BELL EQUIPMENT LIMITED
('Bell' or 'the group' or 'the company')
(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)
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UNAUDITED INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2017 AND CASH DIVIDEND DECLARATION

Highlights

	Unaudited 30 June 2017	Unaudited 30 June 2016
Revenue - Up 11%	R3,4bn	R3,1bn
NPAT - Up 86%	R119,6m	R64,3m
HEPS - Up 78%	119c	67c
Net cash inflow - Up 1917%	R227,8m	R11,3m
Dividend - Up 33%	20c	15c

Commentary

Bell Equipment Limited has enjoyed more positive trading conditions from most of its global markets over the period. Outlook for growth from our mining sector and commodity markets in South Africa, Australia and Russia is positive with a slow recovery evident.

The UK and USA remain key markets with relatively stable sales given the significant political changes and resultant uncertainty over the period.

The European market continues to show steady growth and our operations in both France and Germany have benefited. The investment in our new European Logistics Centre has been completed and the facility is now fully operational. Significant improvements in customer service levels and a reduction in operational costs are beginning to flow through.

The E-series range of trucks, and in particular the new concept B60E and B20E LGP units, continue to garner positive reviews from users around the globe and will in time add additional throughput for our business.

The stronger Rand in the first half of 2017 has affected turnover and margin in both our domestic and export sales, while increased costs from essential product upgrades have also proved difficult to pass on to the market due to significant competitive pressure. These two factors have affected profitability and are a key focus for management.

In the South African distribution business a successful BBBEE transaction has been completed which will ensure our participation in all sectors of the economy. An important distribution agreement with Kobelco from Japan has been concluded, extending our offering of excavators with a broader and more competitive range of machines. Second half sales should begin to reflect this additional volume. Further opportunities for complementing product lines have been identified and programmes are in place to bring these to market and drive our growth plans for Africa and our Northern Hemisphere markets.

Our traditional mining markets north of the Zambezi continue to underperform as a result of both internal political issues and poor commodity demand. Restructuring and right-sizing continues in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Zambia and Zimbabwe while our Mozambique operation has been sold to an independent dealer which is better positioned for higher efficiency and absorption through additional product lines.

Bell will continue to invest in both additional products and in distribution opportunities across the globe. The assessment of current distribution channels, as well as the appointment of focused dealers in non-represented countries are priorities.

Aftermarket sales and support to our existing customers remains a critical element of the business and resources are being channelled to ensure that we are best equipped to deliver on this important aspect of our business.

The group continues with expansion plans for our German factory as well as expansion plans for the Richards Bay production of a new range of Trucks in association with KAMAZ from Russia. Testing and evaluation are almost complete for the range of products selected for our African markets and limited assembly work will begin in 2018 with plans to move to full CKD (knockdown kit) production early in 2019.

The group has completed a formal search process and in June announced its succession plans for a new CEO. Leon Goosen, our current COO, was appointed as the CEO designate. The plans allow for an extended hand-over, ensuring continuity for the business, and a date for the final appointment to the CEO position will be decided in due course. We take this opportunity to congratulate Leon on his appointment and we have every confidence that he will lead the business to greater heights in the years ahead as we roll out our agreed plans.

Tiisetso Tsukudu has announced his retirement as an independent non-executive director from the Bell board after 13 years of service and the company would like to take this opportunity to thank him for both his dedication and significant input over the years.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 30 June 2017 R'000	Unaudited 30 June 2017	Unaudited 30 June 2016	Audited 31 December 2016

ASSETS			
Non-current assets	1 102 314	910 954	1 029 444
Property, plant and equipment	767 947	584 830	704 295
Intangible assets	215 584	210 149	216 419
Investments	584	636	568
Interest-bearing long-term receivables	28 736	24 468	16 964
Deferred taxation	89 463	90 871	91 198
Current assets	3 969 145	3 763 865	3 477 504
Inventory	2 458 719	2 745 254	2 427 921
Trade and other receivables	1 127 844	850 324	751 672
Current portion of interest-bearing long-term receivables	48 610	63 571	56 546
Prepayments	62 514	20 509	21 828
Other financial assets	1 300	2 787	5 641
Current taxation assets	3 664	19 342	29 601
Cash and bank balances	266 494	62 078	184 295
TOTAL ASSETS	5 071 459	4 674 819	4 506 948
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Capital and reserves	2 889 849	2 919 652	2 758 247
Stated capital (Note 5)	232 244	230 567	232 139
Non-distributable reserves	565 176	669 946	553 298
Retained earnings	2 086 332	2 011 150	1 972 810
Attributable to owners of Bell Equipment Limited	2 883 752	2 911 663	2 758 247
Non-controlling interest	6 097	7 989	-
Non-current liabilities	389 372	278 078	321 787
Interest-bearing liabilities	151 107	83 314	103 175
Repurchase obligations and deferred leasing income	1 394	2 587	2 034
Deferred income	102 575	72 689	84 083
Long-term provisions and lease escalation	45 750	48 091	47 781
Deferred taxation	88 546	71 397	84 714
Current liabilities	1 792 238	1 477 089	1 426 914
Trade and other payables	1 183 513	981 929	759 463
Current portion of interest-bearing liabilities	84 150	77 185	51 268
Current portion of repurchase obligations and deferred leasing income	3 011	1 114	763
Current portion of deferred income	98 253	79 080	82 903
Current portion of provisions and lease escalation	79 298	58 207	69 562
Other financial liabilities	1 143	6 846	952
Current taxation liabilities	42 057	22 373	15 615
Bank overdrafts and borrowings on call	300 813	250 355	446 388
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	5 071 459	4 674 819	4 506 948

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS for the period ended 30 June 2017 R'000	Unaudited six months ended 30 June 2017	Unaudited six months ended 30 June 2016	Audited twelve months ended 31 December 2016
Revenue	3 446 757	3 097 762	6 002 341
Cost of sales	(2 744 277)	(2 367 911)	(4 604 486)
Gross profit	702 480	729 851	1 397 855
Other operating income	105 234	75 027	168 448
Expenses	(595 030)	(660 057)	(1 418 055)
Profit from operating activities (Note 2)	212 684	144 821	148 248
Net interest expense (Note 3)	(14 380)	(18 763)	(32 557)
Profit before taxation	198 304	126 058	115 691
Taxation	(78 685)	(61 770)	(77 072)
Profit for the period/year	119 619	64 288	38 619
Profit for the period/year attributable to:			
- Owners of Bell Equipment Limited	113 522	63 660	37 472
- Non-controlling interest	6 097	628	1 147
Earnings per share (basic)(cents) (Note 4)	119	67	39
Earnings per share (diluted)(cents) (Note 4)	119	67	39

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME for the period ended 30 June 2017 R'000	Unaudited six months ended 30 June 2017	Unaudited six months ended 30 June 2016	Audited twelve months ended 31 December 2016
Profit for the period/year	119 619	64 288	38 619
Other comprehensive income (loss)			
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Exchange differences arising during the period/year	9 388	(89 781)	(221 639)
Exchange differences on translating foreign operations	8 490	(87 049)	(210 970)
Exchange differences on foreign reserves	898	(2 732)	(10 669)
Items that may not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:	-	432	17 340
Surplus arising on revaluation of properties	-	600	24 300
Taxation relating to surplus arising on revaluation of properties	-	(168)	(6 960)
Other comprehensive income (loss) for the period/year, net of taxation	9 388	(89 349)	(204 299)

Total comprehensive income (loss) for the period/year	129 007	(25 061)	(165 680)
Total comprehensive income (loss) attributable to:			
- Owners of Bell Equipment Limited	122 910	(25 689)	(166 827)
- Non-controlling interest	6 097	628	1 147

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
for the period ended 30 June 2017

R'000	Unaudited six months ended 30 June 2017	Unaudited six months ended 30 June 2016 Restated*	Audited twelve months ended 31 December 2016
Cash operating profit before working capital changes	346 369	292 547	406 005
Cash utilised in working capital	(101 615)	(141 586)	(208 338)
Cash generated from operations	244 754	150 961	197 667
Net interest paid	(13 434)	(14 262)	(32 377)
Taxation paid	(21 264)	(45 322)	(76 951)
Net cash generated from operating activities	210 056	91 377	88 339
Net cash utilised in investing activities	(64 651)	(39 435)	(117 390)
Net cash generated from (utilised in) financing activities	82 369	(40 647)	(33 470)
Net cash inflow/(outflow)	227 774	11 295	(62 521)
Net bank overdrafts and borrowings on call at beginning of the period/year	(262 093)	(199 572)	(199 572)
Net bank overdrafts and borrowings on call at end of the period/year	(34 319)	(188 277)	(262 093)
Comprising:			
Cash and bank balances	266 494	62 078	184 295
Bank overdrafts and borrowings on call	(300 813)	(250 355)	(446 388)
Net bank overdrafts and borrowings on call at end of the period/year	(34 319)	(188 277)	(262 093)

* Refer to restatements of prior periods in note 11.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
for the period ended 30 June 2017

	Attributable to owners of Bell Equipment Limited					
R'000	Stated capital	Non-distributable reserves	Retained earnings	Total	Non-controlling interest	Total capital and reserves
Balance at 31 December 2015 - audited	230 567	752 269	1 957 219	2 940 055	7 361	2 947 416
Recognition of share-based payments	-	(2 703)	-	(2 703)	-	(2 703)
Total comprehensive (loss) income for the period	-	(89 349)	63 660	(25 689)	628	(25 061)
Increase in statutory reserves of foreign subsidiaries	-	9 729	(9 729)	-	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2016 - unaudited	230 567	669 946	2 011 150	2 911 663	7 989	2 919 652
Total comprehensive (loss) income for the period	-	(114 950)	(26 188)	(141 138)	519	(140 619)
Transfer between reserves relating to expired share options	-	(517)	3 220	2 703	-	2 703
Decrease in equity-settled employee benefits reserve relating to forfeited share options	-	(702)	-	(702)	-	(702)
Share options exercised	1 572	-	-	1 572	-	1 572
Decrease in statutory reserves of foreign subsidiaries	-	(479)	479	-	-	-
Dividends paid	-	-	(14 273)	(14 273)	-	(14 273)
Transactions with non-controlling interest	-	-	(1 578)	(1 578)	(8 508)	(10 086)
Balance at 31 December 2016 - audited	232 139	553 298	1 972 810	2 758 247	-	2 758 247
Recognition of share-based payments	-	291	-	291	-	291
BBBEE share-based payment charge	-	2 199	-	2 199	-	2 199
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	9 388	113 522	122 910	6 097	129 007
Share options exercised	105	-	-	105	-	105
Balance at 30 June 2017 - unaudited	232 244	565 176	2 086 332	2 883 752	6 097	2 889 849

ABBREVIATED NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM RESULTS
for the period ended 30 June 2017

R'000	Unaudited six months ended 30 June 2017	Unaudited six months ended 30 June 2016	Audited twelve months ended 31 December 2016

1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The accounting policies applied in the preparation of this interim report are in terms of International Financial Reporting Standards and are consistent with those applied in the previous annual financial statements, except for the adoption of amended standards and the prior period adjustments as described in note 11.

In the current period the group has adopted all of the amended standards relevant to its operations and effective for annual reporting periods beginning 1 January 2017. The adoption of these amended standards has not had any significant impact on the amounts reported in the interim report or the disclosures herein.

The condensed consolidated interim report is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the JSE Limited's Listings Requirements for interim reports and the requirements of the Companies Act in South Africa. The Listings Requirements require interim reports to be prepared in accordance with and containing the information required by IAS 34: Interim

Financial Reporting, as well as the SAICA Financial Reporting Guides as issued by the Accounting Practices Committee and Financial Pronouncements as issued by the Financial Reporting Standards Council. The preparation of this interim report was supervised by the Group Finance Director, KJ van Haght CA (SA).

2 PROFIT FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Profit from operating activities is arrived at after taking into account:

Income			
Currency exchange gains	90 298	268 416	388 753
Decrease in provision for doubtful debts	9 581	-	6 728
Deferred warranty income	39 245	24 730	50 764
Import duty rebates	37 031	22 223	65 020
Net surplus on disposal of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	442	-	26
Expenditure			
Amortisation of intangible assets	18 053	17 026	33 229
Amounts written off as uncollectible	10 995	10 778	33 898
Auditors' remuneration - audit and other services	3 169	5 499	10 772
Consulting fees	14 044	14 490	33 270
Currency exchange losses	89 818	294 668	419 694
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	76 632	50 626	110 985
Impairment loss recognised on rental assets	-	-	8 262
Increase in provision for doubtful debts	-	6 437	-
Increase in warranty provision	9 980	2 321	14 060
Operating lease charges	56 873	64 823	127 370
Research expenses (excluding staff costs)	20 968	16 877	35 501
BBBEE share-based payment charge	2 199	-	-
Severance pay	5 926	4 364	9 739
Staff costs (including directors' remuneration)	598 831	603 942	1 203 963

3 NET INTEREST EXPENSE

Interest expense	21 917	27 100	48 174
Interest income	(7 537)	(8 337)	(15 617)
Net interest expense	14 380	18 763	32 557

4 EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share is arrived at as follows:			
Profit for the period attributable to owners of Bell Equipment Limited (R'000)	113 522	63 660	37 472
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period ('000)	95 307	95 147	95 159
Earnings per share (basic) (cents)	119	67	39
Diluted earnings per share is arrived at as follows:			
Profit for the period attributable to owners of Bell Equipment Limited (R'000)	113 522	63 660	37 472
Fully converted weighted average number of shares ('000) *	95 479	95 147	95 289
Earnings per share (diluted) (cents)	119	67	39

* The number of shares has been adjusted for the effect of the dilutive potential ordinary shares relating to the unexercised options in employee Share Option Scheme 2.

Headline earnings per share is arrived at as follows:			
Profit for the period attributable to owners of Bell Equipment Limited (R'000)	113 522	63 660	37 472
Net surplus on disposal of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets (R'000)	(442)	-	(26)
Taxation effect of net surplus on disposal of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets (R'000)	124	-	7
Impairment loss in respect of property, plant and equipment rental assets (restated**)	-	-	8 262
Headline earnings (R'000) (restated**)	113 204	63 660	45 715
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period ('000)	95 307	95 147	95 159
Headline earnings per share (basic) (cents) (restated**)	119	67	48
Diluted headline earnings per share is arrived at as follows:			
Headline earnings calculated above (R'000) (restated**)	113 204	63 660	45 715
Fully converted weighted average number of shares ('000)	95 479	95 147	95 289
Headline earnings per share (diluted) (cents) (restated**)	119	67	48
Net asset value per share is arrived at as follows:			
Total capital and reserves (R'000)	2 889 849	2 919 652	2 758 247
Number of shares in issue ('000)	95 307	95 147	95 297
Net asset value per share (cents)	3 032	3 069	2 894

** Refer to restatement of December 2016 headline earnings per share in note 11.

5 STATED CAPITAL

Authorised			
100 000 000 (June 2016: 100 000 000) ordinary shares of no par value			
Issued			
95 306 885 (June 2016: 95 146 885) ordinary shares of no par value	232 244	230 567	232 139

6 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE COMMITMENTS

Contracted	14	2 822	13 228
Authorised, but not contracted	81 944	91 759	88 508
Total capital expenditure commitments	81 958	94 581	101 736

This capital expenditure is to be financed from internal resources and long-term facilities.

7 ABBREVIATED SEGMENTAL ANALYSIS

Information regarding the group's reportable segments is presented below.
Information reported to the group's chief operating decision maker for purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance is focused on geographical areas.
Each reportable segment derives its revenues from the sale of goods (machines and parts) and related services and rental income. The accounting policies of the reportable segments are the same as the group's accounting policies.

	Revenue R'000	Operating profit (loss) R'000	Assets R'000	Liabilities R'000
June 2017				
South African sales operation	1 523 387	87 155	1 449 502	1 325 434
South African manufacturing and logistics operation	1 987 167	66 928	3 501 927	1 856 690
European operation	1 231 898	56 333	1 161 118	741 213
Rest of Africa operation	378 863	(46 009)	501 085	455 195
North American operation	610 884	25 456	181 888	111 961
All other operations	-	(26 526)	1 277 479	69 214
Inter-segmental eliminations *	(2 285 442)	49 347	(3 001 540)	(2 378 097)
Total - unaudited	3 446 757	212 684	5 071 459	2 181 610
June 2016				
South African sales operation	1 318 376	58 459	1 126 871	765 891
South African manufacturing and logistics operation	1 599 064	127 490	2 612 221	1 053 258
European operation	1 238 232	44 617	964 033	539 861
Rest of Africa operation	452 760	(123 175)	699 970	504 061
North American operation	363 047	24 206	302 405	237 543
All other operations	-	(60 204)	1 215 927	124 686
Inter-segmental eliminations *	(1 873 717)	73 428	(2 246 608)	(1 470 133)
Total - unaudited	3 097 762	144 821	4 674 819	1 755 167
December 2016				
South African sales operation	2 731 470	115 347	1 093 956	699 513
South African manufacturing and logistics operation	3 334 624	80 506	2 858 072	1 278 889
European operation	2 180 950	60 801	1 074 298	694 993
Rest of Africa operation	799 706	(185 805)	624 312	511 340
North American operation	665 612	49 810	266 720	198 098
All other operations	-	(163 390)	1 117 089	239 591
Inter-segmental eliminations *	(3 710 021)	190 979	(2 527 499)	(1 873 723)
Total - audited	6 002 341	148 248	4 506 948	1 748 701

Included in the Rest of Africa operation are past due debtors of R56.6 million (2016: R110,1 million) relating to a few customers in the group's operation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. These amounts have not been provided against as they are still considered recoverable.

* Inter-segmental eliminations above relate to the following:
i) Revenue - the elimination of intra-group sales transactions, mainly sales from the South African manufacturing and logistics operation, to the distribution operations.
ii) Operating profit (loss) - the elimination of profit (loss) on intra-group transactions, mainly sales transactions from the South African manufacturing and logistics operation to the distribution operations, where the inventory has not yet been on-sold by the distribution operations to a third party at period end.
iii) Assets and liabilities - the intra-group transactions result in intra-group receivables and payables balances and furthermore intra-group loans are in place between certain group operations. These are eliminated on consolidation.

	Unaudited six months ended 30 June 2017	Unaudited six months ended 30 June 2016	Audited twelve months ended 31 December 2016
8 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES			
8.1 The group has assisted customers with the financing of equipment purchased through a financing venture with WesBank, a division of FirstRand Bank Limited.			
In respect of the different categories of financing provided by WesBank, the group carries certain credit risks. These are considered to be financial guarantee contracts.			
The group is liable for all credit risk and therefore the full balance due to WesBank by default customers with regard to Bell-backed deals and a portion of the credit risk and a portion of the balance due to WesBank by default customers with regard to Bell-shared risk deals. In terms of the Bell-shared risk deals the group's exposure is calculated as a percentage of the net selling price of the equipment.			
At period end the group's credit risk exposure to WesBank under Bell-backed deals for which the group carries all the credit risk totalled	140 158	196 930	144 688
At period end the group's credit risk exposure to WesBank under Bell-shared risk deals for which the group carries a portion of the credit risk totalled	2 424	1 154	2 682
In the event of default, the equipment financed would be recovered and it is estimated that on re-sale the equipment would presently realise the following towards the above liabilities	241 383	337 331	249 936
	(98 801)	(139 247)	(102 566)
Less: provision for non-recovery	(2 635)	-	-
Net contingent liability	-	-	-

The group has entered into similar shared risk arrangements with various other institutions. These arrangements are first-loss undertakings and the group's exposure remains fixed until the capital is repaid. These are considered to be financial guarantee contracts.

At period end the group's credit risk exposure to these financial institutions totalled	3 843	4 285	3 146
In the event of default, the equipment financed would be recovered and it is estimated that on re-sale the equipment would presently realise the following towards the above liabilities	7 685	6 650	1 413
	(3 842)	(2 365)	1 733
Less: provision for non-recovery	(117)	(2 523)	(1 797)
Net contingent liability	-	-	-

Where customers are in arrears with these financial institutions and there is a shortfall between the estimated realisation values of the equipment and the balances due by the customers to these financial institutions, an assessment of any additional security is done and a provision for any residual credit risk is made on a deal-by-deal basis.

8.2 The repurchase of equipment sold to customers and financial institutions has been guaranteed by the group for an amount of	93	418	467
In the event of repurchase, it is estimated that the equipment would presently realise	398	1 845	1 860
Net contingent liability	-	-	-

This relates to sales transactions with buy-back obligations where the probability of return of the equipment by the customer at the end of the buy-back period has been assessed as remote and revenue has been recognised upfront. A provision for residual value risk is recognised subsequent to initial recognition of the sale on a deal-by-deal basis, to the extent that the assessed market value of the equipment is less than the cost of meeting the buy-back obligation.

8.3 The residual values of certain equipment sold to financial institutions have been guaranteed by the group. The group's exposure is limited to the difference between the group's guaranteed amount and the financial institution's predetermined estimate.

In the event of a residual value shortfall on this equipment, the group would be exposed to a maximum amount of	22 941	9 981	8 469
Net contingent liability	22 941	9 981	8 469

The transactions described in note 8.3 above relate to sales transactions to financial institutions which lease the equipment to customers for an agreed lease term. In certain cases, the group has a remarketing agreement with the institution for the disposal of the equipment returned after the lease term, but in all instances the group's risk is limited to the residual value risk described above.

The provision for residual value risk and the impairment of the retention deposits are based on an assessment of the market value of the equipment.

9 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Information regarding significant transactions with related parties is presented below. Transactions are carried out on an arms length basis.

Shareholders			
John Deere Construction and Forestry Company			
- sales	10 103	9 208	17 302
- purchases	362 393	210 923	392 769
- amounts owing to	170 412	129 247	57 020
- amounts owing by	3 527	1 265	3 664
Enterprises over which directors and shareholders are able to exercise significant influence and/or in which directors and shareholders have a beneficial interest			
Latin Equipment Group			
- sales	2 568	3 531	29 332

10 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Categories of financial instruments included in the statement of financial position:

- Loans and receivables at amortised cost comprising interest-bearing long-term receivables, trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances.
The directors consider that the carrying amount of loans and receivables at amortised cost approximates their fair value.

- Financial liabilities at amortised cost comprising interest-bearing liabilities, trade and other payables and bank overdrafts and borrowings on call.
The directors consider that the carrying amount of financial liabilities at amortised cost approximates their fair value.

- Financial assets and liabilities carried at fair value through profit or loss include forward foreign exchange contracts and fair value is determined based on a Level 2 fair value measurement. Level 2 fair value measurements are those derived from inputs other than quoted prices.

- Available for sale financial asset comprising an unlisted equity investment at cost for which a reliable fair value could not be determined.

11 PRIOR PERIOD RESTATEMENTS

(i) Classification error in the group's June 2016 interim statement of cash flows
During the 2016 year end process it was identified that the movement in the group's provision for inventory write-downs was incorrectly classified in the group's June 2016 interim cash flow statement. The movement in the provision for inventory write-downs was classified as part of the movement in working capital instead of adjusting operating profit before working capital changes. This classification error has been corrected and the impact on the group's June 2016 interim cash flow statement is as follows:

	As previously reported R'000	Adjustment R'000	Restated R'000
Cash generated from operations before working capital changes	254 463	38 084	292 547
Cash utilised in working capital	(103 502)	(38 084)	(141 586)
Cash generated from operations	150 961	-	150 961

(ii) Restatements relating to the calculation of the December 2016 headline earnings per share
During the JSE proactive monitoring process it was identified that the impairment loss recognised in respect of the group's property, plant and equipment rental assets had not been added back in the calculation of headline earnings per share in the December 2016 results.
This calculation error has been corrected and the impact on the group's December 2016 headline earnings per share is as follows:

	As previously reported R'000	Adjustment R'000	Restated R'000
Headline earnings per share is arrived at as follows:			
Profit for the year attributable to owners of Bell Equipment Limited	37 472	-	37 472
Net surplus on disposal of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	(26)	-	(26)
Taxation effect of net surplus on disposal of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	7	-	7
Impairment loss in respect of property, plant and equipment rental assets	-	8 262	8 262
Headline earnings	37 453	8 262	45 715
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period ('000)	95 159	95 159	95 159
Headline earnings per share (basic) (cents)	39	9	48

12 POST FINANCIAL POSITION EVENTS
No fact or circumstance material to the appreciation of this interim report has occurred between 30 June 2017 and the date of this report.

13 CASH DIVIDEND DECLARATION
Notice is hereby given that the directors have declared a gross interim cash dividend of 20 cents per ordinary share for the six-month period ended 30 June 2017 payable to ordinary shareholders in accordance with the timetable below.

The interim net dividend is 16 cents per share for ordinary shareholders who are not exempt from dividends tax. The dividend withholding tax rate is 20 percent.

The dividend has been declared from income reserves.

The company's income tax reference number is 9022169206.

The issued share capital at the declaration date is 95 306 885 ordinary shares.

The salient dates for the dividend will be as follows:

	2017
Last day of trade to receive a dividend	Tuesday, 19 September
Shares commence trading "ex" dividend	Wednesday, 20 September
Record date	Friday, 22 September
Payment date	Tuesday, 26 September

Share certificates may not be dematerialised or rematerialised between Wednesday, 20 September 2017 and Friday, 22 September 2017, both days inclusive.

By order of the board
29 August 2017

Directors
Non-executive
JR Barton* (Chairman), AJ Bell, B Harie, DH Lawrance*,
HR van der Merwe*, ME Ramathe*, R Naidu*
*Independent
Appointed: R Naidu and ME Ramathe were appointed as directors on 20 March 2017.
Retired: TO Tsukudu retired on 21 August 2017.

Executive
GW Bell (Group Chief Executive), L Goosen (Chief Executive Designate),
KJ van Haght (Group Finance Director)

Company Secretary
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