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- ▶ Income from fund management up 33%
- ▶ Headline earnings per share up 27% to 24 cents per share
- ▶ Profit before IFRS 2 up 58%

Reviewed interim results for the six months ended 31 March 2006

Coronation Fund Managers Limited, one of the country's leading asset management companies, again produced a strong financial performance for the six months ended 31 March 2006. Over the period we capitalised on the opportunities in the market to produce enhanced returns for clients and shareholders and were recognised for our leading position in unit trusts by being awarded the ACI/Raging Bull Unit Trust Company of the Year for 2005.

▶ **RESULTS** These are Coronation's first set of financial results prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs). The main effect on the reported earnings resulting from the conversion to IFRSs are share-based payment charges in terms of IFRS 2. For the six-month period to 31 March 2006 these amount to R26 million compared to a charge of R2 million for the comparable period to 31 March 2005. These charges are not tax deductible. If these charges are ignored, earnings for the six months ended 31 March 2006 are 58% up on the previous comparable period. Revenue for the six-month period ended 31 March 2006 was R311 million, up 23% from R252 million for the comparable period to 31 March 2005. Income from fund management activities increased 33% to R146 million from R110 million in the six-month period to 31 March 2005.

Net income attributable to shareholders increased by 27% to R93 million from R73 million. Headline earnings per share increased by 27% to 24.2 cents and diluted headline earnings per share by 15% to 21.5 cents. Coronation's cash generation remained strong.

▶ **ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT** Total assets under management increased by 15% from R82 billion at 30 September 2005 to R94 billion at 31 March 2006.

▶ **BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS** Coronation retains its singular focus on fund management and the ongoing support of our clients is vital to our success. As such, over the past six months we have continued to concentrate our efforts on those areas which we believe to be critical in building and maintaining a profitable business.

Investment excellence We often make reference to the Coronation 'DNA' which talks to the manner in which all our portfolios are treated equally. Performance surveys and ranking tables confirm the consistent strength of our investment performance over the period:

- The unit trust business was recognised as the Raging Bull Unit Trust Company of the Year for the third time in four years for consistency of investment performance of all funds under management. We also received six individual fund ACI/Personal Finance Raging Bull awards.
- We received seven gold medals at the Standard & Poor's/Financial Mail Investment Performance Awards for individual fund performances.
- The 2005 PWC Banking Survey rated Coronation as 'the best provider of retail asset management services' in the country.
- The most recent Alexander Forbes Large Manager Watch (to end March 2006) places our domestic balanced portfolios 3rd over three and five years and 5th over one year.
- The Coronation Granite Fixed Income Fund was named the best performing fund in the fixed interest category at the annual Old Mutual Symmetry Hedge Fund Awards.
- Our long-only international funds continued to deliver strong returns with the Coronation Global Equity Fund of Funds producing a US dollar return of 27.3% per annum for the last three years to 31 March 2006, outperforming the MSCI World Index by 3.4%.

Product innovation A significant event was the launch of a range of individual retirement products which are transparent, flexible and cost-effective. The range includes a Retirement Annuity Fund, Preservation Pension and Provident Funds, Living Annuity and an Endowment Plan, each using Coronation's award-winning unit trust funds as the underlying investment vehicles.

Within the institutional market, we extended our domestic hedge fund offering with the inclusion of the Coronation Presidio and Coronation pH7 funds. We also launched the Coronation Capital Preserver Fund which combines our widely used and highly regarded skills of stock picking and asset allocation with our well-tested risk management techniques. From an international product perspective we streamlined the range to cater for the varying risk and return profiles of our South African clients.

Transformation Coronation continues to make progress with employment equity, black staff currently make up more than 50% of the total staff employed in South Africa. Black employees are the only beneficiaries of the Imvula Trust. As at 31 March 2006 (taking into account the rise in the Coronation share price) significant equity had been built up in the Trust. In addition to these achievements, we also contributed to enterprise development through the introduction of the Coronation Business Support Programme to assist six black stockbroking companies and made significant contributions towards the upliftment of both individuals and communities through our Growing Entrepreneurs Programme, which was a nominee in the recent Proudly South African Homegrown Awards.

The Coronation brand Since January 2006 we have made a significant investment in the brand through the launch of a new and exciting above-the-line advertising campaign. A key component of the campaign was the creation of our first TV commercial which features the lifeworks of Vincent van Gogh.

▶ **PROSPECTS** The fund management industry, and Coronation in particular, is enjoying the strong conditions in domestic financial markets, the continuance of which is difficult to predict. It is our aim to build a long-term sustainable business focused on fund management which we believe will extend beyond financial market cyclicality. We will continue to focus on "Investment Excellence" for the benefit firstly of our clients and ultimately our shareholders and staff whose interests are significantly aligned.

▶ **INDEPENDENT REVIEW BY THE AUDITORS** The full interim announcement for the six months ended 31 March 2006, as reported on SENS, has been reviewed by our auditors, KPMG Inc. Their unqualified review report is available for inspection at the registered office of the company.

▶ **CAPITAL DISTRIBUTION** Coronation's policy is to declare one capital distribution per annum, payable after the announcement of the year-end results.

The full interim announcement is available on SENS and on the group's website.

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Chairman

Thys du Toit
Chief Executive Officer

Jacob Mahlangu
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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT				
	Six months reviewed 2006 R'000	Six months reviewed 2005 R'000	% Change	Full year reviewed 2005 R'000
Fund management activities				
Revenue	310 535	251 650	23	547 718
Financial income	19 392	9 499	30	640
Interest and dividend income	10 818	4 859	12	686
Other income	8 574	4 640	17	954
Operating expenses	(178 353)	(152 043)	17	(320 049)
Share-based payment expense	(25 822)	(2 210)	(18)	(308)
Other expenses	(152 531)	(149 833)	2	(301 011)
Interest expense	(6 200)	(196)	(6)	(6 009)
Share of profit of associates	863	874	967	967
Income from fund management	146 237	109 784	33	253 267
Income attributable to policyholder-linked assets and investment partnerships	23 737	9 321	18	641
Net fair value gains on policyholder and investment partnership financial instruments	25 784	14 219	27	255
Administration expenses borne by policyholders and investors in investment partnerships	(2 047)	(4 898)	(8)	(6 14)
Profit before tax	169 974	119 105	27	271 908
Income tax expense	(76 816)	(46 008)	(103)	(103 039)
Taxation on shareholder profits	(53 079)	(36 687)	(84)	(84 398)
Taxation on policyholder investment contracts	(23 737)	(9 321)	(18)	(641)
Profit for the period	93 158	73 097	27	168 869
Attributable to:				
- equity holders of the parent	93 158	73 097	168	283
- minority interest	-	-	586	586
Profit for the period	93 158	73 097	168	869
Earnings per share (cents)				
- basic	24.2	19.0	27	43.8
- diluted	21.5	18.7	15	41.0
Note to the income statement:				
Headline earnings per share (cents)				
- basic	24.2	19.0	27	42.9
- diluted	21.5	18.7	15	40.2
Weighted average number of ordinary shares				
- basic	382 811	382 275	382	275
- diluted	433 049	389 986	410	346

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET			
	Reviewed 31 March 2006 R'000	Reviewed 31 March 2005 R'000	Reviewed 30 September 2005 R'000
Assets			
Equipment	5 382	5 626	5 539
Investment in associates	9 733	4 580	-
Deferred tax assets	3 223	5 466	5 466
Investments backing policyholder funds and investments held through investment partnerships	16 230 675	12 516 273	13 579 288
Financial assets available-for-sale	133 219	85 842	122 562
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	129	16 610	20 447
Trade and other receivables	97 783	95 411	110 348
Cash and cash equivalents	287 522	110 099	245 752
Total assets	16 767 665	12 839 907	14 089 402
Liabilities			
Interest-bearing borrowing	145 510	-	148 000
Deferred tax liabilities	1 480	-	1 489
Policyholder investment contract liabilities and liabilities to holders of interests in investment partnerships	16 230 675	12 516 273	13 579 288
Income tax payable	65 564	32 778	31 635
Trade and other payables	115 332	82 471	108 320
Shareholder for dividend	452	472	-
Total liabilities	16 559 013	12 631 994	13 868 732
Net assets	208 652	207 913	220 670
Equity			
Issued capital and reserves attributable to equity holders of the parent	208 652	207 913	220 084
Minority interest	-	-	586
Total equity	208 652	207 913	220 670

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY								
	Share capital and premium	Foreign currency translation reserve	Accumulated earnings	Share-based payment reserve	Re-valuation reserve	Issued capital and reserves attributable to equity holders of the parent	Minority interest	Total equity
Balance at 30 September 2004 - SA GAAP	93 600	(9 242)	140 185	3 569	1 188	225 731	-	225 731
Share-based payment expense	-	-	(3 569)	3 569	-	-	-	-
Balance at 30 September 2004 - under IFRS	93 600	(9 242)	136 616	3 569	1 188	225 731	-	225 731
Currency translation differences	-	(2 170)	-	-	-	(2 170)	-	(2 170)
Profit for the period	-	-	73 097	-	-	75 307	-	75 307
- SA GAAP	-	-	75 307	-	-	75 307	-	75 307
- Adoption of IFRS: share-based payment expense	-	-	(2 210)	2 210	-	-	-	-
Dividends paid	-	-	(96 041)	-	-	(96 041)	-	(96 041)
Revaluation of available-for-sale financial investments	-	-	-	-	5 086	5 086	-	5 086
Balance at 31 March 2005	93 600	(11 412)	113 672	5 779	6 274	207 913	-	207 913
Capital distribution	(91 746)	-	-	-	-	(91 746)	-	(91 746)
Currency translation differences	-	165	-	-	-	165	-	165
Profit for the period	-	-	95 186	-	-	111 014	-	111 600
- SA GAAP	-	-	111 014	-	-	111 014	-	111 600
- Adoption of IFRS: share-based payment expense	-	-	(15 828)	15 828	-	-	-	-
Dividends paid	-	-	(4 277)	-	-	(4 277)	-	(4 277)
Revaluation of available-for-sale financial investments	-	-	-	-	(2 985)	(2 985)	-	(2 985)
Balance at 30 September 2005	1 854	(11 247)	204 581	21 607	3 289	220 084	586	220 670
Capital distribution	(138 197)	-	-	-	-	(138 197)	-	(138 197)
Reallocation of distribution to accumulated earnings	130 880	-	(130 880)	-	-	-	-	-
Premium on shares issued	5 502	-	-	-	-	5 502	-	5 502
Acquisition of minority interest	-	-	-	-	-	(586)	(586)	(586)
Currency translation differences	-	(3 813)	-	-	-	(3 813)	-	(3 813)
Profit for the period	-	-	93 158	-	-	93 158	-	93 158
Share-based payment reserve	-	-	-	25 822	-	25 822	-	25 822
Dividends paid	-	-	(745)	-	-	(745)	-	(745)
Revaluation of available-for-sale financial investments	-	-	-	-	6 841	6 841	-	6 841
Balance at 31 March 2006	39	(15 060)	166 114	47 429	10 130	208 652	-	208 652

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS			
	Six months reviewed 2006 R'000	Six months reviewed 2005 R'000	Full year reviewed 2005 R'000
Cash flows from operating activities	185 323	117 144	270 775
Profit for the period	93 158	73 097	168 869
Income tax expense	76 816	46 008	103 039
Non-cash adjustments	15 349	(1 961)	(1 133)
Working capital changes	39 895	2 798	15 225
Cash generated from operations	225 218	119 943	286 000
Interest paid	(6 200)	(196)	(480)
Income taxes paid	(40 653)	(68 103)	(124 787)
Net cash from operating activities	178 365	51 643	160 733
Net cash from investing activities	2 695	12 528	(12 579)
Net cash from financing activities	(135 477)	(95 569)	(44 064)
- distributions to shareholders	(138 490)	(95 569)	(192 064)
- other	3 013	-	148 000
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	45 583	(31 398)	104 090
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	245 752	143 667	143 667
Exchange rate adjustments	(3 813)	(2 170)	(2 005)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	287 522	110 099	245 752

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BASIS OF PREPARATION AND TRANSITION TO IFRSs

The group has adopted IFRSs for the year ending 30 September 2006. The consolidated interim financial statements as published on SENS have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles of IFRSs for interim financial statements, IAS 34: *Interim Financial Reporting*, the requirements of the South African Companies Act, Act 61 of 1973, as amended, and the Listings Requirements of the JSE Limited (JSE). These are the group's first IFRSs-consolidated interim financial statements for part of the period covered by the first IFRSs annual financial statements and IFRS 1: *First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards* (IFRS 1) has been applied. The consolidated interim financial statements do not include all of the information required for full annual financial statements.

The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the group for purposes of preparing these consolidated interim financial statements.

An explanation of how the transition to IFRSs has affected the reported financial position and financial performance of the group is provided in the detailed SENS announcement. This includes reconciliations of equity and profit after tax as reported for comparative periods under SA GAAP, to that reported under IFRSs.

These consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared on the basis of IFRSs in issue that are expected to be effective at the group's first IFRSs annual reporting date, 30 September 2006. Based on these IFRSs, the Board of Directors has made assumptions about the accounting policies expected to be adopted when the first IFRSs annual financial statements are prepared for the year ending 30 September 2006.

The IFRSs that will be effective in the annual financial statements for the year ending 30 September 2006 are still subject to change and to the issue of additional interpretations and therefore cannot be determined with certainty. Accordingly, the accounting policies for the annual period that are relevant to this interim financial information will be finally determined only as and when the first IFRSs financial statements are prepared for the year ending 30 September 2006.

APPLICATION OF IFRS 1

IFRS 1 requires retrospective compliance with all IFRSs expected to be effective at the end of the first IFRSs reporting period. However, it contains a number of exemptions to this full retrospective application of IFRSs. The group has applied the following exemption:

Business combinations

The group has elected not to apply IFRS 3: *Business Combinations* retrospectively to business combinations that occurred prior to 1 October 2004. Accordingly, no adjustments have been made to the accounting treatment of previous business combinations.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES ADOPTED ON CONVERSION TO IFRSs

Share-based payment transactions

The fair value of share options under employee share incentive schemes and other equity instruments granted to group employees is recognised as an expense with a corresponding increase in equity. The fair value is measured at grant date and expensed over the period during which the employee becomes unconditionally entitled to the equity instruments. The fair value of the instruments granted is measured using generally accepted valuation techniques, taking into account the terms and conditions upon which the instruments are granted. The amount recognised as expense is adjusted to reflect the actual number of share options that vest except where forfeiture is only due to market conditions not being met. This accounting policy has been applied to all equity instruments granted after 7 November 2002 that had not yet vested at 1 January 2005. Share-based payments were not recognised under the group's previous accounting policies.

Black economic empowerment transactions

Transaction recognition criteria

In circumstances where a portion of the equity in a subsidiary company is disposed of and serves as security for the funding of the proceeds receivable, the accounting recognition of the disposal of such shares in the group financial statements is deferred until the funding subject to the security of the equity sold has been fully repaid.

Share-based payment

The group is extending the scope of IFRS 2: *Share-based Payment* (IFRS 2) to include the group's black economic ownership initiatives in accordance with international interpretations in this regard. Where goods or services are received from black economic empowerment partners as consideration for equity instruments of the group, then these transactions are accounted for in terms of IFRS 2, even when the entity cannot specifically identify the goods and services received.

Investment contract liabilities and associated linked investments

The financial instruments that arise as a result of the issuance of investment policies by the group are accounted for in terms of IAS 32: *Financial Instruments - Presentation and Disclosure* and IAS 39: *Financial Instruments - Recognition and Measurement* and are designated as financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss. This designation significantly reduces a measurement inconsistency that would otherwise arise. Commitments received from policyholders and benefit payments made to policyholders are not recognised in the income statement. Changes in the fair value of these financial instruments are recognised in the income statement in the period in which they arise. The fair value of linked investment contract liabilities is determined based on the fair value of the associated linked financial asset and is net of the taxation payable on investment gains. The taxation payable is separately disclosed as part of taxation in the income statement.

Multi-class open-ended investment company

The group is party to a multi-class open-ended investment company registered offshore. It appears that in terms of IAS 27, this structure may require consolidation. However, it is the intention of the group to take the necessary steps so as to ensure that the uncertainties surrounding the control of this structure are removed and to clearly establish that control of the underlying fund classes rests with the holders of the participating shares of each class. For the purposes of this interim announcement and the comparatives, the underlying funds have not been consolidated, on the basis that the directors believe that the funds underpinning this structure are special purpose entities, the majority of the benefits of which accrue to the holders of participating shares in each class, being the investors and external clients of the group. The final outcome of these revisions will be considered in preparing the group's annual financial statements as at 30 September 2006. The impact on the income statement of having to consolidate is not likely to be material.

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