
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended December 31, 2017

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number: **000-31203**

NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Florida
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

98-0171860
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**President Place, 4th Floor, Cnr. Jan Smuts Avenue and Bolton Road
Rosebank, Johannesburg 2196, South Africa**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **27-11-343-2000**

Not Applicable

(Former Name, Former Address and Former Fiscal Year, if Changed Since Last Report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

YES NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

YES NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer", "smaller reporting company", and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act (check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer
(do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

YES NO

As of February 6, 2018 (the latest practicable date), 56,832,370 shares of the registrant's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, net of treasury shares, were outstanding.

NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

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Part I. Financial Information

Item 1. Financial Statements

NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

	Unaudited December 31, 2017	(A) June 30, 2017
(In thousands, except share data)		
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 64,896	\$ 258,457
Pre-funded social welfare grants receivable (Note 2)	3,300	2,322
Accounts receivable, net of allowances of – December: \$1,251; June: \$1,255	128,543	111,429
Finance loans receivable, net of allowances of – December: \$17,213; June: \$7,469	105,697	80,177
Inventory (Note 3)	12,482	8,020
Deferred income taxes (Note 1)	-	5,330
Total current assets before settlement assets	314,918	465,735
Settlement assets (Note 4)	412,177	640,455
Total current assets	727,095	1,106,190
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, net of accumulated depreciation of – December: \$136,996; June: \$120,212	32,852	39,411
EQUITY-ACCOUNTED INVESTMENTS (Note 6)	147,392	27,862
GOODWILL (Note 7)	199,495	188,833
INTANGIBLE ASSETS, net (Note 7)	34,604	38,764
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES (Note 1)	3,342	-
OTHER LONG-TERM ASSETS, including reinsurance assets (Note 6 and Note 8)	225,463	49,696
TOTAL ASSETS	1,370,243	1,450,756
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Short-term credit facilities (Note 9)	35,553	16,579
Accounts payable	16,971	15,136
Other payables	39,168	34,799
Current portion of long-term borrowings (Note 10)	50,530	8,738
Income taxes payable	5,311	5,607
Total current liabilities before settlement obligations	147,533	80,859
Settlement obligations (Note 4)	412,177	640,455
Total current liabilities	559,710	721,314
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES (Note 1)	9,866	11,139
LONG-TERM BORROWINGS (Note 10)	19,867	7,501
OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES, including insurance policy liabilities (Note 8)	2,449	2,795
TOTAL LIABILITIES	591,892	742,749
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 18)		
REDEEMABLE COMMON STOCK (Note 1)	107,672	107,672
EQUITY		
COMMON STOCK (Note 11)		
Authorized: 200,000,000 with \$0.001 par value;		
Issued and outstanding shares, net of treasury - December: 56,832,370; June: 56,369,737	80	80
PREFERRED STOCK		
Authorized shares: 50,000,000 with \$0.001 par value;		
Issued and outstanding shares, net of treasury: December: -; June: -	-	-
ADDITIONAL PAID-IN-CAPITAL	274,961	273,733
TREASURY SHARES, AT COST: December: 24,891,292; June: 24,891,292	(286,951)	(286,951)
ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE LOSS (Note 12)	(123,359)	(162,569)
RETAINED EARNINGS	802,381	773,276
TOTAL NET1 EQUITY	667,112	597,569
NON-CONTROLLING INTEREST	3,567	2,766
TOTAL EQUITY (Note 1)	670,679	600,335
TOTAL LIABILITIES, REDEEMABLE COMMON STOCK AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 1,370,243	\$ 1,450,756

(A) – Derived from audited financial statements

See Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations

	<u>Three months ended</u>		<u>Six months ended</u>	
	<u>December 31,</u>		<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
	(In thousands, except per share data)		(In thousands, except per share data)	
REVENUE	\$ 148,416	\$ 151,433	\$ 300,974	\$ 307,066
EXPENSE				
Cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support	73,994	73,518	148,646	148,298
Selling, general and administration	49,392	41,703	93,326	80,171
Depreciation and amortization	8,723	10,623	17,689	20,827
OPERATING INCOME	16,307	25,589	41,313	57,770
INTEREST INCOME	4,705	5,061	9,749	9,365
INTEREST EXPENSE	2,325	510	4,446	1,306
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE	18,687	30,140	46,616	65,829
INCOME TAX EXPENSE (Note 17)	10,062	10,984	20,339	22,087
NET INCOME BEFORE EARNINGS FROM EQUITY- ACCOUNTED INVESTMENTS	8,625	19,156	26,277	43,742
EARNINGS FROM EQUITY-ACCOUNTED INVESTMENTS	1,354	74	3,429	733
NET INCOME	9,979	19,230	29,706	44,475
LESS NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO NON-CONTROLLING INTEREST	357	589	601	1,202
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO NET1	<u>\$ 9,622</u>	<u>\$ 18,641</u>	<u>\$ 29,105</u>	<u>\$ 43,273</u>
Net income per share, in U.S. dollars (Note 14)				
Basic earnings attributable to Net1 shareholders	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.81
Diluted earnings attributable to Net1 shareholders	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.81

See Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	December 31,		December 31,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	(In thousands)		(In thousands)	
Net income	\$ 9,979	\$ 19,230	\$ 29,706	\$ 44,475
Other comprehensive income (loss)				
Movement in foreign currency translation reserve	53,517	(20,766)	39,637	1,536
Movement in foreign currency translation reserve related to equity-accounted investments	-	-	(227)	-
Total other comprehensive income (loss), net of taxes	<u>53,517</u>	<u>(20,766)</u>	<u>39,410</u>	<u>1,536</u>
Comprehensive income (loss)	63,496	(1,536)	69,116	46,011
Less comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling interest	(668)	(624)	(801)	(1,681)
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Net1	<u>\$ 62,828</u>	<u>\$ (2,160)</u>	<u>\$ 68,315</u>	<u>\$ 44,330</u>

See Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the six months ended December 31, 2017 (dollar amounts in thousands)

Net 1 UEPS Technologies, Inc. Shareholders												
	Number of Shares	Amount	Number of Treasury Shares	Treasury Shares	Number of Shares, Net of Treasury	Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income	Total Net1 Equity	Non-Controlling Interest	Total	Redeemable Common Stock (Note 1)
Balance – July 1, 2017	81,261,029	\$ 80	(24,891,292)	\$(286,951)	56,369,737	\$ 273,733	\$ 773,276	\$ (162,569)	\$597,569	\$ 2,766	\$600,335	\$ 107,672
Restricted stock granted (Note 13)	588,594				588,594				-		-	
Stock-based compensation charge (Note 13)						1,477			1,477		1,477	
Reversal of stock compensation charge (Note 13)	(125,961)				(125,961)	(42)			(42)		(42)	
Reversal of stock based-compensation charge related to equity-accounted investment						(207)			(207)		(207)	
Net income							29,105		29,105	601	29,706	
Other comprehensive income (Note 12)								39,210	39,210	200	39,410	
Balance – December 31, 2017	81,723,662	\$ 80	(24,891,292)	\$(286,951)	56,832,370	\$ 274,961	\$ 802,381	\$ (123,359)	\$667,112	\$ 3,567	\$670,679	\$ 107,672

See Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

	<u>Three months ended</u>		<u>Six months ended</u>	
	<u>December 31,</u>		<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
	(In thousands)		(In thousands)	
Cash flows from operating activities				
Net income	\$ 9,979	\$ 19,230	\$ 29,706	\$ 44,475
Depreciation and amortization	8,723	10,623	17,689	20,827
Earnings from equity-accounted investments	(1,354)	(74)	(3,429)	(733)
Fair value adjustments	(372)	72	(281)	(11)
Interest payable	(159)	(23)	(247)	9
Facility fee amortized	214	31	347	67
Loss (Profit) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	16	(539)	121	(473)
Profit on disposal of business	(463)	-	(463)	-
Stock-based compensation charge (reversal), net (Note 13)	608	635	1,435	(689)
Dividends received from equity accounted investments	1,253	-	2,165	370
(Increase) Decrease in accounts receivable, pre-funded social welfare grants receivable and finance loans receivable	6,005	6,585	(33,136)	14,351
Increase in inventory	(2,322)	(3,481)	(3,848)	(3,585)
(Decrease) Increase in accounts payable and other payables	(481)	(5,940)	2,948	(2,900)
Decrease in taxes payable	(9,754)	(11,815)	(916)	(859)
Increase (Decrease) in deferred taxes	1,419	386	428	(1,246)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>13,312</u>	<u>15,690</u>	<u>12,519</u>	<u>69,603</u>
Cash flows from investing activities				
Capital expenditures	(2,103)	(3,126)	(3,576)	(6,549)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	99	945	415	1,014
Investment in Cell C (Note 6)	-	-	(151,003)	-
Investment in equity of equity-accounted investments (Note 6)	(40,892)	-	(113,738)	-
Acquisition of held to maturity investment (Note 6)	(9,000)	-	(9,000)	-
Investment in MobiKwik	-	-	-	(15,347)
Loans to equity accounted investments (Note 6)	-	(10,044)	-	(10,044)
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	-	(4,651)	-	(4,651)
Other investing activities	(154)	-	(154)	-
Net change in settlement assets (Note 4)	24,519	258,166	237,168	220,772
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	<u>(27,531)</u>	<u>241,290</u>	<u>(39,888)</u>	<u>185,195</u>
Cash flows from financing activities				
Long-term borrowings utilized (Note 10)	-	-	95,431	247
Repayment of long-term borrowings (Note 10)	(30,881)	(1,824)	(45,141)	(28,493)
Proceeds from bank overdraft (Note 9)	690	-	32,570	-
Repayment of bank overdraft (Note 9)	(11,391)	-	(14,343)	-
Guarantee fee paid (Note 10)	-	(1,145)	(552)	(1,145)
Acquisition of treasury stock (Note 11)	-	-	-	(32,081)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interest	-	(58)	-	(613)
Net change in settlement obligations (Note 4)	(24,519)	(258,166)	(237,168)	(220,772)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(66,101)</u>	<u>(261,193)</u>	<u>(169,203)</u>	<u>(282,857)</u>
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	6,857	(2,225)	3,011	3,306
Net decrease in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	<u>(73,463)</u>	<u>(6,438)</u>	<u>(193,561)</u>	<u>(24,753)</u>
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash – beginning of period	<u>138,359</u>	<u>205,329</u>	<u>258,457</u>	<u>223,644</u>
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash – end of period (1)	<u>\$ 64,896</u>	<u>\$ 198,891</u>	<u>\$ 64,896</u>	<u>\$ 198,891</u>

See Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

(1) Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash as of December 31, 2016, includes restricted cash of approximately \$43.7 million related to the guarantee issued by FirstRand Bank Limited (acting through its Rand Merchant Bank division). This cash was placed into an escrow account and was considered restricted as to use and therefore was classified as restricted cash. The restriction lapsed upon expiry of the guarantee.

NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
Notes to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements
for the three and six months ended December 31, 2017 and 2016
(All amounts in tables stated in thousands or thousands of U.S. dollars, unless otherwise stated)

1. Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Unaudited Interim Financial Information

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include all majority-owned subsidiaries over which the Company exercises control and have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") and the rules and regulations of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission for Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and include all of the information and disclosures required for interim financial reporting. The results of operations for the three and six months ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, are not necessarily indicative of the results for the full year. The Company believes that the disclosures are adequate to make the information presented not misleading.

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements, accounting policies and financial notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments), which are necessary for a fair representation of financial results for the interim periods presented. During the three months ended December 31, 2017, the Company reclassified redeemable common stock out of total equity because redeemable common stock is required to be presented outside of permanent equity. The Company has restated these amounts in its unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet as at June 30, 2017 and unaudited condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity for the six months ended December 31, 2017. The reclassification resulted in a decrease in total equity by approximately \$107.7 million and an increase in redeemable common stock, presented outside of permanent equity, of approximately \$107.7 million. This reclassification had no impact on the Company's previously reported consolidated income, comprehensive income or cash flows.

References to the "Company" refer to Net1 and its consolidated subsidiaries, collectively, unless the context otherwise requires. References to "Net1" are references solely to Net 1 UEPS Technologies, Inc.

Recent accounting pronouncements adopted

In August 2014, the FASB issued guidance regarding *Disclosure of Uncertainties about an Entity's Ability to Continue as a Going Concern*. This guidance requires an entity to perform interim and annual assessments of its ability to continue as a going concern within one year of the date that its financial statements are issued. An entity must provide certain disclosures if conditions or events raise substantial doubt about the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. The guidance is effective for the Company beginning July 1, 2017. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements disclosures.

In July 2015, the FASB issued guidance regarding *Simplifying the Measurement of Inventory*. This guidance requires entities to measure most inventory "at the lower of cost and net realizable value," thereby simplifying the current guidance under which an entity must measure inventory at the lower of cost or market (market in this context is defined as one of three different measures). The guidance will not apply to inventories that are measured by using either the last-in, first-out ("LIFO") method or the retail inventory method ("RIM"). The guidance is effective for the Company beginning July 1, 2017. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

In November 2015, the FASB issued guidance regarding *Balance Sheet Classification of Deferred Taxes*. This guidance requires that deferred tax liabilities and assets are to be classified as non-current in a classified statement of financial position. The current requirement that deferred tax liabilities and assets of a tax-paying component of an entity be offset and presented as a single amount is not affected by the amendments in this update. This guidance is effective for the Company beginning July 1, 2017, and has been applied on a prospective basis. The adoption of this guidance has resulted in the reclassification of current deferred tax assets and liabilities as non-current deferred tax assets and liabilities in the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2017. Prior period current deferred tax assets have not been reclassified as non-current in the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet as of June 30, 2017.

In March 2016, the FASB issued guidance regarding *Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting*. The guidance simplifies several aspects of the accounting for employee share-based payment transactions for both public and nonpublic entities, including the accounting for income taxes, forfeitures, and statutory tax withholding requirements, as well as classification in the statement of cash flows. This guidance is effective for the Company beginning July 1, 2017. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements. The Company has elected to continue to estimate the number of forfeitures when an award is made.

1. Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Recent accounting pronouncements not yet adopted as of December 31, 2017

In May 2014, the FASB issued guidance regarding *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*. This guidance requires an entity to recognize revenue when a customer obtains control of promised goods or services in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services. In addition, the standard requires disclosure of the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers. The guidance was originally set to be effective for the Company beginning July 1, 2017, however in August 2015, the FASB issued guidance regarding *Revenue from Contracts with Customers, Deferral of the Effective Date*. This guidance defers the required implementation date specified in *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* to December 2017. Public companies may elect to adopt the standard along the original timeline.

The guidance is effective for the Company beginning July 1, 2018. The Company expects that this guidance may have a material impact on its financial statements and is currently evaluating the impact of this guidance on its financial statements on adoption.

In January 2016, the FASB issued guidance regarding *Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*. The guidance primarily affects the accounting for equity investments, financial liabilities under the fair value option and the presentation and disclosure requirements for financial instruments. The guidance requires changes in the fair value of the Company's equity investments, with certain exceptions, to be recognized through net income rather than other comprehensive income. In addition, the guidance clarifies the valuation allowance assessment when recognizing deferred tax assets resulting from unrealized losses on available-for-sale debt securities. This guidance is effective for the Company beginning July 1, 2018, and early adoption is not permitted, with certain exceptions. The amendments are required to be applied by means of a cumulative-effect adjustment on the balance sheet as of the beginning of the fiscal year of adoption. The Company is currently assessing the impact of this guidance on its financial statements disclosure.

In February 2016, the FASB issued guidance regarding *Leases*. The guidance increases transparency and comparability among organizations by requiring the recognition of lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet. The amendments to current lease guidance include the recognition of assets and liabilities by lessees for those leases currently classified as operating leases. The guidance also requires disclosures to meet the objective of enabling users of financial statements to assess the amount, timing, and uncertainty of cash flows arising from leases. This guidance is effective for the Company beginning July 1, 2019. Early adoption is permitted. The Company expects that this guidance may have a material impact on its financial statements and is currently evaluating the impact of this guidance on its financial statements on adoption.

In June 2016, the FASB issued guidance regarding *Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments*. The guidance replaces the incurred loss impairment methodology in current GAAP with a methodology that reflects expected credit losses and requires consideration of a broader range of reasonable and supportable information to inform credit loss estimates. For trade and other receivables, loans, and other financial instruments, an entity is required to use a forward-looking expected loss model rather than the incurred loss model for recognizing credit losses, which reflects losses that are probable. Credit losses relating to available-for-sale debt securities will also be recorded through an allowance for credit losses rather than as a reduction in the amortized cost basis of the securities. This guidance is effective for the Company beginning July 1, 2020. Early adoption is permitted beginning July 1, 2019. The Company is currently assessing the impact of this guidance on its financial statements disclosure.

In June 2016, the FASB issued guidance regarding *Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments*. The guidance is intended to reduce diversity in practice and explains how certain cash receipts and payments are presented and classified in the statement of cash flows, including beneficial interests in securitization, which would impact the presentation of the deferred purchase price from sales of receivables. This guidance is effective for the Company beginning July 1, 2018, and must be applied retrospectively. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently assessing the impact of this guidance on its financial statements disclosure.

In January 2017, the FASB issued guidance regarding *Clarifying the Definition of a Business*. This guidance provides a more robust framework to use in determining when a set of assets and activities is a business. Because the current definition of a business is interpreted broadly and can be difficult to apply, stakeholders indicated that analyzing transactions is inefficient and costly and that the definition does not permit the use of reasonable judgment. The amendments provide more consistency in applying the guidance, reduce the costs of application, and make the definition of a business more operable. The guidance is effective for the Company beginning July 1, 2018. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently assessing the impact of this guidance on its financial statements disclosure.

In January 2017, the FASB issued guidance regarding *Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment*. This guidance removes the requirement for an entity to calculate the implied fair value of goodwill (as part of step 2 of the current goodwill impairment test) in measuring a goodwill impairment loss. The guidance is effective for the Company beginning July 1, 2020. Early adoption is permitted for interim or annual goodwill impairment tests performed on testing dates after January 1, 2017. The Company is currently assessing the impact of this guidance.

1. Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Recent accounting pronouncements not yet adopted as of December 31, 2017 (continued)

In May 2017, the FASB issued guidance regarding *Compensation—Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Scope of Modification Accounting*. The guidance amends the scope of modification accounting for share-based payment arrangements and provides guidance on the types of changes to the terms or conditions of share-based payment awards to which an entity would be required to apply modification accounting under Accounting Standards Codification 718. Specifically, an entity would not apply modification accounting if the fair value, vesting conditions, and classification of the awards are the same immediately before and after the modification. The guidance is effective for the Company beginning July 1, 2018. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently assessing the impact of this guidance on its financial statements disclosure.

2. Pre-funded social welfare grants receivable

Pre-funded social welfare grants receivable represents primarily amounts pre-funded by the Company to certain merchants participating in the merchant acquiring system. The January 2018 payment service commenced on January 2, 2018, but the Company pre-funded certain merchants participating in the merchant acquiring systems on December 30, 2017. The July 2017 payment service commenced on July 1, 2017, but the Company pre-funded certain merchants participating in the merchant acquiring systems on the last day of June 2017.

3. Inventory

The Company's inventory comprised the following category as of December 31, 2017 and June 30, 2017.

	December 31, 2017	June 30, 2017
Finished goods	\$ 12,482	\$ 8,020
	<u>\$ 12,482</u>	<u>\$ 8,020</u>

4. Settlement assets and settlement obligations

Settlement assets comprise (1) cash received from the South African government that the Company holds pending disbursement to recipient cardholders of social welfare grants and (2) cash received from customers on whose behalf the Company processes payroll payments that the Company will disburse to customer employees, payroll-related payees and other payees designated by the customer.

Settlement obligations comprise (1) amounts that the Company is obligated to disburse to recipient cardholders of social welfare grants, and (2) amounts that the Company is obligated to pay to customer employees, payroll-related payees and other payees designated by the customer.

The balances at each reporting date may vary widely depending on the timing of the receipts and payments of these assets and obligations.

5. Fair value of financial instruments

Fair value of financial instruments

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial instruments are recognized when the Company becomes a party to the transaction. Initial measurements are at cost, which includes transaction costs.

Risk management

The Company seeks to reduce its exposure to currencies other than the South African rand through a policy of matching, to the extent possible, assets and liabilities denominated in those currencies. In addition, the Company utilized financial instruments in order to economically hedge its exposure to exchange rate and interest rate fluctuations arising from its operations. The Company is also exposed to translation, interest rate, customer concentration, credit, and equity price and liquidity risks.

Currency exchange risk

The Company is subject to currency exchange risk because it purchases inventories that it is required to settle in other currencies, primarily the euro and U.S. dollar. The Company has used forward contracts in order to limit its exposure in these transactions to fluctuations in exchange rates between the South African rand, on the one hand, and the U.S. dollar and the euro, on the other hand.

5. Fair value of financial instruments (continued)

Fair value of financial instruments (continued)

Risk management (continued)

Translation risk

Translation risk relates to the risk that the Company's results of operations will vary significantly as the U.S. dollar is its reporting currency, but it earns most of its revenues and incurs most of its expenses in ZAR. The U.S. dollar to ZAR exchange rate has fluctuated significantly over the past three years. As exchange rates are outside the Company's control, there can be no assurance that future fluctuations will not adversely affect the Company's results of operations and financial condition.

Interest rate risk

As a result of its normal borrowing and lending activities, the Company's operating results are exposed to fluctuations in interest rates, which it manages primarily through regular financing activities. The Company generally maintains limited investments in cash equivalents and held to maturity investments and has occasionally invested in marketable securities.

Working capital finance customer concentration risk

Working capital finance customer concentration risk relates to the risk of loss that the Company would incur as a result of its concentration of working capital financing receivables. During the year ended June 30, 2017, the Company commenced marketing activities to develop and expand its working capital financing receivables base. The Company manages the risk through on-going marketing efforts to further expand its customer base as well as through regular contact with its customer to assess their need for the Company's product.

Credit risk

Credit risk relates to the risk of loss that the Company would incur as a result of non-performance by counterparties. The Company maintains credit risk policies with regard to its counterparties to minimize overall credit risk. These policies include an evaluation of a potential counterparty's financial condition, credit rating, and other credit criteria and risk mitigation tools as the Company's management deems appropriate.

With respect to credit risk on financial instruments, the Company maintains a policy of entering into such transactions only with South African and European financial institutions that have a credit rating of "BB+" (or its equivalent) or better, as determined by credit rating agencies such as Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch Ratings.

Microlending credit risk

The Company is exposed to credit risk in its microlending activities, which provides unsecured short-term loans to qualifying customers. The Company manages this risk by performing an affordability test for each prospective customer and assigns a "creditworthiness score", which takes into account a variety of factors such as other debts and total expenditures on normal household and lifestyle expenses.

Equity price and liquidity risk

Equity price risk relates to the risk of loss that the Company would incur as a result of the volatility in the exchange-traded price of equity securities that it holds and the risk that it may not be able to liquidate these securities. The market price of these securities may fluctuate for a variety of reasons and, consequently, the amount that the Company may obtain in a subsequent sale of these securities may significantly differ from the reported market value.

Liquidity risk relates to the risk of loss that the Company would incur as a result of the lack of liquidity on the exchange on which these securities are listed. The Company may not be able to sell some or all of these securities at one time, or over an extended period of time without influencing the exchange traded price, or at all.

Financial instruments

The following section describes the valuation methodologies the Company uses to measure its significant financial assets and liabilities at fair value.

5. Fair value of financial instruments (continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

In general, and where applicable, the Company uses quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities to determine fair value. This pricing methodology would apply to Level 1 investments. If quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities are not available to determine fair value, then the Company uses quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities or inputs other than the quoted prices that are observable either directly or indirectly. These investments would be included in Level 2 investments. In circumstances in which inputs are generally unobservable, values typically reflect management's estimates of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. The fair values are therefore determined using model-based techniques that include option pricing models, discounted cash flow models, and similar techniques. Investments valued using such techniques are included in Level 3 investments.

Asset measured at fair value using significant unobservable inputs – investment in Cell C

The Company's Level 3 asset represents an investment of 75,000,000 class "A" shares in Cell C (Pty) Limited ("Cell C"), a leading mobile provider in South Africa (refer to Note 6). The Company has designated such shares as available for sale investments. Cell C shares are not listed and there is no readily determinable market value for the shares. The Company has developed an adjusted EBITDA multiple valuation model in order to determine the fair value of the Cell C shares. The primary inputs to the valuation model are Cell C's adjusted EBITDA, an EBITDA multiple and Cell C's external debt. The EBITDA multiple was determined based on an analysis of Cell C's peer group, which comprises the primary mobile operators (Vodacom, MTN and Telkom) in the South African marketplace.

The fair value of the Cell C shares as of December 31, 2017, represented approximately 12% of the Company's total assets, including these shares. The Company expects to hold these shares for an extended period of time and it is not concerned with short-term equity price volatility with respect to these shares provided that the underlying business, economic and management characteristics of the company remain sound.

Derivative transactions - Foreign exchange contracts

As part of the Company's risk management strategy, the Company enters into derivative transactions to mitigate exposures to foreign currencies using foreign exchange contracts. These foreign exchange contracts are over-the-counter derivative transactions. Substantially all of the Company's derivative exposures are with counterparties that have long-term credit ratings of "BB+" (or equivalent) or better. The Company uses quoted prices in active markets for similar assets and liabilities to determine fair value (Level 2). The Company has no derivatives that require fair value measurement under Level 1 or 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

The Company had no outstanding foreign exchange contracts as of December 31, 2017 and June 30, 2017, respectively.

The following table presents the Company's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2017, according to the fair value hierarchy:

	Quoted price in active markets for identical assets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)	Total
Assets				
Investment in Cell C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 161,695	\$ 161,695
Related to insurance business:				
Cash and cash equivalents (included in other long-term assets)	664	-	-	\$ 664
Fixed maturity investments (included in cash and cash equivalents)	7,458	-	-	7,458
Other	-	40	-	40
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 8,122</u>	<u>\$ 40</u>	<u>\$ 161,695</u>	<u>\$ 169,857</u>

5. Fair value of financial instruments (continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

The following table presents the Company's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2017, according to the fair value hierarchy:

	Quoted Price in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Assets				
Related to insurance business:				
Cash and cash equivalents (included in other long-term assets)	\$ 627	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 627
Fixed maturity investments (included in cash and cash equivalents)	5,160	-	-	5,160
Other	-	37	-	37
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 5,787</u>	<u>\$ 37</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,824</u>

There have been no transfers in or out of Level 3 during the three and six months ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis

The Company measures its assets at fair value on a nonrecurring basis when they are deemed to be other-than-temporarily impaired. The Company has no liabilities that are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. The Company reviews the carrying values of its assets when events and circumstances warrant and considers all available evidence in evaluating when declines in fair value are other-than-temporary. The fair values of the Company's assets are determined using the best information available, and may include quoted market prices, market comparables, and discounted cash flow projections. An impairment charge is recorded when the cost of the assets exceeds its fair value and the excess is determined to be other-than-temporary. The Company has not recorded any impairment charges during the reporting periods presented herein.

6. Equity-accounted investments and other long-term assets

Equity-accounted investments

The Company's ownership percentage in its equity-accounted investments as of December 31, 2017 and June 30, 2017, was as follows:

	December 31, 2017	June 30, 2017
DNI-4PL (Pty) Ltd ("DNI")	45%	-
Bank Frick & Co AG ("Bank Frick")	30%	-
Finbond Group Limited ("Finbond")	27%	26%
KZ One Limited (formerly One Credit Limited) ("KZ One")	25%	25%
SmartSwitch Namibia (Pty) Ltd ("SmartSwitch Namibia")	50%	50%
Walletdoc Proprietary Limited ("Walletdoc")	20%	20%

On July 27, 2017, the Company subscribed for 44,999,999 ordinary A shares in DNI, representing a 45% voting and economic interest in DNI, for a subscription price of ZAR 945.0 million (\$72.0 million) in cash. Under the terms of the Company's agreements with DNI, the Company is required to pay to DNI an additional amount of up to ZAR 360 million (\$29.1 million, translated at the foreign exchange rates applicable as of December 31, 2017), in cash, subject to the achievement of certain performance targets by DNI. The Company has not accrued for this contingent consideration as of December 31, 2017. Net1 SA has pledged, among other things, its entire equity interest in DNI as security for the South African facilities described in Note 10 used to partially fund the acquisition of Cell C.

6. Equity-accounted investments and other long-term assets (continued)

Equity-accounted investments (continued)

On October 2, 2017, the Company acquired a 30% interest in Bank Frick, a fully licensed bank based in Balzers, Liechtenstein, from the Kuno Frick Family Foundation ("Frick Foundation") for approximately CHF 39.8 million (\$40.9 million) in cash. On January 26, 2018, the parties entered into an addendum to the Bank Frick shareholders agreement pursuant to which the Company agreed to purchase an additional 5% in Bank Frick from the Frick Foundation for CHF 10.4 million (\$10.7 million) and the Frick Foundation agreed to contribute approximately CHF 3.8 million (\$3.9 million) to Bank Frick to facilitate the development of Bank Frick's Fintech and blockchain businesses. The Company has an option, exercisable until October 2, 2019, to acquire an additional 35% interest in Bank Frick.

Bank Frick provides a complete suite of banking services, with one of its key strategic pillars being the provision of payment services and funding of financial technology opportunities. Bank Frick holds acquiring licenses from both Visa and MasterCard and operates a branch in London. The Company and Bank Frick have jointly identified several funding opportunities, including for the Company's card issuing and acquiring and transaction processing activities as well new opportunities in cryptocurrency and blockchain. The investment in Bank Frick has the potential to provide the Company with a stable, long-term and strategic relationship with a fully-licensed bank.

As of December 31, 2017, the Company owned 205,483,967 shares in Finbond. Finbond is listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange and its closing price on December 29, 2017, the last trading day of the quarter, was R3.39 per share. The aggregate value of the Company's holding in Finbond on December 31, 2017 was R696.6 million (\$56.3 million translated at exchange rates applicable as of December 31, 2017). On July 13, 2017, the Company acquired an additional 3.6 million shares in Finbond for approximately ZAR 11.2 million (\$0.8 million). On July 17, 2017, the Company, pursuant to its election, received an additional 4,361,532 shares in Finbond as a capitalization share issue in lieu of a dividend.

On October 7, 2016, the Company provided a loan of ZAR 139.2 million (\$10.0 million, translated at the foreign exchange rates applicable on the date of the loan) to Finbond in order to partially finance Finbond's expansion strategy in the United States. The loan is included in accounts receivable, net, on the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2017 and June 30, 2017. Interest on the loan is payable quarterly in arrears and is based on the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") in effect from time to time plus a margin of 12.00%. The LIBOR rate was 1.4874% on December 31, 2017. The loan was initially set to mature at the earlier of Finbond concluding a rights offer or February 28, 2017, but the agreement was subsequently amended to extend the repayment date to on or before February 28, 2018, or such later date as may be mutually agreed by the parties in writing. The Company has the right to elect for the loan to be repaid in either Finbond ordinary shares, including through a rights offering, (in accordance with an agreed mechanism) or in cash. The Company must make a repayment election within 180 days after the repayment date otherwise the repayment election will automatically default to repayment in ordinary shares. Finbond has undertaken to perform all necessary steps reasonably required to effect the issuance of shares to settle the repayment of the loan if that option is elected by the Company.

The Company has provided a credit facility of up to \$10 million in the form of convertible debt to KZ One, of which \$2 million had been drawn as of December 31, 2017 and June 30, 2017.

Summarized below is the movement in equity-accounted investments during the six months ended December 31, 2017:

	DNI	Bank Frick	Finbond	Other ⁽¹⁾	Total
Investment in equity:					
Balance as of June 30, 2017	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,961	\$ 6,742	\$ 25,703
Acquisition of shares	72,001	40,892	1,941	-	114,834
Stock-based compensation	-	-	(207)	-	(207)
Comprehensive income (loss):	1,911	322	874	95	3,202
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	(227)	-	(227)
Equity accounted earnings (loss)	1,911	322	1,101	95	3,429
Share of net income (loss)	3,240	487	1,931	95	5,753
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	(1,845)	(219)	-	-	(2,064)
Deferred taxes on acquired intangible assets	516	54	-	-	570
Dilution resulting from corporate transactions	-	-	(830)	-	(830)
Dividends received	(1,765)	-	(1,096)	(400)	(3,261)
Foreign currency adjustment ⁽²⁾	4,369	(169)	1,134	(381)	4,953
Balance as of December 31, 2017	\$ 76,516	\$ 41,045	\$ 21,607	\$ 6,056	\$ 145,224

6. Equity-accounted investments and other long-term assets (continued)

Equity-accounted investments (continued)

	DNI	Bank Frick	Finbond	Other ⁽¹⁾	Total
Investment in loans:					
Balance as of June 30, 2017	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,159	\$ 2,159
Foreign currency adjustment ⁽²⁾	-	-	-	9	9
Balance as of December 31, 2017	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,168	\$ 2,168

	Equity	Loans	Total
Carrying amount as of:			
June 30, 2017	\$ 25,703	\$ 2,159	\$ 27,862
December 31, 2017	\$ 145,224	\$ 2,168	\$ 147,392

(1) Includes KZ One, SmartSwitch Namibia and Walletdoc;

(2) The foreign currency adjustment represents the effects of the fluctuations South African rand, Nigerian naira and the Namibian dollar, and the U.S. dollar on the carrying value.

Other long-term assets

Summarized below is the breakdown of other long-term assets as of December 31, 2017, and June 30, 2017:

	December 31, 2017	June 30, 2017
Investment in 15% of Cell C (Pty) Limited ("Cell C"), at fair value ⁽¹⁾	\$ 161,695	\$ -
Investment in 12% of One MobiKwik Systems Private Limited ("MobiKwik"), at cost	27,598	26,317
Total equity investments	189,293	26,317
Investment in 7.625% of Cedar Cellular Investment 1 (RF) (Pty) Ltd 8.625% notes due in 2022	9,182	-
Total held to maturity investments	9,182	-
Long-term portion of payments to agents in South Korea amortized over the contract period	20,512	17,290
Policy holder assets under investment contracts (Note 8)	664	627
Reinsurance assets under insurance contracts Note 8)	212	191
Other long-term assets	5,600	5,271
Total other long-term assets	\$ 225,463	\$ 49,696

(1) The notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included in the Company's Form 10-Q for the three months ended September 30, 2017, stated that the Cell C investment was carried at cost rather than at fair value. As of September 30, 2017, the fair value of the investment in Cell C approximated its cost.

On August 2, 2017, the Company, through its subsidiary, Net1 Applied Technologies South Africa Proprietary Limited ("Net1 SA"), purchased 75,000,000 class "A" shares of Cell C for an aggregate purchase price of ZAR 2.0 billion (\$151.0 million) in cash. The Company funded the transaction through a combination of cash and the facilities described in Note 14 to the Company's audited consolidated financial statements included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2017. Net1 SA has pledged, among other things, its entire equity interest in Cell C as security for the South African facilities described in Note 10 used to partially fund the acquisition of Cell C.

The Company has signed a subscription agreement with MobiKwik, which is India's largest independent mobile payments network, with over 65 million users and 2.0 million merchants. Pursuant to the subscription agreement, the Company agreed to make an equity investment of up to \$40.0 million in MobiKwik over a 24 month period. The Company made an initial \$15.0 million investment in August 2016 and a further \$10.6 million investment in June 2017, under this subscription agreement. As of June 30, 2017, the Company owned approximately 13.5% of MobiKwik. In August 2017, MobiKwik raised additional funding through the issuance of additional shares to a new shareholder at a 90% premium to the Company's investments and the Company's percentage ownership was diluted to 12.0%. In addition, through a technology agreement, the Company's Virtual Card technology will be integrated across all MobiKwik wallets in order to provide ubiquity across all merchants in India, and as part of the Company's continued strategic relationship, a number of our other products including our digital banking platform, are expected to be deployed by MobiKwik over the next year.

In December 2017, the Company purchased, for cash, \$9.0 million of notes, with a face value of \$20.5 million, issued by Cedar Cellular Investment 1 (RF) (Pty) Ltd ("Cedar Cellular"), a Cell C shareholder, representing 7.625% of the issuance. The investment in the notes was made in connection with the Cell C investment discussed above. The notes bear interest semi-annually at 8.625% per annum on the face value and interest is payable in cash or deferred, at Cedar Cellular's election, for payment on the maturity date. The notes mature on August 2, 2022. The notes are secured by all of Cedar Cellular's investment in Cell C (59,000,000 class "A" shares) and the fair value of the Cell C shares pledged exceeds the carrying value of the notes as of December 31, 2017. The notes are listed on The International Stock Exchange. The Company has elected to treat the investment in the notes as held to maturity securities.

6. Equity-accounted investments and other long-term assets (continued)

Available for sale and held to maturity investments (continued)

Other long-term assets (continued)

Summarized below are the components of the Company's available for sale and held to maturity investments as of December 31, 2017:

	Cost basis	Unrealized holding gains	Unrealized holding losses	Carrying value
Available for sale:				
Investment in Cell C	\$ 161,695	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 161,695
Held to maturity:				
Investment in Cedar Cellular notes	9,000	182	-	9,182
Total	<u>170,695</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 170,695</u>

The Company had no available for sale or held to maturity investments as of June 30, 2017.

Contractual maturities of held to maturity investments

Summarized below are the contractual maturities of the Company's held to maturity investment as of December 31, 2017:

	Cost basis	Estimated fair value
Due in one year or less	\$ -	\$ -
Due in one year through five years	9,000	9,182
Due in five years through ten years	-	-
Due after ten years	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 9,000</u>	<u>\$ 9,182</u>

7. Goodwill and intangible assets, net

Goodwill

Summarized below is the movement in the carrying value of goodwill for the six months ended December 31, 2017:

	Gross value	Accumulated impairment	Carrying value
Balance as of June 30, 2017	\$ 188,833	\$ -	\$ 188,833
Foreign currency adjustment(1)	10,662	-	10,662
Balance as of December 31, 2017	<u>\$ 199,495</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 199,495</u>

(1) – Represents the effects of the fluctuations between the South African rand, euro and the Korean won, and the U.S. dollar on the carrying value.

Goodwill has been allocated to the Company's reportable segments as follows:

	South African transaction processing	International transaction processing	Financial inclusion and applied technologies	Carrying value
Balance as of June 30, 2017	\$ 23,131	\$ 140,570	\$ 25,132	\$ 188,833
Foreign currency adjustment(1)	1,282	8,310	1,070	10,662
Balance as of December 31, 2017	<u>\$ 24,413</u>	<u>\$ 148,880</u>	<u>\$ 26,202</u>	<u>\$ 199,495</u>

(1) – Represents the effects of the fluctuations between the South African rand, euro and the Korean won, and the U.S. dollar on the carrying value.

7. Goodwill and intangible assets, net (continued)

Intangible assets, net

Carrying value and amortization of intangible assets

Summarized below is the carrying value and accumulated amortization of the intangible assets as of December 31, 2017 and June 30, 2017:

	As of December 31, 2017			As of June 30, 2017		
	Gross carrying value	Accumulated amortization	Net carrying value	Gross carrying value	Accumulated amortization	Net carrying value
Finite-lived intangible assets:						
Customer relationships	\$ 105,365	\$ (75,089)	\$ 30,276	\$ 99,209	\$ (65,595)	\$ 33,614
Software and unpatented technology	35,227	(33,587)	1,640	33,273	(31,112)	2,161
FTS patent	3,098	(3,098)	-	2,935	(2,935)	-
Exclusive licenses	4,506	(4,506)	-	4,506	(4,506)	-
Trademarks	7,361	(5,486)	1,875	6,972	(4,759)	2,213
Total finite-lived intangible assets	155,557	(121,766)	33,791	146,895	(108,907)	37,988
Indefinite-lived intangible assets:						
Financial institution license	813	-	813	776	-	776
Total indefinite-lived intangible assets	813	-	813	776	-	776
Total intangible assets	\$ 156,370	\$ (121,766)	\$ 34,604	\$ 147,671	\$ (108,907)	\$ 38,764

Aggregate amortization expense on the finite-lived intangible assets for the three months ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, was approximately \$2.9 million and \$3.6 million, respectively. Aggregate amortization expense on the finite-lived intangible assets for the six months ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, was approximately \$5.8 million and \$6.5 million, respectively.

Future estimated annual amortization expense for the next five fiscal years and thereafter, assuming exchange rates that prevailed on December 31, 2017, is presented in the table below. Actual amortization expense in future periods could differ from this estimate as a result of acquisitions, changes in useful lives, exchange rate fluctuations and other relevant factors.

Fiscal 2018	\$ 12,838
Fiscal 2019	11,369
Fiscal 2020	10,653
Fiscal 2021	4,582
Fiscal 2022	81
Thereafter	330
Total future estimated annual amortization expense	\$ 39,853

8. Reinsurance assets and policyholder liabilities under insurance and investment contracts

Reinsurance assets and policyholder liabilities under insurance contracts

Summarized below is the movement in reinsurance assets and policyholder liabilities under insurance contracts during the six months ended December 31, 2017:

	Reinsurance assets ⁽¹⁾	Insurance contracts ⁽²⁾
Balance as of June 30, 2017	\$ 191	\$ (1,611)
Increase in policyholder benefits under insurance contracts	(355)	(4,932)
Claims and policyholders' benefits under insurance contracts	366	4,884
Foreign currency adjustment ⁽³⁾	10	(89)
Balance as of December 31, 2017	\$ 212	\$ (1,748)

(1) Included in other long-term assets.

(2) Included in other long-term liabilities.

(3) Represents the effects of the fluctuations between the ZAR against the U.S. dollar.

8. Reinsurance assets and policyholder liabilities under insurance and investment contracts (continued)

Reinsurance assets and policyholder liabilities under insurance contracts (continued)

The Company has agreements with reinsurance companies in order to limit its losses from large insurance contracts, however, if the reinsurer is unable to meet its obligations, the Company retains the liability.

The Company determines its reserves for policy benefits under its life insurance products using a model which estimates claims incurred that have not been reported at the balance sheet date. This model includes best estimate assumptions of experience plus prescribed margins, as required in the markets in which these products are offered, namely South Africa. The best estimate assumptions include those assumptions related to mortality, morbidity and claim reporting delays, and the main assumptions used to calculate the reserve for policy benefits include (i) mortality and morbidity assumptions reflecting the company's most recent experience and (ii) claim reporting delays reflecting Company specific and industry experience. The values of matured guaranteed endowments were increased by late payment interest (net of the asset management fee and allowance for tax on investment income).

Assets and policyholder liabilities under investment contracts

Summarized below is the movement in assets and policyholder liabilities under investment contracts during the six months ended December 31, 2017:

	Assets ⁽¹⁾	Investment contracts ⁽²⁾
Balance as of June 30, 2017	\$ 627	\$ (627)
Increase in policyholder benefits under investment contracts	2	(2)
Foreign currency adjustment ⁽³⁾	35	(35)
Balance as of December 31, 2017	<u>\$ 664</u>	<u>\$ (664)</u>

(1) Included in other long-term assets.

(2) Included in other long-term liabilities.

(3) Represents the effects of the fluctuations between the ZAR against the U.S. dollar.

The Company does not offer any investment products with guarantees related to capital or returns.

9. Short-term credit facilities

Summarized below are the Company's available short-term facilities and the amounts utilized as of December 31, 2017 and June 30, 2017, all amounts below were translated at the exchange rates applicable as of the date presented:

	December 31, 2017		June 30, 2017	
	Available	Utilized	Available	Utilized
Europe:				
Bank Frick ⁽¹⁾	\$ 68,405	\$ 35,553	\$ 66,579	\$ 16,579
South Africa:				
Nedbank Limited	32,400	10,190	30,600	10,000
Overdraft facility ⁽¹⁾	20,200	-	19,109	-
Indirect and derivative facilities (Note 18)	\$ 12,200	\$ 10,190	\$ 11,491	\$ 10,000

(1) Utilized amount included in short-term facilities on the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets.

Europe

The Company has obtained EUR 40.0 million (\$47.9 million) and CHF 20 million (\$20.5 million) revolving overdraft facilities from Bank Frick. As of December 31, 2017, the Company had utilized approximately CHF 4.7 million (\$4.8 million) of the CHF 20 million facility and approximately EUR 25.7 million (\$30.7 million) of the EUR 40 million facility. All amounts have been translated at exchange rates applicable as of December 31, 2017. As of June 30, 2017, the Company had utilized approximately CHF 15.9 million (\$16.6 million) of the CHF 20 million facility and had not utilized any of the EUR 40 million facility. All amounts have been translated at exchange rates applicable as of June 30, 2017.

As of December 31, 2017, the interest rate on these facilities was 5.00%. The Company assigned all claims against amounts due from Masterpayment customers, which have been financed from the CHF 20 million facility, plus all secondary rights and preferential rights as collateral for this facility to Bank Frick. Masterpayment was required to open a primary business account with Bank Frick and this account has been pledged to Bank Frick as collateral for the EUR 40 million facility. Net1 also stands as guarantor for both of these facilities.

9. Short-term credit facilities (continued)

Europe (continued)

The initial term of the EUR 40 million facility ends on December 31, 2019 and will automatically be extended for one additional year if not terminated with 12 months written notice. The CHF 20 million facility does not have a fixed term; however, it may be terminated by either party at the end of a calendar month with six months written notice. In January 2018, the Company settled the EUR 40 million and CHF 20 million revolving overdraft facilities in full and these facilities will be cancelled and Net1 will be released from the guarantees.

United States

On January 29, 2018, the Company obtained a \$10 million overdraft facility from Bank Frick. The interest rate on the facilities is 4.50% plus 3 month US Dollar LIBOR and interest is payable quarterly commencing on March 31, 2018. The facility has no fixed term, however, it may be terminated by either party with six weeks written notice. The facility is secured by a pledge of the Company's investment in Bank Frick.

South Africa

The aggregate amount of the Company's short-term South African credit facility with Nedbank Limited was ZAR 400 million (\$32.4 million) and consists of (i) a primary amount of up to ZAR 200 million (\$16.2 million, and (ii) a secondary amount of up to ZAR 200 million (\$16.2 million) (all amounts denominated in ZAR and translated at exchange rates applicable as of December 31, 2017). The primary amount comprises an overdraft facility of up to ZAR 50 million (\$4.0 million) and indirect and derivative facilities of up to ZAR 150 million (\$12.2 million), which include letters of guarantee, letters of credit and forward exchange contracts (all amounts denominated in ZAR and translated at exchange rates applicable as of December 31, 2017).

As of December 31, 2017, the interest rate on the overdraft facility was 9.10%. The Company has ceded its investment in Cash Paymaster Services Proprietary Limited ("CPS"), a South African subsidiary, as security for its repayment obligations under the facility. A commitment fee of 0.35% per annum is payable on the monthly unutilized amount of the overdraft portion of the short-term facility. The Company is required to comply with customary non-financial covenants, including, without limitation, covenants that restrict its ability to dispose of or encumber its assets, incur additional indebtedness or engage in certain business combinations.

As of each of December 31, 2017 and June 30, 2017, respectively, the Company had not utilized any of its overdraft facility. As of December 31, 2017, the Company had utilized approximately ZAR 126.0 million (\$10.2 million, translated at exchange rates applicable as of December 31, 2017) of its ZAR 150 million indirect and derivative facilities to obtain foreign exchange contracts from the bank and to enable the bank to issue guarantees, including stand-by letters of credit, in order for the Company to honor its obligations to third parties requiring such guarantees (refer to Note 18). As of June 30, 2017, the Company had utilized approximately ZAR 130.5 million (\$10.0 million, translated at exchange rates applicable as of June 30, 2017) of its ZAR 150 million indirect and derivative facilities.

10. Long-term borrowings

South Africa

The Company's South African long-term facility agreement is described in Note 14 to the Company's audited consolidated financial statements included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2017. As of December 31, 2017, \$70.4 million was outstanding under the Company's South African long-term facility agreement, and the carrying amount of the long-term borrowings approximated fair value. The Johannesburg Interbank Agreed Rate ("JIBAR") has been set at 7.158% for the period to March 29, 2018.

On July 26, 2017, the Company utilized ZAR 1.25 billion (approximately \$92.2 million) of its South African long-term facility to partially fund the acquisition of 15% of Cell C. Principal repayments on the facilities are due in eight quarterly installments commencing on September 29, 2017 and the Company has made scheduled repayments of ZAR 375.0 million (\$28.5 million) during the six months ended December 31, 2017. The next scheduled principal payment of ZAR 187.5 million (\$15.2 million, translated at exchange rates applicable as of December 31, 2017) will be made on March 31, 2018.

The Company paid a non-refundable deal origination fee of approximately ZAR 6.3 million (\$0.6 million) in August 2017. Interest expense incurred during the three and six months ended December 31, 2017, was \$1.9 million and \$3.6 million, respectively. During the three and six months ended December 31, 2017, \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million, respectively, of prepaid facility fees were amortized. All amounts are translated at exchange rates applicable as of December 31, 2017.

10. Long-term borrowings (continued)

South Korea

The South Korean senior secured loan facility is described in Note 14 to the Company's audited consolidated financial statements included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2017. On October 20, 2017, the Company made an unscheduled repayment of \$16.6 million and settled the full outstanding balance, including interest, related to these borrowings.

On July 29, 2017, the Company utilized approximately KRW 0.3 billion (\$0.3 million) of its Facility C revolving credit facility under the Company's South Korean long-term facility agreement to pay interest due on the Company's South Korean senior secured loan facility.

Interest expense incurred during the three months ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, was \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million, respectively. Interest expense incurred during the six months ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, was \$0.4 million and \$0.7 million, respectively. Prepaid facility fees amortized during the three months ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, was \$0.1 million and \$0.03 million respectively. Prepaid facility fees amortized during the six months ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, was \$0.1 million and \$0.07 million, respectively.

11. Capital structure

The following table presents reconciliation between the number of shares, net of treasury, presented in the unaudited condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity during the six months ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and the number of shares, net of treasury, excluding non-vested equity shares that have not vested during the six months ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively:

	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2016</u>
Number of shares, net of treasury:		
Statement of changes in equity	56,832,370	52,521,345
Less: Non-vested equity shares that have not vested (Note 13)	<u>(911,856)</u>	<u>(904,356)</u>
Number of shares, net of treasury excluding non-vested equity shares that have not vested	<u>55,920,514</u>	<u>51,616,989</u>

Common stock repurchases

Executed under share repurchase authorizations

The Company did not repurchase any of its shares during the three and six months ended December 31, 2017, or during the three months ended December 31, 2016.

In February 2016, the Company's board of directors approved the replenishment of its share repurchase authorization to repurchase up to an aggregate of \$100 million of common stock. The authorization has no expiration date. On June 29, 2016, the Company adopted a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan for the purpose of repurchasing approximately \$50 million of its common stock, which was included within the original share repurchase authorization. During the six months ended December 31, 2016, the Company repurchased 1,328,699 shares for approximately \$12.7 million under its share repurchase authorization.

12. Accumulated other comprehensive loss

The table below presents the change in accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income per component during the six months ended December 31, 2017:

	Six months ended December 31, 2017		
	Accumulated foreign currency translation reserve	Accumulated net unrealized income on asset available for sale, net of tax	Total
Balance as of June 30, 2017	\$ (162,569)	\$ -	\$ (162,569)
Movement in foreign currency translation reserve related to equity accounted investment	(227)	-	(227)
Movement in foreign currency translation reserve	39,437	-	39,437
Balance as of December 31, 2017	<u>\$ (123,359)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (123,359)</u>

There were no reclassifications from accumulated other comprehensive loss to comprehensive (loss) income during the three and six months ended December 31, 2017 or 2016.

13. Stock-based compensation

Stock option and restricted stock activity

Options

The following table summarizes stock option activity for the six months ended December 31, 2017 and 2016:

	Number of shares	Weighted average exercise price (\$)	Weighted average remaining contractual term (in years)	Aggregate intrinsic value (\$'000)	Weighted average grant date fair value (\$)
Outstanding – June 30, 2017	846,607	13.87	3.80	486	
Forfeitures	(37,333)	11.23			
Outstanding – December 31, 2017	<u>809,274</u>	<u>13.99</u>	<u>3.15</u>	<u>1,022</u>	
Outstanding – June 30, 2016	2,077,524	15.92	3.65	926	
Expired unexercised	(474,443)	22.51			
Outstanding – December 31, 2016	<u>1,603,081</u>	<u>13.98</u>	<u>4.25</u>	<u>1,685</u>	

No stock options were awarded during the three and six months ended December 31, 2017 or 2016. There were no forfeitures during the three months ended December 31, 2017. During the six months ended December 31, 2017, employees forfeited 37,333 stock options. There were no forfeitures during the three and six months ended December 31, 2016; however, during the three and six months ended December 31, 2016, 474,443 stock options awarded in August 2006, expired unexercised.

The following table presents stock options vested and expecting to vest as of December 31, 2017:

	Number of shares	Weighted average exercise price (\$)	Weighted average remaining contractual term (in years)	Aggregate intrinsic value (\$'000)
Vested and expecting to vest – December 31, 2017	809,274	13.99	3.15	1,022

13. Stock-based compensation

Stock option and restricted stock activity (continued)

Options (continued)

These options have an exercise price range of \$7.35 to \$24.46.

The following table presents stock options that are exercisable as of December 31, 2017:

	Number of shares	Weighted average exercise price (\$)	Weighted average remaining contractual term (in years)	Aggregate intrinsic value (\$'000)
Exercisable – December 31, 2017	809,274	13.99	3.15	1,022

No stock options became exercisable during the three months ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. During the six months ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively, 105,982 and 154,803 stock options became exercisable. The Company issues new shares to satisfy stock option exercises.

Restricted stock

The following table summarizes restricted stock activity for the six months ended December 31, 2017 and 2016:

	Number of shares of restricted stock	Weighted average grant date fair value (\$'000)
Non-vested – June 30, 2017	505,473	11,173
Granted – August 2017	588,594	4,288
Vested – August 2017	(56,250)	527
Forfeitures	(30,635)	358
Forfeitures – August and November 2014 awards with market conditions	(95,326)	1,133
Non-vested – December 31, 2017	<u>911,856</u>	<u>9,365</u>
Non-vested – June 30, 2016	589,447	7,622
Granted – August 2016	387,000	4,145
Vested – August 2016	(72,091)	735
Non-vested – December 31, 2016	<u>904,356</u>	<u>11,142</u>

The August 2017 grants comprises (i) 326,000 shares of restricted stock awarded to executive officers and employees that are subject to time-based vesting, (ii) 210,000 shares of restricted stock awarded to executive officers that are subject to market and time-based vesting, and (iii) 52,594 shares of restricted stock awarded to non-employee directors. The August 2016 grants comprise 350,000 and 37,000 shares of restricted stock awarded to executive officers and non-employee directors, respectively.

The 326,000 shares of restricted stock will only vest if the recipient is employed by the Company on a full-time basis on August 23, 2020. The 52,594 shares of restricted stock awarded to non-employee directors will only vest if the recipient is a director on August 23, 2018.

Market Conditions - Restricted Stock Granted in August 2017

The 210,000 shares of restricted stock awarded to executive officers in August 2017 are subject to time-based and performance-based (a market condition) vesting conditions and vest in full only on the date, if any, the following conditions are satisfied: (1) the price of the Company's common stock must equal or exceed certain agreed VWAP levels (as described below) during a measurement period commencing on the date that it files its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended 2020 and ending on December 31, 2020 and (2) the recipient is employed by the Company on a full-time basis when the condition in (1) is met. If either of these conditions is not satisfied, then none of the shares of restricted stock will vest and they will be forfeited. The \$23.00 price target represents an approximate 35% increase, compounded annually, in the price of the Company's common stock on Nasdaq over the \$9.38 closing price on August 23, 2017.

13. Stock-based compensation (continued)

Stock option and restricted stock activity (continued)

Restricted stock (continued)

Performance Conditions - Market Conditions - Restricted Stock Granted in August 2017(continued)

The VWAP levels and vesting percentages related to such levels are as follows:

- Below \$15.00 (threshold)—0%
- At or above \$15.00 and below \$19.00—33%
- At or above \$19.00 and below \$23.00—66%
- At or above \$23.00—100%

These 210,000 shares of restricted stock are effectively forward starting knock-in barrier options with multi-strike prices of zero. The fair value of these shares of restricted stock was calculated utilizing a Monte Carlo simulation model which was developed for the purpose of the valuation of these shares. For each simulated share price path, the market share price condition was evaluated to determine whether or not the shares would vest under that simulation. A standard Geometric Brownian motion process was used in the forecasting of the share price instead of a “jump diffusion” model, as the share price volatility was more stable compared to the highly volatile regime of previous years. Therefore, the simulated share price paths capture the idiosyncrasies of the observed Company share price movements.

In scenarios where the shares do not vest, the final vested value at maturity is zero. In scenarios where vesting occurs, the final vested value on maturity is the share price on vesting date. The value of the grant is the average of the discounted vested values. The Company used an expected volatility of 44.0%, an expected life of approximately three years, a risk-free rate ranging between 1.275% to 1.657% and no future dividends in its calculation of the fair value of the restricted stock. The estimated expected volatility was calculated based on the Company’s 30 day VWAP share price using the exponentially weighted moving average of returns.

Performance Conditions - Restricted Stock Granted in August 2016

In August 2016 the Company awarded 350,000 shares of restricted stock to executive officers. In May 2017, the Company agreed to accelerate the vesting of 200,000 of these shares of restricted stock granted to the Company’s former Chief Executive Officer. These remaining 150,000 shares continue to be subject to time-based and performance-based vesting conditions. In order for any of the shares to vest, the recipient must remain employed by the Company on a full-time basis on the date that it files its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. If that condition is satisfied, then the shares will vest based on the level of Fundamental EPS the Company achieves for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 (“2019 Fundamental EPS”), as follows:

- One-third of the shares will vest if the Company achieves 2019 Fundamental EPS of \$2.60;
- Two-thirds of the shares will vest if the Company achieves 2019 Fundamental EPS of \$2.80; and
- All of the shares will vest if the Company achieves 2019 Fundamental EPS of \$3.00.

At levels of 2019 Fundamental EPS greater than \$2.60 and less than \$3.00, the number of shares that will vest will be determined by linear interpolation relative to 2019 Fundamental EPS of \$2.80. Any shares that do not vest in accordance with the above-described conditions will be forfeited. All shares of restricted stock have been valued utilizing the closing price of shares of the Company’s common stock quoted on The Nasdaq Global Select Market on the date of grant.

Performance Conditions - Restricted Stock Granted in August 2015

In August 2015 the Company awarded 301,537 shares of restricted stock to executive officers and employees. These shares of restricted stock are subject to time-based and performance-based vesting conditions. In order for any of the shares to vest, the recipient must remain employed by the Company on a full-time basis on the date that it files its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. If that condition is satisfied, then the shares will vest based on the level of Fundamental EPS the Company achieves for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 (“2018 Fundamental EPS”), as follows:

- One-third of the shares will vest if the Company achieves 2018 Fundamental EPS of \$2.88;
- Two-thirds of the shares will vest if the Company achieves 2018 Fundamental EPS of \$3.30; and
- All of the shares will vest if the Company achieves 2018 Fundamental EPS of \$3.76.

At levels of 2018 Fundamental EPS greater than \$2.88 and less than \$3.76, the number of shares that will vest will be determined by linear interpolation relative to 2018 Fundamental EPS of \$3.30. Any shares that do not vest in accordance with the above-described conditions will be forfeited. All shares of restricted stock have been valued utilizing the closing price of shares of the Company’s common stock quoted on The Nasdaq Global Select Market on the date of grant.

13. Stock-based compensation (continued)

Stock option and restricted stock activity (continued)

Restricted stock (continued)

Performance Conditions - Restricted Stock Granted in August 2015 (continued)

During the three and six months ended December 31, 2016, the Company reversed the stock-based compensation charge recognized to date related to the 301,537 shares of restricted stock because it believed that it was unlikely that the 2018 Fundamental EPS target would be achieved due to the dilutive impact on the fundamental EPS calculation as a result of issuance of the approximate 10 million shares to the IFC in May 2016.

Vesting of all non-employee director shares issued prior to June 30, 2017

Grants of restricted stock to non-employee directors made during fiscal 2017, as well as those grants made in prior years, originally vested over a three-year period. After the end of fiscal 2017, the Company's board consulted with Pay Governance, an independent compensation consultant, and determined that one-year vesting of restricted stock grants is a more common compensation practice for independent directors and therefore, amended the terms of outstanding awards to vest one-year after grant. As a result of this amendment, 61,995 shares of restricted stock held by the non-employee directors as of June 30, 2017, were fully-vested.

Forfeiture of restricted stock awarded in August and November 2014 that did not achieve targeted market conditions

During the three and six months ended December 31, 2017, restricted stock with market conditions awarded in August and November 2014, were forfeited, because the target market conditions were not achieved. The stock-based compensation charge related to these awards was not reversed upon forfeiture because these awards contained market conditions.

The fair value of restricted stock vesting during the six months ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively, was \$0.5 million and \$0.7 million.

Stock-based compensation charge and unrecognized compensation cost

The Company recorded a stock-based compensation charge during each of the three months ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 of \$0.6 million, which comprised:

	Total charge	Allocated to cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support	Allocated to selling, general and administration
Three months ended December 31, 2017			
Stock-based compensation charge	\$ 608	\$ -	\$ 608
Total – three months ended December 31, 2017	<u>\$ 608</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 608</u>
Three months ended December 31, 2016			
Stock-based compensation charge	\$ 635	\$ -	\$ 635
Total – three months ended December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 635</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 635</u>

13. Stock-based compensation (continued)

Stock-based compensation charge and unrecognized compensation cost (continued)

The Company recorded a stock-based compensation charge (reversal) during the six months ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 of \$1.4 million and (\$0.7 million), respectively, which comprised:

	Total charge	Allocated to cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support	Allocated to selling, general and administration
Six months ended December 31, 2017			
Stock-based compensation charge	\$ 1,477	\$ -	\$ 1,477
Reversal of stock compensation charge related to stock options forfeited	(42)	-	(42)
Total – six months ended December 31, 2017	<u>\$ 1,435</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,435</u>
Six months ended December 31, 2016			
Stock-based compensation charge	\$ 1,138	\$ -	\$ 1,138
Reversal of stock compensation charge related to restricted stock	(1,827)	-	(1,827)
Total – six months ended December 31, 2016	<u>\$ (689)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (689)</u>

The stock-based compensation charges have been allocated to selling, general and administration based on the allocation of the cash compensation paid to the employees.

As of December 31, 2017, there was no unrecognized compensation cost related to stock options because all stock options granted have vested. As of December 31, 2017, the total unrecognized compensation cost related to restricted stock awards was approximately \$4.5 million, which the Company expects to recognize over approximately two years. This amount excludes the total unrecognized compensation cost as of December 31, 2017, of approximately \$3.9 million, related to restricted stock awards that the Company expects will not vest due to it not achieving the 2018 Fundamental EPS. As of December 31, 2017, the cumulative unrecorded stock-based compensation charge related to these awards of restricted stock that the Company has determined are expected not to vest and has not expensed in its consolidated statement of operations is approximately \$3.2 million (which amount includes the \$1.8 million reversed during the six months ended December 31, 2016).

As of December 31, 2017 and June 30, 2017, the Company recorded a deferred tax asset of approximately \$0.7 million and \$0.9 million, respectively, related to the stock-based compensation charge recognized related to employees of Net1. The Company deducts the difference between the market value on date of exercise by the option recipient and the exercise price from income subject to taxation in the United States.

14. Earnings per share

The Company has issued redeemable common stock which is redeemable at an amount other than fair value. Redemption of a class of common stock at other than fair value increases or decreases the carrying amount of the redeemable common stock and is reflected in basic earnings per share using the two-class method. There were no redemptions of common stock, or adjustments to the carrying value of the redeemable common stock during the three and six months ended December 31, 2017 or 2016. Accordingly, the two-class method presented below does not include the impact of any redemption. The Company's redeemable common stock is described in Note 15 to the Company's audited consolidated financial statements included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2017.

Basic earnings per share include shares of restricted stock that meet the definition of a participating security because these shares are eligible to receive non-forfeitable dividend equivalents at the same rate as common stock. Basic earnings per share have been calculated using the two-class method and basic earnings per share for the three and six months ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, reflects only undistributed earnings. The computation below of basic earnings per share excludes the net income attributable to shares of unvested restricted stock (participating non-vested restricted stock) from the numerator and excludes the dilutive impact of these unvested shares of restricted stock from the denominator.

Diluted earnings per share have been calculated to give effect to the number of shares of additional common stock that would have been outstanding if the potential dilutive instruments had been issued in each period. Stock options are included in the calculation of diluted earnings per share utilizing the treasury stock method and are not considered to be participating securities, as the stock options do not contain non-forfeitable dividend rights.

14. Earnings per share (continued)

The calculation of diluted earnings per share includes the dilutive effect of a portion of the restricted stock granted to employees in August 2014, November 2014, August 2015, August 2016 and August 2017, as these shares of restricted stock are considered contingently returnable shares for the purposes of the diluted earnings per share calculation and the vesting conditions in respect of a portion of the restricted stock had been satisfied. The vesting conditions for awards made in August 2017, August 2016 and August 2015 are discussed in Note 13 and the vesting conditions for all other awards are discussed in Note 18 to the Company's audited consolidated financial statements included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2017.

The following table presents net income attributable to Net1 (income from continuing operations) and the share data used in the basic and diluted earnings per share computations using the two-class method:

	Three months ended December 31,		Six months ended December 31,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	(in thousands except percent and per share data)		(in thousands except percent and per share data)	
Numerator:				
Net income attributable to Net1	\$ 9,622	\$ 18,641	\$ 29,105	\$ 43,273
Undistributed earnings	9,622	18,641	29,105	43,273
Percent allocated to common shareholders (Calculation 1)	99%	98%	98%	98%
Numerator for earnings per share: basic and diluted	\$ 9,481	\$ 18,296	\$ 28,664	\$ 42,561
Denominator:				
Denominator for basic earnings per share: weighted-average common shares outstanding	55,923	51,549	55,902	52,301
Effect of dilutive securities:				
Stock options	52	122	50	106
Denominator for diluted earnings per share: adjusted weighted average common shares outstanding and assumed conversion	55,975	51,671	55,952	52,407
Earnings per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.81
Diluted	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.81
(Calculation 1)				
Basic weighted-average common shares outstanding (A)	55,923	51,549	55,902	52,301
Basic weighted-average common shares outstanding and unvested restricted shares expected to vest (B)	56,755	52,521	56,762	53,176
Percent allocated to common shareholders (A) / (B)	99%	98%	98%	98%

Options to purchase 357,643 shares of the Company's common stock at prices ranging from \$10.59 to \$24.46 per share were outstanding during the three and six months ended December 31, 2017, but were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because the options' exercise price were greater than the average market price of the Company's common stock. The options, which expire at various dates through August 27, 2024, were still outstanding as of December 31, 2017.

15. Supplemental cash flow information

The following table presents supplemental cash flow disclosures for the three and six months ended December 31, 2017 and 2016:

	Three months ended December 31,		Six months ended December 31,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Cash received from interest	\$ 4,562	\$ 5,050	\$ 9,848	\$ 9,335
Cash paid for interest	\$ 2,330	\$ 496	\$ 4,418	\$ 1,572
Cash paid for income taxes	\$ 18,613	\$ 22,564	\$ 20,649	\$ 24,067

15. Supplemental cash flow information (continued)

Treasury shares, at cost included in the Company's condensed consolidated balance sheet as of June 30, 2016, includes 47,056 shares of the Company's common stock acquired for approximately \$0.5 million which were paid for on July 1, 2016. The liability for this payment was included in accounts payable on the Company's condensed consolidated balance sheet as of June 30, 2016. The payment of approximately \$0.5 million is included in acquisition of treasury stock in the Company's condensed consolidated statement of cash flows for the six months ended December 31, 2016.

16. Operating segments

The Company discloses segment information as reflected in the management information systems reports that its chief operating decision maker uses in making decisions and to report certain entity-wide disclosures about products and services, major customers, and the countries in which the entity holds material assets or reports material revenues. A description of the Company's operating segments is contained in Note 23 to the Company's audited consolidated financial statements included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2017.

The reconciliation of the reportable segments revenue to revenue from external customers for the three months ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, is as follows:

	Revenue		
	Reportable Segment	Inter-segment	From external customers
South African transaction processing	\$ 64,148	\$ 6,181	\$ 57,967
International transaction processing	44,185	-	44,185
Financial inclusion and applied technologies	54,131	7,867	46,264
Total for the three months ended December 31, 2017	<u>\$ 162,464</u>	<u>\$ 14,048</u>	<u>\$ 148,416</u>
South African transaction processing	\$ 59,862	\$ 5,395	\$ 54,467
International transaction processing	44,000	-	44,000
Financial inclusion and applied technologies	59,258	6,292	52,966
Total for the three months ended December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 163,120</u>	<u>\$ 11,687</u>	<u>\$ 151,433</u>

The reconciliation of the reportable segments revenue to revenue from external customers for the six months ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, is as follows:

	Revenue		
	Reportable Segment	Inter-segment	From external customers
South African transaction processing	\$ 130,585	\$ 12,326	\$ 118,259
International transaction processing	90,207	-	90,207
Financial inclusion and applied technologies	108,444	15,936	92,508
Total for the six months ended December 31, 2017	<u>\$ 329,236</u>	<u>\$ 28,262</u>	<u>\$ 300,974</u>
South African transaction processing	\$ 117,430	\$ 10,796	\$ 106,634
International transaction processing	90,190	-	90,190
Financial inclusion and applied technologies	122,800	12,558	110,242
Total for the six months ended December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 330,420</u>	<u>\$ 23,354</u>	<u>\$ 307,066</u>

The Company does not allocate interest income, interest expense or income tax expense to its reportable segments. The Company evaluates segment performance based on segment operating income before acquisition-related intangible asset amortization which represents operating income before acquisition-related intangible asset amortization and allocation of expenses allocated to Corporate/Eliminations, all under GAAP. The reconciliation of the reportable segments measure of profit or loss to income before income taxes for the three and six months ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, is as follows:

	Three months ended December 31,		Six months ended December 31,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Reportable segments measure of profit or loss	\$ 21,216	\$ 33,383	\$ 52,784	\$ 67,931
Operating income: Corporate/Eliminations	(4,909)	(7,794)	(11,471)	(10,161)
Interest income	4,705	5,061	9,749	9,365
Interest expense	(2,325)	(510)	(4,446)	(1,306)
Income before income taxes	\$ 18,687	\$ 30,140	\$ 46,616	\$ 65,829

The following tables summarize segment information that is prepared in accordance with GAAP for the three and six months ended December 31, 2017 and 2016:

	Three months ended December 31,		Six months ended December 31,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Revenues				
South African transaction processing	\$ 64,148	\$ 59,862	\$ 130,585	\$ 117,430
International transaction processing	44,185	44,000	90,207	90,190
Financial inclusion and applied technologies	54,131	59,258	108,444	122,800
Total	162,464	163,120	329,236	330,420
Operating income (loss)				
South African transaction processing	13,470	15,372	25,802	28,920
International transaction processing	(4,991)	3,904	325	9,721
Financial inclusion and applied technologies	12,737	14,107	26,657	29,290
Subtotal: Operating segments	21,216	33,383	52,784	67,931
Corporate/Eliminations	(4,909)	(7,794)	(11,471)	(10,161)
Total	16,307	25,589	41,313	57,770
Depreciation and amortization				
South African transaction processing	1,087	1,137	2,240	2,294
International transaction processing	4,381	5,521	9,013	11,357
Financial inclusion and applied technologies	309	354	664	691
Subtotal: Operating segments	5,777	7,012	11,917	14,342
Corporate/Eliminations	2,946	3,611	5,772	6,485
Total	8,723	10,623	17,689	20,827
Expenditures for long-lived assets				
South African transaction processing	900	635	1,377	1,042
International transaction processing	892	2,167	1,798	4,966
Financial inclusion and applied technologies	311	324	401	541
Subtotal: Operating segments	2,103	3,126	3,576	6,549
Corporate/Eliminations	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 2,103	\$ 3,126	\$ 3,576	\$ 6,549

The segment information as reviewed by the chief operating decision maker does not include a measure of segment assets per segment as all of the significant assets are used in the operations of all, rather than any one, of the segments. The Company does not have dedicated assets assigned to a particular operating segment. Accordingly, it is not meaningful to attempt an arbitrary allocation and segment asset allocation is therefore not presented.

It is impractical to disclose revenues from external customers for each product and service or each group of similar products and services.

17. Income tax

Income tax in interim periods

For the purposes of interim financial reporting, the Company determines the appropriate income tax provision by first applying the effective tax rate expected to be applicable for the full fiscal year to ordinary income. This amount is then adjusted for the tax effect of significant unusual or extraordinary items, for instance, changes in tax law, valuation allowances and non-deductible transaction-related expenses that are reported separately, and have an impact on the tax charge. The cumulative effect of any change in the enacted tax rate, if and when applicable, on the opening balance of deferred tax assets and liabilities is also included in the tax charge as a discrete event in the interim period in which the enactment date occurs.

For the three and six months ended December 31, 2017, the tax charge was calculated using the expected effective tax rate for the year. The Company's effective tax rate for the three and six months ended December 31, 2017, was 53.8% and 43.6%, respectively, was higher than the South African statutory rate as a result of a valuation allowance provided related to an allowance for doubtful working capital finance receivables created, non-deductible expenses (including transaction-related expenditure and non-deductible interest on our South African long-term facility) and the impact of the changes in U.S. federal statutory tax rates described below.

For the three and six months ended December 31, 2016, the tax charge was calculated using the expected effective tax rate for the year. The Company's effective tax rate for the three and six months ended December 31, 2016, was 36.4% and 33.6%, respectively, and was higher than the South African statutory rate as a result of additional taxes payable resulting from the finalization of a tax review in South Korea, non-deductible expenses and the tax impact attributable to distributions from our South African subsidiary.

New U.S. Tax Legislation

On December 22, 2017, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "TCJA"), was enacted into law, significantly modifying U.S. federal tax laws. The TCJA reduces the federal statutory tax rate for corporations from 35% to 21% effective from January 1, 2018, eliminates alternative minimum tax for corporations, limits net operating loss carryforwards (and eliminates carrybacks), limits the deductibility of interest expense and transitions the system of U.S. international taxation of corporations from a worldwide tax system to a territorial tax system. Specifically, the transition to a territorial tax system is not expected to have a significant impact on the Company's future consolidated effective tax rate as it generates the majority of its taxable income in tax jurisdictions with tax rates higher (mainly South Africa, where its income is taxed at 28%, and Korea, where our income is taxed at 22%) than the new federal statutory tax rate of 21%.

The Company is currently analyzing the impact of these changes; therefore, an estimate of the full impact on deferred tax assets and liabilities, income tax expense, net income and other affected accounts is not yet available. The Company has a June year end and therefore it will use a blended rate of 28.10% for its tax year ending June 30, 2018, in the U.S. Certain of the Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities which it expects will be utilized/ reversed during the period ended June 30, 2018, have been re-measured at this blended rate and those deferred taxes that the Company believes will only be utilized/ reversed in subsequent tax years, have been remeasured at 21%. The impact of the change in the tax rate on the Company's deferred taxes included in income tax expense during the three and six months ended December 31, 2017, was \$0.3 million. The Company has also provided an additional valuation allowance of approximately \$0.6 million related to net operating loss carryforwards that it does not believe will be utilized as a result of the enactment of the TCJA.

The TCJA also requires a U.S. shareholder of a specified foreign corporation to include a deemed repatriation of foreign earnings as part of the transition to a territorial tax system; however, the Company does not currently believe that it has a deemed repatriation transition tax liability.

Uncertain tax positions

There were no significant changes during the three and six months ended December 31, 2017. As of December 31, 2017, the Company had accrued interest related to uncertain tax positions of approximately \$0.1 million on its balance sheet.

The Company does not expect changes related to its unrecognized tax benefits will have a significant impact on its results of operations or financial position in the next 12 months.

As of December 31, 2017 and June 30, 2017, the Company had unrecognized tax benefits of \$0.5 million and \$0.5 million, respectively, all of which would impact the Company's effective tax rate. The Company files income tax returns mainly in South Africa, South Korea, Germany, Hong Kong, India, the United Kingdom, Botswana and in the U.S. federal jurisdiction. As of December 31, 2017, the Company's South African subsidiaries are no longer subject to income tax examination by the South African Revenue Service for periods before June 30, 2013. The Company is subject to income tax in other jurisdictions outside South Africa, none of which are individually material to its financial position, statement of cash flows, or results of operations.

18. Commitments and contingencies

Guarantees

The South African Revenue Service and certain of the Company's customers, suppliers and other business partners have asked the Company to provide them with guarantees, including standby letters of credit, issued by a South African bank. The Company is required to procure these guarantees for these third parties to operate its business.

Nedbank has issued guarantees to these third parties amounting to ZAR 126.0 million (\$10.2 million, translated at exchange rates applicable as of December 31, 2017) and thereby utilizing part of the Company's short-term facility. The Company in turn has provided nonrecourse, unsecured counter-guarantees to Nedbank for ZAR 126.0 million (\$10.2 million, translated at exchange rates applicable as of December 31, 2017). The Company pays commission of between 0.4% per annum to 2.0% per annum of the face value of these guarantees and does not recover any of the commission from third parties.

The Company has not recognized any obligation related to these counter-guarantees in its consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2017. The maximum potential amount that the Company could pay under these guarantees is ZAR 126.0 million (\$10.2 million, translated at exchange rates applicable as of December 31, 2017). The guarantees have reduced the amount available for borrowings under the Company's short-term credit facility described in Note 9.

As described in Note 9, Net1 has specifically provided guarantees to Bank Frick related to the EUR 40.0 million (\$47.9 million) and CHF 20 million (\$20.5 million) revolving overdraft facilities provided to Masterpayment. As of December 31, 2017, Masterpayment had utilized approximately \$30.7 million of the EUR 40.0 million facility and \$4.8 million of the CHF 20 million facility and these obligations are recorded as short-term facilities in the Company's consolidated balance sheet. The maximum potential amount that the Company could pay under the guarantees to Bank Frick was \$35.5 million. As described in Note 9, the overdraft facilities were repaid in full in January 2018 and Net1 will be released from these guarantees once the facilities have been cancelled.

Contingencies

The Company is subject to a variety of insignificant claims and suits that arise from time to time in the ordinary course of business.

Management currently believes that the resolution of these matters, individually or in the aggregate, will not have a material adverse impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes included in this Form 10-Q.

Forward-looking statements

Some of the statements in this Form 10-Q constitute forward-looking statements. These statements relate to future events or our future financial performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our or our industry's actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed, implied or inferred by these forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among other things, those listed under Item 1A.—“Risk Factors” and elsewhere in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2017. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as “may,” “will,” “should,” “could,” “would,” “expects,” “plans,” “intends,” “anticipates,” “believes,” “estimates,” “predicts,” “potential” or “continue” or the negative of such terms and other comparable terminology.

Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we do not know whether we can achieve positive future results, levels of activity, performance, or goals. Actual events or results may differ materially. We undertake no obligation to update any of the forward-looking statements after the date of this Form 10-Q to conform those statements to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as required by applicable law.

You should read this Form 10-Q and the documents that we reference herein and the documents we have filed as exhibits hereto and thereto and which we have filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission completely and with the understanding that our actual future results, levels of activity, performance and achievements may be materially different from what we expect. We qualify all of our forward-looking statements by these cautionary statements.

Recent Developments

SASSA Update

Our current contract with SASSA is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2018. SASSA and the expert panel appointed by the court filed the regular progress reports in accordance with the Constitutional Court's order. We have provided the expert panel with all the information required from us.

On December 10, 2017, the Minister in the Presidency, Jeff Radebe, announced that the Inter-ministerial Committee appointed by the South African President to oversee the transition of grant payments brokered a high-level cooperation agreement between the South African Post Office, or SAPO, and SASSA, in terms of which SAPO will assume responsibility for the distribution of social grants with effect from April 1, 2018.

On January 15, 2018, SASSA filed a report with the Constitutional Court stating the following: “The process of continuing with cash payments will require a tender process, since SAPO has indicated that they are unable to undertake the cash payment function within the time period left, although they indicated that they can do this by December 2018.” On January 12, 2018, SASSA issued a tender for the cash payment of grants for a five year period which is due for submission on February 28, 2018. SAPO issued three tenders on December 22, 2018, for the production of smart cards, a multi-mode biometric verification engine and an integrated grant payments system.

In the same report to the court, SASSA also stated: “A phase in period of at least 6 months would be required to take over payments from the existing provider, CPS. This implies that the court will have to be approached to extend the suspension of the invalidity of the current payment contract until 30 September 2018, to allow for a managed phase out process over a period of 6 months, which will see the new service provider progressively taking more responsibility for payments, while CPS is still in the background. This process will be managed by SASSA.”

On February 6, 2018, SASSA filed a notice of motion with the Constitutional Court, applying for the following order: “Cash Paymaster Services (CPS) is to continue to provide cash payment services to the social grant beneficiaries of SASSA who receive their social grants by way of cash payments without personal identification numbers on an interim basis and on the same terms and conditions as to payment as those currently in place between CPS and SASSA for the period 1 April 2018 up to 30 September 2018, provided CPS shall be paid only in respect of such limited services to be rendered to SASSA and in respect of this categories (sic) of beneficiaries only.”

In line with the recommendations made by the expert panel in its second and third reports to the Constitutional Court, we wrote a letter to SASSA on December 27, 2017 advocating the use of commercial bank accounts, subsidized by SASSA to limit the impact of bank charges, for the distribution of grant payments. SASSA has indicated that the subsidization of bank accounts will be considered if agreement can be reached with prospective participating banks regarding the functionality of the accounts being offered. SASSA has since engaged the South African banks to determine the feasibility of such an approach.

On February 6, 2018, CPS launched an application with the Constitutional Court seeking an order declaring that CPS is not prohibited by the Constitutional Court's order of March 17, 2017, from participating in the tender for "the provision of cash payment services for social assistance" issued by SASSA, because SASSA has previously reported that CPS is not entitled to participate in any future tenders.

We continue to deliver our grant payment solution in accordance with our current agreement and we have paid all 10.7 million social grant recipients, without interruption, every month since our contract was extended in March 2017. We will continue to cooperate with SASSA, the expert panel and any other delegated government entity to assist them in finding a solution and ensuring a smooth handover to any entity legally appointed to render the grant payment service.

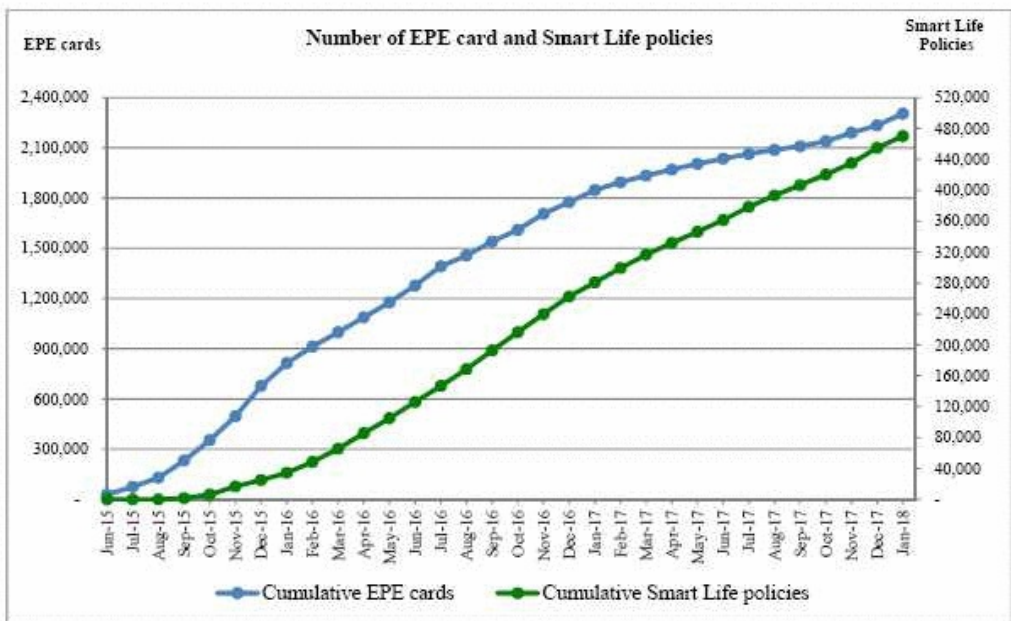
Progress of financial inclusion initiatives in South Africa

In June 2015, we began the rollout of EPE, our business-to-consumer, or B2C, offering in South Africa. At January 31, 2018, we had more than 2.3 million active EPE accounts, compared to 2.1 million at October 31, 2017. EPE is a fully transactional, low cost account created to serve the needs of South Africa's unbanked and under-banked population, most of whom are social grant recipients. The EPE account offers customers a comprehensive suite of financial and various financial inclusion services, such as prepaid products, in an economical, convenient and secure solution. EPE provides account holders with a UEPS-EMV debit MasterCard, mobile and internet banking services, ATM and POS services, as well as loans, insurance and other financial products and value-added services. However, SASSA and a non-profit organization continue to challenge the ability of beneficiaries to freely transact with the grants that they receive as described under "Item 1—Legal Proceedings."

In order for us to address the sizeable opportunity for EPE and related financial inclusion services in South Africa, in fiscal 2016, we started to expand our brick-and-mortar financial services branch infrastructure, which supplements our nationwide distribution, with a UEPS/EMV-enabled ATM network, and hired a dedicated sales force. We believe that the growth in our brick-and-mortar branch infrastructure has reached saturation and therefore we have embarked on a program to increase our financial services revenues through a roaming sales force equipped with a UEPS/EMV-enabled card-issuing work station. In January 2018, we deployed 500 portable card-issuing working stations and employed 625 temporary staff to achieve this objective. At January 31, 2018, we had 152 branches (October 31, 2017: 146), 1,073 ATMs (October 31, 2017: 1,008), and 2,394 (October 31, 2017: 1,925) dedicated employees, including the temporary staff.

During the seven months since July 1, 2017, we sold approximately 109,000 new policies related to our simple, low-cost life insurance products, in addition to the free basic life insurance policy provided with every EPE account opened.

The graph below presents the growth of the number of EPE cards and Smart Life policies:



Strategic investments

Investments in Cell C Proprietary Limited and DNI-4PL Contracts Proprietary Limited

On August 2, 2017, we purchased 15% of Cell C, for an aggregate purchase price of ZAR 2.0 billion (\$151.0 million) in cash. Cell C is one of the three major licensed mobile operators in South Africa with approximately 16 million active subscribers. We funded the transaction through a combination of cash and credit facilities.

On July 27, 2017, we subscribed for 44,999,999 ordinary A shares in DNI, representing a 45% voting and economic interest in DNI, for a subscription price of ZAR 945.0 million (\$72.0 million) in cash. Under the terms of our agreements with DNI, we are required to pay to DNI an additional amount of up to ZAR 360 million (\$29.1 million, translated at the foreign exchange rates applicable as of December 31, 2017), in cash, subject to the achievement of certain performance targets by DNI.

The investments in Cell C and DNI are consistent with our approach of leveraging our significant and established infrastructures, and pursuing strategic acquisition opportunities or partnerships to gain access to new markets or complementary products. We identified the need to offer customers a truly bespoke, affordable and comprehensive package that will go beyond basic telephony. An integrated mobile-based digital product will therefore likely differentiate the offerings of all the relevant stakeholders in this transaction including Net1. The Cell C and DNI investments allow us to address the needs of the broader South African population through ownership in the value chain including the network, payment, product, distribution and hardware. We have pledged, among other things, our entire equity interests in Cell C and DNI as security for the South African facilities used to partially fund the acquisition of Cell C, refer also Note 10 to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

Investment in Bank Frick

On October 2, 2017, we acquired a 30% interest in Bank Frick & Co AG, a fully licensed bank based in Balzers, Liechtenstein, from the Kuno Frick Family Foundation for approximately CHF 39.8 million (\$40.8 million translated at exchange rates applicable as of December 31, 2017). On January 26, 2018, the parties entered into an addendum to the Bank Frick shareholders agreement pursuant to which we agreed to purchase an additional 5% in Bank Frick from the Frick Foundation for CHF 10.43 million (\$10.9 million) and the Frick Foundation agreed to contribute approximately CHF 3.8 million (\$3.9 million) to Bank Frick to facilitate the development of Bank Frick's Fintech and blockchain businesses. We have an option, exercisable until October 2, 2019, to acquire an additional 35% interest in Bank Frick.

Bank Frick provides a complete suite of banking services, with one of its key strategic pillars being the provision of payment services and funding of financial technology opportunities. Bank Frick holds acquiring licenses from both Visa and MasterCard and operates a branch in London. We have jointly identified several funding opportunities, including for our card issuing and acquiring, remittance and transaction processing activities as well new opportunities in cryptocurrency and blockchain. The investment in Bank Frick has the potential to provide us with a stable, long term and strategic relationship with a fully licensed bank.

Masterpayment – Processing for Bitstamp

In November 2017, Masterpayment was appointed as a new partner for credit card processing and acquiring for cryptocurrency purchases for Bitstamp, a leading global digital currency exchange and the largest Bitcoin exchange in the EU in terms of volume. This partnership will allow Bitstamp customers to enjoy faster and more convenient transactions, while maintaining the same high-caliber security and has resulted in higher processing revenue as a result of the increase in the number of transactions processed by Masterpayment. Masterpayment transaction volumes in December 2017 more than doubled compared to November 2017 as a result of its new cryptocurrency processing initiatives.

Mastertrading - Exit from Working Capital Financing and Supply Chain Solutions Business

During the second quarter of fiscal 2018, we re-evaluated the operating performance and ongoing viability of Masterpayment's working capital financing and supply chain solutions offering and have determined to exit this portion of its business. While we believe we could scale this offering in the medium to long-term by focusing on customers and industries outside our initial target market, this standalone offering does not fit the International Payments Group strategy of providing payment solutions and working capital to small and medium-sized merchants. In order to focus on our stated international strategy, we have decided to wind-down the traditional working capital finance book issued to non-payment solutions customers.

The working capital book has reduced to \$35.8 million, net of an allowance of \$11.8 million allowance, as of December 31, 2017, from \$56.5 million, net of an allowance of \$4.0 million, as of September 2017. We have performed a detailed analysis of our U.S. and European books and have identified two customers included on the U.S. book servicing customers in the petroleum industry, totaling approximately \$7.8 million, that we believe may not be able to settle their loan obligations due to us. We had expected repayment of the amounts due by these customers by November 2017, however, repayments were not received and we have not been able to negotiate a reasonable settlement plan with them.

While we continue to discuss recovery alternatives and procedures with these customers and our lawyers, it appears more likely than not at this stage that these customers will not be able to settle their obligations due to us in full, or even in part. We have created an allowance for doubtful working capital finance receivables related to the total amount due to us by these two customers.

Regarding the European component of the book, we have entered into an arrangement with Bank Frick under which they purchased the remaining book of \$35.8 million from us in January 2018 at its face value. We have used the proceeds from this transaction to settle the amounts due by us to Bank Frick under the EUR 40 million and CHF 20 million revolving overdraft facilities in full and these facilities will be cancelled and we will be released from our guarantees.

Critical Accounting Policies

Our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP, which requires management to make estimates and assumptions about future events that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. As future events and their effects cannot be determined with absolute certainty, the determination of estimates requires management's judgment based on a variety of assumptions and other determinants such as historical experience, current and expected market conditions and certain scientific evaluation techniques.

Critical accounting policies are those that reflect significant judgments or uncertainties, and potentially may result in materially different results under different assumptions and conditions. Management has identified the following critical accounting policies that are described in more detail in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2017:

- Business combinations and the recoverability of goodwill;
- Intangible assets acquired through acquisitions;
- Deferred taxation;
- Stock-based compensation; and
- Accounts receivable and allowance for doubtful accounts receivable.

Recent accounting pronouncements adopted

Refer to Note 1 to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for a full description of recent accounting pronouncements adopted, including the dates of adoption and the effects on our condensed consolidated financial statements.

Recent accounting pronouncements not yet adopted as of December 31, 2017

Refer to Note 1 to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for a full description of recent accounting pronouncements not yet adopted as of December 31, 2017, including the expected dates of adoption and effects on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

New U.S. Tax Legislation

On December 22, 2017, the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act", or TCJA, was enacted into law, significantly modifying U.S. federal tax laws. The TCJA reduces the federal statutory tax rate for corporations from 35% to 21% effective from January 1, 2018, eliminates alternative minimum tax for corporations, limits net operating loss carryforwards (and eliminates carrybacks), limits the deductibility of interest expense and transitions the system of U.S. international taxation of corporations from a worldwide tax system to a territorial tax system. Specifically, the transition to a territorial tax system is not expected to have a significant impact on our future consolidated effective tax rate as we generate the majority of our taxable income in tax jurisdictions with tax rates higher (mainly South Africa, where our income is taxed at 28%, and Korea, where our income is taxed at 22%) than the new federal statutory tax rate of 21%.

We are currently analyzing the impact of these changes on us; therefore, an estimate of the full impact on our deferred tax assets and liabilities, income tax expense, net income and other affected accounts is not yet available. We have a June year end and therefore we will use a blended rate of 28.10% for our tax year ending June 30, 2018, in the U.S. Certain of our deferred tax assets and liabilities which we expect will be utilized/ reversed during the period ended June 30, 2018, have been re-measured at this blended rate and those deferred taxes that we believe will only be utilized/ reversed in subsequent tax years, have been re-measured at 21%. The impact of the change in the tax rate on our deferred taxes included in our income tax expense during the three and six months ended December 31, 2017, was \$0.3 million. We have also provided an additional valuation allowance of approximately \$0.6 million related to net operating loss carryforwards that we do not believe will be utilized as a result of the enactment of the TCJA.

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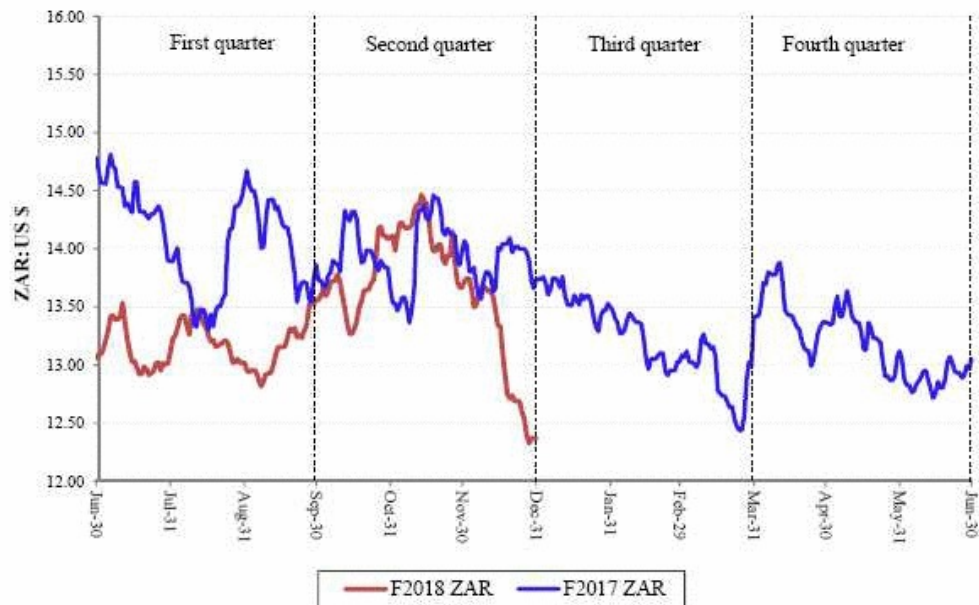
Currency Exchange Rate Information

Actual exchange rates

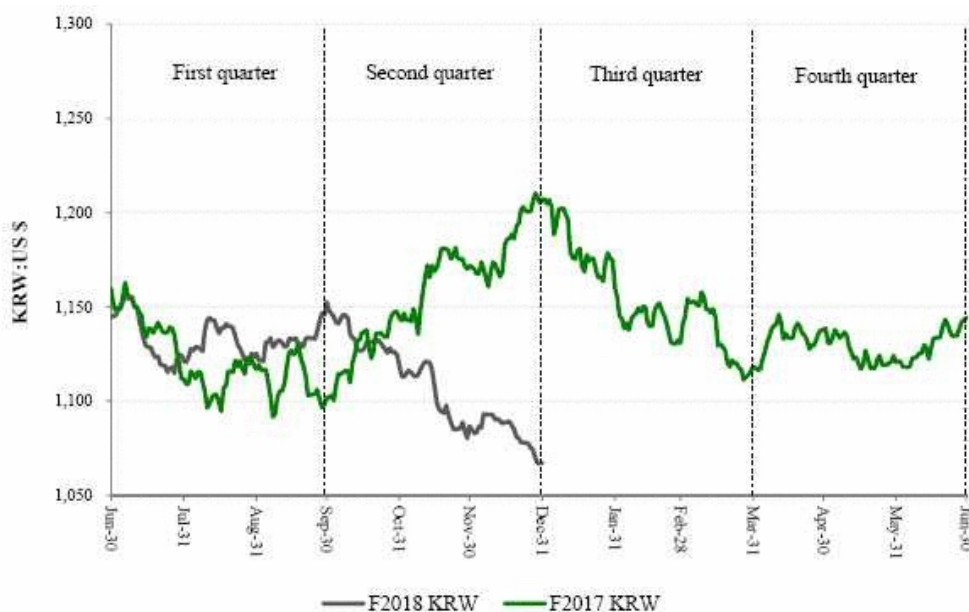
The actual exchange rates for and at the end of the periods presented were as follows:

Table 1	Three months ended December 31,		Six months ended December 31,		Year ended June 30,
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
ZAR : \$ average exchange rate	13.6318	13.9300	13.4025	14.0095	13.6147
Highest ZAR : \$ rate during period	14.4645	14.4618	14.4645	14.8114	14.8114
Lowest ZAR : \$ rate during period	12.3268	13.3634	12.3268	13.3000	12.4379
Rate at end of period	12.3689	13.7392	12.3689	13.7392	13.0535
KRW : \$ average exchange rate	1,107	1,159	1,120	1,140	1,141
Highest KRW : \$ rate during period	1,148	1,210	1,156	1,210	1,210
Lowest KRW : \$ rate during period	1,067	1,100	1,067	1,092	1,092
Rate at end of period	1,067	1,207	1,067	1,207	1,144

ZAR: US \$ Exchange Rates



KRW: US \$ Exchange Rates



Translation exchange rates for financial reporting purposes

We are required to translate our results of operations from ZAR and KRW to U.S. dollars on a monthly basis. Thus, the average rates used to translate this data for the three and six months ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, vary slightly from the averages shown in the table above. The translation rates we use in presenting our results of operations are the rates shown in the following table:

	Three months ended December 31,		Six months ended December 31,		Year ended June 30,
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Income and expense items: \$1 = ZAR	13.6675	13.9434	13.4127	14.0292	13.6182
Income and expense items: \$1 = KRW	1,107	1,172	1,125	1,152	1,146
Balance sheet items: \$1 = ZAR	12.3689	13.7392	12.3689	13.7392	13.0535
Balance sheet items: \$1 = KRW	1,067	1,207	1,067	1,207	1,144

Results of operations

The discussion of our consolidated overall results of operations is based on amounts as reflected in our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements, which are prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP. We analyze our results of operations both in U.S. dollars, as presented in the consolidated financial statements, and supplementally in ZAR, because ZAR is the functional currency of the entities which contribute the majority of our profits and is the currency in which the majority of our transactions are initially incurred and measured. Due to the significant impact of currency fluctuations between the U.S. dollar and ZAR on our reported results and because we use the U.S. dollar as our reporting currency, we believe that the supplemental presentation of our results of operations in ZAR is useful to investors to understand the changes in the underlying trends of our business.

Fiscal 2018 includes the results of Pros Software and C4U Malta for the entire period and excludes XeoHealth from November 1, 2017 as a result of the sale of the business. Fiscal 2017 includes the results of Pros Software from October 1, 2016, and C4U Malta from November 1, 2016.

Our operating segment revenue presented in "—Results of operations by operating segment" represents total revenue per operating segment before inter-segment eliminations. Reconciliation between total operating segment revenue and revenue presented in our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements is included in Note 16 to those statements.

We analyze our business and operations in terms of three inter-related but independent operating segments: (1) South African transaction processing, (2) International transaction processing and (3) Financial inclusion and applied technologies. In addition, corporate and corporate office activities that are impracticable to ascribe directly to any of the other operating segments, as well as any inter-segment eliminations, are included in corporate/eliminations.

Second quarter of fiscal 2018 compared to second quarter of fiscal 2017

The following factors had a significant influence on our results of operations during the second quarter of fiscal 2018 as compared with the same period in the prior year:

- **Favorable impact from the weakening of the U.S. dollar against South African Rand:** The U.S. dollar depreciated by 2% against the ZAR and 6% against the KRW during the second quarter of fiscal 2018, which positively impacted our reported results;
- **Growth in insurance and lending businesses:** Volume growth and operating efficiencies in our insurance and lending businesses during the second quarter of fiscal 2018, resulted in an improved contribution to our financial inclusion revenue and operating income. The significant growth in our South African lending book during December 2017 resulted in a substantial increase in the allowance for doubtful finance loans receivable, in accordance with our policy of providing for doubtful finance loans receivable at the time that a loan is originated;
- **Ongoing contributions from EasyPay Everywhere:** EPE revenue and operating income growth was driven primarily by ongoing EPE adoption as we further expanded our customer base utilizing our ATM infrastructure;
- **Higher equity-accounted earnings related to DNI and Bank Frick:** The acquisition of 45% of DNI and 30% of Bank Frick positively impacted our reported results by approximately \$2.3 million, before amortization of intangible assets, net of deferred taxes;
- **Higher revenue from Masterpayment and allowance for credit losses:** Masterpayment contributed higher revenues as a result of an increase in processing activities, particularly related to its cryptocurrency processing launched in December 2017, as well as from its working capital financing and supply chain solutions. An allowance for credit losses related to doubtful working capital finance receivable of \$7.8 million was created. A valuation allowance has been provided for any potential tax benefit from this event as it is unlikely that this amount would be utilized for taxation purposes;
- **Regulatory changes in South Korea pertaining to fees on card transactions:** The regulations governing the fees that may be charged on card transactions adversely impacted our revenues and operating income in South Korea;
- **Lower net interest income resulting from investments in Cell C, DNI and Bank Frick:** Interest income was \$1.8 million lower as a result of cash utilized to purchase non-controlling stakes in Cell C, DNI and Bank Frick, while interest expense increased due to the South African lending facility we obtained in August 2017 to partially fund our 15% investment in Cell C;
- **Lower prepaid sales and ad hoc terminal sales:** The number of transacting users purchasing prepaid products through our mobile channel decreased due to security features introduced in fiscal 2017. In addition, our results were adversely impacted by fewer ad hoc terminal sales; and
- **Lower transaction-related costs in fiscal 2018:** We incurred \$0.6 million in transaction-related costs in connection with various investment initiatives pursued during the second quarter of fiscal 2018 compared with \$1.2 million in fiscal 2017.

Consolidated overall results of operations

This discussion is based on the amounts prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

The following tables show the changes in the items comprising our statements of operations, both in U.S. dollars and in ZAR:

Table 3

	In U.S. Dollars (U.S. GAAP)			
	Three months ended December 31,			
	2017	2016	\$	%
	\$ '000	\$ '000	change	
Revenue	148,416	151,433		(2%)
Cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support	73,994	73,518		1%
Selling, general and administration	49,392	41,703		18%
Depreciation and amortization	8,723	10,623		(18%)
Operating income	16,307	25,589		(36%)
Interest income	4,705	5,061		(7%)
Interest expense	2,325	510		356%
Income before income tax expense	18,687	30,140		(38%)
Income tax expense	10,062	10,984		(8%)
Net income before earnings from equity-accounted investments	8,625	19,156		(55%)
Earnings from equity-accounted investments	1,354	74		1,730%
Net income	9,979	19,230		(48%)
Less net income attributable to non-controlling interest	357	589		(39%)
Net income attributable to us	9,622	18,641		(48%)

Table 4

	In South African Rand (U.S. GAAP)			
	Three months ended December 31,			
	2017	2016	ZAR	%
	ZAR '000	ZAR '000	ZAR % change	
Revenue	2,028,475	2,111,493		(4%)
Cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support	1,011,312	1,025,093		(1%)
Selling, general and administration	675,065	581,482		16%
Depreciation and amortization	119,222	148,120		(20%)
Operating income	222,876	356,798		(38%)
Interest income	64,306	70,568		(9%)
Interest expense	31,777	7,111		347%
Income before income tax expense	255,405	420,255		(39%)
Income tax expense	137,522	153,154		(10%)
Net income before earnings from equity-accounted investments	117,883	267,101		(56%)
Earnings from equity-accounted investments	18,506	1,032		1,693%
Net income	136,389	268,133		(49%)
Less net income attributable to non-controlling interest	4,879	8,213		(41%)
Net income attributable to us	131,510	259,920		(49%)

The decrease in revenue was primarily due to lower prepaid airtime sales, fewer ad hoc terminal sales, and a lower contribution from KSNET due to regulatory changes in South Korea, which was partially offset by an improved contribution from Masterpayment, more fees generated from our EPE and ATM offerings, improved insurance activities, and a modest increase in the number of SASSA UEPS/EMV beneficiaries paid.

In ZAR, the decrease in cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support was primarily due to fewer prepaid airtime and ad hoc terminal sales, which was partially offset by increases in goods and services purchased from third parties, higher expenses incurred due to increased usage of the South African National Payment System by beneficiaries and expenses incurred to operate our EPE and ATM offerings.

The increase in selling, general and administration expense was primarily due to an allowance for doubtful working capital finance receivables of \$7.8 million, the impact of October 2017 annual salary increases for our South African employees, an increase in our allowance for doubtful finance loans receivable resulting from a commensurate increase in our lending book in the last lending cycle of calendar 2017, as well as increases in goods and services purchased from third parties. These increases were partially offset by fewer agent incentive costs paid in Korea due to weaker trading conditions in fiscal 2018, lower executive remuneration and lower transaction-related expenditures of \$0.6 million, compared to \$1.2 million in the prior year.

Depreciation and amortization decreased primarily due to lower overall amortization of intangible assets that are fully amortized and tangible assets that are fully depreciated.

Our operating income margin for second quarter of fiscal 2018 and 2017 was 11% and 17% respectively. Operating income margin excluding the \$7.8 million valuation allowance would have been 16% in fiscal 2018. We discuss the components of operating income margin under “—Results of operations by operating segment.” The decrease was primarily attributable to higher cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support relative to the reduction in revenue.

Interest on surplus cash decreased to \$4.7 million (ZAR 64.3 million) from \$5.1 million (ZAR 70.6 million), due primarily to the lower average daily ZAR cash balances, partially offset by interest earned on the loan to Finbond.

Interest expense increased to \$2.3 million (ZAR 31.8 million) from \$0.5 million (ZAR 7.1 million), due primarily to interest on the South African facility we obtained to partially fund our investment in Cell C, partially offset by lower average long-term debt balance on our South Korean debt as a result of repayment of the debt in full in October 2017.

Fiscal 2018 tax expense was \$10.1 million (ZAR 137.5 million) compared to \$11.0 million (ZAR 153.2 million) in fiscal 2017. Our effective tax rate for fiscal 2018, was 53.8% and was higher than the South African statutory rate as a result of a valuation allowance provided related to an allowance for doubtful working capital finance receivables created, non-deductible expenses (including transaction-related expenditure and non-deductible interest on our South African long-term facility) and the impact of the changes in U.S. federal statutory tax law. Our effective tax rate for fiscal 2017, was 36.4% and was higher than the South African statutory rate as a result of non-deductible expenses.

Earnings from equity-accounted investments increased primarily due to the inclusion of our portion of DNI and Bank Frick. The table below presents the relative earnings (loss) from our equity accounted investments:

Table 5

	Three months ended December 31,		
	2017	2016	\$ %
	\$ '000	\$ '000	change
DNI	1,046	-	nm
Share of net income	1,832	-	nm
Amortization of intangible assets, net of deferred tax	(786)	-	nm
Bank Frick	322	-	nm
Share of net income	487	-	nm
Amortization of intangible assets, net of deferred tax	(165)	-	nm
Finbond	-	-	nm
Other	(14)	74	(119%)
Earnings from equity accounted investments	<u>1,354</u>	<u>74</u>	1,730%

Results of operations by operating segment

The composition of revenue and the contributions of our business activities to operating income are illustrated below:

Table 6

Operating Segment	<i>In U.S. Dollars (U.S. GAAP)</i>				
	Three months ended December 31,				
	2017 \$ '000	% of total	2016 \$ '000	% of total	% change
Revenue:					
South African transaction processing	64,148	43%	59,862	40%	7%
International transaction processing	44,185	30%	44,000	29%	-
Financial inclusion and applied technologies	54,131	36%	59,258	39%	(9%)
Subtotal: Operating segments	162,464	109%	163,120	108%	-
Intersegment eliminations	(14,048)	(9%)	(11,687)	(8%)	20%
Consolidated revenue	148,416	100%	151,433	100%	(2%)
Operating income (loss):					
South African transaction processing	13,470	83%	15,372	60%	(12%)
International transaction processing	(4,991)	(31%)	3,904	15%	(228%)
Financial inclusion and applied technologies	12,737	78%	14,107	55%	(10%)
Subtotal: Operating segments	21,216	130%	33,383	130%	(36%)
Corporate/Eliminations	(4,909)	(30%)	(7,794)	(30%)	(37%)
Consolidated operating income	16,307	100%	25,589	100%	(36%)

Table 7

Operating Segment	<i>In South African Rand (U.S. GAAP)</i>				
	Three months ended December 31,				
	2017 ZAR '000	% of total	2016 ZAR '000	% of total	% change
Revenue:					
South African transaction processing	876,743	43%	834,680	40%	5%
International transaction processing	603,898	30%	613,510	29%	(2%)
Financial inclusion and applied technologies	739,835	36%	826,258	39%	(10%)
Subtotal: Operating segments	2,220,476	109%	2,274,448	108%	(2%)
Intersegment eliminations	(192,001)	(9%)	(162,955)	(8%)	18%
Consolidated revenue	2,028,475	100%	2,111,493	100%	(4%)
Operating income (loss):					
South African transaction processing	184,101	83%	214,338	60%	(14%)
International transaction processing	(68,214)	(31%)	54,435	15%	(225%)
Financial inclusion and applied technologies	174,083	78%	196,700	55%	(11%)
Subtotal: Operating segments	289,970	130%	465,473	130%	(38%)
Corporate/Eliminations	(67,094)	(30%)	(108,675)	(30%)	(38%)
Consolidated operating income	222,876	100%	356,798	100%	(38%)

South African transaction processing

The increase in segment revenue was primarily due to higher EPE transaction revenue as a result of increased usage of our ATMs, increased inter-segment transaction processing activities and a modest increase in the number of social welfare grants distributed. Operating income decreased primarily due to an increase in inter-segment charges, the impact of annual salary increases granted to our South African employees in October 2017 and increases in goods and services purchased from third parties. These decreases were partially offset by the aforementioned increases in segment revenue.

Our operating income margin for the second quarter of fiscal 2018 and 2017 was 21% and 26%, respectively. Our fiscal 2018 margin was adversely impacted by the annual salary increases granted to our South African employees in October 2017 and increases in goods and services purchased from third parties.

International transaction-based activities

Segment revenue was slightly higher during the second quarter of fiscal 2018, primarily due to ongoing impact of regulatory changes in South Korea on KSNET's revenue, largely offset by increased contributions from Masterpayment. Operating income during the second quarter of fiscal 2018 was lower due to an allowance for doubtful working capital finance receivable of \$7.8 million, a decrease in revenue at KSNET and losses incurred by all other major contributors to the segment. Operating income and margin for the second quarter of fiscal 2017 was positively impacted by a refund of approximately \$0.8 million that had been paid several years ago in connection with industry-wide litigation that has now been finalized.

Operating (loss) income margin for the second quarter of fiscal 2018 and 2017 was (11%) and 9%, respectively. Excluding the Mastertrading allowance for doubtful working capital finance receivables, segment operating income and margin were \$2.8 million and 6% respectively.

Financial inclusion and applied technologies

Financial inclusion and applied technologies revenue decreased primarily due to fewer prepaid airtime and other value added services sales, as well as lower ad hoc terminal sales, partially offset by increased volumes in our insurance businesses, and an increase in inter-segment revenues. Operating income was also impacted by these factors as well as an increase in the allowance for doubtful finance loans receivable resulting from a commensurate increase in our lending book in the last lending cycle of calendar 2017.

Operating income margin for the Financial inclusion and applied technologies segment was 24% during each of the second quarter of fiscal 2018 and 2017, respectively, and was impacted by fewer low margin prepaid product sales, improved revenues from our insurance businesses and an increase in inter-segment revenues, offset by fewer ad hoc terminal and annual salary increases granted to our South African employees and the increase in the allowance for credit losses.

Corporate/Eliminations

Our corporate expenses generally include acquisition-related intangible asset amortization; expenses incurred related to acquisitions and investments pursued; expenditure related to compliance with Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002; non-employee directors' fees; employee and executive bonuses; stock-based compensation; legal fees; audit fees; directors and officers insurance premiums; telecommunications expenses; property-related expenditures including utilities, rental, security and maintenance; and elimination entries.

Our corporate expenses have decreased primarily due to lower transaction-related expenditures, a \$0.5 million profit related to the sale of XeoHealth, and lower executive compensation, which was partially offset by a modest increases in U.S. dollar denominated goods and services purchased from third parties and directors' fees.

First half of fiscal 2018 compared to first half of fiscal 2017

The following factors had a significant influence on our results of operations during the first half of fiscal 2018 as compared with the same period in the prior year:

- **Favorable impact from the weakening of the U.S. dollar against South African Rand:** The U.S. dollar depreciated by 4% against the ZAR during the first half of fiscal 2018, which positively impacted our reported results;
- **Growth in insurance businesses:** Volume growth and operating efficiencies in our insurance businesses during the first half of fiscal 2018, resulted in an improved contribution to our financial inclusion revenue and operating income. The significant growth in our South African lending book during December 2017 resulted in a substantial increase in the allowance for doubtful finance loans receivable, in accordance with our policy of providing for doubtful finance loans receivable at the time that a loan is originated;
- **Ongoing contributions from EasyPay Everywhere:** EPE revenue and operating income growth was driven primarily by ongoing EPE adoption as we further expanded our customer base utilizing our ATM infrastructure;
- **Higher equity-accounted earnings related to DNI:** The acquisition of 45% of DNI has positively impacted our reported results by approximately \$3.7 million, before amortization of intangible assets, net of deferred taxes;
- **Higher revenue from Masterpayment and allowance for credit losses:** Masterpayment contributed higher revenues as a result of an increase in processing activities, particularly related to its cryptocurrency processing launched in December 2017, as well as from its working capital financing and supply chain solutions. An allowance for credit losses related to doubtful working capital finance receivable of \$7.8 million was created. A valuation allowance has been provided for any potential tax benefit from this event as it is unlikely that this amount would be utilized for taxation purposes;
- **Lower net interest income resulting from investments in Cell C, DNI and Bank Frick:** Interest income was \$2.9 million lower as a result of cash utilized to purchase non-controlling stakes in Cell C, DNI and Bank Frick, while interest expense increased due to the South African lending facility we obtained in August 2017 to partially fund our 15% investment in Cell C;
- **Regulatory changes in South Korea pertaining to fees on card transactions:** The regulations governing the fees that may be charged on card transactions adversely impacted our revenues and operating income in South Korea;
- **Lower prepaid sales and ad hoc terminal sales:** The number of transacting users purchasing prepaid products through our mobile channel decreased due to security features introduced in fiscal 2017. In addition, our results were adversely impacted by few ad hoc terminal sales; and
- **Higher transaction-related costs in fiscal 2018:** We incurred \$2.1 million in transaction-related costs in connection with various acquisition and investment initiatives pursued during the first half of fiscal 2018 compared with \$1.5 million in fiscal 2017.

Consolidated overall results of operations

This discussion is based on the amounts prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

The following tables show the changes in the items comprising our statements of operations, both in U.S. dollars and in ZAR:

Table 8

	In U.S. Dollars (U.S. GAAP)		
	Six months ended December 31,		
	2017 \$ '000	2016 \$ '000	\$ % change
Revenue	300,974	307,066	(2%)
Cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support	148,646	148,298	0%
Selling, general and administration	93,326	80,171	16%
Depreciation and amortization	17,689	20,827	(15%)
Operating income	41,313	57,770	(28%)
Interest income	9,749	9,365	4%
Interest expense	4,446	1,306	240%
Income before income tax expense	46,616	65,829	(29%)
Income tax expense	20,339	22,087	(8%)
Net income before earnings from equity-accounted investments	26,277	43,742	(40%)
Earnings from equity-accounted investments	3,429	733	368%
Net income	29,706	44,475	(33%)
Less net income attributable to non-controlling interest	601	1,202	(50%)
Net income attributable to us	29,105	43,273	(33%)

Table 9

	In South African Rand (U.S. GAAP)		
	Six months ended December 31,		
	2017 ZAR '000	2016 ZAR '000	ZAR % change
Revenue	4,036,874	4,307,891	(6%)
Cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support	1,993,745	2,080,503	(4%)
Selling, general and administration	1,251,754	1,124,735	11%
Depreciation and amortization	237,257	292,187	(19%)
Operating income	554,118	810,466	(32%)
Interest income	130,760	131,383	(0%)
Interest expense	59,633	18,322	225%
Income before income tax expense	625,245	923,527	(32%)
Income tax expense	272,801	309,863	(12%)
Net income before earnings from equity-accounted investments	352,444	613,664	(43%)
Earnings from equity-accounted investments	45,992	10,283	347%
Net income	398,436	623,947	(36%)
Less net income attributable to non-controlling interest	8,061	16,863	(52%)
Net income attributable to us	390,375	607,084	(36%)

The decrease in revenue was primarily due to lower prepaid airtime sales, fewer ad hoc terminal sales, and a lower contribution from KSNET due to regulatory changes in South Korea, which was partially offset by an improved contribution from Masterpayment and Transact 24, more fees generated from our EPE and ATM offerings, improved insurance activities, and an increase in the number of SASSA UEPS/EMV beneficiaries paid.

In ZAR, the decrease in cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support was primarily due to fewer prepaid airtime and ad hoc terminal sales, which was partially offset by increases in goods and services purchased from third parties, higher expenses incurred due to increased usage of the South African National Payment System by beneficiaries, and expenses incurred to operate our EPE and ATM offerings.

Our selling, general and administration expense increased primarily due to an allowance for doubtful working capital finance receivables of \$7.8 million, the impact of October 2017 annual salary increases for our South African employees, an increase in our allowance for doubtful finance loans receivable, higher transaction related expenditures, and an increase in goods and services purchased from third parties. These increases were partially offset by fewer agent incentive costs paid in Korea due to weaker trading conditions in fiscal 2018 and lower executive remuneration in fiscal 2018. Fiscal 2017 includes \$1.8 million related to the reversal of stock-based compensation charges related to awards of restricted stock with performance conditions which we believe will not be achieved.

Depreciation and amortization decreased primarily due to lower overall amortization of intangible assets that are fully amortized and tangible assets that are fully depreciated.

Our operating income margin for first half of fiscal 2018 and 2017 was 14% and 19% respectively. Excluding the \$7.8 million valuation allowance for Masterpayment, fiscal 2018 operating income margin would have been 16%. We discuss the components of operating income margin under “—Results of operations by operating segment.” The decrease was primarily attributable to higher cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support relative to the reduction in revenue.

In ZAR, interest on surplus cash decreased to \$9.6 million (ZAR 130.8 million) from \$9.4 million (ZAR 131.4 million), due primarily to lower average daily ZAR cash balances, partially offset by interest earned on the loan to Finbond.

Interest expense increased to \$4.4 million (ZAR 59.6 million) from \$1.3 million (ZAR 18.3 million), due primarily to interest on the South African facility we obtained to partially fund our investment in Cell C, somewhat offset by lower average long-term debt balance on our South Korean debt and a lower interest rate.

Fiscal 2018 tax expense was \$20.3 million (ZAR 272.8 million) compared to \$21.9 million (ZAR 239.7 million) in fiscal 2017. Our effective tax rate for fiscal 2018, was 43.6% and was higher than the South African statutory rate as a result of a valuation allowance provided related to an allowance for doubtful working capital finance receivables created, non-deductible expenses (including transaction-related expenditure and non-deductible interest on our South African long-term facility) and the impact of the changes in U.S. federal statutory tax law. Our effective tax rate for fiscal 2017, was 33.6% and was higher than the South African statutory rate as a result of non-deductible expenses and the tax impact attributable to distributions from our South African subsidiary.

Earnings from equity-accounted investments increased primarily due to the inclusion of our portion of DNI and Bank Frick and an increase, in USD, in Finbond’s net income. Finbond is listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange and reports its six-month results during our first half and its annual results during our fourth quarter. The table below presents the relative earnings (loss) from our equity accounted investments:

Table 10

	Six months ended December 31,		
	2017	2016	\$ %
	\$ '000	\$ '000	change
DNI	1,911	-	nm
Share of net income	3,240	-	nm
Amortization of intangible assets, net of deferred tax	(1,329)	-	nm
Bank Frick	322	-	nm
Share of net income	487	-	nm
Amortization of intangible assets, net of deferred tax	(165)	-	nm
Finbond	1,101	930	18%
Other	95	(197)	(148%)
Earnings from equity accounted investments	<u>3,429</u>	<u>733</u>	368%

Results of operations by operating segment

The composition of revenue and the contributions of our business activities to operating income are illustrated below:

Table 11

Operating Segment	<i>In U.S. Dollars (U.S. GAAP)</i>				
	Six months ended December 31,				
	2017 \$ '000	% of total	2016 \$ '000	% of total	% change
Revenue:					
South African transaction processing	130,585	43%	117,430	38%	11%
International transaction processing	90,207	30%	90,190	29%	-
Financial inclusion and applied technologies	108,444	36%	122,800	40%	(12%)
Subtotal: Operating segments	329,236	109%	330,420	107%	-
Intersegment eliminations	(28,262)	(9%)	(23,354)	(7%)	21%
Consolidated revenue	300,974	100%	307,066	100%	(2%)
Operating income (loss):					
South African transaction processing	25,802	62%	28,920	50%	(11%)
International transaction processing	325	1%	9,721	17%	(97%)
Financial inclusion and applied technologies	26,657	65%	29,290	51%	(9%)
Subtotal: Operating segments	52,784	128%	67,931	118%	(22%)
Corporate/Eliminations	(11,471)	(28%)	(10,161)	(18%)	13%
Consolidated operating income	41,313	100%	57,770	100%	(28%)

Table 12

Operating Segment	<i>In South African Rand (U.S. GAAP)</i>				
	Six months ended December 31,				
	2017 ZAR '000	% of total	2016 ZAR '000	% of total	% change
Revenue:					
South African transaction processing	1,751,497	43%	1,647,449	38%	6%
International transaction processing	1,209,919	30%	1,265,294	29%	(4%)
Financial inclusion and applied technologies	1,454,527	36%	1,722,786	40%	(16%)
Subtotal: Operating segments	4,415,943	109%	4,635,529	107%	(5%)
Intersegment eliminations	(379,069)	(9%)	(327,638)	(7%)	16%
Consolidated revenue	4,036,874	100%	4,307,891	100%	(6%)
Operating income (loss):					
South African transaction processing	346,074	62%	405,724	50%	(15%)
International transaction processing	4,359	1%	136,378	17%	(97%)
Financial inclusion and applied technologies	357,542	65%	410,915	51%	(13%)
Subtotal: Operating segments	707,975	128%	953,017	118%	(26%)
Corporate/Eliminations	(153,857)	(28%)	(142,551)	(18%)	8%
Consolidated operating income	554,118	100%	810,466	100%	(32%)

South African transaction processing

The increase in segment revenue was primarily due to higher EPE transaction revenue as a result of increased usage of our ATMs, increased inter-segment transaction processing activities and a modest increase in the number of social welfare grants distributed. Operating income decreased primarily due to an increase in inter-segment charges, the impact of annual salary increases granted to our South African employees in October 2017 and increases in goods and services purchased from third parties, partially offset by higher EPE transaction revenue as a result of increased usage of our ATMs, increased inter-segment transaction processing activities and a modest increase in the number of social welfare grants distributed.

Our operating income margin for the first half of fiscal 2018 and 2017 was 20% and 25%, respectively. Our fiscal 2018 margin was adversely impacted by the annual salary increases granted to our South African employees in October 2017 and increases in goods and services purchased from third parties.

International transaction-based activities

Segment revenue was slightly higher during the first half of fiscal 2018, primarily due to increased contributions from Masterpayment and Transact24, largely offset by the ongoing impact of regulatory changes in South Korea on KSNET's revenue. Operating income during the first half of fiscal 2018 was lower due to an allowance for doubtful working capital finance receivable of \$7.8 million, a decrease in revenue at KSNET, partially offset by a smaller loss incurred by Masterpayment.

Operating income and margin for the first half of fiscal 2017, was also positively impacted by a refund of approximately \$0.8 million that had been paid several years ago in connection with industry-wide litigation that has now been finalized.

Operating income margin for the first half of fiscal 2018 and 2017 was 0% and 11%, respectively. Excluding the Mastertrading allowance for doubtful working capital finance receivables, segment operating income and margin were \$8.1 million and 9% respectively.

Financial inclusion and applied technologies

Financial inclusion and applied technologies revenue decreased primarily due to fewer prepaid airtime and other value added services sales, as well as lower ad hoc terminal sales, partially offset by increased volumes in our insurance businesses, and an increase in inter-segment revenues. Operating income was also impacted by these factors as well as an increase in the allowance for doubtful finance loans receivable resulting from a commensurate increase in our lending book in the last lending cycle of calendar 2017.

Operating income margin for the Financial inclusion and applied technologies segment was 25% and 24% during the first half of fiscal 2018 and 2017, respectively, and has increased primarily due to fewer low margin prepaid product sales, improved revenues from our insurance businesses and an increase in inter-segment revenues, offset by fewer ad hoc terminal and annual salary increases granted to our South African employees and the increase in the allowance for credit losses.

Corporate/Eliminations

Our corporate expenses have increased primarily due to higher transaction-related expenditures and modest increases in U.S. dollar denominated goods and services purchased from third parties and directors' fees. Our corporate expenses for the first half of fiscal 2017, includes the reversal of \$1.8 million of stock-based compensation charges.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

At December 31, 2017, our cash and cash equivalents were \$64.9 million and comprised mainly KRW-denominated balances of KRW 28.1 billion (\$24.4 million), ZAR-denominated balances of ZAR 272.0 million (\$22.0 million), U.S. dollar-denominated balances of \$11.4 million, and other currency deposits, primarily euros, of \$7.1 million, all amounts translated at exchange rates applicable as of December 31, 2017. The decrease in our cash balances from June 30, 2017, was primarily due to our investments in DNI, Bank Frick, Cell C and a \$9 million listed note, scheduled repayments of our South African long-term debt, unscheduled repayment of Korean debt in full, growth in our South African lending book, and capital expenditures, which was partially offset by cash generated by most of our core businesses.

We currently believe that our cash and credit facilities are sufficient to fund our future operations for at least the next four quarters.

We generally invest the surplus cash held by our South African operations in overnight call accounts that we maintain at South African banking institutions, and surplus cash held by our non-South African companies in U.S. dollar denominated money market accounts. We have invested surplus cash in Korea in short-term investment accounts at Korean banking institutions.

Historically, we have financed most of our operations, research and development, working capital, capital expenditures and acquisitions through internally generated cash. When considering whether to borrow under our financing facilities, we consider the cost of capital, cost of financing, opportunity cost of utilizing surplus cash and availability of tax efficient structures to moderate financing costs.

We have a short-term South African credit facility with Nedbank of ZAR 400 million (\$32.3 million), which consists of (i) a primary amount of up to ZAR 200 million, and (ii) a secondary amount of up to ZAR 200 million. The primary amounts comprise an overdraft facility of up to ZAR 50 million and indirect and derivative facilities of up to ZAR 150 million, which include letters of guarantee, letters of credit and forward exchange contracts.

As of December 31, 2017, we had used none of the overdraft and ZAR 126.0 million (\$10.2 million, translated at exchange rates applicable as of December 31, 2017) of the indirect and derivative facilities to obtain foreign exchange contracts and to support guarantees issued by Nedbank to various third parties on our behalf.

We obtained EUR 40.0 million (\$47.9 million) and CHF 20 million (\$20.5 million) revolving overdraft facilities from Bank Frick. As of December 31, 2017, we had utilized approximately EUR 25.7 million (\$30.7 million) of the EUR 40 million facility and CHF 4.7 million (\$4.8 million) of the CHF 20 million facility. As of December 31, 2017, the interest rate on each of these facilities was 5.00%. We have assigned all claims against amounts due from Masterpayment customers, which have been financed from the CHF 20 million facility, plus all secondary rights and preferential rights as collateral for this facility to Bank Frick. Our Masterpayment subsidiary was required to open a primary business account with Bank Frick, and this account has been pledged to Bank Frick as collateral for the EUR 40 million facility. The initial term of the EUR 40 million facility ends on December 31, 2019, but it will automatically be extended for one year if it is not terminated with 12 months written notice.

The CHF 20 million facility does not have a fixed term; however, it may be terminated by either party with six months written notice at the end of a calendar month. Refer to Note 12 to our audited consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2017, for additional information related to our short-term facilities and Note 9 to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the three and six months ended December 31, 2017, for additional information related to our short-term facilities.

As of December 31, 2017, we had outstanding long-term debt of ZAR 870.7 million (approximately \$70.4 million translated at exchange rates applicable as of December 31, 2017) under our loan South African facilities. Interest due on the facility is based on the Johannesburg Interbank Agreed Rate, or JIBAR, in effect from time to time plus a margin of 2.25% for the Facility A loan, 3.5% for the Facility B loan and 2.25% for the Facility C loan. The JIBAR rate has been set at 7.158% for the period to March 29, 2018. Principal repayments on the Facility A and Facility B loans are due in eight equal quarterly installments, which began on September 30, 2017. Principal repayment on the Facility C loan is to be determined by the Lenders based on the date of the repayment of any borrowings under the Facility A loan. Voluntary prepayments are permitted without early repayment fees or penalties.

Cash flows from operating activities

Second quarter

Net cash provided by operating activities for the second quarter of fiscal 2018 was \$13.3 million (ZAR 182.0 million) compared to \$15.7 million (ZAR 218.8 million) for the second quarter of fiscal 2017. Excluding the impact of interest received, interest paid under our Korean and South Africa debt and taxes presented in the table below, the decrease relates primarily to the expansion of our South African lending book and weaker trading activity during fiscal 2018 compared to 2017, offset partially by the receipt of certain working capital loans outstanding.

During the second quarter of fiscal 2018, we paid South African tax of \$16.5 million (ZAR 216.7 million) related to our 2018 tax year in South Africa. We also paid taxes totaling \$2.4 million in other tax jurisdictions, primarily South Korea. During the second quarter of fiscal 2017, we paid South African tax of \$17.8 million (ZAR 246.6 million) related to our 2017 tax year in South Africa. We also paid taxes totaling \$5.0 million in other tax jurisdictions, primarily South Korea.

Taxes paid during the second quarter of fiscal 2018 and 2017 were as follows:

Table 13

	Three months ended December 31,			
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	\$ '000	\$ '000	ZAR '000	ZAR '000
First provisional payments	16,511	17,775	216,654	246,558
Taxation paid related to prior years	-	1	-	13
Taxation refunds received	(251)	(166)	(3,292)	(2,315)
Total South African taxes paid	16,260	17,610	213,362	244,256
Foreign taxes paid	2,353	4,954	32,738	69,186
Total tax paid	18,613	22,564	246,100	313,442

We expect to make additional first provisional tax payments in South Africa of approximately \$1.1 million (ZAR 14 million), translated at exchange rates applicable as of December 31, 2017, related to our 2018 tax year in the third quarter of fiscal 2018.

First half

Net cash provided by operating activities for the first half of fiscal 2018 was \$12.5 million (ZAR 167.9 million) compared to cash provided by operating activities of \$69.6 million (ZAR 976.5 million) for the first half of fiscal 2017. Excluding the impact of interest received, interest paid under our Korean and South Africa debt and taxes presented in the table below, the decrease relates primarily to the expansion of our lending book and weaker trading activity during fiscal 2018 compared to 2017.

During the first half of fiscal 2018, we paid South African tax of \$16.5 million (ZAR 216.7 million) related to our 2017 tax year in South Africa. During the first half of fiscal 2017, we made an additional tax payment of \$1.2 million (ZAR 16.7 million) related to our 2016 tax year in South Africa and received a refund of approximately \$0.3 million (ZAR 3.3 million) related to taxes overpaid in previous tax years in South Africa. We also paid taxes totaling \$2.5 million in other tax jurisdictions, primarily South Korea. During the first half of fiscal 2017, we paid South African tax of \$17.8 million (ZAR 246.6 million) related to our 2017 tax year and \$1.2 million (ZAR 16.7 million) related to prior tax years. We also received a refund of approximately \$1.4 million (ZAR 18.9 million) related to taxes overpaid in previous tax years in South Africa. We paid dividend withholding taxes of \$1.5 million (ZAR 21.3 million) during the first half of fiscal 2017. We also paid taxes totaling \$5.0 million in other tax jurisdictions, primarily South Korea.

Taxes paid during the first half of fiscal 2018 and 2017 were as follows:

Table 14

	Six months ended December 31,			
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	\$	\$	ZAR	ZAR
	'000	'000	'000	'000
First provisional payments	16,511	17,775	216,654	246,558
Taxation paid related to prior years	1,919	1,187	25,227	16,721
Taxation refunds received	(251)	(1,369)	(3,292)	(18,878)
Dividend withholding taxation	-	1,471	-	21,300
Total South African taxes paid	18,179	19,064	238,589	265,701
Foreign taxes paid	2,470	5,003	34,276	69,877
Total tax paid	20,649	24,067	272,865	335,578

Cash flows from investing activities

Second quarter

Cash used in investing activities for the second quarter of fiscal 2018 includes capital expenditure of \$2.1 million (ZAR 28.7 million), primarily for the acquisition of payment processing terminals in Korea. We also paid approximately \$40.9 million for a 30% interest in Bank Frick and \$9.0 million for a 7.625% interest in a listed note.

Cash used in investing activities for the second quarter of fiscal 2017 includes capital expenditure of \$3.1 million (ZAR 43.6 million), primarily for the acquisition of payment processing terminals in Korea. Our Korean capital expenditures have declined due to regulatory changes in South Korea which now prohibit the provision of payment equipment to the majority of merchants. We also provided a \$10.0 million loan to Finbond and paid approximately \$2.9 million and \$1.7 million, respectively, net of cash received, to acquire 100% of each of C4U Malta and Pros Software's ordinary shares.

First half

Cash used in investing activities for the first half of fiscal 2018 includes capital expenditure of \$3.6 million (ZAR 48.0 million), primarily for the acquisition of payment processing terminals in Korea. We also paid approximately \$151.0 million (ZAR 2.0 billion) for a 15% interest in Cell C, \$72.0 million (ZAR 945.0 million) for a 45% interest in DNI, \$40.9 million for a 30% interest in Bank Frick and \$9.0 million for a 7.625% interest in a listed note.

Cash used in investing activities for the first half of fiscal 2017 includes capital expenditure of \$6.5 million (ZAR 91.9 million), primarily for the acquisition of payment processing terminals in Korea. We also paid approximately \$15.3 million for a 7.5% interest in MobiKwik; provided a \$10.0 million loan to Finbond and paid approximately \$2.9 million and \$1.7 million, respectively, net of cash received, to acquire 100% of each of C4U Malta and Pros Software's ordinary shares.

Cash flows from financing activities

Second quarter

During the second quarter of fiscal 2018, we made an unscheduled \$16.6 million repayment to settle our outstanding South Korean debt facility in full and made a scheduled South African debt facility payment of \$14.3 million (ZAR 187.5 million). We also repaid \$11.4 million of our overdraft facilities.

During the second quarter of fiscal 2017, we made a \$1.8 million unscheduled repayment of our Korean debt and paid a guarantee fee of \$1.1 million related to the guarantee issued by RMB.

First half

During the first half of fiscal 2018, we utilized approximately \$94.3 million (ZAR 1.25 billion) of our South African facility to part-fund our investment in Cell C and utilized approximately \$0.3 million of our Korean facility to pay a portion of our quarterly interest due. We made accumulated scheduled South African debt facility payments of \$28.5 million (ZAR 375 million) and made a \$16.6 million payment to settle our outstanding South Korean debt facility in full. We also utilized \$32.6 million of our overdraft facilities and repaid \$14.3 million of these overdraft facilities.

During the first half of fiscal 2017, we paid approximately \$31.6 million to repurchase 3,137,609 shares of our common stock and also paid \$0.5 million, on July 1, 2016, related to settlement of amounts outstanding related to the repurchases at the end of June 2016. We also made a \$28.5 million unscheduled repayment of our Korean debt. In addition, we paid a guarantee fee of \$1.1 million related to the guarantee issued by RMB and paid a dividend of approximately \$0.6 million to certain of our non-controlling interests.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We have no off-balance sheet arrangements.

Capital Expenditures

We expect capital spending for the third quarter of fiscal 2018 to primarily include the acquisition of payment terminals for the expansion of our operations in Korea and expansion of our ATM infrastructure and branch network in South Africa.

Our historical capital expenditures for the second quarter of fiscal 2018 and 2017 are discussed under “—Liquidity and Capital Resources—Cash flows from investing activities.” All of our capital expenditures for the past three fiscal years were funded through internally generated funds. We had outstanding capital commitments as of December 31, 2017, of \$0.7 million related mainly to the procurement of ATMs. We expect to fund these expenditures through internally generated funds.

Contingent Liabilities, Commitments and Contractual Obligations

The following table sets forth our contractual obligations as of December 31, 2017:

	Payments due by Period, as of December 31, 2017 (in \$ '000s)				
	Total	Less than 1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years	More than 5 years
South African long-term debt obligations (A)	76,494	55,515	20,979	-	-
Contingent amount related to DNI investment (B)	29,105	29,105	-	-	-
Short-term credit facilities	35,553	35,553	-	-	-
Operating lease obligations	8,501	4,275	3,514	712	-
Purchase obligations	3,211	3,211	-	-	-
Capital commitments	659	659	-	-	-
Other long-term obligations (C)(D)	2,449	-	-	-	2,449
Total	155,972	128,318	24,493	712	2,449

- (A) – Includes \$70.7 million of long-term debt and interest payable at the rate applicable on December 31, 2017, under our South Africa debt facility.
- (B) – Under the DNI transaction agreements, we are obliged to pay to DNI an additional amount not exceeding ZAR 360 million (\$29.1 million translated at exchange rates applicable as of December 31, 2017) in cash, subject to DNI achieving certain performance targets.
- (C) – Includes policyholder liabilities of \$2.4 million related to our insurance business.
- (D) – We have excluded a cross-guarantees in the aggregate amount of \$10.2 million issued as of December 31, 2017, to Nedbank to secure guarantees it has issued to third parties on our behalf as the amounts that will be settled in cash are not known and the timing of any payments is uncertain. We have also excluded contractual commitments to invest approximately \$15 million in MobiKwik, subject to the achievement of certain contractual conditions.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

In addition to the tables below, see Note 5 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for a discussion of market risk.

The following table illustrates the effect on our annual expected interest charge, translated at exchange rates applicable as of December 31, 2017, as a result of changes in JIBAR rates. The effect of a hypothetical 1% (i.e. 100 basis points) increase and a 1% decrease in each of JIBAR rates as of December 31, 2017, are shown. The selected 1% hypothetical change does not reflect what could be considered the best or worst case scenarios.

	As of December 31, 2017		
	Annual expected interest charge (\$ '000)	Hypothetical change in JIBAR	Estimated annual expected interest charge after hypothetical change in JIBAR (\$ '000)
Interest on South Africa long-term debt (JIBAR)	7,158	1% (1%)	7,865 6,450

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our chief executive officer and our chief financial officer, we conducted an evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures, as such term is defined under Rule 13a-15(e) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as of December 31, 2017. Management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives and management necessarily applies its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures. Based on this evaluation, the chief executive officer and the chief financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of December 31, 2017.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There have not been any changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2017, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Part II. Other Information

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

Litigation Regarding Legality of Debit Orders under Social Assistance Act Regulations

As previously disclosed, each of SASSA and the Black Sash Trust, or Black Sash, served applications petitioning the South African Supreme Court of Appeal, or the Supreme Court, to grant them leave to appeal to either the Supreme Court or to a full bench of the High Court of the Republic of South Africa Gauteng Division, Pretoria.

On September 29, 2017, the Supreme Court referred the petitions to oral argument. The record of appeal has been filed and SASSA and the Black Sash must file written arguments by February 28, 2018, and we must file our written arguments within one month of receipt of SASSA and Black Sash's written arguments. The Supreme Court will provide a hearing date after all written arguments have been filed.

We believe that SASSA and the Black Sash's claim is without merit, and we intend to defend it vigorously. However, we cannot predict how the courts will rule on the matter.

NCR application for the cancelation of Moneyline's registration as a credit provider

Our appeal of the November 27, 2015, High Court ruling in this matter was initially scheduled to be heard on December 6, 2017, however, the matter was subsequently removed from the roll and a new hearing date has not been set. If we are successful, it will dispose of the application. If we do not prevail, then the National Credit Regulator's, or NCR's, application will be set down before the Consumer Tribunal for argument on the main issues raised by the NCR, as dealt with above. We cannot predict the outcome of this litigation.

Constitutional Court order regarding extension of contract with SASSA for 12 months

Various reports have been filed by SASSA and the panel of experts pursuant to the Constitutional Court's March 17, 2017 order and various directives received from it. On February 6, 2018, we launched an application with the Constitutional Court requesting clarity on whether CPS may participate in any future SASSA tender processes.

Item 6. Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed as part of this Form 10-Q:

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit	Included Herewith	Incorporated by Reference Herein		
			Form	Exhibit	Filing Date
10.79	Proposed Agreement of Lease between Buzz Trading 199 (Pty) Ltd and Net 1 Applied Technologies South Africa Limited	X			
31.1	Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Exchange Act	X			
31.2	Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Exchange Act	X			
32	Certification pursuant to 18 USC Section 1350	X			
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document	X			
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema	X			
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase	X			
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase	X			
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase	X			
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase	X			

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, on February 8, 2018.

NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

By: /s/ Herman G. Kotzé

Herman G. Kotzé

Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary, Director



**TOP-FLITE PROPERTIES
(PTY) LTD**

Reg. No. 2001/005175/07

Ref: Offer to Lease 11 October 2017

Proposed Agreement of Lease between

BUZZ TRADING 199 (PTY) LTD

Registration Number 2007/021617/07

Represented by: Lance Manning Seymour Chalwin-Milton

ID Number: xxx

("the Landlord")

AND

NET 1 APPLIED TECHNOLOGIES SOUTH AFRICA LIMITED

Registration Number 2002/031446/06

Represented by: Nunthakumarin Pillay

ID Number: xxx

("the Tenant")

in respect of certain premises situated at

President Place, Cnr Hood and Bolton Roads, Rosebank

Section 1, 2, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and basement storage

A. APPROVAL

It is with pleasure that we submit this proposal for your company to lease premises at President Place, Rosebank on the following terms and conditions: Any agreement by us as to the terms hereof is subject to the Landlord's final approval and written acceptance.

B. FUNDAMENTAL LEASE TERMS

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|----|----------------------------|--|
| 1. | Landlord | BUZZ TRADING 199(PTY) LTD |
| | Tenant | NET 1 APPLIED TECHNOLOGIES SOUTH AFRICA LIMITED |
| 2. | Registration Number | 2002/031446/06 |

(If the tenants are two or more individuals their names are to be followed by "in their personal capacity, jointly and severally.")



3. Suretyship

The sureties to the lease are:

Names	ID Number
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The surety chooses his/her/its domicilium citandi et executandi at the following address (physical address, not post office box):

Names	ID Number
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The surety chooses his/her/its domicilium citandi et executandi at the following address (physical address, not post office box): The above person/persons hereby bind himself/herself/ themselves jointly and severally as surety/ies and co principal debtor/s for the due and proper performance of all the obligations of the tenant in terms of this offer to lease and the landlord's standard Agreement of Lease ("the lease"). In addition to this undertaking and upon signature of the lease, the above person will be required to sign the landlord's standard Deed of Suretyship. This does not derogate from the above person's liability in terms hereof.

4. Domicilium

The tenant chooses his/her/its domicilium citandi et executandi to be at the following address:

5. Performance Security

The owners of the building require that a deposit be paid. Hence upon signature hereof, a security deposit amounting to **NIL** will be required. This amount will be debited to your account and is payable with your first months rental. This deposit will be refunded if the Landlord does not accept the offer to lease.

6. Usage and Trading Name

The tenant shall use the premises for (comprehensive and detailed description of nature of business): **Office facilities and related activities**. It is specifically recorded that no exclusivity of whatsoever nature is granted to the tenant.

The Tenant shall trade under the name: **NET 1**

The Tenant may not sublet the premises or surrender occupation to any third party and shall not be entitled to cede and/or assign its rights in terms of this offer to lease after acceptance thereof by Landlord.

7. Premises: The premises shall comprise as:

Section	Floor	Wing	SQM
1	Basement 1		620.00
2	Ground floor	West Wing	221.66
8	Ground Floor	North Wing	150.29
13	3rd floor	West Wing	938.72
14	3rd floor	North Wing	938.72
15	4th floor	West Wing	938.70
16	4th floor	North Wing	938.70
17	5th floor	West Wing	938.70
18	5th floor	North Wing	938.70
19	6th Floor	West Wing	716.73
20	6th Floor	North Wing	722.73

STORAGE	1 – BASEMENT 1	4 PARKING BAYS
STORAGE	2 - BASEMENT 3	8 PARKING BAYS



8. Area

The area of the premises is approximately: **8 063.65m² (Eight Thousand and Sixty Three point Six Five Square Meters)** – This reflects the Surveyor General's drawing as well as the tenant's share of common property.

9. Lease Period

9.1 The Lease shall be for the period of 5 (Five) Years (with the option to reduce the leased premises as per clause 14)

9.2 The Lease shall commence on **01 December 2017** ("the commencement date").

10. Proposed Rental: -

10.1 (VAT: All Rand amounts, Rand rates, percentages and other monetary expressions stated herein are exclusive of VAT):

10.2.1. Net Rental, Parking and storage shall be R912 000 (Excl. VAT) per month fixed for the lease period.

10.2.2 Operating Costs R30.90/m² per month excl VAT Escalating at 7% per annum compounded on the anniversary date

10.2.3 Initial Rates & Taxes R22.67/m² per month exclusive of VAT Escalating as per the council increase per annum

10.2.4 Parking 250 basement bays

10.2.5 Escalation Net Rental and Parking will escalate at 0% (NIL) per annum for the leased period

10.2.6 Storerooms Total of 12 parking bays – included in the fixed Net rental

10.2.7 TI Allowance NIL

11. Additional Charges

The tenant will be liable for the following additional monthly charges:

11.1 **Electricity** - The metered cost of all electricity consumed by the Tenant at the tariff to the Tenant plus a charge for reading the meter. If not metered, consumption will be calculated according to the area of the premises in relation to the gross lettable area ("gla") of the building. In addition to the aforementioned the tenant will be liable to pay pro rata share in proportion to the gross lettable area of the building of the electricity consumed within the common area or areas of the building, including the electricity consumed by the air conditioning system servicing the common areas.

11.2 **Water** - The metered cost of all water consumed by the Tenant. If not metered, consumption will be calculated according to the area of the premises in relation to the gross lettable area ("gla") of the building.

11.3 **Rates:** You are responsible for your pro rata share of rates and taxes levied on the property and building that make up the development, which is equal to: Included in clause 10.2.1 above.

However, the tenant will be responsible for a pro rata share of any increase in rates and taxes from **01/07/2018**



- 11.4 **Sewerage & Refuse:** A pro rata share of the municipal charges for refuse removal, sewerage and other sanitation related charges; provided that if the volume of refuse generated by the tenant is higher, per square meter of space occupied, than the average, the calculation will be weighted to take account thereof;
- 11.5 **Air-conditioning Costs:** The Tenant will be liable for the repairs, maintenance, water and electricity consumption cost of the air-conditioning unit servicing the premises.

12. Tenant Installation Allowance Period

- 12.1 The tenant will be granted a Tenant Installation Allowance as per the options referred to in ~~clause 10.2.5 above. The Tenant shall be granted this 50% reduction of the net rental for 10 months in lieu of a tenant installation allowance granted by the Landlord.~~
- 12.2 Services such as water, electricity, sewerage, refuse removal, operating costs, basement parking, storeroom and Rates and Taxes will be billed and payable monthly by the Tenant.

13. Other lease terms and conditions

- 13.1 The remaining terms of the lease shall be those contained in the Landlord's standard lease for this development, which, if not attached hereto, is available for inspection at the Landlords offices.
- 13.2 It is a material condition of this Offer to Lease that the tenant signs the Landlord's standard lease within 7 (Seven) days from date of acceptance of this offer by the Landlord. In the event of the tenant failing to sign the lease by the aforesaid date, the Landlord will have the right, but not be obliged, to cancel this lease, on seven (7) days written notice to the Tenant.
- 13.3 The Landlord shall charge the tenant R2 500.00 (Two Thousand Five Rand) (excluding VAT). This is subject to change should the Tenant make any material changes to the Standard Lease Agreement as the Landlord will refer these changes to an Attorney appointed by the Landlord. All costs incurred by the Landlord for the said changes shall be recovered by the Landlord from the Tenant.
- 13.4 On signature hereof this document will constitute an irrevocable offer, which will become revocable after a period of 14 days if not signed by the Landlord.

14. Area Reduction

- 14.1 The Landlord and the Tenant have mutually agreed that the Tenant may, (provided that it is not in breach of the agreement) return to the Landlord a maximum of 50% (Fifty percent) of the leased premises after 24 months following the commencement date of this lease.
- 14.2 The Tenant is obliged to furnish the Landlord with 6 (Six) calendar months written notification requesting the reduction of the space. This notice must be given in terms of the Agreement at the Lessor's domicilium citandi et executandi. Failing which the Agreement will remain in full force and effect until the termination date being 30 November 2022.



- 14.3 Should the Tenant exercise the option to reduce the rentable area as stated above, then the Tenant will be liable for the prorata share of the Landlords cost in finalizing the tenants occupation. The total Landlord cost of R9.8 million (Excl VAT) shall be divided by the 60 months.
- 14.4 The Tenant shall ensure that the prorata share as stated in clause 14.3 above is settled within 30 days from the date that area reduction written notice is given.
- 14.5 This option can be exercised after the 24 month period.
- 14.6 Any leased area reduced must be contiguous and accessible via the common area.

15. This offer to lease is subject to final Landlord Board approval.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours Faithfully,

/s/ Lance Chalwin-Milton

Lance Chalwin-Milton
Top Flite Properties (Pty) Ltd
Managing Director

WE AGREE TO ALL THE ABOVE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FORMING PART OF OUR OFFER TO LEASE, WHICH OFFER WE HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE SHALL CONSTITUTE A BINDING AGREEMENT OF LEASE ONCE ACCEPTED BY THE LANDLORD.

Signed : /s/ Nunthakumarin Pillay _____
On behalf of the **Tenant** and as surety and co-principal debtor, in all instances duly authorised, with consent warranted where required.

Place : Rosebank _____

Date : 12/10/2017 _____

Signed : /s/ Lance Chalwin-Milton _____
On behalf of the **Landlord**, all instances duly authorised.

Place : Rosebank _____

Date : 16/10/2017 _____



TENANT COMPANY RESOLUTION

**CERTIFIED COPY OF A RESOLUTION OF
NET 1 APPLIED TECHNOLOGIES SOUTH AFRICA LIMITED**

PASSED AT: _____

ON: _____

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:

NET 1 APPLIED TECHNOLOGIES SOUTH AFRICA LIMITED

1. Agree to the this Offer to Lease and that the company referred above enter into a Lease with **BUZZ TRADING 199 (PTY) LTD** to which this Resolution is attached”;
2. **NUNTHAKUMARIN PILLAY** (ID NUMBER: xxx) in his capacity as **VICE PRESIDENT** is hereby authorised to sign the Offer To Lease and the Agreement on behalf of **NET 1 APPLIED TECHNOLOGIES SOUTH AFRICA LIMITED**

THE AFOREGOING IS CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE COPY

1.

FULL NAME:

DATE

DESIGNATION

2.

FULL NAME:

DATE

DESIGNATION



CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER
PURSUANT TO RULES 13A-14(A) AND 15D-14(A)
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED

I, Herman G. Kotzé, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Net 1 UEPS Technologies, Inc. ("Net1") for the quarter ended December 31, 2017;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of Net1 as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. I am responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for Net1 and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to Net1, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of Net1's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in Net1's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during Net1's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, Net1's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to Net1's auditors and the Audit Committee of Net1's Board of Directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect Net1's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in Net1's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 8, 2018

/s/ Herman G. Kotzé
Herman G. Kotzé
Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER
PURSUANT TO RULES 13A-14(A) AND 15D-14(A)
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED

I, Herman G. Kotzé, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Net 1 UEPS Technologies, Inc. ("Net1") for the quarter ended December 31, 2017;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of Net1 as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. I am responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for Net1 and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to Net1, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of Net1's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in Net1's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during Net1's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, Net1's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to Net1's auditors and the Audit Committee of Net1's Board of Directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect Net1's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in Net1's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 8, 2018

/s/ Herman G. Kotzé
Herman G. Kotzé
Chief Financial Officer

CERTIFICATION
PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the quarterly report of Net 1 UEPS Technologies, Inc. ("Net1") on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2017, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), Herman Kotzé, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary, of Net1, certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, that to his knowledge:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of Net1.

Date: February 8, 2018

/s/ Herman Kotzé
Name: Herman Kotzé
Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial
Officer, Treasurer and Secretary
