Johannesburg Attorneys Association

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31 May 2023

General Information

Conutry of incorportion and domicile	South Africa
Bankers	Standard Bank
Business address	Johannesburg High Court cnr Pritchard and Kruis Streets Johannesburg 2001

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Level of assurance

These financial statements have been independently reviewed in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa.

Preparer



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Committee's Responsibilities and Approval

The Committee is obliged in terms of the Constitution of the Johannesburg Attorneys Association to present the Balance Sheet and Accounts at the association's Annual General Meeting. The Committee has elected to present the Balance Sheet and Accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companie Act of South Africa.

The Companies Act of South Africa requires the Committee to maintain adequate accounting records and the Committee is responsible for the content and integrity of the financial statements and related financial information included in this report. It is the Committee's responsibility to ensure that the financial statements fairly present the state of affairs of the association as at the end of the financial year and the results of its operations and cash flows for the period then ended, in conformity with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities and are based upon appropriate accounting policies consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates.

The Committee acknowledges that it is ultimately responsible for the system of internal financial control established by the association and places considerable importance on maintaining a strong control environment. To enable the Committee to meet these responsibilities, the Committee sets standards for internal control aimed at reducing the risk of error or loss in a cost effective manner. The standards include the proper delegation of responsibilities within a clearly defined framework, effective accounting procedures and adequate segregation of duties to ensure an acceptable level of risk. These controls are monitored throughout the Association and all employees are required to maintain the highest ethical standards in ensuring the association's business is conducted in a manner that in all reasonable circumstances is above reproach. The focus of risk management in the association is on identifying, assessing, managing and monitoring all known forms of risk across the company. While operating risk cannot be fully eliminated, the association endeavours to minimise it by ensuring that appropriate infrastructure, controls, systems and ethical behaviour are applied and managed within predetermined procedures and constraints.

The Committee is of the opinion, based on the information and explanations given by management, that the system of internal control provides reasonable assurance that the financial records may be relied on for the preparation of the financial statements. However, any system of internal financial control can provide only reasonable, and not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The independent reviewer is responsible for independently reviewing and reporting on the company's financial statements.

The financial statements have been examined by the association's independent reviewer and their report is presented on page 5.

The financial statements set out on pages 6 to 12, which have been prepared on the going concern basis, were approved by the members on 12 September 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Approval of financial statements

W Bloem

K Gascoigne

Committee's Report

The Committee has pleasure in submitting its report on the financial statements of the Joahnnesburg Attorneys Association for the year ended 31 May 2023.

1. **Incorporation**

   The Association is an unincoporated common law association established by constitution and operates in South Africa.

2. **Review of financial results and activities**

   The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities and the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa. The accounting policies have been applied consistently compared to the prior year.

   Full details of the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the association are set out in these financial statements.

3. **Members**

   The members of the association during the yearand to he date of this report are as follows:

Name	Office
W Bloem	Chairperson
C Gladwin-Wood	Vice Chairperson
K Gascoigne	Treasurer
H Eksteen	Secretary
N de Klerk	General Member
Y Wadee	General Member
W Janse van Rensburg	General Member
M van Dijk	General Member
B Shipalana	General Member
A Ismail	General Member
P Verster	General Member
D Aricum	General Member

Independent Reviewer's Report

To the Members of the Johannesburg Attorneys Association
I have reviewed the financial statements of IFRS for SME, set out on pages 6 to 12, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 May 2023 and the statement of income and retained earnings, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Statements
Committee director is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities and the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa, and for such internal control as the director determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Independent Reviewer's Responsibility
My responsibility is to express a conclusion on these financial statements. I conducted my review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements (ISRE) 2400 (Revised), Engagements to Review Historical Financial Statements (ISRE 2400 (Revised)). ISRE 2400 (Revised) requires me to conclude whether anything has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial statements, taken as a whole, are not prepared in all material respects in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. This Standard also requires me to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with ISRE 2400 (Revised) is a limited assurance engagement. The independent reviewer performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less than those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Conclusion
Based on my review, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that these financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects the financial position of the Johannesburg Attorneys Association as at 31 May 2023, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities and the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa.

Other Reports Required by the Companies Act of South Africa
The financial statements include the Committees Report as required by the Companies Act of South Africa. The Committee is responsible for the Committee's Report. My conclusion on the financial statements does not cover the Committeer's Report and I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.
In connection with my independent review of the financial statements, I have read the Committee's Report and, in doing so, considered whether the Committee's Report is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in the independent review, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of the Committee's Report, I will report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.



Helen Hamann
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6 September 2023
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Statement of Financial Position as at 31 May 2023

	Notes	**2023** **R**	2022 R
ASSETS			
Non-current assets		**1**	**1**
Property, plant and equipment	2	1	1
Current assets		**1 148 452**	**1 110 658**
Trade and other receivables	3	23 727	241 412
Cash and cash equivalents	4	1 124 725	869 246
Total assets		**1 148 453**	**1 110 659**
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Capital		**985 271**	**881 045**
Reserves		966 844	966 844
Retained income		18 427	(85 799)
Current liabilities		**163 182**	**229 614**
Trade and other payables	5	163 182	229 614
Total liabilities		**1 148 453**	**1 110 659**

Statement of comprehensive income

	Notes	**2023** **R**	2022 R
Revenue	6	861 593	847 538
Cost of sales	7	(179 320)	(544 782)
Gross profit/(loss)		**682 273**	**302 756**
Other income	8	17 600	212 456
Operating expenses	9	(661 845)	(684 387)
Operating loss		**38 028**	**(169 175)**
Investment revenue		51 329	8 141
Finance costs		-	-
Loss for the year		**89 357**	**(161 034)**
Other comprehensive income			
Total comprehensive loss for the year		**89 357**	**(161 034)**

Statement of Cash Flows

	Notes	**2023** **R**	2022 R
Cash flows from operating activities	10		
Cash used in operations		189 281	(270 096)
Interest income		51 329	8 141
Net cash from operating activities		**240 610**	**(261 955)**
Total cash movement for the year		240 610	(261 955)
Cash at the beginning of the year		869 246	1 131 202
Total cash at end of the year	4	**1 109 856**	**869 247**

Accounting policies

1 Basis of preparation and accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities, and the Companies Act of South Africa. They are presented in South African Rands.

These accounting policies are consistent with the previous period.

1,1 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are tangible assets which the company holds for its own use or for rental to others and which are expected to be used for more than one period.

Property, plant and equipment is initially measured at cost.

Cost includes costs incurred initially to acquire or construct an item of property, plant and equipment and costs incurred subsequently to add to, replace part of, or service it. If a replacement cost is recognised in the carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment, the carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised.

Expenditure incurred subsequently for major services, additions to or replacements of parts of property, plant and equipment are capitalised if it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the expenditure will flow to the company and the cost can be measured reliably. Day to day servicing costs are included in profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred.

Property, plant and equipment is subsequently stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses, except for land which is stated at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation of an asset commences when the asset is available for use as intended by management. Depreciation is charged to write off the asset's carrying amount over its estimated useful life to its estimated residual value, using a method that best reflects the pattern in which the asset's economic benefits are consumed by the company.

The useful lives of items of property, plant and equipment have been assessed as follows:

When indicators are present that the useful lives and residual values of items of property, plant and equipment have changed since the most recent annual reporting date, they are reassessed. Any changes are accounted for prospectively as a change in accounting estimate.

Impairment tests are performed on property, plant and equipment when there is an indicator that they may be impaired. When the carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment is assessed to be higher than the estimated recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss to bring the carrying amount in line with the recoverable amount.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its continued use or disposal. Any gain or loss arising from the derecognition of an item of property, plant and equipment, determined as the difference between the net disposal proceeds, if any, and the carrying amount of the item, is included in profit or loss when the item is derecognised.

Accounting policies

1,2 **Provisions and contingencies**

Provisions are recognised when the company has an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event; it is probable that the company will be required to transfer economic benefits in settlement; and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably.

Provisions are measured at the present value of the amount expected to be required to settle the obligation using a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as interest expense.

Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

1,3 **Revenue**

Revenue is recognised to the extent that the company has transferred the significant risks and rewards of ownership of goods to the buyer, or has rendered services under an agreement provided the amount of revenue can be measured reliably and it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the company. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding sales taxes and discounts.

Interest is recognised, in profit or loss, using the effective interest rate method.

Notes to the financial statements

	2023	2022
	R	R

2 **Property, plant and equipment**

	2023				2022		
	Cost or revaluation	**Additions**	**Accumulated depreciation**	**Carrying value**	**Cost or revaluation**	**Accumulated depreciation**	**Carrying value**
Furniture and fixtures	113 800		(113 799)	1	113 800	(113 799)	1
Office equipment	39 481	6 999	(46 479)	1	39 481	(39 480)	1
Total	**153 281**	**6 999**	**(160 278)**	**2**	**153 281**	**(153 279)**	**2**

Reconciliation of property, plant and equipment - 2023

	Opening balance	**Closing balance**
Furniture and fixtures	1	1
Office equipment	1	1
	2	**2**

Reconciliation of property, plant and equipment - 2022

	Opening balance	**Closing balance**
Furniture and fixtures	1	1
Office equipment	1	1
	2	**2**

3 **Trade and oter receivables**

Trade receivables	23 727	190 253
VAT	-	51 159
	23 727	**241 412**

4 **Cash and cash equivalents**

Bank balances	1 124 485	863 873
Cash on hand	240	5 373
	1 124 725	**869 246**

5 **Trade and other payables**

Trade payables	151 550	229 614
VAT	11 632	-
	163 182	**229 614**

6 **Revenue**

Income - High Court	164 977	296 246
Seminars & Lectures	139 756	-
Income - Subscriptions	556 860	551 291
	861 593	**847 537**

Notes to the financial statements

		2023 R	2022 R
7	**Cost of sales**		
	Costs - High Court	43 855	455 102
	Costs - RAF Campaign	-	4 539
	Costs - Masters Office	7 771	85 141
	Costs - Seminars and Lectures	127 694	-
		179 320	**544 782**
8	**Other income**		
	Donations	17 600	202 065
	Other income	-	10 391
		17 600	**212 456**
9	**Operating expenses**		
	Accounting fees	7 500	19 988
	Advertising	60 000	63 000
	Bad debts	87 180	17 604
	Bank charges	16 714	7 264
	Cleaning	-	944
	Depreciaton	6 999	-
	Employee costs	414 645	493 358
	Gifts	-	1 500
	IT expenses	48 477	59 884
	Legal expenses	-	4 500
	Printing & Stationery	755	
	Repairs and maintenance	-	1 130
	Software expenses	12 694	8 640
	Staff welfare	1 383	800
	Telephone and fax	4 120	3 950
	Travel - local	1 378	1 825
		661 845	**684 387**
10	**Cash used in operations**		
	Profit/(Loss) before taxation	89 357	(161 034)
	Adjustments for:		
	Interest received	(51 329)	(8 141)
	Changes in working capital:		
	Trade and other receivables	217 685	6 919
	Trade and other payables	(66 432)	(107 840)
		189 281	**(270 096)**