# metrofile

## INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED





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### Macro economic highlights



Formation of GNU

Interest rates decreasing

Low economic growth

Stabilisation of the electricity grid



UAE economy continues to grow

Growth in the GCC region driven by UAE and Saudi Arabia



Growth driven by the extraction of liquified gas

Political unrest follow the ruling party confirmed as election winner



4% GDP growth in Q3 slower than Q2

Rapid depreciation of the Shilling but has stabilised



2024 GDP contracted to 1%

Ruling party loose elections

Economy expected to rebound in 2025

## FY25 key priorities and 1HFY25 operating context

#### FY25 key priorities

MRM South Africa turnaround realisation

Complete the exit of Tidy Files manufacturing operation

Focus on de-gearing the balance sheet

Launch add-on services to IPC, preferably on an annuity base model

Continue growth in cloud services

East Africa focus and growth strategy driven with new management team in place

Geographical expansion into KSA as well as cloud expansion into Kenya

Manage the competitor situation in the Middle East

#### Progress

Complete. Positive impact of the turnaround has been realised and continued recovery into H2 expected

Completed during H1

On-going with de-gearing realised in H1

On-going. An initial add-on service has been launched. We will continue to focus on enhancing this area in order to support future growth

Complete as growth in cloud services has continued

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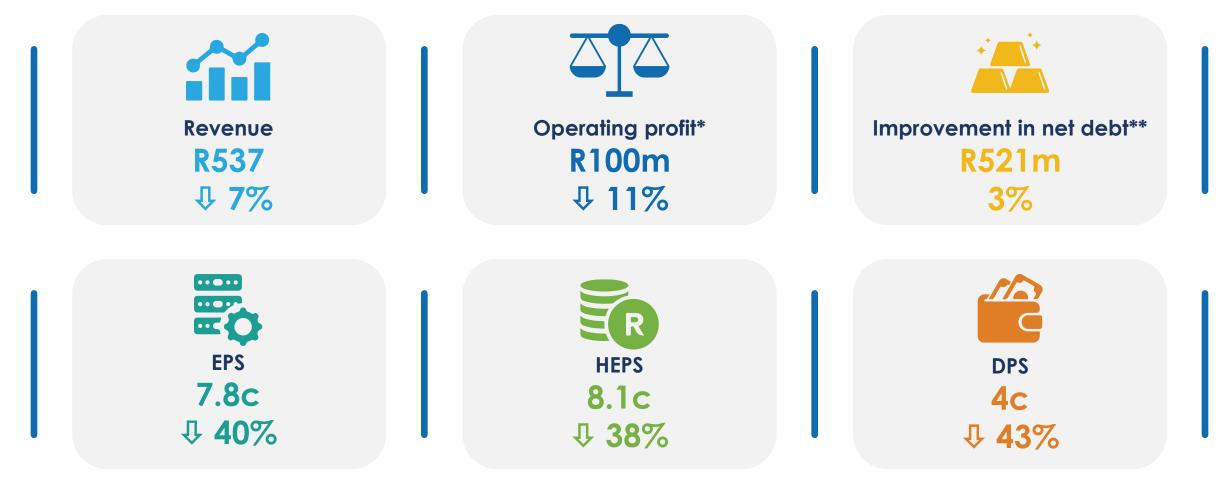
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#### **1HFY25 salient features**

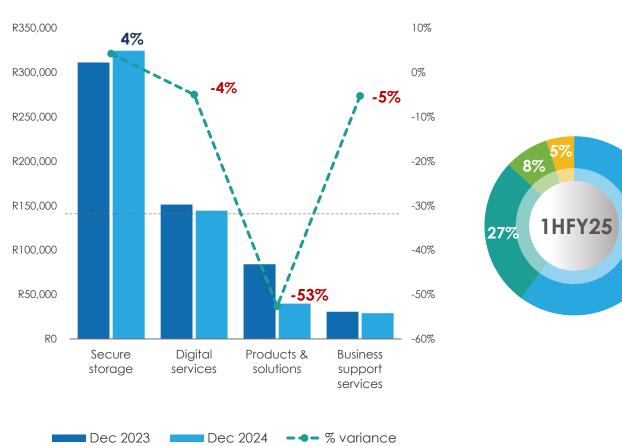


\* Operating profit before retrenchment, settlement and closure costs, loss on disposal of assets held for sale and impairment of goodwill

\*\* Excluding lease obligations

60%

## Revenue analysis (Rand and %)



Revenue streams

- Revenue decreased 7% to R537m mainly due to the exit of Tidy Files manufacturing operations in FY24.
- Excluding Tidy Files, revenue was up by 4% due to growth in secure storage and cloud services, offset by a reduction in content services and image processing.
- Demand for cloud services remained strong and now contributes 36% of digital services revenue.
- Secure storage contributed 60% to Group revenue and rose 4% due to price increases and additional revenue generated from paper services, specifically destruction of overdue boxes. Requests for destructions have increased, placing pressure on storage box volumes.
- Group closing box volumes remained at 11.1m. Gross box volume intake rose 3% from new and existing clients, offset by destructions and withdrawals of 3%.
- Digital services continued to be the second largest revenue contributor and the Group's largest growth area over recent years, despite a weaker period. Digital services contributed 27% to Group revenue and reduced by 4% year-on-year following a drop in content services and digitisation of physical records, particularly in SA. This reduction was offset by continued growth in cloud services, with a notable rise in hosting.
- Revenue from products and solutions contributed 8% to Group revenue, but decreased 53% mainly due to the exit of Tidy Files manufacturing operations.
- Business support services decreased 5% following a reduction in work area recovery services and contributed 5% to Group revenue.

### Statement of profit and loss

#### For the 6 months ended 31 December 2024

|   | Dec 24<br>R'000 | Dec 23<br>R'000 | %<br>change |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Revenue   | 537 426         | 577 047         | (7%)        |
| EBITDA  | 147 704         | 159 760         | (8%)        |
| Operating profit before retrenchment, settlement<br>and closure costs, loss on disposal of assets and<br>impairment of goodwill | 99 528          | 111 467         | (11%)       |
| Net finance costs   | (37 767)        | (32 465)        | (16%)       |
| Profit before tax   | 45 509          | 79 002          | (42%)       |
| Тах   | (11 944)        | (20 472)        | (42%)       |
| Profit after tax  | 33 565          | 58 530          | (43%)       |
| EBITDA %  | 27%             | 28%             | (1%)        |
| Operating profit %  | 1 <b>9</b> %    | 19%             | -           |
| HEPS (cents)  | 8.1             | 13.0            | (38%)       |
| EPS (cents)   | 7.8             | 13.0            | (40%)       |
| DPS (cents)   | 4.0             | 7.0             | (43%)       |

#### Key features

- Results were positively impacted by the turnaround in MRM SA.
- Low volume growth and margin challenges persisted in Rest of Africa and Middle East.
- Operating profit decreased 11% to R100m.
- Positive progress made in resolving operational challenges from the prior year particularly in MRM South Africa yielded a significant improvement in operating profit for this segment.
- This was offset by volume decline in workflow sales, inflationary cost pressures as well as reduction in profit margins in the Middle East.
- Net finance costs were 16% higher following the settlement of the final payment in relation to the IronTree acquisition at the end of FY24.

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## Statement of financial position

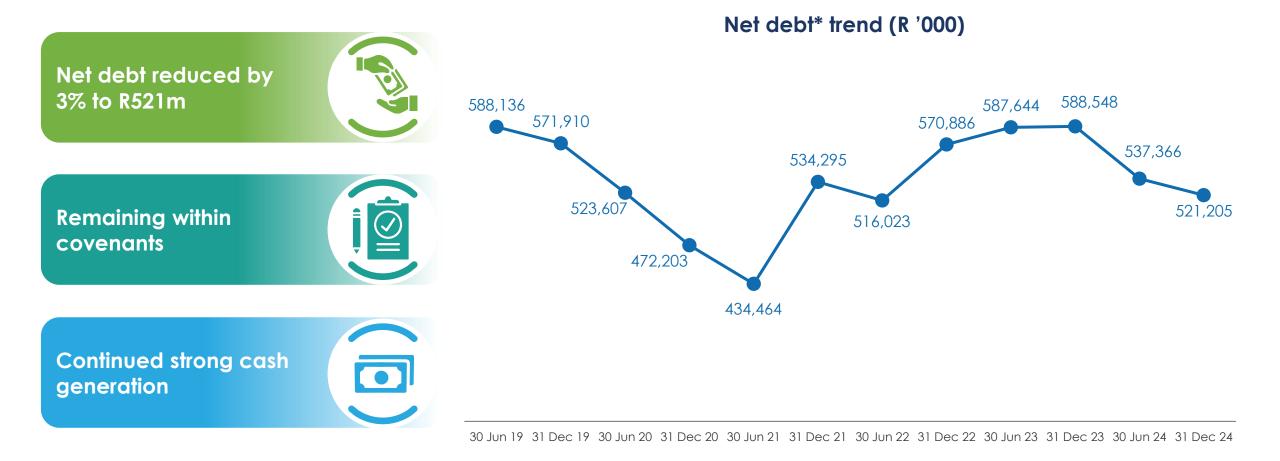
#### As at 31 December 2024

| Assets   | Dec 2024<br>R'000 | Dec 2023<br>R'000 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Property, plant and equipment  | 597 735           | 604 476           |
| Goodwill   | 307 174           | 372 936           |
| Intangible assets  | 61 455            | 64 297            |
| Right-of-use asset   | 87 496            | 93 968            |
| Deferred taxation assets   | 17 473            | 11 286            |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | 82 257            | 71 535            |
| Other assets (inventories, trade receivables, other receivables, vendor consideration) | 309 941           | 316 449           |
| Taxation receivable  | 14 982            | 4 310             |
| Total assets   | 1 478 513         | 1 539 257         |
| Liabilities  | Dec 2024<br>R'000 | Dec 2023<br>R'000 |
| Total equity   | 531 291           | 571 635           |
| Interest-bearing borrowings  | 599 008           | 499 787           |
| Bank overdraft   | 4 454             | 78 914            |
| Trade and other payables   | 122 004           | 115 440           |
| Lease liabilities  | 112 994           | 117 571           |
| Acquisition related liabilities  | -                 | 81 382            |
| Deferred tax and other liabilities   | 108 762           | 74 528            |
| Total equity and liabilities   | 1 478 513         | 1 539 257         |

#### Key features

- Net finance costs were 16% higher at R38 million (1HFY24: R32 million) following the settlement of the final payment in relation to the IronTree acquisition at the end of the previous financial year.
- Net debt reduced by 3% to R521m as a result of continued strong cash generation.
- Net debt:EBITDA (pre-IFRS16) increased to 2.33x (FY24: 1.78x).
- Total debt facilities of R852m, comprising R752m committed and R100m uncommitted at end December 2024. The unutilised facility amounted to R146m at the end of the period.

#### Sound capital management

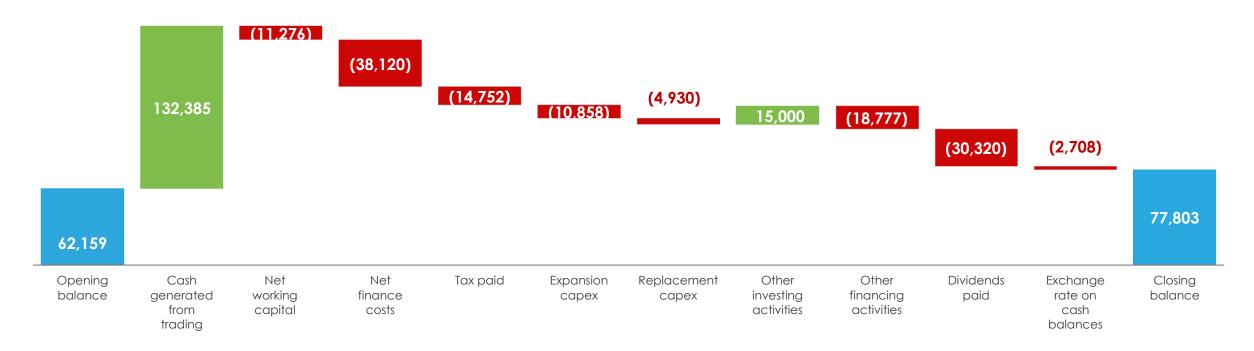


\* Net debt excludes IFRS 16 lease liabilities and includes acquisition related liabilities

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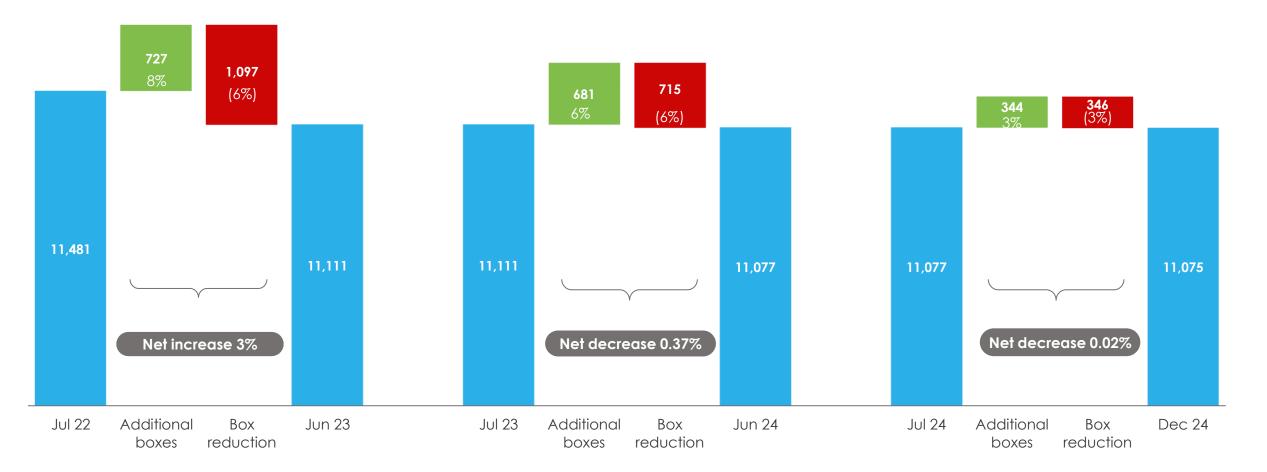
### **Cash flow**

#### For the 6 months ended 31 December 2024



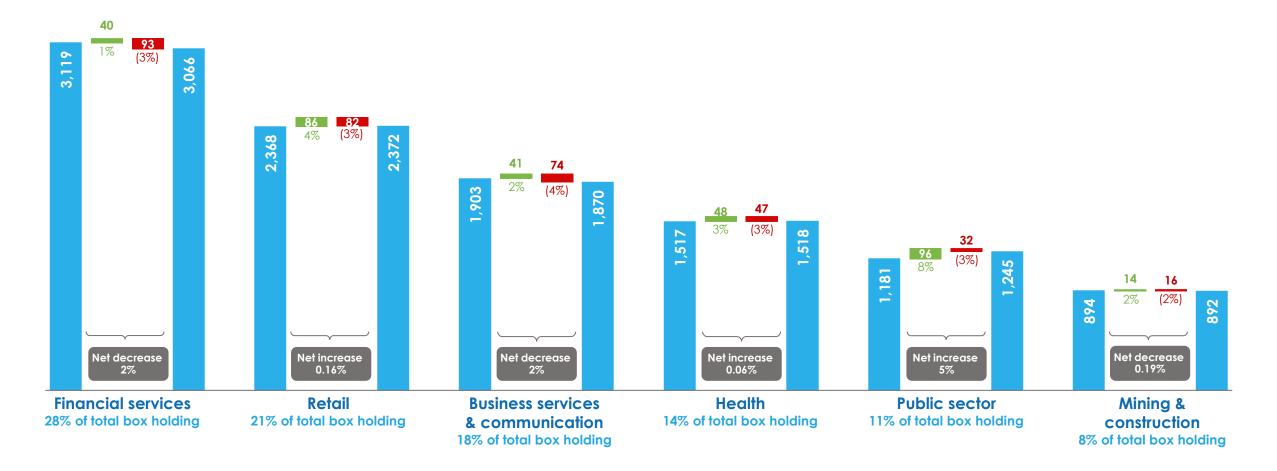
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#### Historical box movements Group box movements ('000)



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#### Industry analysis box movements Box movements per industry ('000)

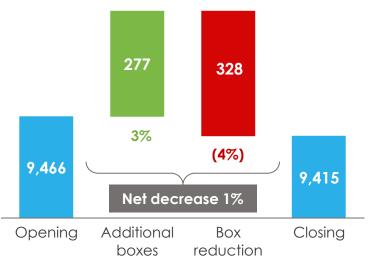


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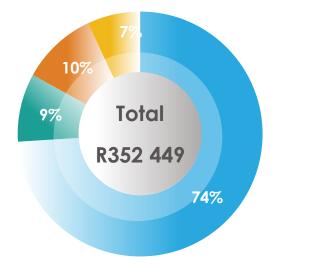
### Divisional analysis: MRM South Africa

| R'000                   | Dec 2024 | Dec 2023 | Variance |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Revenue                 | 352 449  | 398 953  | (12%)    |
| Operating profit        | 108 377  | 91 395   | 19%      |
| EBITDA                  | 132 552  | 115 562  | 15%      |
| Operating profit margin | 31%      | 23%      | 8%       |
| EBITDA margin           | 38%      | 29%      | 9%       |











Revenue from continuing perations increased 3% primarily due to growth in secure storage and product sales, offset by a reduction in image processing volumes.

- Operating profit increased 19% to R108m as a result of positive progress due to turnaround initiatives.
- EBITDA increased 15% to R133m and when compared to 2HFY24 EBITDA improved by 20%.
- Cash collections increased and contributed to overall Group improvement in cash generated from operations due to resolution of various long-standing customer queries, enhanced engagement and resolution of some operational challenges.
- Net box volume decreased 1%.

Secure storage

Digital

services

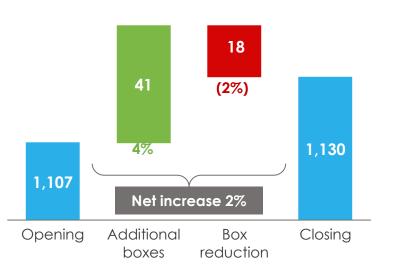
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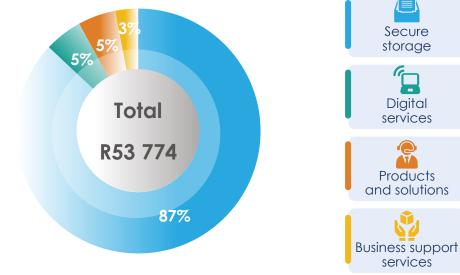
### **Divisional analysis: MRM Rest of Africa**

| R'000                   | Dec 2024 | Dec 2023 | Variance |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Revenue                 | 53 774   | 48 838   | 10%      |
| Operating profit        | 6 723    | 18 474   | (64%)    |
| EBITDA                  | 18 723   | 29 440   | (36%)    |
| Operating profit margin | 13%      | 38%      | (25%)    |
| EBITDA margin           | 35%      | 60%      | (25%)    |









- Operations in Kenya, Botswana and Mozambique.
- Revenue increased 10% to R54m.
- Botswana and Mozambique continue to generate growth and increased profitability by 11%.
- Operating profit decreased 64% to R7m mainly due to the inclusion in the prior year of a once-off gain following the positive resolution on a longstanding dispute with a customer in Kenya.
- Additional costs incurred in Kenya for 1HFY25 related to Cloud Services setup cost and higher operating costs.
- Net box volumes increased 2%.

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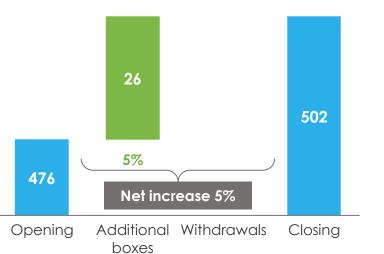
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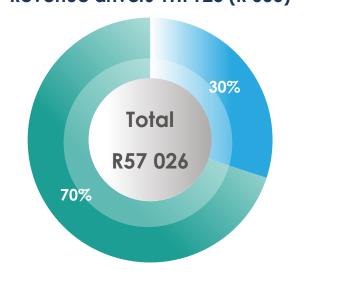
## **Divisional analysis: MRM Middle East**

| R'000                   | Dec 2024 | Dec 2023 | Variance |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Revenue                 | 57 026   | 61 112   | (7%)     |
| Operating profit        | (2 206)  | 5 560    | (140%)   |
| EBITDA                  | 694      | 7 662    | (91%)    |
| Operating profit margin | (4%)     | 9%       | (13%)    |
| EBITDA margin           | 1%       | 13%      | (12%)    |









- Operations in United Arab Emirates, Oman and Saudi Arabia.
- Revenue decreased 7% to R57m following a slowdown in the intake of projects.
- Operating loss of R2m incurred due to continued challenges on margins.
- Operating profit performance increased slightly compared to 2HFY24.
- Do not expect an immediate change in the environment in the Middle East.
- Have implemented various measures to mitigate challenges.
- Net box volume growth of 5%.

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Products

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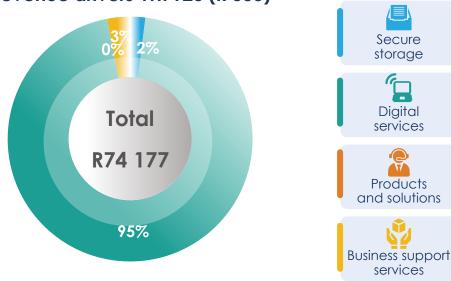
## **Divisional analysis: Cloud and Content Services SA**

| R'000                   | Dec 2024 | Dec 2023 | Variance |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Revenue                 | 74 177   | 68 144   | 9%       |
| Operating profit        | 10 257   | 11 441   | (10%)    |
| EBITDA                  | 16 057   | 19 104   | (16%)    |
| Operating profit margin | 14%      | 17%      | (3%)     |
| EBITDA margin           | 22%      | 28%      | (6%)     |









- Includes Metrofile VYSION and Metrofile Cloud (previously IronTree).
- Overall, revenue increased 9% to R74m with operating profit decreasing by 10% to R10m.
- Metrofile Cloud continued to demonstrate consistent growth and improved operating profit by 10% to R11 million, mainly as a result of growth in hosting services.
- Metrofile VYSION, which includes workflow automation services, had a challenging period. Operating profit declined to a loss of R1 million (1HFY24: operating profit of R1 million).

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#### Strategic objectives



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### Outlook

Expect turnaround in MRM South Africa to continue. As part of the turnaround, there will be a review of the geographical footprint of Metrofile



Trading conditions in 2HFY25 will remain challenging in the Middle East and Rest of Africa

Focus to build robust digital offering, and laying foundation for next generation technology driven solutions

Remain agile in approach as we adapt to the change in competitive landscape

Expect to continue to generate positive free cash flow, with a focus on de-gearing the balance sheet

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