

## **COMPANY UPDATE**

TransCentury PLC (the "Company" or "Group") wishes to update the public on the following key business matters;

## 1. Status of turnaround plan

In the last 3 years, the Group has worked on a 4-pronged strategy to turn around the business that involves; Delivery of a robust and fundable orderbook, debt reprofiling to match cashflows, fundraising and orderbook execution.

Significant progress has been made on the first and second pillars above resulting in;

- a) Increased commercial opportunities
- b) Reduction of commercial bank debt by 40%
  - » Reduced debt service burden allowing redirection of this cash to production.
- c) Reprofiling of 90% of Group wide debt
  - » Increased debt tenure to an average of between 5-10 years allowing cash relief to plough back into operations

Our focus now is on the fundraising pillar and the Group is currently in negotiations towards a transaction that will bring in the much-needed liquidity to conclude the four step turnaround plan and reset the business for long term growth and profitability. This transaction remains our priority as a critical step towards achieving the turnaround plan and the negotiations are at the tail end despite being delayed by disruptions brought by the COVID 19 pandemic. Further details on this transaction will be communicated in due course and in line with regulatory requirements

In addition, and as previously communicated, the Group has been implementing a Groupwide business restructure to favourably position the business to raise and deploy capital towards execution of commercial opportunities. The Group has made tremendous progress in this process resulting in de-risking of the business, reduced costs, improved internally generated liquidity and ultimately significantly reducing the capital required to turnaround the business. The restructure process is at its final stage with the focus being conclusion of an ongoing significant restructure in one of the subsidiaries.

## 2. Release of the Group audited financial statements for year ended 31st December 2019.

The fundraising transaction and the ongoing significant restructure in a subsidiary mentioned above, that consolidates into the Group, has inadvertently impacted the completion of audit and subsequently the release of the audited financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 ("FY2019 results"). This has also affected the publication of interim financial statements for the six (6) months period ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 ("H1-2020 results").

The restructure in the subsidiary is in line with the Group wide business restructure plan as highlighted above, aimed at reducing debt burden and improving liquidity to support execution and fundraise.

Accordingly, the Company has applied for, and obtained an approval from the Capital Markets Authority ("CMA") for the extension to file and publish its FY2019 results and the H1-2020 results by 31st December 2020.

## 3. The 2020 Annual General Meeting ("AGM")

The AGM notice and agenda will be issued after completion and release of FY2019 results and in line with the above communicated timeline.

Following the postponement of the Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM") on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020, more information on fundraising including the necessary resolutions will be tabled for shareholder consideration and approval during the AGM.

Further details on the status of the turnaround plan will also be provided at the AGM.

On behalf of the Board of Directors Virginia Ndunge, Company Secretary 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020