slowdown intensified competition and the unit was unable to pass on fuel price increases to customers

Operational Review (cont.)

Building Materials

- S Burde, Kensmark and Watertite trading on budget for year to date
  - not considered core
- Crime continues to be a major problem
- CGIC introduced

Prospects

- Infrastructure spending funded primarily by government continues to gain momentum
- Successive interest rate hikes and negative sentiment have adversely affected the residential construction market – not expected to recover before 2009 H2
- Revenue was therefore behind target at the end of the period
- BEE credentials and increased product lines expose Buildmax to government-funded projects
- Major construction companies are reporting increases in order books for civil construction projects and low-cost/subsidised housing projects
- PPP projects are proving extremely successful and are opening avenues for further work
- Major infrastructure projects announced are immune to interest rate movements

Government's commitment to address the underinvestment in infrastructure together with accelerated roll-out of low-cost housing should help alleviate the slowdown in private sector spending

Group Prospects

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February 2009

- Continuing to trade well post interim period to date
- If performance continues Buildmax on track to meet RLP forecast HEPS of 22,5 cents (excluding any amortisation of intangibles)

February 2010

- Benefit of expansionary CAPEX
- Strong order book
- Anticipated industry conditions
- HEPS (excluding any amortisation of intangibles) forecast to increase by not less than 40% from 2009* forecast

* *Not reviewed/reported on by Buildmax's auditors*

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Business Strategy & Optimisation Projects

Business Strategy

Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term
✓ Raise capital & commercial debt funding ✓ Divest of non-core assets ▪ Integrate businesses ✓ Continue to upgrade IT / reporting systems ✓ Diversify customer base	PJdK3 ▪ Become leading opencast coal mining services group ▪ Increase exposure to other areas of opencast mining ▪ Explore profit sharing models with junior miners ▪ Acquire own resources ▪ Repackage group debt	▪ Explore opencast mining opportunities outside SA ▪ Become leading diversified opencast mining services group

Optimisation Projects – Progress to Date

Key project is the consolidation of Diesel Power and Vukuza

	Equipment & Services	Construction Materials	Progress to date
Procurement	▪ Mining equipment, consumables and spares ▪ Insurance and banking	▪ Top 20 product lines, inter-group buying ▪ Insurance and banking	▪ **R9 million reduction in premiums** ▪ **QPD's of R2 million**
Shared Services	▪ Consolidate four workshops into two ▪ Health & Safety ▪ Training	▪ Consolidate two workshops ▪ Health & Safety ▪ Training	▪ **Divisional Transport Manager appointed** ▪ **SHEQ appointments made**
Asset Optimisation	▪ Drilling & blasting ▪ Transport/logistics ▪ IT Investment	▪ Fleet ▪ IT Investment	▪ **Savings of R3,5 million**

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