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Hello everyone and welcome to the Lesaka Technologies webcast and conference call for the second
 quarter of fiscal 2025.

As a reminder the webcast is being recorded and the presentation can be accessed through the webcast link as well as dialling into the zoom conference call dial-in numbers provided. Management will address any questions you may have at the end of the presentation. For those joining us via the webcast, you

can ask your questions in the zoom Q&A function. For those joining via the zoom teleconference line,

9 you cannot ask your questions live.

The webcast link, zoom conference call dial-in numbers as well as our press release and supplementary investor presentation are available on our Investor Relations website at ir.lesakatech.com. Additionally, Lesaka filed its Form 10-Q after the U.S. market close yesterday, which is also available on our Investor Relations website.

During this call, we will be making forward-looking statements, and I ask you to look at the cautionary language contained in our Form 10-Q regarding the risks and uncertainties associated with forward-looking statements.

As a domestic filer in the United States, we report results in U.S. dollars, under US GAAP. However, it is important to note that our operational currency is South African rand and as such we analyze our performance in South African rand. In this presentation, we will discuss our results in South African rand, which is non-GAAP. This assists investors' understanding of the underlying trends in our business. As you know, the company's results can be significantly affected by the currency fluctuations between the U.S. dollar and the South African rand.

I will now turn the call over to Ali.

28 Slide 3 - AGENDA- NOT presented on webcast 29 30 Slide 4: GAAP income statement that is NOT presented on webcast 31 32 Slide 5: Overview 33 34 Good morning, good afternoon and welcome. 35 36 It has been a year since I assumed the role of Executive Chairman at Lesaka and so I thought it 37 appropriate to amend the way we present at our quarterlies from this quarter. Accordingly, I will start 38 by representing the opportunity as we see it and highlight key events of the quarter. Dan will then 39 present on the group's financial performance, Steve represent the Merchant division, Lincoln the 40 Consumer Division, and Naeem the Enterprise Division, which we are separating out for the first time 41 as a third pillar to our business. I with then conclude with the Outlook for FY25 and also guidance for 42 FY26. 43 44 Slide 6: Total addressable market revenue pool of \$4.4bn 45 46 We have framed the opportunity for Lesaka and our strategic positioning before, but I am conscious 47 that we haven't presented the size of our serviceable addressable market in \$ terms or given an 48 indication of our perception of market share and the competitive environment. We will start by doing 49 so for South Africa. 50 51 Today we believe our existing products in our three divisions operating in South Africa represent an 52 addressable market net revenue pool of >c.\$4bn. We believe the underlying market that we are 53 addressing is growing by c.10-15% per annum and that through organic and inorganic product and 54 geographical expansion the addressable market will grow to >\$12bn in 5 years time. We believe 55 comparable business models to ours, at maturity routinely achieve EBITDA margins of >30% and high

It's worth double clicking on the Merchant and Consumer Division's addressable markets to give more colour.

faster than revenue growth as we experience operational leverage.

free cash flow generation. We believe our experience will be no different, We believe we will grow

revenue faster than the market as we increase market share and we believe our EBITDA growth will be

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Slide 7: Merchant Division's serviceable addressable revenue pool

Today we estimate we represent c.7% of the serviceable addressable net revenue pool in the Merchant Division in South Africa. A key component of our strategy is to differentiate ourselves by being a customer lead rather than product lead company by evolving our product offering to meet the various needs of our customers. No single competitor offers the range of solutions we do in the market and addresses as many sub-segments. In this respect we face a different competitive environment dependent on the specific product.

For example, while banks may still dominate the core merchant acquiring market, we face a different universe of competitors offering software products and a different one offering alternative digital payments solutions (which we have previously referred to as VAS). Today we address the merchant market with three brands depending on the type of merchant. For the micro-merchant segment we use the Kazang brand, for QSR and Hospitality we use the GAAP brand and for other types of merchants Adumo. It's worth noting, each brand historically had a different 'hero' product for their customer subsegment, but now sells other products. For example, in the case of Kazang, that product was Alternative Digital Payments, in the case of GAAP it was point of sale software, however both brands now offer a fast growing merchant acquiring product. The continued integration of these respective units within Lesaka will allows us to not only offer more products to more segments, but also improve the product offering and the efficiency of the route to market, materially improving our value proposition and unit economics over time.

We expect to grow substantially faster than the market, and as the leading fintech in the country we should be targeting >10% market share in the medium term as market share continues to move from traditional banks to fintechs. In the last quarter presentation, I showed how this has happened in the rest of the world. The regulatory environment in South Africa has been one of the core impediments to the speed of this evolution and the rate of digitization here.

Lesaka has been at the forefront of spearheading the case for the regulatory environment to evolve in line with other markets for the benefit of the country as a whole. We are delighted that regulators and stakeholders are taking note and that substantial movements are afoot in the industry. Last week the Association of South African Payments Providers (ASAPP) was launched in Johannesburg with Lesaka as a founding member and with our own Lincoln Mali taking the role of President. The presence of the

South African Reserve Bank there and the public pronouncements they made to the media, were encouraging for the industry and the country.

Slide 8: Consumer Division's serviceable addressable revenue pool

The consumer market we address is focused today on South African Grant Beneficiaries and other Payout customers. We believe we have c.6.5 percent market share of the revenue of the market. Again we face a different subset of competitors depending on the product offering. While banks are the principal competitors for transactional accounts, the lending market is dominated by micro-finance companies and the insurance market by insurance companies.

We are confident that we can grow our market share here well above 10%, and indeed our share of transactional accounts is already above that. The immediate opportunity we have is to continue to expand our base of customers, especially as they switch from competitors who have experienced well publicized challenges, and to continue to grow our ARPU by cross-selling into the base.

The longer run opportunity in the consumer market is to increase our serviceable addressable market by expanding our product offering and moving out of the grant and payout market into other underserviced niches of scale that the traditional banks have ignored. There are scale ones, and I am excited about our ability to compete and win there as we have been doing in the grant market.

Slide 9: Diversified product suite offering – Q2 FY25

While we organise the business around the customer and are prioritizing the customer unit economics, we ultimately make our money by those customers buying our products. The different products we sell have different margins associated with them (and indeed there are different economics when sold in a bundle with other products or individually) however it is worth noting that by EBITDA contribution the top three product contributors are merchant acquiring, alternative digital payments and transactional accounts. Together these represent more than 50% of our EBITDA and within each there is no material customer concentration. It is also worth noting our key products have revenue drivers that benefit from the digitization of the economy as they make money as a percentage of the digital transaction value or volumes. For the same reason, they also have the benefit of some hedge against inflation.

129	There is a lot that can be unpacked here, but given that the predominate focus of this presentation is
130	on the quarterlies, I will leave you with the teaser and move on for the moment. I will revert on when
131	we will unpack this further at the end of this presentation.
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133	I would now like to hand over to Dan to talk to the group's last quarter's financial performance.
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135	Dan Smith
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137	Slide 10: Financial performance
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139	Thank you, Ali. Good day everyone.
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141	Before I start, as a reminder, Lesaka is a domestic filer in the United States, we report results in U.S.
142	dollars, under US GAAP. However, our operational currency is South African rand and as such we analyse
143	our performance in South African rand.
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145	Slide 11: FY25 Q2 Continuation of our strong & consistent performance
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147	Q2 has been a quarter of continued strong and consistent performance, representing robust growth
148	compared to the prior year and delivering on what we committed in terms of Group Adjusted EBITDA,
149	Revenue and Net Revenue guidance, as well as a focus on balance sheet optimisation and continued
150	M&A activity.
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152	We exceeded the upper end of our guidance at an EBITDA level, delivering 10 successive quarters of
153	achieving our EBITDA guidance.
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155	We have also grown our Fundamental earnings and Fundamental earnings per share, which we believe
156	is the most appropriate measure of our performance and we have reduced our Net debt to Group
157	Adjusted EBITDA ratio.
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159	Slide 12 : Key milestones in the quarter
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We achieved a number of key milestones in the quarter as we grow and shape our business. These have however, impacted the comparability of our results, our balance sheet make-up and Net debt position when compared to the prior year.

Firstly, we welcomed Adumo into the Lesaka group with the completion of the acquisition on 1 October 2024. To remind you, we paid an effective purchase consideration of R1.67bn, comprising a combination of cash and the issuance of 17.2m. shares.

Adumo has also given rise to a large increase in the goodwill and intangible assets we carry on our balance sheet. Intangible assets are amortised, being a charge to our income statement, and you will see a large increase in this charge in our results going forward. I note that this is a non-cash item.

Adumo has now been integrated into the Group, with its payments and technologies businesses incorporated into our Merchant division and Adumo Payouts into our Consumer division. Adumo is material to our merchant operations and has led to a large uplift in net revenue and Group Adjusted EBITDA. Steve and Lincoln will provide more detail on these businesses in their respective divisional overviews.

As a reminder, we had already incorporated the impact of Adumo into our guidance when we set our FY25 guidance last quarter.

Following the completion of the Adumo acquisition, we anticipate closing Recharger in Q3 2025. Our acquisition activity complements our organic growth and we continue to optimise operating structures, extract revenue synergies and eliminate cost duplications. As we move forward, for comparative purposes we will not be tracking each acquisition's individual contribution to net revenue and Group Adjusted EBITDA separately, as these lines quickly become blurred as the businesses are combined, and it is fundamentally not how our management and reporting structures are set up for the group.

Lesaka is not a fintech holding company and it is not our strategy to hold a basket of separate investments. Our acquisitions are disciplined and aligned to the vision communicated in 2020, growing and augmenting Lesaka's integrated multi-product fintech platform organised around our customers.

Secondly, we had a significant increase in short term gearing in the period, as we part funded the acquisition of Adumo and related costs with a short term bridge of R665m. We also raised further

facilities to fund the growth in our Consumer loan book with the enhanced loan offering to our EPE customers. As mentioned in our Q1 FY25 investor call, we are undertaking a comprehensive refinance of all our debt facilities in order to optimise our debt across the Group and reduce our considerable interest charge. We expect to complete this in the current quarter.

Thirdly, during the quarter, Mobikwik, our non-core investment in an Indian fintech, listed on the National Stock Exchange of India. Prior to this listing, MobiKwik did not have a readily determinable fair value and we valued the investment on the basis of "cost plus or minus changes in observable price equity securities". This gave rise to a carrying value of ZAR1.31 billion. Post MobiKwik's listing we now measure this investment applying the closing price reported on the NSE at quarter end, representing a carrying value of R802 million. This has results in a pre-tax write down of R615 million on the investment and an associated tax benefit of R117 million. This was the primary contributor to our Net Loss of R584m for the period. Mobikwik has now become a liquid investment and our intention is to monetise it in a disciplined manner once the lock-up expires in mid-May this year. We are now reflecting it as "listed securities held for sale" in our Net debt position and we have a clear path to reduced gearing in the Group.

Finally, during the quarter we have moved to analysing the Group's profitability into three operating lines, with our Enterprise business now being reported as a standalone division, whereas in previous quarters we reported its results within the Merchant division. This division has been restructured and a platform for growth established. Naeem will provide more perspective on the Enterprise division in his overview.

Slide 13: Group Revenue, Net Revenue & Group Adjusted EBITDA for Q2 FY25

Exceeded upper end of our Group Adjusted EBITDA guidance

At a group level, revenue slightly exceeded the upper end our guidance provided, decreasing 2% to R2.6 billion. The decrease was driven by merchant revenue decreasing 5%, however, this was as expected and as a result of changes in airtime sales mix between agency and principal sales.

We measure topline performance on a net revenue basis, which eliminates the volatility caused by agency and principal sales mix, and which has no impact on overall profitability. Group net revenue increased by 42% year-on-year.

229	At a divisional level, merchant net revenue was up 68% mainly attributable to the inclusion of Adumo
230	from 1 October.
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232	Consumer continued its strong growth with revenue increasing 31% to R411 million, attributable to a
233	larger EPE account base and a higher ARPU on the back of continued cross-selling success.
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235	In the Enterprise division, net revenue retracted 29% as we build this platform, focusing on profitable
236	business in conjunction with right-sizing the cost base. We have eliminated a number of unprofitable
237	contracts over the last 12 months.
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239	Group Adjusted EBITDA grew by 26% to R212 million, exceeding the upper end of our guidance of R210
240	million.
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242	Merchant adjusted EBITDA grew by 32% to R185 million, primarily driven by the inclusion of Adumo for
243	the quarter, offset by significant cost investment into our platform and a change in sales mix towards
244	lower margins products.
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246	Consumer delivered strong EBITDA growth, increasing by R29 million, or 61% on last year, including
247	Adumo Payouts. The underlying performance of the Consumer division compared to the prior year is
248	skewed by the inclusion of R13m of interest expense charges directly related to the Consumer loan book
249	this period, whereas we did not allocate such interest costs in FY24 and prior years. Had this not been
250	included, Consumer Adjusted EBITDA would have been R90m, an increase of 88%.
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252	As mentioned, Enterprise is going through a year of building and repositioning, with cost overhangs and
253	investment into our technology leading to a reduction in Enterprise Adjusted EBITDA for the quarter to
254	a loss of R0.5m.
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256	Group costs increased to R50 million for the quarter due to higher employee costs with more team
257	members now being allocated to the group function, including an additional executive position, base
258	salary adjustments and higher consulting and legal fees. Group costs have however, reduced 6% from
259	last quarter.
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261	Slide 14: GAAP Income Statement for the quarter (FV25 O2 FV24 O2)

263	On our GAAP income statement I would like to highlight a few items before moving onto fundamental
264	earnings commentary.
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266	Under GAAP, we incurred a Net loss attributable to shareholders of R584m for the period.
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268	Included in this is the R615 million charge related to the change in fair value of equity securities, relating
269	to the downward adjustment to the fair market valuation of our non-core Mobikwik investment. This
270	adjustment is non-cash. Linked to this is a deferred tax benefit of R117m raised, with a net impact of
271	R484m on our overall Net Loss attributable to shareholders.
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273	Our net interest expense has increased year on year to R98m due to higher borrowing levels than last
274	year, primarily due to the debt taken on in respect of the Adumo acquisition.
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276	Our Selling, general and administration expenses increased by R250m compared to Q2 FY24, due to a
277	combination of the inclusion of Adumo in our cost base, higher employee-related expenses and stock-
278	based compensation charges, increased transaction costs, costs related to the investment in the growth
279	of our businesses and year-on-year-inflationary increases on certain expenses.
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281	Depreciation and amortization increased by R38 million largely due to the acquisition of Adumo.
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283	Slide 15: Segmental EBITDA Income Statement for the quarter (FY25 Q2, FY24 Q2)
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286	Slide 16: Fundamental earnings for the quarter
287	Continued growth momentum
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289	We believe that fundamental earnings is the most appropriate measure of our performance. It adjusts
290	for once-off items such as: change in fair value of equity securities (net of tax), intangible asset
291	amortization (net of tax), stock-based compensation charges, transaction costs, indirect taxes provision
292	released, net loss on disposal of equity-accounted investments, income recognized related to closure
293	of legacy businesses, and other such items.
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295	Fundamental earnings for the quarter increased 35% to R23 million, leading to an increase in

fundamental earnings per share of 12% to 29 South African cents. As a reminder, we issued 17.2 million

297 shares to Adumo shareholders as part of the acquisition, increasing the weighted average number of 298 shares in issue. 299 300 Slide 17: Strong growth in operating cash flows 301 Investing in growth -with a path to reduced gearing 302 303 Cash generated from business operations increased to R269 million, supported by the inclusion of 304 Adumo for the quarter. Net cash generated from operations, after accounting for interest payments, 305 increased to R193 million, up from R138 million last quarter and R89 million last year. 306 307 Cash utilized in working capital reduced from R193 million in Q1 to R81 million this quarter, due to the 308 unwind of higher than usual accounts payables in respect of micro-merchant settlements arising in Q1, 309 offset by increased investment in working capital with the take-on of Adumo this quarter. 310 311 The growth in the Consumer loan book in the period was funded through short term banking facilities, 312 with an outflow of R149 million, and Kazang took the opportunity to do a bulk VAS purchase with a net 313 investment in inventory of R69 million in the period. We also made provisional tax payments in the 314 quarter of R56 million, resulting in net cash used by operating activities of R164 million. 315 316 We spent R113 million on capex, leaving net cash utilized before financing activities of R277 million for 317 the quarter. 318 319 Our gross debt increased by just over R1 billion in the quarter to R3.8 billion. This is due to the Adumo 320 acquisition, adding R665 million of debt, funding utilized from short term facilities for the growth of the 321 Consumer loan book and net funding of R69m utilized to purchase prepaid airtime. 322 323 Cash on hand increased from R854 million to R1.1 billion in the quarter as a result of the cash brought 324 on from the acquisition of Adumo. 325 326 With its listing on the NSE, Mobikwik has now become a liquid investment and our intention is to 327 monetise it in a disciplined manner once the lock-up expires. We are now reflecting it as "listed 328 securities held for sale." This differs to prior periods when our stake was not readily monetizable at or 329

near fair value. Liquidity in Mobikwik stock is high and we anticipate being able to covert our position

into cash and pay down debt once our lock-up expires.

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332	In principle this could effectively reduce our Net Debt to R1.8 billion at the end of Q2 FY25 and our Net
333	Debt to Group Adjusted EBITDA ratio to 2.4x, using the reported last 12 months Group Adjusted EBITDA
334	of R754 million, which only includes Adumo for 3 months. This is lower than the 2.6x at the end of Q1
335	FY25. If one were to include Adumo for a full 12 months in our EBITDA run rate, our effective Net debt
336	to EBITDA ratio on this basis would be closer to 2.1x.
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338	We have communicated to the market that we are looking to continue bringing our Net Debt to Group
339	Adjusted EBITDA ratio down, with a medium-term objective of 2 times, which we believe is comfortably
340	serviceable and is the appropriate capital structure for the business.
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342	Slide 18: CAPEX increase driven by the inclusion of Adumo and investing for growth
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344	Capital expenditure for the quarter amounted to R113 million, of which R56 million related to
345	investment in growth. We invested R25 million in merchant acquiring POS devices, including Kazang
346	and Adumo, and R26 million in cash vaults, as we continue to invest in this business in line with our
347	growth initiatives.
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349	Maintenance capex increased to R57 million, including Adumo and GAAP. The balance of our
350	maintenance capex was primarily driven by software and server upgrades.
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352	In close, I am encouraged by our overall performance and the progress we have made this quarter. I
353	will hand over to Steve to take you through the Merchant division's performance.
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355	Steven Heilbron
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357	Slide 19: Merchant Division
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359	Thank you, Dan,
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361	Good afternoon, everyone, today I will be taking you through the strategy, operational KPIs and
362	performance of our Merchant division, which comprises the solutions we have for micro-merchants
363	operating in informal markets plus small and medium merchants in the formal markets. Naeem will talk

you through the Enterprise division in more detail than we have previously done, which has a different solution set targeting enterprise level businesses.

Slide 20: Holistic offering & innovative solutions for merchants of any size

Ali has taken you through the sizable opportunity that is presented by the secular trends of cash to digital migration, growth of informal markets through financial inclusion, and the changing regulatory landscape, supporting fintech disruption and market share growth. We are building a platform to take advantage of this opportunity and have made material progress over the past 12 months with 3 acquisitions bringing scale and new technologies to Lesaka. In the merchant division, we believe we are well positioned with a comprehensive offering to micro, small and medium merchants.

Our solution set has expanded and now covers merchant acquiring across both formal merchants and micro merchants; software and data solutions; alternative digital payments including pre-paid solutions, and supplier enabled payments; cash management solutions including vaults and ATMs; and lending.

This solution set, and added scale, puts us in a favorable position to offer value to our merchants by solving for their pain points. These pain points include limited access to digital payments and growth capital, poor cash management solutions, and having to use multiple and disparate service providers.

We estimate the share of the addressable market will increase for fintechs in line with trends witnessed in international and other African markets. We have invested significantly over the past two and a half years and will continue to invest, innovate and build our fintech platform to deliver on, the opportunity in front of us.

Inclusive of Adumo we now have leading positions in both the informal and formal sectors of the economy, servicing approximately 90,000 micro-merchants and 30,000 small and medium sized merchants.

Slide 21: Merchant Division | Q2 KPIs | Merchant acquiring & Software

Our merchant acquiring offering encompasses Card Connect, Adumo and Kazang Pay. Card Connect and Adumo are being integrated and will operate under the Adumo brand in the formal merchant sector. Kazang Pay is focused on micro-merchants in the informal sector. We now have over 80,000 card-enabled POS devices demonstrating the additional scale Adumo has brought to our merchant customer

base. This acquisition enhanced our product set both in terms of hardware and software integrations, further strengthening our ability to out compete.

Throughput on these devices jumped by R7.2 billion to R11.3 billion for the quarter, up from R4.1 billion in Q2 2024. The inclusion of Adumo for the full quarter accounted for the majority of this growth, however it was well supported by Kazang Pay, which saw a 19% year-on-year growth in throughput.

GAAP, is our primary software solution, and is the leading hospitality software offering in Southern Africa, with on-the-ground operations in 5 countries and servicing clients in 26 countries across Africa. GAAP offers restaurants advanced technologies that improve efficiencies and enhance customer experience, allowing restauranteurs to streamline operations, improve service quality, and ultimately increase profitability. Customers include global brands such as KFC, McDonald's, Pizza Hut, Nando's and Krispy Kreme. GAAP has 9,705 sites operating its hardware and software solutions, with a monthly ARPU of R3,300. GAAP operates a subscription model with over 60% annual recurring revenues.

Slide 22: Merchant Division | Q2 KPIs | Cash and lending

Turning to our cash KPIs, which includes cash vaults and ATMs. We effectively put the bank in our merchants' and micro-merchants' stores. Merchants can digitize their cash takings immediately, making it available for working capital, as well as transferring the cash holding risks to us from the moment the cash enters our vault or ATM. Cash will continue to play a large role in South Africa's economy for the foreseeable future, with our vaults playing an important and differentiating part of our offering.

Cash is at the nexus of transformation to digitalization for the micro merchant, and a critical component enabling us to approach customers with digital and cash solutions. Relationships with our vault clients are deeply entrenched and sticky, positioning us well to sell additional solutions to these clients.

Devices grew 4% to almost 4,700, with throughput growing 2% to R30.4 billion. We anticipate single digit growth from this business, and it remains an important aspect in our offering.

We have seen encouraging growth in vaults with our Kazang customers as we build out our vaulting ecosystem in informal markets. Efficiency gains to micro-merchants include immediate availability to funds, and cashless payments on supplier routes. Kazang vault cash settlements increased over 100%

year-on-year, and now contributes over 10% of our cash settlement throughput, compared to 5% a year ago.

Our Capital Connect lending business has been through a challenging period as our formal sector merchants suffered under challenging macro-economic conditions over the past two years. This resulted in fewer customers meeting our credit criteria leading to lower disbursements and book size. Whilst the cessation of load shedding has been welcomed, we will need to see further interest rate reductions and consumer financial health improvements before some buoyancy returns to this sector and improves our merchants' credit scores. Whilst we have noted a small uptick in activity of late, we think it may take a while longer for merchant scores to recover. Lending is one of the real cross-sell opportunities we have with the Adumo and GAAP acquisition and we expect to see growth in this respect as we continue to benefit from integration.

Included in our lending business from this quarter, a 50:50 joint venture between Adumo and Retail Capital (a division of Tyme Bank). Credit disbursements for Q2 were R178 million, including R39 million from Adumo Capital. Our net loan book at quarter-end was R343 million, which includes R91 million from Adumo Capital.

Slide 23: Merchant Division | Q2 KPIs | Alternative Digital Payments

Our Alternative Digital Payments offering covers supplier enabled payments including international money transfers, with Pre-paid solutions including electricity, airtime, data and gaming.

acquiring solutions.

Our supplier payments platform has grown rapidly since its introduction at the end of 2021, and now has over 1,200 registered suppliers. It forms an essential value-add to micro-merchants as they journey to digital, de-risk their operations through cashless routes and reduce the burden of administration.

Onboarding additional suppliers into the ecosystem, attracts more merchants to our card and cash

This front loaded investment into the supplier payment and wallet ecosystem is made to attract and drive growth in throughput, in quarters to come.

We disclose supplier payments separately as it is now a material contributor to device throughput and, similar to international money transfers, it has a lower commission rate than traditional pre-paid solutions.

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466	Our Kazang devices in field grew 13% year on year to over 89,000 at the end of Q2. This includes devices
467	in the tavern vertical, not yet been enabled for alternative digital payments, which presents a revenue
468	opportunity, as these are converted.
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470	Pre-paid solutions throughput increased 7% year-on-year to R4.9 billion. Throughput on our supplier
471	enabled payments platform increased 63% year-on-year.
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473	In Kazang we have focused on high turnover sites with greater revenue potential. ARPU increased 12%
474	year-on-year to approximately R970 per month.
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476	Turning to the financial performance of the merchant division, net revenue was up 68% to R854 million
477	with Segment adjusted EBITDA up 32% to R185 million for Q2 2025. This performance is a function of
478	both organic and inorganic activity. The inclusion of the Adumo acquisition has had a positive impact on
479	this quarter's performance.
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481	From an organic perspective over the past 12 months, we have made a significant investment into our
482	Kazang business. This has resulted in a material increase in operating expenditure, which is front loaded
483	and enhances the platform targeting future revenue opportunities. These investments will need to
484	deliver on their respective business cases.
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486	As is evident in this quarter, throughput is materially up, but a change in the product mix has had a
487	negative impact on margins attributable to this throughput. We do expect a pull through of higher
488	margin throughput in future quarters, as a function of the investment that has been made.
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490	As communicated, we will target our guided returns and continue to build and enhance our platform
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492	opportunity presented.
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494	Thank you, Lincoln will now take you through the Consumer performance
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498	Slide 24: Consumer Division

499500 Thank you Steve.501502 Q2 is traditionally

Q2 is traditionally our busiest quarter, with festive season and holiday spend spiking which benefits our transactional volumes, as well as loan originations as our consumers plan for holidays, travel home, attend cultural events and plan to spend for the new year's back to school. This has translated to another successful set of results for the Consumer business.

The Adumo Payouts team joined on 1 October 2024, and the results are included for the full quarter. We have started exploring potential opportunities and synergies which we will develop over time. These would include delivering a digital offering where these customers can have access to their accounts but also can buy other products like pre-paid solutions, loans and insurance.

Slide 25: SA remains underpenetrated with huge addressable opportunities

There are approximately 12 million permanent grant recipients in South Africa, which is our core target market for our EasyPay Everywhere platform. Based on our active account numbers our share is 12%, but at a revenue level we estimate that our share to be approximately 6.5%, leaving significant room for growth in the grant beneficiary market.

Our EasyPay offering is specifically focused on the needs of South Africa's grant beneficiaries, and we believe we can add significant value to their lives through our tailored products, distribution and service capabilities, where legacy providers are not ideally equipped to service them. Some examples of the pain points for grant beneficiaries include lower smartphone penetration and expensive data preventing easy use of digital channels, expensive and opaque pricing structures, limited access to financial services and long waits at traditional branch networks.

We have invested heavily in understanding these pain points of our clients and are continually designing and adjusting our products and distribution to align with their needs. We continue to see an encouraging increase in account activations and uptake of our loan and insurance products.

Slide 26 : Consumer | Q2 Key performance indicators

Our core products include transactional accounts, micro-loans, funeral insurance and the recently added Adumo Payouts offering, which provides corporate card services supporting payroll, incentives, rewards, and expense management.

Our relationship with a grant recipient starts with an EasyPay Everywhere transactional account and then we deepen this relationship through specifically tailored lending and insurance products for this end of the market. We recently upgraded our loan product for qualifying consumers where the maximum loan and repayment term increases from "R2000 and six months" to "R4000 and nine months". We increased the capital and term due to demand but remain committed to ensuring that our customers can afford the monthly installments. The research we commissioned showed that many of our customers were resorting to additional loans often on significantly worse terms, and often from unregistered lenders. Our decision was also supported by the consistent and low loan loss ratio we have experienced in our book over the past two years. We will be applying the same affordability criteria to the new product and expect our average loan size to increase from R1580 to R2600 over time. Our research also led to an enhanced insurance product to allow policyholders to cover up to 6 additional dependents to the funeral policies. Since launch this has been very well accepted, boosting gross premiums and cross-sell initiatives.

Our active EPE customer base increased to 1.6 million year on year, a 11% increase. Within this, our permanent grant base increased 16% to 1.4 million. These are the customers where we have an opportunity to cross-sell and are our target market. To continue to deliver value to our consumers, we have kept our monthly account fee stable for 3 years now at R7.50 per month.

Our lending product continues to be successful for us and importantly is a compelling part of our value proposition to consumers, with our gross advances increasing 38% year-on-year to R617 million, and our book increasing 41% to R709 million at quarter end. We have managed to maintain our loss ratio at approximately 6% through the challenging economic environment for consumers and the increased lending activity, highlighting the value these loans have in our consumers lives.

Our EasyPay Insurance product continues to perform very well, with active policies increasing 29% year on year, and gross premiums increasing 38% year on year to R97 million. Again, the quality of our book demonstrates the value to our consumers with a collection rate of 96% and an annual lapse rate below 20%, which is well below market norms at this end of the market.

Our ARPU continues to improve and is now R94 per month on EPE permanent grant customers, up from R85 one year ago.

Adumo payouts currently has approximately 180 corporate clients and 200,000 cardholders. The Q2 "load value" was R170 million, which is the rand value loaded onto the cards. This can be in respect of incentive payments or performance payments for meeting health and safety or compliance targets. Our contractual relationship exists with the corporate client, and we receive revenue based on the number of cards loaded as well as based on the value of the load onto the cards.

The strong performance across all KPIs has led to an increase in revenue of 31% year-on-year to R411 million, and segment adjusted EBITDA growing 61% to R77 million for the quarter. It is worth noting that this result includes an interest charge of R13 million in respect of dedicated funding lines for our microlending book. Previously the book was funded using group facilities with the interest charge at group level and not reflected in Consumer cost of sales, where it is now accounted for. This is another extremely pleasing set of results for the Consumer business.

We have had a very encouraging start to our third quarter, registering record monthly activations of EPE accounts, record monthly loan originations and record insurance policy sales, placing us in a strong position to continue our growth trends.

Slide 27: Growth in EPE base | Continued momentum in cross selling & upselling initiatives

Our cross-sell initiatives continue to show excellent results. Our cross-sell potential starts with our EPE permanent grant base. Net activations for Q2 was approximately 65,000 which continues the step change in activations we have seen since revamping our brand and distribution network. The higher net activations seen in Q2-24 was an anomaly created by the Postbank suffering from internal system and card renewal issues, which led to a large number of its clients migrating to alternative service providers, which EasyPay benefitted from.

In terms of cross-sell we continue to see very positive results with increasing loan originations and policy sales into our EPE base, supported by a new sales single view platform, effective digital channels, improved branding and productivity in our sales force. Our loan penetration increased to 43% from 40%, and insurance up from 31% to 35%. Consumers with our full suite of products is up more than 35% compared to a year ago. As our distribution evolves and improves and as we tailor our products, we anticipate our loan and insurance penetration to continue to improve.

Slide 28: Repositioned EasyPay Everywhere brand

I am very proud of the team, as we continue to deliver against our strategic focus areas, including enhancing product and service delivery, and cross selling and upselling. Whilst the Consumer division has delivered excellent results over the past 18 months, we are not slowing down and still have many areas where we can continue to enhance our product and customer experience. We are focused on the launch of our new products in the loans and insurance business, as well as improving our distribution through digital channels, branches as well as pop-up kiosks, which are proving popular. Our USSD transactions continue to show extremely encouraging growth as our customers realize the ease and convenience of using our digital channels. These channels complement our national network of over 650 sales and service consultants and over 100 flexi consultants.

We have a large opportunity to grow our customer base which we plan to execute on by continuing our focus on our consumers' needs, delivering value, convenience and exceptional service.

Thank you, and with that I would like to hand over to Naeem for an update on the Enterprise Division.

Naeem Kola

Slide 29: Enterprise Division

Thank you, Lincoln.

FY25 is a build and restructuring year for the Enterprise business, as we lay solid foundations on which to grow this division and realize its potential, in addition to exiting unprofitable business activities. We have a well-established business which we are investing in and upgrading our technology, we have new products which we have recently launched.

Slide 30: Enterprise Division Q2 KPIs

The acquisition of the Recharger business is expected to close early March 2025 and soon thereafter we will commence integrating this business into the Group, within the Enterprise Division. We expect Recharger to contribute approximately R40 million to our FY25 Group Adjusted EBITDA for four months of consolidation.

We are developing our Enterprise as a material Group Adjusted EBITDA contributor in the coming years, which is why we are investing behind it and separating it as a standalone division.

Recharger, is a South African prepaid electricity submetering and payments business with a base of over 460,000 registered prepaid electricity meters. We are excited by this opportunity as it expands our enterprise offerings and enables us to drive a significant strategy in the electricity vouchers vending through our platforms.

As mentioned earlier, FY25 is very much a build year for Enterprise with a significant amount of uncapitalized development expenditure impacting EBITDA this quarter, as well as a cost overhang from the termination of unprofitable contracts, as we eliminate associated overheads. The result this quarter was a loss of R0.5 million, down from a R17 million profit last year.

I would like to give you a quick overview of our products and solutions.

Easypay is a payment aggregator enabling B2B connections. The Easypay platform is embedded in major retail businesses across Southern Africa and as well as smaller retailers. Easypay was a pioneer in bill payments services and pre-paid solutions (previously referred to as value-added services) in South Africa and is a well-known brand, processing well over R3 billion per month bill payments and utility payments combined.

The Hardware Security Modules "HSM" business, operating under the Prism brand, sells very specialized high-end data security devices that are used in data centres processing sensitive information, for example, payment switching and PIN encryption / decryption on ATMs and POS terminals, and voucher numbers generated for pre-paid electricity, data and airtime. It uses hardware cryptography as opposed to software cryptography, making it more secure for the most sensitive data elements. This business generates revenue on sales of the units as well as annual maintenance contracts.

In June 2024 we launched our revitalized Prism switch which we have been developing over the past 18 months. Our Prism switch enhances our go-to-market strategy and is strategically important. We see this as a significant opportunity to continuing to release synergies across the group and internalize transaction flows. We believe this unique expertise will enable the business to compete much more effectively.

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670	Turning to our KPIs, in Easypay Bill Payments we processed R8.3 billion in throughput this quarter, which
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673	On utility payments we saw a 16% pullback in throughput, which was primarily attributable to
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677	HSM units sold in the quarter increased 7% compared to FY24 Q2.
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679	With the anticipated closing of the Recharger acquisition we are looking forward to welcoming the team $\frac{1}{2}$
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683	Ali will now take you through the Group's outlook.
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695	Moving to outlook. We are reaffirming our revenue guidance of ZAR10bn – ZAR11bn, Net Revenue
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698	For the quarter ending March 31 2025, we expect revenue of between ZAR2.4bn-ZAR2.6bn, Net
699	Revenue of ZAR1.3bn- ZAR1.5bn and Group Adjusted EBITDA of ZAR230m-ZAR260m.
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701	We are also pleased to be able to provide for the first time Group Adjusted EBITDA guidance for the
702	vear ending June 30 2026. The guidance range we are providing is ZAR1.25bn – ZAR1.45bn. This includes

Recharger, but excludes any unannounced acquisitions. We also expect to deliver not only positive fundamental earnings per share but also positive profit after tax. We will give revenue guidance for FY2026 in due course. Slide 34: Evolution of our Group Adjusted EBITDA and our FY26 Group Adjusted EBITDA guidance Stepping back it is pleasing to see the evolution of the Group Adjusted EBITDA over time. From mid-point to mid-point of the range we are giving guidance of 42% YoY growth in Group Adjusted EBITDA from this year to next. The FY2026 EBITDA guidance implies a c. ZAR1.7bn swing in profitability over 4 years and a 45% YoY CAGR over the last 3 years. It's a decent start on our mission. But it really is just a start. We don't expect our growth trajectory to slow and we expect our best years to be ahead of us. We have outlined at a high-level the enormity of the opportunity before us, but I am conscious that given the evolution of the platform, the time is now right for Lesaka to host a capital markets day and unpack our opportunity in more detail. Accordingly, we will shortly schedule a markets day next month, open to the investment community. This will provide us the opportunity to communicate our underlying drivers as touched on earlier in more detail as well as our competitive positioning and provide greater clarity on what we are building. Over the coming years we expect to be the reference fintech success story on a continent of 1.5bn people. We are looking forward to showing you why. Thank you, we will now take your questions on our Q2 results.

Slide 35: Questions

<u>Lesaka Q2 FY25 – Earnings Presentation Questions:</u>

Question 1: From Frank Geng at Briarwood Capital- Last quarter FY25 guidance did not include any unannounced M&A now your reaffirmed FY25 guidance includes Recharger, can you please talk through this?

Ali: Thanks, Bronwyn. And thanks, Frank, for the question. So as name says, our expectation is that Recharger would be contributing about ZAR 40 million to EBITDA in FY 2025. Our guidance, just to remind you, is ZAR 900 million to a ZAR 1 billion. And the guidance we would be providing would be exactly the same. And our reaffirming would be exactly the same, irrespective of whether Recharger was included or not included. So you can drive your inference from that.

Question 2: From Potamac Capital- Congrats on the impressive results and even more impressive '26 EBITDA guidance. FY '26 EBITDA guidance is very impressive; can you discuss the drivers for this strong growth?

Ali: Thanks again for the question. At the midpoint of our range, we have an FY25 EBITDA of 950 million rand. And in FY26, it's uh 1,350 million Rand. That's a 42% year-on-year increase. The contribution excluding Adumo and recharger from that is roughly speaking, a 25% year-on-year growth. Obviously, we are expecting to include Recharger for about four months of this financial year and we've included Adumo for nine months, and there's about ZAR 150 million attributable to the difference between their expected contribution than in FY25 and FY26. I would like to say that I think that this exclusion in this distinction is going to become increasingly artificial because the business, as Dan said, are integrating into the collective. We're not running a collection of separate fintech companies. We're running an integrated whole. And there's obviously synergies also associated with that. However, for the sake of the question, it's a 25% year-on-year organic growth expectation. In terms of what is actually driving that growth in our in our guidance, or as we articulated, we expect to be growing faster than the market. So, there's a certain market growth there. And really the products that we're expecting to grow faster than the market in the merchant division is the acquiring product. There we've got some cyclical drivers through the digitization of the society and also the software, a product where we have a strong leadership position. But the growth is also expected to come meaningfully from the consumer division

and a continuation as Lincoln has alluded to. There, it's quite balanced from a product perspective between transactional accounts and lending and insurance.

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Question 3: From Ross Krige at Investec Securities - Dan, can you please elaborate further on the Group's debt position, outlook and refinancing as you referred to earlier? Additionally, could you also provide some more colour on the cash outflows in the quarter

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To our gross debt at the end of the quarter was ZAR 3.8 billion. Just unpack how that arose. Some of it was from the acquisition of the Connect Group three years ago. Some of it arose from the acquisition of the Adumo Group. Some of it relates to recent facilities we've put in place to enable growth In our consumer loan book, and then there's an element of day-to-day banking, general working capital facilities. An asset-backed facilities. There's a lot of detail in the in our 10Q, which unpacks the different facilities, the tenor. And the rates we pay. So, I refer you to that. That's accessible on our website. We are in the process of effecting a comprehensive refinance of our capital structure, our debt facilities in particular. This will optimize the tenor. The repayment profile and the cost of our facilities. And it will also help offset some of our interest costs against the significant cash power we have in the group, so we achieve a netting effect. We're credit approved from our funding banks. And we're deep into the legals. I expect us to complete this in the current quarter. We've highlighted that our target debt to EBITDA ratio is roughly two times in the long term. If I take into account the readily monetizable stake we have in non-core investment. And maybe quick, we should be able to reduce our debt significantly to a leverage ratio of about 2.4 times. I note that this is based on last 12 months of earnings. Which only includes three months of Adumo's earnings. If I were to annualize that and bring in Adumo for a full 12 months into our earnings. Our net debt to EBITDA ratio would be approximately 2.1 times In other words, not very far from my target ratio. If I turn to our cash flows. Appreciate that this quarter has been quite difficult to compare this quarter's cash flows to prior quarter's cash flows. Largely a result of the inclusion of Adumo for the first time are key drivers of our cash flows are strong underlying cash generation. Of roughly ZAR 270 million we do pay a high interest charge, which comes off each quarter and addressed our desire to an ambition to reduce overall gearing and interest, cash interest cost in the business. I do note we are an investing and growing business, which does require funding. The Consumer loan book required ZAR 150 million for the last quarter to enable the growth. We took advantage of a bulk ATM purchase. Which required additional funding of roughly 70 million for the quarter. And then there is some seasonality in our working capital, which largely plays through at the end of December, which is a traditional holiday period. So there's some elevated receivables and debtors balances at this quarter end, which unwind or did unwind over the coming days of the next quarter. Last point I wish to flag is in the capital markets day

that Ali outlined. We will look to unpack our working capital, our free cash flow generation and other niche metrics of a business in more detail to the investor community.

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Question 4: From Theo O'Neill at Litchfields Hills Research- In respect of Consumer growth specifically, EBITDA has grown strongly year on year, is this sustainable - what is your outlook, and what are levers from growth in Consumer. Touch on volumes and momentum seen post quarter end.

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Lincoln: Thanks, Theo. I think it is sustainable. Our first immediate opportunity is to continue to grow our customer base. As we indicated earlier, we are only 12% market share in that base, so there's opportunity to take on more customers from our competitors and from all indications, we are taking more customers than our competitors from those competitors that are struggling. So, we are going to grow our customer base. Secondly, we need to cross-sell into that base. We currently have a penetration rate of 43% with our loans. We think we can do more in that base. And we can also penetrate more from an insurance point of view where we're only penetrated by 35%. So, both growing our customers will give us room to grow. All the investment we've made in our products. Invested in our people, technology, distribution are all paying off. In the sense that we've seen incredible growth in our account numbers, we think that's the first lever that we'll pull. We have a sense that we will continue to grow our account numbers. Will be able to take more market share from other market participants. And we think that that's the first lever of growth. And we can see a runway on that. The second lever of growth that gives us confidence is our cross-sell ability. We've seen ourselves growing in terms of our cross-sell. You've seen our ARPU grow now to ZAR 94. And it's because of the strength of that cross-sell capability in our teams. We are only penetrated at 43% when it comes to loans, which means that there is still room to grow. We are only penetrated at 35% when it comes to insurance, which means there's still room to grow. The third lever is in the medium term. I think Ali alluded to the fact that we'll start to think about other pockets of customers, of underserved consumers beyond the social grant network. Our first area of that is with our Adumo payouts, where we'll start to experiment about what is possible with that core customer base and then we'll start to think of other underserved pockets of customers. So generally, I would say that there's still room for us to grow in this business. So, there's still room to grow in the consumer business.

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Question 5: From Raj Sharma- Has growth slowed in the merchant division?

Steven: Thanks, Raj. Firstly, I think if you have a look at a FY26 guidance, it's indicative of considerable growth in the merchant division. We are constructing a platform in the merchant division to take advantage of a sizable opportunity that Ali communicated. And addressable revenue pool of north of \$2.8 billion. In which we have a very small market share. This bodes well for growth. We will meet our guided returns through both organic and inorganic levers.

Now, if you have a look at our performance over Q2 24 to Q2 25, we grew revenue by 68% to ZAR 854 million. And we grew EBITDA by 32% to ZAR 185 million. Now, this result was impacted positively by the Adumo acquisition but at the same time, we invested significantly in our platform, in our Kazang business. Where we incur operating expenditure. Which was significantly up based on these investments. And these investments and initiatives will result in a pull-through in increased earnings in quarters to come.

Question 6: From Ross Krige at Investec Securities - Enterprise not moved forward in past 18 months, you say there is a clearer path looking forward, can you elaborate?

Naeem: Yeah, thanks, Bronwyn. Thanks, Ross, for the question. I think if you look at our enterprise division, we've intentionally separated this into a separate division. Because we see the enterprise division as strategic as well as it will become a material contributor to our EBITDA from FY26 onwards. If you just look at FY25, it's been a year of investing into our technology platform. As well as our product suite to service our customers better. We have also taken the decision to exit unprofitable contracts and products. The cost overhang of this exit obviously impacts the FY25 results negatively. But the investment in the platform is strategic and will help us grow our revenues going forward. I think the key area to think about as well is that the recharger acquisition, we are super excited about this acquisition. It basically moves us along the up above the electricity value chain. In addition, it gives us around 460,000 customer touchpoints that we can leverage going forward. So overall, I think we're investing in a platform to really grow revenues in the future. You know, we have not outlined in the investment presentation the market opportunity and the competitive landscape. But as Ali has indicated, we will be doing this in the capital markets as well.

Question 7: Another one from Potamac Capital- Can you discuss any regulatory changes you see on the horizon and how they may help the fintech sector and Lesaka, specifically?

Ali: Thanks, Bronwyn. I mean, we see the potential for quite a lot of regulatory changes, especially as South Africa follows the path that Brazil and Europe and India have followed empowering non-bank fintechs to help drive digitization in those respective economies. The SARB has been pointing to that for some time. It's noteworthy that the ASAPP launch the SARB did commit to putting forward an exemption to the Banks Act. Which they are expecting to be gazetted in the coming months.

And that's a very, very meaningful evolution of the market. It would allow non-banks to be regulated by activity and remove the gatekeeping relationships that we currently have to endure with banks. This would substantially improve our ability to disrupt and also our ability to accelerate revenue and reduce cost. I should say that we would expect to be then regulated by activity rather than just the sort of blanket bank and TPPP environment that exists today. How much would that impact? It's really very difficult to say. And I think it will depend on the detail of what's evolved in that context. But we're hopeful and our engagement is through ASAPP with the SARB gives us confidence that the right thinking and the right type of decision making is happening there.

Question 8: From Bronwyn – Ali, you've now been here for a year, where do does the business go from here?

Ali: Thanks, Bronwyn. There's some things that I think we do well and we need to continue to do. You know, we've done well at keeping all commitments, at saying where we're going and then delivering on that and it's critically important that we maintain our commitments, that what we say, we deliver on. I think there's other things that we have not done so well. And one of them is telling our story in a simple way. And the truth is it is actually quite a simple story. We are not reinventing the wheel. We are just taking it to the frontier and the frontier reality of our business is if we have the right people in the right places. Gravity will take care of the rest. And that's what is both exciting and to be honest. I'm looking forward to the Capital Markets Day and giving us the opportunity to simplify the message for the investing community so they can really understand how we're positioning ourselves against the evolution of the market and the digitization of the economy.