



ARGENT INDUSTRIAL LIMITED

Reg no 1993/002054/06

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)
("The Group")
Share Code : ART ISIN code : ZAE00019188

Unaudited Interim Results for the six-months ended 30 September 2002
Restatement of Audited Results for the year ended 31 March 2002 and Prior Year Adjustments
Shareholders are warned to exercise caution until they have received the restated 31 March 2002 report

▲ REVENUE UP 89% ▲

▲ ATTRIBUTABLE EARNINGS UP 108% ▲

▲ HEADLINE EARNINGS PER SHARE UP 99% ▲

Abridged Consolidated Balance Sheet for the six months ended 30 September 2002	Unaudited at 30 Sept. 2002	Unaudited at 30 Sept. 2001 Restated	Unaudited at 30 Sept. 2001 as previously stated	Audited year ended 31 Mar. 2002 Restated	Audited year ended 31 Mar. 2002 as previously stated
R000					
ASSETS					
Non-current assets					
Property, plant and equipment	108 296	96 107	98 991	94 719 ²	99 483
Intangibles	12 570	3 563	641	3 455 ³	607
Employee share incentive scheme	1 360	831	831	695	695
	122 226	100 501	100 463	98 869	100 785
Current assets					
Inventories	82 196	47 270	47 270	60 944	60 944
Trade and other receivables	133 619	88 738	88 738	101 378	101 378
Bank balance and cash	25 127	2 997	2 997	10 493	10 493
	240 942	139 005	139 005	172 815	172 815
Total assets	363 168	239 506	239 468	271 684	273 600
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES					
Capital and reserves					
Share capital and premium	89 309	73 559	5 129	73 559 ⁴	5 125
Reserves	24 045	26 013	26 013	24 045	24 045
Accumulated profits	52 949	26 936	94 935	35 514 ⁵	105 468
Ordinary shareholders' funds	166 303	126 508	126 077	133 118	134 638
Minority interest	4 744	3 905	3 905	3 824	3 824
	171 047	130 413	129 982	136 942	138 462
Non-current liabilities					
Long-term borrowings	28 879	17 810	17 810	18 416	18 416
Deferred taxation	3 867	3 161	3 593	3 624	4 094
	32 746	20 971	21 403	22 040	22 510
Current liabilities					
Trade and other payables	139 578	76 774	76 771	98 255	98 255
Taxation	1 761	971	935	3 902	3 828
Shareholders for dividends	4 212	3 109	3 109	3 108	3 108
Current portion of long-term borrowings	13 824	7 268	7 268	7 437	7 437
	159 375	88 122	88 083	112 702	112 628
Total equity and liabilities	363 168	239 506	239 468	271 684	273 600
Net asset value per share (cents)	315,8	284,9	283,9	299,8	303,2

Statement of Changes in Equity for the six months ended 30 September 2002	Share Capital	Share Premium	Revaluation reserve	Reserve on subsidiary acquisition	Accumulated profits	Total
R000						
Balance at 1 April 2001	2 024	999	2 804	23 209	87 653	116 689
Prior year adjustment		65 436			(67 802)	(2 366)
Restated balance at 1 April 2001	2 024	66 435	2 804	23 209	19 851	114 323
Issue of share capital	196	4 904				5 100
Net profit for the period ended 30 September 2001					10 429	10 429
Dividends					(3 344)	(3 344)
Balance at 30 September 2001	2 220	71 339	2 804	23 209	26 936	126 508
Reversal of revaluation of properties			(1 968)			(1 968)
Net profit for the period ended 31 March 2002					11 687	11 687
Dividends					(3 109)	(3 109)
Balance at 31 March 2002	2 220	71 339	836	23 209	35 514	133 118
Issue of share capital	412	15 338				15 750
Net profit for the period ended 30 September 2002					21 647	21 647
Dividends					(4 212)	(4 212)
Balance at 30 September 2002	2 632	86 677	836	23 209	52 949	166 303



Abridged Consolidated Income Statement for the six months ended 30 September 2002	Unaudited six months ended 30 Sept. 2002	Unaudited six months ended 30 Sept. 2001	Unaudited six months ended 30 Sept. 2001 as previously stated	Audited year ended 31 Mar. 2002 Restated	Audited year ended 31 Mar. 2002 as previously stated
R000					
Revenue	327 946	173 281	173 281	371 644	371 644
Operating profit before finance charges	29 027	14 198	14 395	31 860 ¹	34 012
Net finance charges	2 358	1 830	1 830	4 641	4 641
Net profit before taxation	26 669	12 368	12 565	27 219	29 371
Taxation	4 102	1 257	1 257	4 502	4 502
Net profit after taxation	22 567	11 111	11 308	22 717	24 869
Earnings attributable to outside shareholders	920	682	682	601	601
Earnings attributable to ordinary shareholders	21 647	10 429	10 626	22 116	24 268
Attributable earnings per share (cents)	48,0	24,4	24,8	50,2	55,1
Headline earnings per share (cents)	48,8	24,5	24,8	51,3	55,8
Dividends per share (cents)	8,0	7,0	7,0	14,0	14,0
Shares in issue (000)					
- at end of period	52 655	44 409	44 409	44 409	44 409
- weighted average for the year	45 096	42 774	42 774	44 082	44 082
Calculation of Headline Earnings (R000)					
Attributable earnings	21 647	10 429	10 626	22 116	24 268
Adjustments for:					
Goodwill amortisation	311	75		150	
Profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment		(23)	(23)	(780)	
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	47			1 126	
Headline adjustments	358	52	(23)	496	346
Headline earnings	22 005	10 481	10 603	22 612	24 614

Abridged Consolidated Cash Flow Statement for the six months ended 30 September 2002	Unaudited six months ended 30 Sept. 2002	Unaudited six months ended 30 Sept. 2001
R000		
Cash generated from operations	31 386	12 357
Interest paid	(3 552)	(3 034)
Interest received	1 194	1 204
Dividends paid	(3 108)	(2 664)
Taxation paid	(4 933)	(212)
Cash flows from operating activities	20 987	7 651
Cash flows from investing activities	(38 953)	(6 707)
Cash flows from financing activities	32 600	1 695
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	14 634	2 639
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	10 493	358
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	25 127	2 997

Segment Report for the six months ended 30 September 2002	Turnover unaudited six months ended 30 Sept. 2002	Turnover unaudited six months ended 30 Sept. 2001	Results unaudited six months ended 30 Sept. 2002	Results unaudited six months ended 30 Sept. 2001
R000				
Steel & Steel Related Products	206 636	120 350	25 782	8 576
Project Management & Materials Handling	120 981	52 592	654	3 541
Properties	329	339	233	251
Total	327 946	173 281	26 669	12 368

Restatement of the year ended 31 March 2002 audit report
A revised audit report has been issued together with the restated 31 March 2002 results with no change to the unqualified audit opinion. The audit report now states that the Company and the Group complies with Statements of GAAP. The revised unqualified audit report and restated 31 March 2002 results will be sent to shareholders with the hard copy of the interim results, and is available for inspection at the registered office.

Reconciliation of Restatement of Audited Results for the year ended 31 March 2002 and prior year adjustments:

	R000
Operating profit before finance charges as previously reported	34 012
Adjustments:	
Reversal of exchange rate adjustment on translation of foreign operation	(1 757)
Amortisation of goodwill	(150)
Amortisation of investment and owner occupied property	(245)
Operating profit before finance charges restated	31 860
Property, plant and equipment carrying amount at end of year as previously reported	99 483
Reversal of exchange rate adjustment on translation of foreign operation:	
For year end 2002	(1 757)
For year end 2001	(1 445)
Amortisation of investment and owner occupied property	(245)
Prior years amortisation of investment and owner occupied property	(1 317)
Property, plant and equipment carrying amount at end of year restated	94 719
Intangibles carrying amount at end of year as previously reported	607
Reversal of goodwill written off against share premium	2 998
Amortisation of goodwill	(150)
Intangibles carrying amount at end of year restated	3 455
Share capital and premium as previously reported	5 125
Reversal of goodwill written off against share premium	2 998
Prior years goodwill written off	65 436
Share capital and premium restated	73 559
Accumulated profits as previously reported	105 468
Prior years goodwill written off	(65 436) ¹
Amortisation of goodwill	(150)
Amortisation of investment and owner occupied property	(245)
Prior years amortisation of investment and owner occupied property	(921) ¹
Reversal of exchange rate adjustment on translation of foreign operation:	
For year end 2002	(1 757)
For year end 2001	(1 445) ¹
Accumulated profits restated	35 514
The difference between the aggregate amount written off accumulated profits of R921 000 and amount written off against property, plant and equipment R1 317 000 amounting to R396 000 pertains to deferred taxation on adjustment.	

PROSPECTS
We will continue to focus on export markets. The Group is properly geared to deliver above average returns on shareholders equity and has a strong platform for future growth.

DIVIDEND
An interim dividend of 8 cents per share has been declared and is payable on Monday 9 December 2002 to shareholders recorded, in the register at close of business on Friday 6 December 2002, being the record date in order to participate in such dividend. The last day to trade cum dividend is 29 November 2002. The shares will trade ex dividend on Monday 2 December 2002. There will be no dematerialisation/re-materialisation of share certificates between 2 December 2002 and 6 December 2002, both days inclusive.

On behalf of the board
T.R. HENDRY CA(SA)
Chief Executive Officer
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12 November 2002

NOTES

1. Basis of Accounting
The results have been prepared on the historical cost basis and in accordance with South African Statements of GAAP. The accounting policies utilised for purposes of preparing the interim results reflect the updated accounting policies used in the restated audited 31 March 2002 results.
The Group has adopted the following accounting policy, which will be fully disclosed in the restated 31 March 2002 results:
• Statement AC 135 "Investment Property" which became effective for periods commencing on or after 1 April 2001. Investment and owner occupied property excluding land, will be amortised according to the directors' assessment of the useful life of the investment property to a maximum of 50 years.

2. Share Capital
Authorised share capital comprises 100 000 000 ordinary shares of 5 cents each. Issued share capital comprises 52 655 423 ordinary shares of 5 cents each (2001 - 40 486 067 of 5 cents each).
The unissued shares are under the control of the directors of the company until the next annual general meeting of shareholders. 8 246 279 were issued during the period at an average price of R1,91 per share to finance the Jemmaster acquisition.

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