





## Statement of financial position as at 30th September 2016

	30-Sep-16 Rs'M	30-Sep-15 Rs'M	30-Jun-16 Rs'M
ASSETS	ns IVI	LIS IVI	H2 IVI
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Cash and cash equivalents	33,215.2 16,100.4	28,639.1 14,081.0	33,305.6 15,498.8
Mandatory balances with Central Banks  Derivative financial instruments	368.4	165.8	315.4
Loans to and placements with banks	28,036.9	9,731.0	22,419.1
Loans and advances to customers	165,193.0	161,741.8	163,827.3
Investment securities	63,934.2	52,828.9	62,734.8
Investments in associates	9,286.0	7,316.3	9,151.9
Goodwill and other intangible assets	897.3	799.9	897.4
Property, plant and equipment	5,892.6	5,983.7	5,892.8
Deferred tax assets	324.4	310.8	311.3
Other assets	3,285.7	2,769.6	3,350.4
Total assets	326,534.1	284,367.9	317,704.8
LIABILITIES AND QUARELIAL DEPOS FOURTY			
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Deposits from banks	2,752.3	1,933.8	1,837.7
Deposits from customers	259,589.8	223,534.6	253,423.9
Derivative financial instruments	303.7	219.6	307.2
Other borrowed funds	5,370.4	6,716.0	5,193.0
Subordinated liabilities	5,595.3	5,604.0	5,619.9
Current tax liabilities	1,075.5	795.7	812.1
Deferred tax liability	65.0	57.5	65.4
Other liabilities	8,099.2	7,366.9	7,437.0
Total liabilities	282,851.2	246,228.1	274,696.2
Shareholders' Equity			
Stated capital	2,427.6	2,405.2	2,426.8
Retained earnings	31,352.7	27,804.6	30,886.1
Other components of equity	7,606.8	6,227.0	7,417.0
Equity attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the parent	41,387.1	36,436.8	40,729.9
Non-controlling interests	2,295.8	1,703.0	2,278.7
Total equity	43,682.9	38,139.8	43,008.6
Total equity and liabilities	326,534.1	284,367.9	317,704.8
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES			
Acceptances, guarantees, letters of credit, endorsements and			
other obligations on account of customers	32,553.1	53,727.8	32,130.8
Commitments	2,709.2	3,627.1	2,913.5
Tax assessments	842.9	802.8	836.9
Other	1,313.8	1,265.9	1,431.7
	37,419.0	59,423.6	37,312.9



3 mths to

Year to

3 mths to





### Statement of profit or loss for the period ended 30th September 2016

Interest income

Interest expense

#### Net interest income

Fee and commission income

Fee and commission expense

Net fee and commission income

#### Other income

Operating income

Non-interest expense

Operating profit before impairment

Net impairment of financial assets

Operating profit

Share of profit of associates

Profit before tax

Income tax expense

Profit for the period

#### Profit for the period attributable to:

Ordinary equity holders of the parent

Non-controlling interests

## Statement of comprehensive income for the period ended 30th September 2016

#### Profit for the period

### Other comprehensive income/(expense):

Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:

Remeasurement of defined benefit pension plan, net of deferred tax

Share of other comprehensive income of associates

### Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:

Exchange differences on translating foreign operations

Reclassification adjustments on disposal of available-for-sale investments

Net fair value gain/(loss) on available-for-sale investments

Share of other comprehensive income/(expense) of associates

#### Other comprehensive income/(expense) for the period

Total comprehensive income for the period

#### Total comprehensive income attributable to:

Ordinary equity holders of the parent

Non-controlling interests

### Earnings per share:

Basic & Diluted (Rs)

Basic weighted average number of shares (thousands)

Diluted weighted average number of shares (thousands)

3 mths to	3 mths to	Year to	
30-Sep-16	30-Sep-15	30-Jun-16	
Rs'M	Rs'M	Rs'M	
3,462.8	3,423.8	13,643.6	
(1,130.2)	(1,197.9)	(4,753.3)	
2,332.6	2,225.9	8,890.3	
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993.5	1,009.7	4,036.5	
(207.0)	(196.5)	(845.2)	
786.5	813.2	3,191.3	
533.5	450.9	2,336.2	
3,652.6	3,490.0	14,417.8	
(1,567.1)	(1,508.0)	(5,789.0	
2,085.5	1,982.0	8,628.8	
(205.5)	(188.7)	(1,021.9	
1,880.0	1,793.3	7,606.9	
168.2	93.9	735.0	
2,048.2	1,887.2	8,341.9	
(424.2)	(332.0)	(1,537.0	
1,624.0	1,555.2	6,804.9	
1,596.9	1,545.6	6,625.5	
27.1	9.6	179.4	
1,624.0	1,555.2	6,804.9	
1,624.0	1,555.2	6,804.9	
-	-	(173.7	
-	-	664.0	
		490.3	
(35.9)	(10.4)	(129.0	
(5.3)	(2.1)	(268.5	
213.7	(9.5)	77.5	
42.9	(40.6)	382.1	
215.4	(62.6)	62.1	
215.4	(62.6)	552.4	
1,839.4	1,492.6	7,357.3	
1,788.0	1,507.4	6,752.1	
51.4	(14.8)	605.2	
1,839.4	1,492.6	7,357.3	
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6.70	6.49	27.82	
238,189	238,065	238,125	

238.249

238.096

238,167



## Statement of changes in equity for the period ended 30th September 2016

	Attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent								
	Stated Capital	Retained Earnings	Capital Reserve	Translation Reserve	Statutory Reserve	General Banking Reserve	Total	Non- controlling Interests	Total Equity
	Rs'M	Rs'M	Rs'M	Rs'M	Rs'M	Rs'M	Rs'M	Rs'M	Rs'M
At 1st July 2015	2,397.2	27,501.6	2,305.1	(223.2)	3,171.8	780.8	35,933.3	1,748.9	37,682.2
Profit for the period	-	1,545.6	-			-	1,545.6	9.6	1,555.2
Other comprehensive expense for the period	-	-	(28.6)	(9.6)	-	-	(38.2)	(24.4)	(62.6)
Total comprehensive income/(expense) for the period	-	1,545.6	(28.6)	(9.6)	-	-	1,507.4	(14.8)	1,492.6
Dividends	-	(1,011.9)	-	-	-	-	(1,011.9)	(31.1)	(1,043.0)
Issue of shares following the exercise of									
Group Employee Share Options Scheme	8.0	-	-	-	-	-	8.0	-	8.0
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners	8.0	(1,011.9)	-	-	-	-	(1,003.9)	(31.1)	(1,035.0)
Share of transfer by associate		0.5	(0.5)		_	-	-		-
Share of other movements in reserves of associate	-	2.6	(2.6)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to general banking reserve	-	(233.8)	-	-	-	233.8	-	-	-
At 30th September 2015	2,405.2	27,804.6	2,273.4	(232.8)	3,171.8	1,014.6	36,436.8	1,703.0	38,139.8
At 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2015	2,397.2	27,501.6	2,305.1	(223.2)	3,171.8	780.8	35,933.3	1,748.9	37,682.2
Profit for the year		6,625.5					6,625.5	179.4	6,804.9
Other comprehensive (expense)/income for the year	-	(175.2)	428.4	(126.6)	-	-	126.6	425.8	552.4
Total comprehensive income/(expense) for the year		6,450.3	428.4	(126.6)		-	6,752.1	605.2	7,357.3
Dividends	-	(1,964.7)				-	(1,964.7)	(35.1)	(1,999.8)
Effect of increase in shareholding in subsidiaries	-	(20.4)	-	-	-	-	(20.4)	(40.3)	(60.7)
Issue of shares following the exercise of									
Group Employee Share Options Scheme	29.6	-	-	-	-	-	29.6	-	29.6
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners	29.6	(1,985.1)	-	-	-	-	(1,955.5)	(75.4)	(2,030.9)
Share of transfer by associate	-	(35.1)	35.1			-	-	-	-
Share of other movements in reserves of associate	-	3.1	(3.1)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to general banking reserve	-	(200.2)	-	-	-	200.2	-	-	-
Transfer to statutory reserve		(848.5)			848.5	<u> </u>			-
At 30th June 2016	2,426.8	30,886.1	2,765.5	(349.8)	4,020.3	981.0	40,729.9	2,278.7	43,008.6
Profit for the period	-	1,596.9	-	-	-	-	1,596.9	27.1	1,624.0
Other comprehensive income/(expense) for the period		<u> </u>	231.6	(40.5)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	191.1	24.3	215.4
Total comprehensive income/(expense) for the period		1,596.9	231.6	(40.5)		<u> </u>	1,788.0	51.4	1,839.4
Dividends	-	(1,131.6)	-	-	-	-	(1,131.6)	(34.3)	(1,165.9)
Issue of shares following the exercise of									
Group Employee Share Options Scheme	0.8					<u> </u>	0.8		0.8
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners	0.8	(1,131.6)					(1,130.8)	(34.3)	(1,165.1)
Share of movements in reserves of associate	-	3.4	(3.4)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to general banking reserve		(2.1)	-			2.1	-		-
At 30th September 2016	2,427.6	31,352.7	2,993.7	(390.3)	4,020.3	983.1	41,387.1	2,295.8	43,682.9



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Year to



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# Statement of cash flows for the period ended 30th September 2016

Operating activities         Rs 'M         Rs /M         Rs /M           Net cash flows from trading activities         2,373.2         3,307.9         6,717.7           Net cash flows from other operating activities         (1,189.7)         3,354.0         7,973.3           Dividends received from associates         45.1         36.2         256.0           Dividends paid         (952.7)         (892.7)         (1,904.6)           Dividends paid to non-controlling interests in subsidiaries         (34.3)         (31.1)         (35.1)           Income tax paid         68.5         5,679.8         11,71.9         1,259.4           Net cash flows from operating activities         68.5         5,679.8         11,71.9           Net cash flows from operating activities         (181.8)         2,93.2         1,910.9           Net cash flows before financing activities         (181.8)         2,90.2         1,910.9           Net cash flows before financing activities         0         8.8         8.0         29.6           Shares susued/employee share options exercised         0         8.8         8.0         29.6           Shares bought back and cancelled by subsidiary         0         6.5         6.5         18.0           Retund of subordinated loan by associate <td< th=""><th></th><th>30-Sep-16</th><th>30-Sep-15</th><th>30-Jun-16</th></td<>		30-Sep-16	30-Sep-15	30-Jun-16
Net cash flows from trading activities         2,373.2         3,307.9         6,717.7           Net cash flows from other operating activities         (1,189.7)         3,354.0         7,973.3           Dividends received from associates         45.1         36.2         256.0           Dividends paid to non-controlling interests in subsidiaries         (34.3)         (31.1)         (35.1)           Dividends paid to non-controlling interests in subsidiaries         (37.3)         (94.5)         (1,259.4)           Net cash flows from operating activities         68.5         5,679.8         11,747.9           Net cash flows before financing activities         (181.8)         (29.2)         (1,910.9)           Net cash flows before financing activities         7,839.0         8.8         2.9         9,837.0           Shares issued/employee share options exercised         8.8         8.0         2.9         1,910.9           Shares bought back and cancelled by subsidiary         9.8         8.0         2.9         1,910.9         1,910.9         1,910.9         1,910.9         1,910.9         1,910.9         1,910.9         1,910.9         1,910.9         1,910.9         1,910.9         1,910.9         1,910.9         1,910.9         1,910.9         1,910.9         1,910.9         1,910.9         1,910.9		Rs'M	Rs'M	Rs'M
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Refund of subordinated loan by associate       -       -       180.3         Acquisition of non-controlling interest in subsidiary       -       -       (50.6)         Net cash flows from financing activities       0.8       8.0       137.4         (Decrease)/Increase in cash and cash equivalents       (112.5)       5,388.6       9,974.4         Net cash and cash equivalents brought forward       33,215.1       23,287.5       23,287.5         Effect of foreign exchange rate changes       (46.3)       (56.4)       (46.8)	Shares issued/employee share options exercised	0.8	8.0	29.6
Acquisition of non-controlling interest in subsidiary         -         -         (50.6)           Net cash flows from financing activities         0.8         8.0         137.4           (Decrease)/Increase in cash and cash equivalents         (112.5)         5,388.6         9,974.4           Net cash and cash equivalents brought forward         33,215.1         23,287.5         23,287.5           Effect of foreign exchange rate changes         (46.3)         (56.4)         (46.8)	Shares bought back and cancelled by subsidiary	-	-	(21.9)
Net cash flows from financing activities         0.8         8.0         137.4           (Decrease)/Increase in cash and cash equivalents         (112.5)         5,388.6         9,974.4           Net cash and cash equivalents brought forward         33,215.1         23,287.5         23,287.5           Effect of foreign exchange rate changes         (46.3)         (56.4)         (46.8)	Refund of subordinated loan by associate	-	-	180.3
(Decrease)/Increase in cash and cash equivalents         (112.5)         5,388.6         9,974.4           Net cash and cash equivalents brought forward         33,215.1         23,287.5         23,287.5           Effect of foreign exchange rate changes         (46.3)         (56.4)         (46.8)	Acquisition of non-controlling interest in subsidiary			(50.6)
Net cash and cash equivalents brought forward         33,215.1         23,287.5         23,287.5           Effect of foreign exchange rate changes         (46.3)         (56.4)         (46.8)	Net cash flows from financing activities	0.8	8.0	137.4
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes (56.4) (56.4)	(Decrease)/Increase in cash and cash equivalents	(112.5)	5,388.6	9,974.4
	Net cash and cash equivalents brought forward	33,215.1	23,287.5	23,287.5
Net cash and cash equivalents carried forward 33.056.3 28.619.7 33.215.1	Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	(46.3)	(56.4)	(46.8)
	Net cash and cash equivalents carried forward	33,056.3	28,619.7	33,215.1





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## **Comment on results**

In a challenging context across markets, the Group achieved a growth of 3.3% in net profits which reached Rs 1,597 million for the quarter ended September 2016.

Operating income grew by 4.7% to Rs 3,653 million despite net fee and commission income declining by 3.3% due to the impact of low oil prices on regional trade financing revenues and lower income from our capital market activities. Net interest income rose by 4.8% on the back of increased volumes of investment in Government securities while profit on exchange grew by a healthy 19.6%.

Growth in operating expenses was contained to 3.9%, leading to a slight reduction in the quarterly cost to income ratio to 42.9%. Net impairment charges of Rs 206 million for the quarter were up by 8.9% compared to the corresponding quarter of last year but on an annualised basis represented 48 basis points of our gross loan portfolio compared to 57 basis points as at 30 June 2016.

Our share of profit of associates rose by Rs 74 million following improved performance at the level of both BFCOI and PAD Group.

Shareholders' funds of the Group increased to Rs 41.4 billion, with our capital adequacy ratio remaining comfortable at 18.2%, of which 15.4% in the form of Tier 1.

## Outlook

On current trends, results for the semester to December 2016 are projected to improve on last year in spite of the difficult market conditions characterised by persisting high liquidity and restrained demand for credit amidst the still subdued investment level. While a relative improvement in the operating environment can be expected during the course of 2017, the pace thereof will be dependent on developments in the global economy as well as domestic public and private investment undertakings.

By order of the Board

14th November 2016

The abridged unaudited interim financial statements have been prepared using the same accounting policies as those adopted in the financial statements for the year ended 30th June 2016 and comply with IAS 34.

Copies of the abridged unaudited interim financial statements are available to the public, free of charge, upon request to the Company Secretary at the registered office of the Company, 9-15, Sir William Newton Street, Port-Louis and can be viewed on our website: www.mcbgroup.com

Where necessary, comparative figures have been amended to conform with changes in presentation or in accounting policies.

The statement of direct and indirect interests of officers of the Company required under rule 8(2)(m) of the Securities (Disclosure Obligations of Reporting Issuers) Rules 2007 is available upon request, free of charge, at the registered office of the Company.

This communiqué is issued pursuant to Listing Rule 12.20 and Securities Act 2005.

The Board of Directors of the MCB Group Limited accepts full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this communiqué.