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for the year ended 31 August

| | Gro | oup |
|---|-----------------|--------------|
| | 2016 R'000 | 20 R'0 |
| Revenue | 11 000 | 1100 |
| Turnover | 24 170 879 | 22 070 09 |
| Finance income | 6 255 | 4 92 |
| Other income | 1 353 833 | 1 210 08 |
| Distribution and logistics fees | 651 730 | 597 43 |
| Rental income | 399 | 5 |
| Advertising income, cost recoveries and other | 701 704 | 612 0 |
| | 25 530 967 | 23 285 0 |
| Barrier of all the control of the discount | | |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 007.004 | 010 5 |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment (see note 9) | 237 824 | 218 5 |
| Amortisation of intangible assets (see note 10) | 26 320 | 29 5 |
| Total depreciation and amortisation | 264 144 | 248 0 |
| Depreciation included in cost of merchandise sold and inventories | (11 482) | (10.3 |
| Depreciation and amortisation included in expenses | 252 662 | 237 6 |
| Occupancy costs | | |
| Operating leases | 654 097 | 597 3 |
| Turnover rental expense | 17 595 | 13 6 |
| Movement in operating lease liability (see note 24) | 9 941 | 12 1 |
| Movement in provision for onerous contracts (see note 26) | 1 194 | (4 1 |
| | 682 827 | 619 0 |
| Francis manufacture | | |
| Employment costs Directors' emoluments (excluding incentives, see note 4.1) | 19 790 | 19 7 |
| Non-executive fees | 2 926 | 2 6 |
| Executive | 16 864 | |
| | 14 780 | 17 1 14 8 |
| Salary | | |
| Other benefits | 2 084 64 533 | 2 2 52 0 |
| Equity-settled share option costs (see note 20) | | |
| Long-term incentive scheme – TSR (see note 23) | 96 119 | 22 8 |
| Release of gain on cash flow hedge to profit or loss (see note 21) | (65 422) | (14 5 |
| Long-term incentive scheme – HEPS (see note 23) | 52 063 | 28 2 |
| Staff salaries and wages | 2 203 402 | 1 981 8 |
| Contributions to defined contribution plans | 123 874 | 106 6 |
| Leave pay costs (see note 23) | 17 107 | 13 4 |
| Bonuses (see note 23) | 137 245 | 124 7 |
| Increase in liability for defined benefit plans (see note 23) | 1 473 | 1 4 |
| Total employment costs | 2 650 184 | 2 336 6 |
| Employment costs included in cost of merchandise sold and inventories | (99 453) | (81 2 |
| Employment costs included in expenses | 2 550 731 | 2 255 4 |
| For further detail of directors' emoluments refer to "rewarding value creation" on pages 61 to 63 of the Integrated Report or note 4.1. | | |
| Included in total employment costs are the following aggregate amounts | | |
| (including directors' emoluments) relating to transactions with key management personnel: | | |
| la a . a a | 86 130 | 75 0 |
| Short-term employee benefits | 25 174 | 24 1 |
| Post-employment benefits | 2 936 | 30 |
| Other benefits | 2 | |
| Short-term incentive scheme | 12 833 | 12 4 |
| Long-term incentive scheme | 43 630 | 33 2 |
| | 1 465 | 20 |
| | | |
| Termination benefits | | |
| | 90 | 2 6 |

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4 Employment costs (continued)

4.1 Directors' remuneration

Executive directors' remuneration

| Director (R'000) | Salary | Pension fund | Other benefits | Total annual guaranteed package | RONA short- term incentive | Performance based long-term incentive** | Total variable pay | Total |
|---------------------|--------|-----------------|----------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------|
| 2016 | | | | | | | | |
| Bertina Engelbrecht | 2 833 | 472 | _ | 3 305 | 1 368 | 5 155 | 6 523 | 9 828 |
| Michael Fleming | 4 140 | 587 | 57 | 4 784 | 1 981 | 7 826 | 9 807 | 14 591 |
| David Kneale | 7 807 | 966 | 2 | 8 775 | 5 449 | 20 876 | 26 325 | 35 100 |
| Total | 14 780 | 2 025 | 59 | 16 864 | 8 798 | 33 857 | 42 655 | 59 519 |
| 2015 | | | | | | | | |
| Bertina Engelbrecht | 2 579 | 371 | _ | 2 950 | 1 239 | 4 041 | 5 280 | 8 230 |
| Michael Fleming | 3 819 | 594 | 57 | 4 470 | 1 877 | 6 304 | 8 181 | 12 651 |
| David Kneale | 7 037 | 1 011 | 2 | 8 050 | 5 072 | 16 668 | 21 740 | 29 790 |
| Keith Warburton* | 1 425 | 190 | 27 | 1 642 | n/a | n/a | n/a | 1 642 |
| Total | 14 860 | 2 166 | 86 | 17 112 | 8 188 | 27 013 | 35 201 | 52 313 |

^{*} Resigned as an executive director on 28 January 2015, with remuneration disclosed until this date.

The total number of ordinary shares in issue is 246 137 763 (2015: 246 137 763). The percentage of issued share capital held by directors is 0.20% (2015: 0.26%).

Details of all dealings in Clicks Group shares by directors during the financial year are contained in the directors' report on page 2.

Non-executive directors' remuneration

| | 2016 | 2015 |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| | Directors' | Directors' |
| | fees | fees |
| Director | (R'000) | (R'000) |
| David Nurek | 950 | 878 |
| Fatima Abrahams*** | 409 | 368 |
| John Bester | 521 | 476 |
| Fatima Jakoet | 359 | 326 |
| Nkaki Matlala | 417 | 376 |
| Martin Rosen | 270 | 260 |
| Total | 2 926 | 2 684 |
| Total directors' remuneration | | |
| Executive directors | 59 519 | 52 313 |
| | | |
| Non-executive directors | 2 926 | 2 684 |
| Total directors' remuneration | 62 445 | 54 997 |

^{***} The fees paid to Professor Abrahams include an amount of R21 740 (2015: R19 800) for performing the role of chairperson of The Clicks Group Employee Share Ownership Trust.

^{**} Payments relating to the performance for the year ended 31 August are paid in November. The expense is provided for over the three-year vesting period in the relevant financial year.

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| | Gro | Group | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|--|--|
| | 2016 R'000 | 2015 R'000 | | |
| Other costs | | | | |
| Other operating costs include: | | | | |
| Fees paid for outside services | | | | |
| Technical services | 19 035 | 31 955 | | |
| Loss in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | 523 | 5 953 | | |
| Foreign exchange losses/(gains) - realised | 1 461 | (1 289) | | |
| Impairment allowances – trade receivables (see note 18) | (86) | 12 089 | | |
| Water and electricity | 155 634 | 135 944 | | |
| Retail | 145 010 | 128 498 | | |
| Distribution | 10 624 | 7 446 | | |
| Net financing costs | | | | |
| Recognised in profit or loss: | | | | |
| Interest income on bank deposits | 5 763 | 4 459 | | |
| Other interest income | 492 | 463 | | |
| Financial income | 6 255 | 4 922 | | |
| Interest expense on financial liabilities measured at amortised cost | 59 106 | 62 231 | | |
| Cash interest expense | 45 086 | 43 947 | | |
| Other interest expense | 14 020 | 18 284 | | |
| Financial expense | 59 106 | 62 231 | | |
| Net financing cost | (52 851) | (57 309) | | |

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| | Group | | Com | Company | |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| | 2016 R'000 | 2015 R'000 | 2016 R'000 | 2015 R'000 | |
| Income tax expense | | | | | |
| South African normal tax | | | | | |
| Current tax | | | | | |
| Current year | 461 218 | 385 172 | 22 | 176 | |
| Prior-year capital gains tax | 1 114 | _ | 1 114 | _ | |
| Prior-year overprovision | (50 081) | (19 790) | - | - | |
| Deferred tax | | | | | |
| Current year | (43 710) | (20 098) | - | - | |
| Capital gains tax | 8 011 | _ | _ | - | |
| Prior-year underprovision | 34 159 | 23 020 | - | - | |
| Foreign tax | | | | | |
| Current tax | | | | | |
| Current year | 7 713 | 4 963 | _ | _ | |
| Prior-year overprovision | _ | (22) | _ | _ | |
| Withholding tax | 4 556 | 3 677 | _ | _ | |
| Deferred tax | | | | | |
| Current year | (2 329) | (2 213) | _ | _ | |
| Prior-year underprovision | 128 | _ | _ | _ | |
| Taxation per income statement | 420 779 | 374 709 | 1 136 | 176 | |
| Deferred tax – current year | (166 622) | (54 193) | - | _ | |
| Cash flow hedge recognised in other comprehensive income | (2 559) | 12 926 | - | - | |
| Equity-settled transaction recognised in equity (see note 20) | (164 063) | (67 417) | - | - | |
| Remeasurement of post-employment benefit obligations | - | 298 | - | - | |
| Total income tax charge | 254 157 | 320 516 | 1 136 | 176 | |
| Reconciliation of rate of tax | % | % | % | % | |
| Standard rate – South Africa | 28.00 | 28.00 | 28.00 | 28.00 | |
| Adjusted for: | | | | | |
| Capital gains tax | 0.60 | _ | 0.18 | _ | |
| Disallowable expenditure | 0.58 | 0.43 | 0.04 | 0.04 | |
| Exempt income and allowances | (0.58) | (0.84) | (28.04) | (28.00) | |
| Foreign tax rate variations | (80.0) | 0.08 | _ | _ | |
| Foreign withholding tax | 0.30 | 0.28 | _ | _ | |
| Prior-year net (over)/underprovision | (1.04) | 0.24 | _ | _ | |
| Effective tax rate | 27.78 | 28.19 | 0.18 | 0.04 | |

One of the subsidiaries of the group has an estimated tax loss of R18.9 million (2015: R3.2 million) available for set-off against future taxable income of that subsidiary. A deferred tax asset of R4.4 million (2015: R1.0 million) has been recognised in respect of the total estimated tax losses (see note 12).

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| | Gro | oup |
|---|---------------|-------------------------|
| | 2016 R'000 | 20 ⁻ R'00 |
| Earnings per share | | |
| The calculation of basic and headline earnings per share at 31 August 2016 was based on profit for the year attributable to ordinary shareholders of Clicks Group Limited of R1 093.9 million (2015: R954.6 million) and headline earnings of R1 098.5 million (2015: R960.5 million) divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares as follows: | | |
| Reconciliation of headline earnings | | |
| Profit attributable to equity holders of the parent | 1 093 872 | 954 5 |
| Adjusted for: | | |
| | 4 599 | 5 8 |
| Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment | 6 388 | 9 4 |
| Insurance recovery income on property, plant and equipment | _ | (1 2 |
| Tax | (1 789) | (2 2 |
| Headline earnings | 1 098 471 | 960 4 |
| <u> </u> | | 1 |
| | 2016 | 20 |
| | cents | cer |
| Earnings per share | 460.5 | 396 |
| Headline earnings per share | 462.4 | 399 |
| Diluted earnings per share | 436.7 | 38- |
| Diluted headline earnings per share | 438.5 | 383 |
| | 2016 | 20 |
| | '000 | '0 |
| Reconciliation of shares in issue to weighted average number of shares in issue | | |
| Total number of shares in issue at the beginning of the year | 246 138 | 246 1 |
| Treasury shares held for the full year and/or cancelled | (6 254) | (3 8 |
| Treasury shares purchased during the year weighted for the period held | (2 319) | (1 6 |
| Weighted average number of shares in issue for the year | 237 565 | 240 6 |
| Reconciliation of weighted average number of shares to weighted average diluted number of shares in issue | | |
| Weighted average number of shares in issue for the year (net of treasury shares) | 237 565 | 240 6 |
| Dilutive effect of share options (net of treasury shares) | 12 936 | 9 6 |
| Weighted average diluted number of shares in issue for the year | 250 501 | 250 2 |

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| | | Group | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| | | 2 | 016 | 20 | 015 | 201 | |
| | | | Accumulated depreciation | | Accumulated depreciation | | Accumulated depreciation |
| | | Cost R'000 | and impairment losses R'000 | Cost R'000 | and impairment losses R'000 | Cost R'000 | and impairment losses R'000 |
| 9 | Property, plant and equipment | | | | | | |
| | Land | 25 809 | - | 25 809 | _ | 25 809 | _ |
| | Buildings | 398 102 | 48 402 | 372 891 | 46 815 | 368 168 | 43 720 |
| | Computer equipment | 439 496 | 295 039 | 367 010 | 252 768 | 324 245 | 222 167 |
| | Equipment | 269 975 | 166 331 | 250 151 | 145 615 | 228 724 | 132 542 |
| | Furniture and fittings | 1 564 466 | 859 538 | 1 360 727 | 725 890 | 1 184 438 | 614 548 |
| | Motor vehicles | 50 213 | 33 727 | 46 296 | 30 138 | 44 064 | 27 464 |
| | | 2 748 061 | 1 403 037 | 2 422 884 | 1 201 226 | 2 175 448 | 1 040 441 |

All group property is owner-occupied.

The carrying amount of the group's property, plant and equipment is reconciled as follows:

| | Land R'000 | Buildings R'000 | Computer equipment R'000 | Equipment R'000 | Furniture and fittings R'000 | Motor vehicles R'000 | Total R'000 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Carrying amount at | | | | | | | |
| 1 September 2014 | 25 809 | 324 448 | 102 078 | 96 182 | 569 890 | 16 600 | 1 135 007 |
| Additions | _ | 4 748 | 56 100 | 30 261 | 220 185 | 4 740 | 316 034 |
| Disposals | _ | (24) | (144) | (761) | (9 463) | (448) | (10 840) |
| Depreciation | _ | (3 096) | (43 792) | (21 146) | (145 775) | (4 734) | (218 543) |
| Carrying amount at 31 August 2015 | 25 809 | 326 076 | 114 242 | 104 536 | 634 837 | 16 158 | 1 221 658 |
| J | 23 009 | | | | | | |
| Additions | - | 25 220 | 76 954 | 23 719 | 237 117 | 5 171 | 368 181 |
| Disposals | - | - | (60) | (244) | (6 324) | (363) | (6 991) |
| Depreciation | - | (1 596) | (46 679) | (24 367) | (160 702) | (4 480) | (237 824) |
| Carrying amount at | | | | | | | |
| 31 August 2016 | 25 809 | 349 700 | 144 457 | 103 644 | 704 928 | 16 486 | 1 345 024 |

| | | | Group | | | | |
|----|----------------------------------|---------|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|--------------|
| | | 20 | 016 | 20 |)15 | 2 | 014 |
| | | | Accumulated | | Accumulated | | Accumulated |
| | | | amortisation | | amortisation | | amortisation |
| | | | and | | and | | and |
| | | | impairment | | impairment | | impairment |
| | | Cost | losses | Cost | losses | Cost | losses |
| | | R'000 | R'000 | R'000 | R'000 | R'000 | R'000 |
| 10 | Intangible assets | | | | | | |
| | Clicks trademark (see note 10.1) | 272 000 | _ | 272 000 | _ | 272 000 | _ |
| | Link trademark | 6 000 | 6 000 | 6 000 | 6 000 | 6 000 | 6 000 |
| | Other trademarks | 1 116 | 469 | 1 116 | 357 | 1 116 | 246 |
| | Capitalised and purchased | | | | | | |
| | computer software development | 332 749 | 171 313 | 268 499 | 145 633 | 219 350 | 122 601 |
| | Contractual rights (see | | | | | | |
| | note 10.2) | 17 020 | 17 020 | 17 020 | 17 020 | 17 020 | 15 016 |
| | | 628 885 | 194 802 | 564 635 | 169 010 | 515 486 | 143 863 |

The carrying amount of the group's intangible assets is reconciled as follows:

| | | | Capitalised | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| | Clicks | Other | software | Contractual | |
| | trademark | trademarks | development | rights | Total |
| | R'000 | R'000 | R'000 | R'000 | R'000 |
| Carrying amount at 1 September 2014 | 272 000 | 870 | 96 749 | 2 004 | 371 623 |
| Additions | _ | _ | 53 513 | _ | 53 513 |
| Amortisation | _ | (111) | (27 396) | (2 004) | (29 511) |
| Carrying amount at 31 August 2015 | 272 000 | 759 | 122 866 | _ | 395 625 |
| Additions | _ | _ | 64 778 | _ | 64 778 |
| Amortisation | - | (112) | (26 208) | _ | (26 320) |
| Carrying amount at 31 August 2016 | 272 000 | 647 | 161 436 | _ | 434 083 |

Assessment of impairment of intangible assets

10.1 The Clicks trademark is part of the Clicks cash-generating unit and is considered to have an indefinite useful life. There is no apparent legal or other restriction to the use of the trademark or risk of technical or other obsolescence. Given the strategic importance of the trademark to the future sustainability of the group, the group's intention is to continue to use the trademark indefinitely. The directors consider that there is no foreseeable limit to the period over which this asset is expected to generate cash inflows for the group and, on this basis, the directors have concluded that the indefinite useful life assumption is appropriate.

In accordance with the group's accounting policy, an impairment test was performed on the carrying values of intangible assets with indefinite useful lives at year-end. The recoverable amount was determined based on the value in use.

Budgeted operating cash flows for the related business units were projected and discounted at the group's weighted average pre-tax cost of capital. The impairment calculations performed indicated that the trademarks were not impaired.

The following key assumptions were made in determining the value in use:

- (i) A forecast horizon of three years was used. The forecast horizon comprises the three-year plan drafted in the last quarter of the 2016 financial year, whereafter a perpetuity growth rate of 6.5% (2015: 3.7%) is used.
- (ii) The values assigned to the three-year plan revenue and cost growth assumptions reflect current trends, anticipated market developments and management's experience.
- (iii) The key assumptions for the recoverable amount are the long-term growth rate and the discount rate. The long-term growth rate used is purely for the impairment testing of intangible assets under IAS 36 – Impairment of Assets and does not reflect long-term planning assumptions used by the group for investment proposals or for any other assessments.
- (iv) A discount rate of 13.5% (2015: 12.5%) per annum, being the group's pre-tax weighted average cost of capital, was used. The group's pre-tax weighted average cost of capital is deemed appropriate as, together with the Distribution business, both businesses largely operate within South Africa and are subject to similar market risks.
 - Management believes that any reasonable possible change in any of these assumptions would not cause the carrying amount to exceed their recoverable amount.
- 10.2 The group acquired the pharmacy business of Amalgamated Pharmacy Group Proprietary Limited in 2010.

 As part of the acquisition the group acquired the contractual rights to certain medical aid contracts.

 These contractual rights have been amortised over five years.

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| | | Group | |
|----|---|---------------|---------------|
| | | 2016 R'000 | 2015 R'000 |
| 11 | Goodwill | | |
| | Goodwill | 103 510 | 103 510 |
| | Goodwill comprises: | | |
| | United Pharmaceutical Distributors Proprietary Limited ("UPD") (see note 11.1) | 96 277 | 96 277 |
| | Kala Hari Medical Distributors Proprietary Limited ("Kala Hari") (see note 11.2) | 704 | 704 |
| | Amalgamated Pharmacy Group Proprietary Limited ("Amalgamated Pharmacy Group") (see note 11.3) | 6 529 | 6 529 |

Assessment of impairment of goodwill

11.1 Budgeted operating cash flows for the UPD business unit were projected and discounted at the group's weighted average pre-tax cost of capital. The impairment calculations performed indicated that the goodwill was not impaired.

The following key assumptions were made in determining the value in use of the UPD cash-generating unit:

- (i) A forecast horizon of three years was used. The forecast horizon comprises the three-year plan drafted in the last quarter of the 2016 financial year, whereafter a perpetuity growth rate of 6.5% (2015: 3.7%) is used.
- (ii) The values assigned to the three-year plan revenue and cost growth assumptions reflect current trends, anticipated market developments and management's experience.
- (iii) The key assumptions for the recoverable amount are the long-term growth rate and the discount rate. The long-term growth rate used is purely for the impairment testing of goodwill under IAS 36 Impairment of Assets and does not reflect long-term planning assumptions used by the group for investment proposals or for any other assessments.
- (iv) A discount rate of 13.5% (2015: 12.5%) per annum, being the group's pre-tax weighted average cost of capital, was used. The group's pre-tax weighted average cost of capital is deemed appropriate as, together with the Clicks business, both businesses largely operate within South Africa and are subject to similar market risks.
 - Management believes that any reasonable possible change in any of these assumptions would not cause the carrying amount to exceed their recoverable amount.
- 11.2 The same assumptions were applied to Kala Hari as this company is in the same business as UPD and accordingly none of the assumptions would change significantly. The fact that Kala Hari operates out of Botswana was considered, but this is also not expected to change the assumptions. The goodwill relating to Kala Hari has been attributed to the UPD business as a cash-generating unit.
- 11.3 Due to the synergies that arose on acquisition, the goodwill relating to the purchase of the pharmacy business from Amalgamated Pharmacy Group has been attributed to the Clicks business as a cash-generating unit, which represents the lowest level within the group at which the goodwill is monitored for internal management purposes.

Applying IAS 36, goodwill relating to the above acquisition has been tested for impairment at the same level as the Clicks business unit.

Budgeted operating cash flows for the related business units were projected and discounted at the group's weighted average pre-tax cost of capital. The impairment calculations performed indicated that goodwill was not impaired.

The following key assumptions were made in determining the value in use:

- (i) A forecast horizon of three years was used. The forecast horizon comprises the three-year plan drafted in the last quarter of the 2016 financial year, whereafter a perpetuity growth rate of 6.5% (2015: 3.7%) is used
- (ii) The values assigned to the three-year plan revenue and cost growth assumptions reflect current trends, anticipated market developments and management's experience.

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11. Goodwill (continued)

Assessment of impairment of goodwill (continued)

- (iii) The key assumptions for the recoverable amount are the long-term growth rate and the discount rate.

 The long-term growth rate used is purely for the impairment testing of goodwill under IAS 36 Impairment of Assets and does not reflect long-term planning assumptions used by the group for investment proposals or for any other assessments.
- (iv) A discount rate of 13.5% (2015: 12.5%) per annum, being the group's pre-tax weighted average cost of capital, was used. The group's pre-tax weighted average cost of capital is deemed appropriate as, together with the Clicks business, both businesses largely operate within South Africa and are subject to similar market risks.

Management believes that any reasonable possible change in any of these assumptions would not cause the carrying amount to exceed their recoverable amount.

The tests performed on all cash-generating units did not indicate any impairment as at year-end.

| | Group | | Company | |
|--|----------|----------|---------|-------|
| | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 |
| | R'000 | R'000 | R'000 | R'000 |
| Deferred tax assets/(liabilities) | | | | |
| Deferred tax assets | 347 400 | 177 037 | | _ |
| | 347 400 | 177 037 | | _ |
| Balance at the beginning of the year | 177 037 | 123 553 | _ | _ |
| Current deferred tax credit/(debit) to profit or | | | | |
| loss (see note 7) | 3 741 | (709) | _ | _ |
| Current deferred tax credit to other | | | | |
| comprehensive income or equity (see note 7) | 166 622 | 54 193 | _ | _ |
| Balance at the end of the year | 347 400 | 177 037 | | _ |
| Arising as a result of: | | | | |
| Capital gains tax | (48 110) | (40 099) | _ | _ |
| Derivative financial assets and liabilities | (67 009) | (22 044) | _ | _ |
| Employee obligations | 457 544 | 248 501 | _ | _ |
| Income and expense accrual | 113 903 | 82 216 | _ | _ |
| Inventory | 28 080 | 32 467 | - | _ |
| Onerous leases | 1 943 | 488 | _ | _ |
| Operating lease liability | 53 478 | 50 668 | _ | _ |
| Prepayments | (18 585) | (17 277) | - | _ |
| Property, plant and equipment | (94 777) | (75 466) | _ | _ |
| Tax losses | 4 369 | 1 019 | _ | _ |
| Trademarks | (76 172) | (76 172) | _ | _ |
| Other | (7 264) | (7 264) | _ | _ |
| Balance at the end of the year | 347 400 | 177 037 | _ | _ |

The capital gains deferred tax liability arises on the revaluation of a forward purchase of shares by the company in a subsidiary company.

Derivative financial assets and liabilities includes an asset of R3.0 million (2015: R12.9 million liability) recognised in other comprehensive income (see note 21). Employee obligations includes an asset of R266.1 million (2015: R102.1 million) recognised in equity (see note 20).

In respect of the deferred tax asset recognised by one (2015: one) subsidiary company, the directors consider that sufficient future taxable income will be generated by that subsidiary company to utilise the deferred tax assets recognised.

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13 Investment in an associate

The group acquired a strategic 25% interest in Sorbet Brands Proprietary Limited ("Sorbet Brands") on 1 September 2015. R15 million was paid on signing of the contract with two contingent payments of R2.5 million each, payable on 31 August 2016 and 31 August 2017 respectively on achievement of turnover targets.

Refer to note 27 detailing this contingent consideration. Sorbet Brands holds all the trademark rights of the Sorbet brand in southern Africa.

The group's interest in Sorbet Brands is accounted for using the equity method in the consolidated financial statements.

The following amounts represent the assets and liabilities, income and expenses of the associate:

| | Gro | oup |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| | 2016 R'000 | 2015 R'000 |
| Assets | | |
| Non-current assets | 80 000 | _ |
| Current assets | 5 656 | _ |
| Liabilities | | |
| Current liabilities | 3 123 | _ |
| Equity | 82 533 | _ |
| Group's carrying amount of the investment | 20 282 | _ |
| Summarised Statement of comprehensive income | | |
| Income | 12 755 | _ |
| Expenses | (236) | _ |
| Profit before taxation | 12 519 | _ |
| Income tax expense | (3 505) | _ |
| Profit for the year | 9 014 | _ |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | 9 014 | _ |
| Group's proportionate share of profit for the year | 2 254 | _ |
| Dividends received from associate | 1 638 | _ |

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| | | Group | | |
|------|--|---------------|---------------|--|
| | | 2016 R'000 | 2015 R'000 | |
| 14 L | oans receivable | | | |
| Ν | lew Clicks Foundation Trust (see note 14.1) | 5 021 | 5 021 | |
| | riton Pharmacare Capital Investments Proprietary Limited ("Triton") (see ote 14.2) | - | 7 982 | |
| S | ign and Seal Trading 205 Proprietary Limited ("Style Studio") (see note 14.3) | 4 500 | _ | |
| N | on-current loans receivable | 9 521 | 13 003 | |
| Tr | riton (see note 14.2) | 8 476 | _ | |
| C | current loans receivable | 8 476 | _ | |
| To | otal loans receivable | 17 997 | 13 003 | |

- 14.1 The loan to New Clicks Foundation Trust is unsecured, interest free and no fixed date for repayment has been determined.
- 14.2 The loan to Triton consists of a long-term loan of R8.5 million repayable on 31 August 2017.

The long-term loan is interest free and is carried at amortised cost discounted at a market-related rate of 6.0% over five years.

A second mortgage bond over property purchased by Triton and a special notarial bond over movable assets serve as security for the loan.

14.3 The loan to Style Studio is unsecured, interest free and repayable within 10 business days of demand.

| | | Group | |
|----|---|--------|--------|
| | | 2016 | 2015 |
| | | R'000 | R'000 |
| 15 | Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | | |
| | Investment in Guardrisk Insurance Company Limited (Cell number 171) | 16 145 | 16 668 |
| | Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | 16 145 | 16 668 |
| | Total III al Iolal assets at Iail Value ti II ough profit of 1055 | 10 145 | 10 000 |

This is the net investment in the group's insurance cell captive which is not deemed to be in the group's control in accordance with IFRS 10 – Consolidated Financial Statements.

| | | Group | | | | |
|----|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|--|
| | | 201 | 6 | 2015 | | |
| | | Assets R'000 | Liabilities R'000 | Assets R'000 | Liabilities R'000 | |
| 16 | Derivative financial instruments | | | | | |
| | Equity derivative hedge – non-current | 231 242 | - | 81 662 | _ | |
| | Forward exchange contracts – current | - | (26 971) | 24 507 | _ | |

All derivatives noted above are classified as held for trading and measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Equity derivative hedge

European call options have been purchased to hedge the cash-settled share-based payment obligation relating to tranches 9 and 10 of the total shareholder return long-term incentive scheme (refer to note 23.1). The expiration date of these hedging instruments and the vesting dates of the hedged items coincide with settlement on 5 September 2017 and 5 September 2018 respectively for the hedges.

Refer to note 21 detailing the equity derivative hedges' impact on profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

The fair value of these equity derivative hedges are calculated using a Monte Carlo option pricing model with reference to the closing share price, 250-day historical volatility, the 12-month trailing dividend yield and the risk-free rate.

Forward exchange contracts

For currency derivatives, fair values are calculated using standard market calculation conventions with reference to the relevant closing market spot rates, forward foreign exchange and interest rates. The notional principal amounts of the outstanding forward foreign exchange contracts at 31 August 2016 was R493.1 million (2015: R252.5 million). Refer to note 21 detailing the foreign exchange hedging impact on profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

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| | | Group | | |
|----|--|---------------|---------------|--|
| | | 2016 R'000 | 2015 R'000 | |
| 17 | Inventories | | | |
| | Inventories comprise: | | | |
| | Goods for resale | 3 375 540 | 3 085 896 | |
| | Goods in transit | 103 177 | 164 018 | |
| | | 3 478 717 | 3 249 914 | |
| | Inventories stated at net realisable value | 62 781 | 55 554 | |

The value of inventories stated at net realisable value is determined based on management's best estimate of the likely selling price at which the inventories in question could be sold in the ordinary course of business less the directly attributable selling costs.

| | Gro | Group | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| | 2016 R'000 | 2015 R'000 | |
| 8 Trade and other receivables | | | |
| Trade and other receivables comprise: | | | |
| Trade receivables | 1 643 043 | 1 489 854 | |
| Less: impairment of trade receivables | (24 081) | (28 678) | |
| Trade receivables – net | 1 618 962 | 1 461 176 | |
| Prepayments | 91 755 | 76 580 | |
| Income accruals | 160 278 | 106 197 | |
| Income tax receivable | _ | 4 077 | |
| Logistics fees receivable | 118 725 | 134 177 | |
| Other (refer to note 18.1) | 22 976 | 89 409 | |
| | 2 012 696 | 1 871 616 | |

The carrying amount of trade and other receivables approximates their fair value. Trade and other receivables are predominantly non-interest bearing. Refer to note 30.4 for the credit risk management of trade and other receivables.

The movement in the doubtful debt provision in respect of trade receivables during the year was as follows:

| | Group | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|--|
| | 2016 R'000 | 2015 R'000 | |
| Balance at 1 September | 28 678 | 28 113 | |
| Impairment provision (reversed)/raised | (86) | 12 089 | |
| Impairment loss utilised | (4 511) | (11 524) | |
| Balance at 31 August | 24 081 | 28 678 | |

^{18.1} Other receivables consist of staff loans and sundry customer receivables.

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| | | Group and Company | |
|----|--|-------------------|---------------|
| | | 2016 R'000 | 2015 R'000 |
| 19 | Share capital and share premium | | |
| | Authorised – group and company | | |
| | 600 million (2015: 600 million) ordinary shares of one cent each | 6 000 | 6 000 |
| | 50 million (2015: 50 million) "A" ordinary shares of one cent each | 500 | 500 |
| | Issued ordinary shares – group and company | | |
| | 246.138 million (2015: 246.138 million) ordinary shares of one cent each and | | |
| | 29.153 million (2015: 29.153 million) "A" ordinary shares of one cent each | 2 754 | 2 754 |
| | Share premium – group | 3 497 | 3 497 |
| | Share premium – company | 14 089 | 14 089 |

The company and the group have different values for share premium due to preliminary expenses of R2.1 million being written off against the share premium of a subsidiary company on the acquisition of certain businesses in 1996. The balance of the difference is due to the difference in value between the cancellation of shares at a holding company level at market value while on consolidation the cancellation is carried out at cost.

| | | | Group and Company | | |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| | Ordinary shares '000 | "A" ordinary shares '000 | Total 2016 '000 | Total 2015 '000 | |
| Reconciliation of total number of shares in issue to net number of shares in issue | | | | | |
| Total number of shares in issue at the end of | | | | | |
| the year | 246 138 | 29 153 | 275 291 | 275 291 | |
| Treasury shares held at the end of the year | (9 614) | (29 153) | (38 767) | (35 407) | |
| Net number of shares in issue at the end of the year | 236 524 | _ | 236 524 | 239 884 | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | R'000 | R'000 | |
| Of the shares in issue, the group holds the following | g treasury sha | res: | | | |
| Shares held by a subsidiary – 9.444 million (2015: shares of one cent each – cost | 6.084 million) o | ordinary | 702 556 | 412 385 | |
| Shares held by the New Clicks Holdings Share Trus (2015: 0.170 million) ordinary shares of one cent ea | | on | 1 450 | 1 450 | |
| Shares held by the Clicks Group Employee Share O 29.153 million (2015: 29.153 million) "A" ordinary shares the control of the | | | 292 | 292 | |
| | | | 704 298 | 414 127 | |

No ordinary shares were cancelled during the current financial year (2015: nil).

The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time and are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the company.

In respect of the company's shares held by entities within the group, all voting rights are suspended until those shares are reissued.

The unlisted "A" ordinary shares have the same rights and rank *pari passu* with the ordinary shares in all respects except for distribution rights.

The holders of "A" ordinary shares are entitiled to an annual distribution equal to 10% of the cumulative distribution declared in relation to an ordinary share in a financial year.

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20 Share option reserve

Equity-settled share-based payment

Options issued in terms of the Employee Share Ownership Programme ("ESOP")

In October 2010, Clicks Group Limited announced an employee share ownership programme.

In terms of the Clicks Group Employee Ownership Trust deed, the group issued unlisted "A" ordinary shares ("A" shares), equating to 10% of the issued share capital of the group, net of treasury shares, on 2 February 2011.

Upon vesting, options are converted into Clicks Group ordinary shares, 50% in February 2018 and 50% in February 2019, after the repayment of the notional debt.

| | Group | | |
|--|------------|------------|--|
| | Number | Number | |
| | of shares | of shares | |
| | 2016 | 2015 | |
| "A" shares issued in terms of the ESOP | 29 153 295 | 29 153 295 | |

| Details of share option allocations | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|------------|--|
| | | Balance at the | Granted | Delivered | Forfeited | Balance at | |
| | Option | beginning | during | during | during | the end of | |
| Grant date | price | of the year | the year | the year | the year | the year | |
| 2016 | | | | | | | |
| February 2011 | R41.54 | 14 040 004 | _ | _ | (1 008 456) | 13 031 548 | |
| February 2012 | R41.11 | 2 350 520 | _ | - | (164 045) | 2 186 475 | |
| February 2013 | R60.00 | 4 108 925 | _ | _ | (372 842) | 3 736 083 | |
| February 2014 | R56.78 | 2 934 104 | _ | _ | (408 052) | 2 526 052 | |
| February 2015 | R90.32 | 2 822 693 | _ | _ | (485 262) | 2 337 431 | |
| February 2016 | R86.75 | _ | 385 383 | _ | _ | 385 383 | |
| Unallocated share options | | | | | | 4 950 323 | |
| | | | | | | 29 153 295 | |
| 2015 | | | | | | | |
| February 2011 | R41.54 | 15 160 100 | _ | _ | (1 120 096) | 14 040 004 | |
| February 2012 | R41.11 | 2 843 205 | _ | _ | (492 685) | 2 350 520 | |
| February 2013 | R60.00 | 4 778 134 | _ | _ | (669 209) | 4 108 925 | |
| February 2014 | R56.78 | 4 298 777 | _ | _ | (1 364 673) | 2 934 104 | |
| February 2015 | R90.32 | _ | 3 119 681 | _ | (296 988) | 2 822 693 | |
| Unallocated share options | | | | | | 2 897 049 | |
| | | | | | | 29 153 295 | |

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20 Share option reserve (continued)

Fair value of share-based payments in respect of options

Options granted have been valued using the Monte Carlo option pricing model by an independent, external valuator. The fair value of the options determined at the grant date is amortised over the vesting period to the extent that the options are ultimately exercised or are expected to be exercised.

The assumptions used in estimating the fair values at grant date are listed below:

| | | Risk- | Expected | | Expected |
|---|------------|-------|----------|------------|------------|
| | Share | free | dividend | Expected | forfeiture |
| | price at | rate | yield | volatility | rate |
| | grant date | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) |
| February 2011 – seven-year vesting period | R41.54 | 8.45 | 3.89 | 24.56 | 15.33 |
| February 2011 – eight-year vesting period | R41.54 | 8.60 | 4.11 | 24.56 | 15.33 |
| February 2012 – six-year vesting period | R41.11 | 7.38 | 2.80 | 27.00 | 14.20 |
| February 2012 – seven-year vesting period | R41.11 | 7.38 | 2.80 | 27.00 | 14.20 |
| February 2013 – five-year vesting period | R60.00 | 7.17 | 2.70 | 24.00 | 14.20 |
| February 2013 – six-year vesting period | R60.00 | 7.17 | 2.70 | 24.00 | 14.20 |
| February 2014 – four-year vesting period | R56.78 | 8.55 | 2.50 | 23.00 | 11.00 |
| February 2014 – five-year vesting period | R56.78 | 8.55 | 2.50 | 23.00 | 11.00 |
| February 2015 - three-year vesting period | R90.32 | 6.46 | 2.40 | 23.00 | 11.00 |
| February 2015 – four-year vesting period | R90.32 | 6.46 | 2.40 | 23.00 | 11.00 |
| February 2016 - two-year vesting period | R86.75 | 7.85 | 2.00 | 25.00 | 10.00 |
| February 2016 - three-year vesting period | R86.75 | 7.85 | 2.00 | 25.00 | 10.00 |

The risk-free rate is derived from the Swap BD curve published by the Bond Exchange of South Africa.

The dividend yield is the historical two-year average dividend yield as of the grant date, which has been converted to a continuously compounded dividend yield.

The expected volatility is the historic annualised standard deviation of the continuously compounded rates of return on the share, based on the most recent period as of the grant date that is commensurate with the expected term of the share option.

The expected exercise rate is based on the historic trend of option forfeitures and excludes options already exercised. The options already exercised are reflected in the share option reserve in addition to the value of options that are expected to be exercised based on the expected exercise rate.

The share option reserve recognises the cost at the fair value of the options on the date issued to employees, accrued over the vesting period.

| | Group | |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 2016 R'000 | 2015 R'000 |
| Share option reserve | | |
| Balance at the beginning of the year | 254 592 | 135 091 |
| | 228 596 | 119 501 |
| Equity-settled share-based payment expense | 64 533 | 52 084 |
| Deferred tax recorded directly in equity arising on consolidation | 164 063 | 67 417 |
| Balance at the end of the year | 483 188 | 254 592 |
| | 217 050 | 152 517 |
| Equity-settled share-based payment expense in opening retained earnings | 152 517 | 100 433 |
| Equity-settled share-based payment expense | 64 533 | 52 084 |
| Deferred tax recorded directly in equity arising on consolidation | 266 138 | 102 075 |
| Estimate of options not yet vested but expected to vest | 483 188 | 254 592 |

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| | Group | |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| | 2016 R'000 | 2015 R'000 |
| Cash flow hedge reserve | | |
| The cash flow hedge reserve represents the effective portion of fair value gains or losses in respect of cash flow hedges. | | |
| Reconciliation of cash flow hedging reserve | | |
| Balance at the beginning of the year | 35 196 | 1 958 |
| Movement in cash flow hedge | (9 139) | 46 164 |
| Movement in cash flow hedge relating to forward exchange contracts | (49 196) | 27 247 |
| Movement in cash flow hedge relating to equity derivative hedges | 40 057 | 18 917 |
| Deferred tax recognised in other comprehensive income | 2 559 | (12 926) |
| Balance at the end of the year | 28 616 | 35 196 |

The cash flow hedge reserve represents the cumulative portion of gains or losses on hedging instruments deemed effective in cash flow hedges. The cumulative deferred gain or loss on the hedging instrument is reclassified to profit or loss only when the hedged transaction affects profit or loss. During the year there was a mark-to-market gain of R119.3 million (2015: R105.2 million) and R128.4 million was recycled to profit or loss (2015: R59.1 million). R63 million (2015: R44.6 million) of the recycled gains are included in cost of merchandise sold and R65.4 million (2015: R14.5 million) are included under employment costs. R49.2 million loss (2015: R27.2 million gain) will be recycled to profit or loss in 2017 relating to forward exchange contracts and R40.1 million gain (2015: R18.9 million gain) will be recycled to profit or loss as and when the related employment costs affect profit or loss relating to the equity derivative hedge.

Refer to note 16 – Derivative financial instruments for further information.

| | | Gro | Group | |
|----|--|---------------|---------------|--|
| | | 2016 R'000 | 2015 R'000 | |
| 22 | Foreign currency translation reserve | | | |
| | Unrealised gain on the translation of assets and liabilities of subsidiaries whose | | | |
| | financial statements are denominated in foreign currencies | 5 805 | 6 331 | |
| | | 5 805 | 6 331 | |
| | Reconciliation of foreign currency translation reserve | | | |
| | Balance at the beginning of the year | 6 331 | 1 554 | |
| | Exchange differences on translation of foreign subsidiaries | (526) | 4 777 | |
| | Balance at end of the year | 5 805 | 6 331 | |

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| | Gr | oup |
|---|---------------|--|
| | 2016 R'000 | 2015 R'000 |
| Employee benefits | | |
| Long-term incentive schemes | 156 488 | 74 132 |
| Post-retirement medical obligations | 58 644 | 53 903 |
| Total long-term employee benefits | 215 132 | 128 035 |
| Accounted for as follows: | | |
| Long-term employee benefits recognised in terms of IFRS 2 – Share-based Payments (see note 23.1) | 116 947 | 22 851 |
| Long-term employee benefits recognised in terms of IAS 19 – Employee Benefits | 98 185 | 105 184 |
| Total long-term employee benefits | 215 132 | 128 035 |
| Long-term employee benefits recognised in terms of IFRS 2 – Share-based Long-term cash-settled share-based payment liability | d Payments | Long-term incentive scheme – TSR (note 23.1) R'000 |
| Balance at 1 September 2014 | | _ |
| Expense from cash-settled share-based payment | | 22 851 |
| Balance at 31 August 2015 | | 22 851 |
| Expense from cash-settled share-based payment | | 96 119 |
| Early settlement | | (2 023) |
| Balance at 31 August 2016 | | 116 947 |

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23 Employee benefits (continued)

23.1 Long-term incentive scheme - total shareholder return ("TSR")

During 2016 the group issued 1.1 million (2015: 1.4 million) cash-settled appreciation rights to management. The value of these appreciation rights are linked to the TSR (capital gain plus dividends) over a three-year vesting period. These appreciation rights are classified as cash-settled share-based payment benefits and the liability has been valued using the Monte Carlo option pricing model by an independent, external valuator.

The contractual life of the September 2014 options outstanding at year-end was one year.

The contractual life of the September 2015 options outstanding at year-end was two years.

Details of share option allocations - 2016

| | | Balance at the beginning of the year | Granted during the year | Delivered during the year | | Balance at the end of the year |
|------------------------|---------|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| September 2014 options | R120.56 | 1 300 507 | - | _ | (74 993) | 1 225 514 |
| September 2015 options | R77.07 | _ | 1 090 359 | _ | (77 969) | 1 012 390 |

The assumptions used in estimating the fair value at year-end is listed below:

| | Share price at grant date | Risk- free rate (%) | Expected dividend yield (%) | Expected volatility (%) | Expected forfeiture rate (%) |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| September 2014 options three-year vesting period | R66.34 | 7.65 | 2.07 | 33.20 | 4.00 |
| September 2015 options three-year vesting period | R93.82 | 7.65 | 2.07 | 33.20 | 4.00 |

Details of share option allocations - 2015

| | | Balance | | | | |
|------------------------|--------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | | at the | Granted | Delivered | Forfeited | Balance at |
| | Option | beginning | during | during | during | the end of |
| | price | of the year | the year | the year | the year | the year |
| September 2014 options | R57.68 | _ | 1 428 333 | _ | (127 826) | 1 300 507 |

The assumptions used in estimating the fair value at year-end is listed below:

| | Share price at grant date | Risk- free rate (%) | Expected dividend yield (%) | Expected volatility (%) | Expected forfeiture rate (%) |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| September 2014 options three-year vesting period | R66.34 | 7.58 | 2.25 | 28.30 | 4.00 |

The risk-free rate is derived from the zero coupon curve published by the Bond Exchange of South Africa.

The dividend yield is the twelve-month trailing yield (nominal annual and compounded annuity).

The implied volatility is the 250-day historic volatility of the share price.

The expected exercise rate is based on the historic trend of option forfeitures and excludes options already exercised or forfeited.

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23 Employee benefits (continued)

23.1 Long-term incentive scheme – total shareholder return ("TSR") (continued) Long-term employee benefits recognised in terms of IAS 19 – Employee Benefits

| | Long-term incentive | Post- retirement | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------|
| | scheme – | medical | |
| | HEPS | obligations | Total |
| Long-term employee benefits | (note 23.2) R'000 | (note 23.3) R'000 | R'000 |
| Balance at 1 September 2014 | 65 956 | 49 380 | 115 336 |
| Current service cost | 53 886 | 1 474 | 55 360 |
| Benefit payments | _ | (1 244) | (1 244) |
| Interest cost | 8 634 | 5 356 | 13 990 |
| Actuarial gain recognised in profit or loss | (25 668) | _ | (25 668) |
| Actuarial gain recognised in other comprehensive income arising from changes in demographic assumptions | _ | (6 026) | (6 026) |
| Actuarial loss recognised in other comprehensive income arising from changes in financial assumptions | _ | 4 963 | 4 963 |
| Reclassification to short-term employee benefits | (51 527) | _ | (51 527) |
| Balance at 31 August 2015 | 51 281 | 53 903 | 105 184 |
| Current service cost | 48 088 | 1 473 | 49 561 |
| Benefit payments | (2 139) | (1 377) | (3 516) |
| Interest cost | 7 265 | 4 645 | 11 910 |
| Actuarial loss recognised in profit or loss | 3 975 | _ | 3 975 |
| Reclassification to short-term employee benefits | (68 929) | _ | (68 929) |
| Balance at 31 August 2016 | 39 541 | 58 644 | 98 185 |

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23 Employee benefits (continued)

23.2 Long-term incentive scheme - headline earnings per share ("HEPS")

During 2016 the group issued 2.2 million (2015: 2.3 million) cash-settled appreciation rights to management. The value of these appreciation rights are linked to the performance of diluted HEPS over a three-year period. The amount to be provided in the current year is based on a three-year projection of diluted HEPS.

Any difference between projected performance and actual performance is recognised through an actuarial (gain)/loss based on the projected unit credit method which is taken to profit or loss.

The exercise price of each appreciation right was determined as R46.07 (2015: R40.42) per right ("base value"). In order to determine the amount to be provided a fixed factor of 12 is applied to the HEPS at the end of the three-year period. The differential between the factor multiplied by HEPS and the base value is the amount that will be paid out per right.

Should employees leave during the vesting period the rights will be forfeited.

23.3 Post-retirement medical obligations

The group subsidises a portion of the medical aid contributions of certain retired employees.

An actuarial valuation of the Clicks post-retirement medical aid scheme has determined that the unfunded liability in respect of pensioner post-retirement medical benefits amounts to R58.6 million (2015: R53.9 million). Provision has been made for the full unfunded liability.

The principal actuarial assumptions at the last valuation date (31 August 2015) are:

- (i) a discount rate of 8.5% per annum;
- (ii) general increases to medical aid contributions of 7.2%;
- (iii) a retirement age of 65;
- (iv) husbands are on average four years older than their spouses;
- (v) mortality of pensioners determined in accordance with PA90 ultimate tables; and
- (vi) mortality of in-service members determined in accordance with SA 85-90 ultimate table, with females rated down three years.

The post-retirement medical aid provision is sensitive to assumptions around medical aid inflation, discount rate, retirement age and life expectancy. A change in any of these factors would have a significant impact on the amount to be provided (expense/(credit) to other comprehensive income):

| | 2016 R'000 | 2015 R'000 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| - Medical aid inflation increases by 1% per annum over assumptions made | 7 400 | 10 458 |
| Medical aid inflation decreases by 1% per annum over assumptions | | |
| made | (5 102) | (8 361) |
| Discount rate increases by 1% per annum over assumptions made | (5 593) | (8 114) |
| Discount rate decreases by 1% per annum over assumptions made | 6 728 | 10 300 |
| Retirement age decreases by two years | 6 875 | 6 400 |
| Life expectancy of male pensioners increases by one year | 972 | 872 |
| Life expectancy of male pensioners decreases by one year | (995) | (894) |
| Life expectancy of female pensioners increases by one year | 1 333 | 1 215 |
| - Life expectancy of female pensioners decreases by one year | (1 350) | (1 198) |
| The following undiscounted payments are expected contributions in future years from post-retirement medical obligations. | | |
| Within 12 months | 1 458 | 1 377 |
| Between 2 and 5 years | 7 679 | 6 929 |
| Between 5 and 10 years | 16 311 | 14 508 |
| Between 10 and 20 years | 90 500 | 79 716 |
| Between 20 and 30 years | 183 088 | 171 342 |
| Between 30 and 40 years | 188 023 | 185 078 |
| Beyond 40 years | 134 813 | 143 714 |
| Total expected payments | 621 872 | 602 664 |

The average duration of the post-retirement medical obligations at year-end is 21.9 years (2015: 21.9 years).

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23 Employee benefits (continued)

23.3 Post-retirement medical obligations (continued)

Amounts for the current and previous four periods are as follows:

| , | · | Post-retiren | nent medical | obligations | |
|---|--|--|--|---|----------------|
| | 2016 R'000 | 2015 R'000 | 2014 R'000 | 2013 R'000 | 2012 R'000 |
| Defined benefit obligation | 58 644 | 53 903 | 49 380 | 45 306 | 42 763 |
| Experience adjustments on plan liabilities | _ | (1 063) | _ | (1 221) | - |
| Short-term employee benefits | Long-term incentive scheme – HEPS (note 23.2) R'000 | Leave pay accrual (note 23.4) R'000 | Bonus accrual (note 23.5) R'000 | Overtime accrual (note 23.6) R'000 | Total R'000 |
| Balance at 1 September 2014 | 37 074 | 54 092 | 97 333 | 1 995 | 190 494 |
| Reclassification from long-term employee benefits | 51 527 | - | _ | - | 51 527 |
| Benefit payments | (39 796) | (10 843) | (115 074) | (1 418) | (167 131) |
| Charge included in profit or loss | _ | 13 423 | 124 738 | 1 892 | 140 053 |
| Balance at 31 August 2015 | 48 805 | 56 672 | 106 997 | 2 469 | 214 943 |
| Reclassification from long-term employee benefits | 68 929 | _ | _ | - | 68 929 |
| Benefit payments | (48 798) | (12 451) | (135 509) | (7 243) | (204 001) |
| Charge included in profit or loss | - | 17 107 | 137 245 | 7 763 | 162 115 |
| Balance at 31 August 2016 | 68 936 | 61 328 | 108 733 | 2 989 | 241 986 |

^{23.4} The leave pay accrual is based on actual leave days per employee multiplied by the employee's current total daily cost to company.

^{23.5} The bonus accrual includes a guaranteed thirteenth cheque and an incentive bonus based on the business or group's performance. The bonus is provided for all employees who qualify in respect of the expected cash payment.

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23 Employee benefits (continued)

23.6 The overtime accrual is in respect of overtime worked in August 2016 which is paid in September 2016.

Pension and provident funds

Three funds, which are registered and governed in terms of the Pension Funds Act, 24 of 1956, are operated by the group. These funds are:

- the Clicks Group Retirement Fund;
- the Clicks Group Negotiated Pension Fund; and
- · the Clicks Group Negotiated Provident Fund.

All permanent full-time staff members in South Africa, Lesotho and Swaziland are obliged to join one of the funds. Employees in Namibia are members of the Namflex Umbrella Pension Fund and those in Botswana are members of the Sentlhaga Pension Fund.

The funds are all defined contribution schemes and the group carries no liability in relation to these funds. All funds provide death and disability cover, while the negotiated funds also include a funeral benefit. Combined membership across the funds was 13 705 (2015: 8 556) at year-end.

Medical aid funds

Membership of one of the Horizon Medical Aid Scheme benefit options is actively encouraged and all existing members of Discovery Health may continue their membership.

At year-end 2 227 South African employees were principal members of a medical aid scheme, of which 1 552 were principal members with Horizon, 573 were principal members of a Discovery Health medical aid scheme, and 102 were principal members of various other medical aid schemes.

At year-end five Botswana employees were principal members with BOMaid and one with PULA, 16 Namibian employees were principal members of Namibia Health Plan and 16 Swaziland employees were principal members of Swazimed.

At year-end 26.2% (2015: 23.1%) of the permanent full-time employees were members of a medical aid scheme. Increasing the health benefits available to employees will be a focus area for the group in the years ahead.

Employee and company contributions to the above funds are included in employment costs detailed in note 4.

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| | Gro | oup |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 2016 R'000 | 2015 R'000 |
| Lease commitments | | |
| Operating lease liability | 190 409 | 180 468 |
| Operating leases with fixed escalations are charged to the statement of comprehensive income on a straight-line basis. | | |
| The associated liability will reverse during the latter part of each lease term when the actual cash flow exceeds the profit or loss charge. | | |
| Operating lease commitments The group leases all its retail premises and certain of its pharmaceutical distribution centre sites under operating leases. The lease agreements provide for minimum payments together, in certain instances, with contingent rental payments determined on the basis of achieving a specified turnover threshold. | | |
| Future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases due: | | |
| Not later than one year | 650 493 | 590 809 |
| Later than one year, not later than five years | 3 223 857 | 2 816 413 |
| Later than five years | 781 238 | 360 916 |
| | 4 655 588 | 3 768 138 |
| Future minimum lease payments receivable under non-cancellable operating leases due, which relate to Intercare Management Healthcare Proprietary Limited: | | |
| Not later than one year | 4 126 | 13 303 |
| Later than one year, not later than five years | 8 962 | 20 086 |
| | 13 088 | 33 389 |
| The net future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases due: | | |
| - Not later than one year | 646 367 | 577 506 |
| Later than one year, not later than five years | 3 214 895 | 2 796 327 |
| Later than five years | 781 238 | 360 916 |
| | 4 642 500 | 3 734 749 |

Generally, leases are taken out on five or ten-year lease terms with an option to extend for a further five years in the instance of Clicks, while shorter periods are committed to for Musica, The Body Shop, GNC and Claire's.

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| | | Gro | oup |
|----|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| | | 2016 R'000 | 2015 R'000 |
| 25 | Trade and other payables | | |
| | The following are included in trade and other payables: | | |
| | Trade payables | 4 212 129 | 4 144 170 |
| | Other loyalty programme deferred income (see note 25.1) | 81 765 | 108 594 |
| | Non-trade payables and accruals (see note 25.2) | 854 517 5 148 411 | 645 350 4 898 114 |
| | | 3 140 411 | 4 090 114 |
| | 25.1 Other loyalty programme deferred income | | |
| | The deferred income relating to points is determined based on the value of unredeemed vouchers in issue, as well as the value of points on qualifying sales that have not been converted into vouchers. | | |
| | Based on the historic redemption rate, it is assumed that 76% of all vouchers in issue are ultimately redeemed. | | |
| | Estimates are made based on historic trends regarding the value of points on qualifying sales that will ultimately convert into vouchers issued. | | |
| | 25.2 Non-trade payables and accruals consist of expense and payroll accruals, value-added tax and unredeemed gift cards. | | |
| 26 | Provisions | | |
| | Provision for onerous contracts | | |
| | Balance at the beginning of the year | 5 745 | 9 882 |
| | Movement in provision during the year recognised in occupancy costs | 1 194 | (4 137) |
| | Balance at the end of the year | 6 939 | 5 745 |
| | Current | 6 939 | 5 745 |
| | Non-current | _ | |
| | | 6 939 | 5 745 |
| | Onerous contracts are identified where the present value of future obligations in terms of the contracts in question exceeds the estimated benefits accruing to the group from the contracts. The provision relates to certain leases where the site is either vacant or the commercial activity on the site is incurring losses. | | |
| | Future cash flows are determined in accordance with the contractual lease obligations and are adjusted by market-related sub-let rentals and discounted at the group's risk adjusted pre-tax weighted average cost of capital rate. | | |
| | The provision is further reduced to the extent that a straight-line operating lease accrual has already been recognised (see note 24). | | |
| 27 | Financial liability at fair value through profit or loss Contingent consideration arising from investment in associate | 2 331 | _ |
| | Total financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss | 2 331 | _ |
| | The group acquired a 25% interest in Sorbet Brands Proprietary Limited in the | o ourront year t | for a purchase |

The group acquired a 25% interest in Sorbet Brands Proprietary Limited in the current year for a purchase price of R15.0 million on signing of the contract and two contingent payments of R2.5 million each, payable on 31 August 2016 and 31 August 2017 respectively, on achievement of certain milestones.

The final contingent payment has been discounted to present value using the group's borrowing rate at year-end and is within level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

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| | | Group | | |
|----|---|---------------|---------------|--|
| | | 2016 R'000 | 2015 R'000 | |
| 28 | Dividends to shareholders | | | |
| | Previous year final cash dividend out of distributable reserves – 169.5 cents per share paid 25 January 2016 (2015: 136.5 cents per share paid 26 January 2015 out of distributable reserves) | 417 204 | 335 978 | |
| | Current year interim cash dividend out of distributable reserves – 76 cents per share paid 4 July 2016 (2015: 65.5 cents per share paid 6 July 2015 out of distributable reserves) | 187 064 | 161 220 | |
| | "A" shares – Previous year final cash dividend out of distributable reserves – 23.5 cents per share paid 25 January 2016 (2015: 19 cents per share paid 30 January 2015) | 6 851 | 5 539 | |
| | Total dividends to shareholders | 611 119 | 502 737 | |
| | Dividends on treasury shares | (24 780) | (11 358) | |
| | Dividends on "A" shares held in trust | (582) | (621) | |
| | Dividends paid outside the group | 585 757 | 490 758 | |

On 27 October 2016 the directors approved the final proposed dividend of 196 cents per share and 27.2 cents per "A" share.

The source of such a dividend will be from distributable reserves and paid in cash and will be recognised in the statement of changes in equity in 2017.

Dividend policy

The dividend cover is 1.7 (2015: 1.7) times.

For further details refer to the directors' report on page 2.

29 Financial risk management

The group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including currency risk, price risk, interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

This note presents information about the group's exposure to each of the above risks, the group's objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk, and the management of capital. Further quantitative disclosures are included throughout these consolidated financial statements.

The group's overall risk management programme focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the group's financial performance. The group uses derivative financial instruments to hedge certain risk exposures.

The group treasury functions within the parameters of the treasury policy and reports to a sub-committee of management.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and equity prices will affect the group's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments.

The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return on risk.

The group buys derivatives to hedge economic exposures in the ordinary course of business to manage certain market risks.

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29 Financial risk management (continued)

Currency risk

The group is exposed to foreign exchange risk through its imports of merchandise.

The currencies in which these transactions are primarily denominated are USD, EUR, GBP and CNY.

The group's treasury risk management policy is to take out forward exchange contracts, to cover both committed and anticipated exposures.

The impact of a 10% strengthening or weakening of the currency against the USD, EUR, GBP and CNY with all other variables held constant is disclosed in note 30.2. The effect of this movement is based on the outstanding forward foreign exchange contracts held by the group at year-end.

Interest rate risk

As the group has no significant interest-bearing assets, the group's income and operating cash flows are substantially independent of changes in market interest rates.

The group's interest rate risk arises from long-term and short-term borrowings. Borrowings issued at variable rates expose the group to cash flow interest rate risk. Borrowings issued at fixed rates expose the group to fair value interest rate risk. During 2015 and 2016 the group's borrowings at variable rates were denominated in Rands.

There were no material interest rate sensitivities at year-end.

Price risk

The group's exposure to other price risk relates to fluctuations in the share price of the company as a result of the options that have been granted to employees in terms of the long-term incentive scheme (refer to note 23.1). The group uses derivative financial instruments in the form of options to hedge exposure in respect of fluctuations in the share scheme obligation arising from movements in the company's share price. Sufficient options were purchased in order to settle the total expected future obligation. As a result of the hedging relationship, movements in the company share price will not have a material impact on either profit or loss or equity of the group.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the group if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations, and arises primarily from the group's receivables. Credit risk is managed on a group basis. Credit risk arises from cash and cash equivalents, derivative financial instruments and deposits with banks and financial institutions, as well as credit exposures to Distribution and Retail customers, including outstanding receivables and committed transactions.

Trade and other receivables

The group's exposure to credit risk is influenced mainly by the individual characteristics of each customer. In relation to the Retail business, trade receivables primarily relate to recoverables from vendors with which the group has a trading relationship and medical aids with respect to pharmacy recoverables, while in Distribution, customers (excluding intercompany) are primarily hospitals and independent pharmacists.

In relation to the Distribution business, the risk management has been delegated to the management of the subsidiary business.

Management has a credit policy in place and the exposure to credit risk is monitored on an ongoing basis. Credit evaluations are performed on all customers.

Credit Guarantee Insurance Corporation of Africa Limited is utilised to cover the majority of wholesale customers with a credit balance over a predetermined amount.

Goods are sold subject to retention of title clauses in Distribution so that in the event of non-payment the group may have a secured claim.

The group establishes an allowance for impairment that represents its estimate of incurred losses in respect of trade and other receivables.

The main components of this allowance are specific loss components that relate to individually significant exposures, and a collective loss component established for groups of similar assets in respect of losses that have been incurred but not yet identified.

The collective loss allowance is determined based on historical data of payment statistics of similar financial assets.

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29 Financial risk management (continued)

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the group will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due.

The group's approach is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risk damage to the group's reputation. Due to the dynamic nature of the underlying businesses, group treasury maintains flexibility in funding by holding availability through credit lines. At year-end the group's total uncommitted facilities available was R2 025 million (2015: R1 967 million) of which the full balance remained undrawn (2015: nil drawn down).

See note 30.5 for details of maturity analysis of the group's financial liabilities.

Capital risk management

The group's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the group's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders, and to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the group may adjust the amount of dividends paid to shareholders, return capital to shareholders, issue new shares or sell assets to reduce debt. The group's target of maintaining a ratio of shareholders' interest to total assets is in the range of 25% to 30%. This is obtained through achieving the group's earnings targets, management of working capital, share buy-backs and dividends.

In 2016 the shareholders' interest to total assets was 29.3% (2015: 26.6%).

30 Financial instruments

Market risk

30.1 Treasury risk management

The treasury committee meets on a regular basis to analyse currency and interest rate exposures and reevaluate treasury management strategies.

30.2 Foreign exchange risk management

The group is exposed to foreign currency risk as it imports merchandise. This risk is mitigated by entering into forward exchange contracts. These contracts are matched with anticipated future cash flows in foreign currencies.

The group does not use forward exchange contracts for speculative purposes.

The group has measured these instruments at fair value (see note 16).

| | 31 August 2016 | | | | 31 August 2015 | | | |
|--|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Exposure to currency risk – foreign exchange contracts | USD '000 | GBP '000 | EUR '000 | CNY '000 | USD '000 | GBP '000 | EUR '000 | CNY '000 |
| Forecast purchases and payables due at the end of the year | 18 498 | 3 251 | 2 263 | 103 377 | 16 026 | 1 196 | 1 604 | 44 155 |
| Forward exchange contracts subject to cash flow hedging | 17 546 | 1 845 | 1 978 | 62 803 | 14 283 | 200 | _ | 37 321 |
| Net exposure | 952 | 1 406 | 285 | 40 574 | 1 743 | 996 | 1 604 | 6 834 |

The following exchange rates applied during the year:

| | Averaç | ge rate | Reporting date mid- spot rate | |
|-----|--------|---------|----------------------------------|-------|
| | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 |
| USD | 14.74 | 11.79 | 14.49 | 13.31 |
| GBP | 21.48 | 18.49 | 19.06 | 20.71 |
| EUR | 16.56 | 13.86 | 16.30 | 15.11 |
| CNY | 2.26 | 1.92 | 2.18 | 2.09 |

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30 Financial instruments (continued)

30.2 Foreign exchange risk management (continued)

Foreign exchange rate sensitivity analysis

The following table details the group's sensitivity to a 10% strengthening in the South African Rand against the relevant foreign currencies. 10% is the sensitivity rate used when reporting foreign currency risk internally to management personnel and represents management's assessment of a reasonable possible change in foreign exchange rates. The sensitivity analysis includes only outstanding foreign currency denominated monetary items and their adjusted translation for a 10% change in foreign currency rates.

| | USD impact | | GBP impact | | EUR impact | | CNY impact | |
|-------------------------------|------------|----------|------------|-------|------------|-------|------------|---------|
| | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 |
| | R'000 | R'000 | R'000 | R'000 | R'000 | R'000 | R'000 | R'000 |
| Decrease in pre-tax other | | | | | | | | |
| comprehensive income | (27 456) | (17 496) | (4 069) | (394) | (3 322) | _ | (14 464) | (7 365) |
| Increase in profit before tax | 1 384 | 2 342 | 2 680 | 2 062 | 464 | 2 424 | 8 845 | 1 429 |

For a 10% weakening of the South African Rand against the relevant currency, there would be an equal but opposite increase in pre-tax other comprehensive income and decrease in profit before tax.

30.3 Fair values of financial instruments

The fair values of financial assets and liabilities, together with the carrying amounts shown in the statement of financial position, are as follows:

| • | | 31 Aug | ust 2016 | 31 August 2015 | | |
|--|--|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--|
| | | Carrying value R'000 | Fair value R'000 | Carrying value R'000 | Fair value R'000 | |
| Financial assets | | | | | | |
| Trade receivables (see note 18) | Loans and receivables | 1 618 962 | 1 618 962 | 1 461 176 | 1 461 176 | |
| Logistics fees receivable (see note 18) | Loans and receivables | 118 725 | 118 725 | 134 177 | 134 177 | |
| Other receivable (see note 18) | Loans and receivables | 22 976 | 22 976 | 89 409 | 89 409 | |
| Loans receivable (see note 14) | Loans and receivables | 17 997 | 17 997 | 13 003 | 13 003 | |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (see note 15) | Assets at fair value | 16 145 | 16 145 | 16 668 | 16 668 | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | Loans and receivables | 369 800 | 369 800 | 400 738 | 400 738 | |
| Equity derivative contracts used for cash flow hedging (see note 16) | Assets at fair value | 231 242 | 231 242 | 81 662 | 81 662 | |
| Forward exchange contracts used for cash flow hedging (see note 16) | Assets at fair value | - | - | 24 507 | 24 507 | |
| Financial liabilities | | | | | | |
| Forward exchange contracts used for cash flow hedging (see note 16) | Financial liabilities measured at fair value | 26 971 | 26 971 | - | - | |
| Financial liability at fair value through profit or loss (see note 27) | Financial liabilities measured at fair value | 2 331 | 2 331 | - | _ | |
| Trade and other payables (see note 25) | Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost | 4 968 333 | 4 968 333 | 4 733 826 | 4 733 826 | |

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30 Financial instruments (continued)

30.3 Fair values of financial instruments (continued)

Basis for determining fair values

The following summarises the significant methods and assumptions used in estimating the fair values of financial instruments reflected in the table above.

Derivatives

Fair values of currency, interest rate and equity derivatives are calculated using standard market calculation conventions with reference to the relevant closing market spot rates, forward foreign exchange, interest rates and share price.

Non-derivative financial assets and liabilities

Fair value is calculated based on the present value of future principal and interest cash flows, discounted at the market rate of interest at the reporting date except for the insurance cell captive where fair value is determined based on the net asset value at the reporting date.

Interest rates used in determining fair value

The interest rates used to discount estimated cash flows, where applicable, are based on the government yield curve at the reporting date plus an adequate constant credit spread, and were as follows:

| | 2016 % | 2015 % |
|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Borrowings | 10.50 | 9.50 |
| Leases | n/a | n/a |

The table below provides the valuation method of financial instruments carried at fair value. The different levels have been defined as follows:

- Level 1 Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets and liabilities.
- Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices).

Level 3 - Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise the use of observable market data where it is available and rely as little as possible on entity-specific estimates. If all significant inputs required to fair value an instrument are observable, the instrument is included in level 2.

If one or more of the significant inputs is not based on observable market data, the instrument is included in level 3.

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30 Financial instruments (continued)

30.3 Fair values of financial instruments (continued)

Financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value

| Group | Level 2 R'000 | Level 3 R'000 | Total R'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 2016 | 11 000 | 11000 | 11 000 |
| Financial assets | | | |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (see note 15) | 16 145 | _ | 16 145 |
| Equity derivative contracts used for cash flow hedging (see note 16) | 231 242 | _ | 231 242 |
| Total | 247 387 | _ | 247 387 |
| Financial liabilities | | | |
| Forward exchange contracts used for cash flow hedging (see note 16) | 26 971 | _ | 26 971 |
| Financial liability at fair value through profit or loss (see note 27) | _ | 2 331 | 2 331 |
| Total | 26 971 | 2 331 | 29 302 |
| 2015 | | | |
| Financial assets | | | |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (see note 15) | 16 668 | _ | 16 668 |
| Equity derivative contracts used for cash flow hedging (see note 16) | 81 662 | _ | 81 662 |
| Forward exchange contracts used for cash flow hedging (see note 16) | 24 507 | _ | 24 507 |
| Total | 122 837 | _ | 122 837 |

There have been no transfers between level 1, 2 and 3 during the period.

30.4 Credit risk management

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty may default on its contractual obligation resulting in financial loss to the group. The group is exposed to credit risk arising from cash equivalents, derivative financial instruments and deposits with banks and financial institutions, as well as credit exposures to Distribution and Retail customers, including outstanding receivables and committed transactions. Management has a formal credit policy in place as a means of mitigating the risk of financial loss to the group.

The carrying amount of financial assets represents the maximum credit exposure. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date was:

| | Carrying amount | | |
|---|-----------------|---------------|--|
| | 2016 R'000 | 2015 R'000 | |
| Derivative financial assets (see note 16) | 231 242 | 106 169 | |
| Trade receivables (see note 18) | 1 618 962 | 1 461 176 | |
| Logistics fees receivable (see note 18) | 118 725 | 134 177 | |
| Other receivable (see note 18) | 22 976 | 89 409 | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 369 800 | 400 738 | |
| Loans receivable (see note 14) | 17 997 | 13 003 | |
| | 2 379 702 | 2 204 672 | |

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30 Financial instruments (continued)

30.4 Credit risk management (continued)

Trade receivables

The group's exposure to credit risk is influenced mainly by the individual characteristics of each customer. Management has a credit policy in place and exposure to credit risk is monitored on an ongoing basis. Credit evaluations are performed on all customers who purchase from the group.

Trade receivables can be categorised into Distribution customers and Retail customers.

The maximum exposure to credit risk, after impairment, for trade receivables at the reporting date by type of customer was:

| | Carrying | amount |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2016 R'000 | 2015 R'000 |
| Retail customers | 80 622 | 78 626 |
| Distribution customers | 1 538 340 | 1 382 550 |
| | 1 618 962 | 1 461 176 |

Retail customers

The ageing of trade receivables at the reporting date was:

| | 2016 | | | | 2015 | |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | Gross R'000 | Impairment R'000 | Net R'000 | Gross R'000 | Impairment R'000 | Net R'000 |
| Not past due | 84 922 | (4 300) | 80 622 | 84 396 | (5 770) | 78 626 |
| Past due 0 – 30 days | - | - | - | 13 | (13) | _ |
| Past due more than 31 days | - | - | - | 117 | (117) | _ |
| Total | 84 922 | (4 300) | 80 622 | 84 526 | (5 900) | 78 626 |

Retail trade receivables mainly relate to receivables from medical aids with respect to pharmacy debtors.

Trade debtors are classified as past due when they have passed their payment date by one day.

Distribution customers

The ageing of trade receivables at the reporting date was:

| | 2016 | | | | 2015 | |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | Gross R'000 | Impairment R'000 | Net R'000 | Gross R'000 | Impairment R'000 | Net R'000 |
| Not past due | 1 276 046 | (65) 1 | 275 981 | 1 055 980 | | 1 055 980 |
| Past due 0 – 30 days | 185 993 | (700) | 185 293 | 295 452 | _ | 295 452 |
| Past due more than 31 days | 96 082 | (19 016) | 77 066 | 53 896 | (22 778) | 31 118 |
| Total | 1 558 121 | (19 781) 1 | 538 340 | 1 405 328 | (22 778) | 1 382 550 |

Trade debtors are classified as past due when they have passed their payment date by one day.

Distribution customers are primarily hospitals and independent pharmacists.

The Distribution business minimises its exposure to credit risk by insuring debtors with balances greater than a predetermined amount.

There is an excess (which varies between hospitals and independent pharmacists) that is carried by the Distribution business with the balance being covered by Credit Guarantee Insurance Corporation of Africa Limited.

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30 Financial instruments (continued)

30.4 Credit risk management (continued)

The split between insured and uninsured debtors is as follows:

| | Gross amount | |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2016 R'000 | 2015 R'000 |
| Insured | 1 548 178 | 1 385 002 |
| Uninsured | 9 943 | 20 326 |
| | 1 558 121 | 1 405 328 |

Uninsured debtors consist mainly of a concentration of debtors with a monthly turnover of less than R40 000 and low-risk debtors such as government debtors.

The exposure to credit risk in respect of these debtors is managed through credit evaluations.

Impairment loss

The impairment is determined based on information regarding the financial position of each trade receivable at year-end.

The group's trade receivables are stated net of impairment losses. An analysis of impairment losses are as follows:

| | Retail | | Distribution | |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2016 R'000 | 2015 R'000 | 2016 R'000 | 2015 R'000 |
| Balance at the beginning of the year | (5 900) | (4 500) | (22 778) | (23 613) |
| Additional allowances made | _ | (7 170) | 86 | (4 919) |
| Trade receivables written off during the year as uncollectible | 1 600 | 5 770 | 2 911 | 5 754 |
| Balance at the end of the year | (4 300) | (5 900) | (19 781) | (22 778) |

The creation of impairment losses have been included in "other costs" in profit or loss.

Amounts charged to the allowance account are generally written off to profit or loss when there is no expectation of recovery.

Cash and cash equivalents

The group's banking facilities are with reputable institutions, all of which have a strong credit rating.

Other loans

Other loans are reviewed at least on an annual basis to assess their recoverability. None of the loans are considered to be impaired at the end of the financial year.

30.5 Liquidity risk management

Liquidity risk is the risk that the group will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The group's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risk damage to the group's reputation.

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30 Financial instruments (continued)

30.5 Liquidity risk management (continued)

Liquidity and interest risk tables

The following tables detail the group's remaining contractual maturity for its financial liabilities, including interest payments and excluding the impact of netting agreements:

| | Carrying amount R'000 | Contractual cash flows R'000 | One year or less R'000 |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2016 | | | |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Derivative financial liabilities (see note 16) | 26 971 | 26 971 | 26 971 |
| Financial liability at fair value through profit or loss (see note 27) | 2 331 | 2 500 | 2 500 |
| Trade and other payables (see note 25) | 4 968 333 | 4 968 333 | 4 968 333 |
| | 4 997 635 | 4 997 804 | 4 997 804 |
| 2015 | | | |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Trade and other payables (see note 25) | 4 733 826 | 4 733 826 | 4 733 826 |
| | 4 733 826 | 4 733 826 | 4 733 826 |

31 Capital commitments

| | 2016 R'000 | 2015 R'000 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Capital expenditure approved by the directors | | |
| Contracted | 25 866 | 20 713 |
| Not contracted | 551 534 | 411 587 |
| | 577 400 | 432 300 |

Group

The capital expenditure will be financed from borrowings and internally generated funds.

32 Financial guarantees

Group companies provide surety for other group companies to the value of R2 025 million (2015: R1 967 million) with respect to facilities held with various banks. At year-end these facilities had no drawings by group companies (2015: nil). The fair values of the financial guarantees are considered negligible.

33 Related party transactions

33.1 Group

Clicks Group Limited is the ultimate holding company of the group.

Transactions between group subsidiaries

During the year, in the ordinary course of business, certain companies within the group entered into transactions with one another. These intragroup transactions have been eliminated on consolidation. For a list of the group's subsidiaries, see page 67.

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33 Related party transactions (continued)

33.1 Group (continued)

Directors and key management

Related party transactions include:

- (i) dividends paid and received from subsidiary companies and associates;
- (ii) interest received from or paid to subsidiary companies; and
- (iii) loans to or from subsidiary companies.

Certain non-executive directors are also non-executive directors of other public companies which transact with the group. The relevant directors do not believe that they have control, joint control or significant influence over the financial or operating policies of those companies.

Executive directors' employment contracts do not provide for a defined period of employment, but specify a notice period for the chief executive officer of 12 months and six months for the other executive directors. During this notice period all standard benefits accrue to the directors in question. Contracts do not provide for predetermined compensation on termination other than that accorded to employees in terms of the group's remuneration policies.

Employee benefits paid to directors and key management personnel are detailed in note 4.

Shares held by directors and their related entities

The audited percentage of shares held by directors of the company at year-end is disclosed on page 69.

| | Group | |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 2016 R'000 | 2015 R'000 |
| Transactions with Sorbet Brands Proprietary Limited | | |
| Dividends received | 1 638 | _ |
| Royalties paid | 3 117 | _ |
| Other related parties The group has identified The New Clicks Foundation Trust and The Clicks Helping Hand Trust as related parties because of the group's involvement in the charitable and developmental activities of the trusts. The group has not consolidated these entities as it is not exposed to variable returns from them and any non-financial benefit is considered to be insignificant. The total net assets and net income for the two entities are R20.5 million (2015: R16.2 million) and R4.8 million (2015: R2.1 million) respectively. Donations to these entities during the year from subsidiary companies were: | | |
| The Clicks Helping Hand Trust | 8 097 | 5 729 |
| The New Clicks Foundation Trust | _ | |

No financial benefits were derived by the group from these relationships. See note 14 for further information relating to the loan balances owing by the charitable trusts.

Contributions to pension and provident fund

Contributions paid to pension and provident funds are included in note 4 and additional information in note 23.

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| | Com | Company | |
|---|---------------|---------------|--|
| | 2016 R'000 | 2015 R'000 | |
| 3 Related party transactions (continued) | | | |
| 33.2 Company | | | |
| The company has the following related party transactions: | | | |
| 33.2.1 Dividends received | | | |
| New Clicks South Africa Proprietary Limited | 624 055 | 400 000 | |
| Total dividends received from related parties | 624 055 | 400 000 | |
| | | | |
| 33.2.2 Dividends paid | | | |
| New Clicks South Africa Proprietary Limited | 24 366 | 11 017 | |
| Clicks Group Employee Share Ownership Trust | 6 851 | 5 539 | |
| New Clicks Holdings Share Trust | 414 | 341 | |
| Total dividends paid to related parties | 31 631 | 16 897 | |
| 33.2.3 Loans to/(by) subsidiary companies | | | |
| New Clicks South Africa Proprietary Limited | (216 903) | (228 589) | |
| Clicks Group Employee Share Ownership Trust | 291 | 291 | |
| Clicks Centurion Proprietary Limited | 9 000 | 9 000 | |
| | (207 612) | (219 298) | |

A schedule of the loans and investments in related parties is included on page 67.

Details regarding dividends relating to treasury shares are included in note 28.

34 Borrowing powers

In terms of the memorandum of incorporation the borrowing powers of the company are unlimited.

35 Operating segments

The group has identified two reportable segments, as described below.

For each of the operating brands the group's chief decision-makers review internal management reports on a monthly basis. The following describes the operations in each of the group's reportable segments:

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Retail comprises Clicks, a specialist health, beauty and homeware retailer; Claire's, a speciality retailer of fashionable jewellery and accessories at affordable prices; GNC, a speciality retailer of health and wellness products; Musica, a retailer of entertainment-related merchandise; and The Body Shop, which specialises in naturally inspired luxury toiletries, cosmetics, gifting and grooming, with stores in the Republic of South Africa, Namibia, Swaziland, Botswana and Lesotho.

Distribution

UPD is a national full-range pharmaceutical wholesaler and also provides distribution capability for the Clicks Group. UPD operates within the Republic of South Africa and in Botswana.

The information regarding the results of each reportable segment is included on page 13. Performance is measured based on segment operating profit, as included in the internal management reports that are reviewed by the group's chief operating decision-makers. Segment profit is used to measure performance as management believes that such information is the most relevant in evaluating the results of certain segments relative to other entities that operate within these industries. Inter-segment transactions are on an arm's length basis.

Major customers

There are no external customers that account for more than 10% of the group's revenue.