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TOP 10 GAINERS		
Share Name	Closing price	% change
BRIMSTONE INVESTMENT - N SHS	1550	12.73
SOUTH32 LTD	2667	11.59
EXXARO RESOURCES LTD	11395	9.97
STANDARD BANK GROUP LTD	15750	9.52
NORTHAM PLATINUM LTD	5496	8.77
SCHRODER EUROPEAN REAL ESTAT	1740	7.54
LEWIS GROUP LTD	4489	6.86
BLUE LABEL TELECOMS LTD	1900	6.74
NEDBANK GROUP LTD	26039	6.50
AECI LTD	10985	6.29

TOP 10 LOSERS		
Share Name	Closing price	% change
HARMONY GOLD MINING CO LTD	3007	-14.09
SIBANYE GOLD LTD	2516	-12.03
JSE LTD	14600	-11.33
ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI LTD	13680	-10.70
LONMIN PLC	1764	-9.63
PALLINGHURST RESOURCES LTD	435	-7.45
NIVEUS INVESTMENTS LTD	3440	-7.03
IMPALA PLATINUM HOLDINGS LTD	4235	-6.92
CHOPPIES ENTERPRISES LTD	325	-5.80
STEINHOFF INTERNATIONAL H NV	6555	-5.33

GLOBAL EQUITY INDICES		
Indices	% Change	Points
Dow Jones	0.83	20,994
S & P 500	0.58	2,381
Nasdaq	0.21	5,858
FTSE 100	1.80	7,374
Nikkei 225	0.96	19,469
Hang Seng	-1.72	23,553
S & P ASX 200	-0.16	5,730

COMMODITIES*		
Name	% Change	Price
Gold	-2.46	\$1,226.21
Platinum	-4.21	\$984.29
Brent Crude Oil	-1.60	\$55.41

CURRENCIES*		
Indices	% Change	Price
\$ / R	-1.11	R 13.10
£ / R	0.70	R 16.03
€ / R	-1.07	R 13.83

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COMMENTS FOR TOP 40 STOCK MOVEMENTS

South African markets had a fairly volatile week due to stronger expectations of an imminent interest rate hike by the US Federal Reserve. The All-share index ended the week 0.36% lower. Gold and platinum stocks were hammered as the metals retreated on the stronger dollar. Platinum was the biggest loser down 3.48%, followed by Gold which shed 1.54%. The banks finished the week positively with the boost of Nedbank up 6.5% and Standard Bank up by 9.52%. Blue Label outperformed the telecoms gaining 6.74%, followed by MTN up by 4.6% supported by the dividend declaration despite the full year loss posted by the multimillion regulatory fine. STATS SA is due to release SA's fourth quarter GDP data this week.

KEY EVENTS & COMPANY RESULTS

Bidvest Group Limited

Unaudited results for the half-year ended 31 December 2016

Bidvest reported that revenue increased by 4.1% to R 36 billion. Trading profit rose 3.2% to R2.8 billion, where SA operations attributed a 6.2% increase. Tough economic conditions and declining fishing quotas led to Namibian operations reporting losses with a 80,6% decline in trading profit. Basic earnings per share (EPS) increased by 39.6% to 587.4 cents and headline earnings per share (HEPS) by 4.4% to 510.3 cents, with increases driven by impairment reversals of associates market values. The Bancorp acquisition was finalised and an interim dividend of 227 cents per share was declared.

MTN

Consolidated financial results for the year ended 31 December 2016

The group reported marginal increases in revenue of 0.4% to R146 billion, forex losses and low growth in both SA and Nigeria had a negative contribution on revenue growth. Data revenue increased by 16.7% to R39 billion. Group subscribers increased by 3.3% to 240,4 million. HEPS declined by 110% to a loss of 77 cents, largely impacted by the Nigerian regulatory fine amounting to a 500 cents loss. The board declared a second half dividend of 450 cents per share, which will bring the total dividend for 2016 to 700 cents per share.

Sasol

Reviewed interim financial results for the six months ended 31 December 2016

The strong rand and the strike action in Secunda, resulted in a 16% decrease in mining production. This pressurised HEPS which slid by 38% to R15.12. Basic earnings per share lifted 19% to R14.21. Operating profit fell by 8% to R13.7 billion and dividend was down 16% to 480 cents. The group is extending its North American footprint, and 64% of the overall project completed.

Exxaro Resources Limited

Trading statement for the year ended 31 December 2016

The company expects earnings to be between R5 169 million and R6 078 million. This was mainly due to a higher net operating profit contribution from the coal business as well as higher equity-accounted income from investments. EPS are expected to be between 1 456 cents and 1 712 cents per share compared to the 83 cents per share attributable earnings reported for the year ended 31 December

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2015. HEPS is expected to be between 1 173 cents per share and 1 365 cents per share compared to 457 cents per share reported in 2015.

Grindrod Limited

Audited results and dividend announcement for the year ended 31 December 2016

The company reported a net loss of R1.8bn in the year to December, up from a loss of R1.3bn in the previous year. This was due to extremely tough market conditions and impairments in shipping and freight services rail businesses. Headline loss per share of 61.2 cents compared to headline earnings per share 74.4 cents in the previous year. Headline earnings were impacted by net foreign exchange losses of R138 million. Loss per share was 254.2 cents compared to loss per share of 189.8 cents in 2015. No dividends were declared.

Santam Limited

Audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016

The company reported gross written premium growth of 7% from R24 319 million to R25 909 million. EPS and HEPS declined by 47% and 41% respectively. The stronger rand hurt investment returns, while also negatively affecting offshore earnings. Underwriting margin was 6.4%, well within management's expectation within the 4%-8% target range. Drought, hail and flooding in SA increased insurance claims which impacted profitability. A final dividend of 570 cents per share was declared, an increase of 8%.

MMI Holdings Limited

Audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016

Trading conditions for the third quarter remained challenging with low economic growth, declining consumer confidence, constrained employment and the continuing impact of the drought in the agricultural sector affecting sales mainly in rural areas. Revenue for the third quarter declined by 7.5%, with merchandise sales 5.6% lower than the previous period. The collection performance of the debtors book remains stable. Debtor costs firmed 6% on the corresponding period, reflecting an improvement on the 7.3% increase reported at the half year to September 2016.

Nedbank Group Limited

Preliminary audited results for the year ended 31 December 2016

The group's performance was driven by Net Interest Income (NII) and Non-Interest Income (NIR) growth. NII grew by 10.6% to R26 462 million. NIR went up by 8.1% to R23 503 million. The group reported lower growth in diluted HEPS which were 4.8% down from 8.5% to 2 350 cents. Headline earnings grew by 5.9% to R11 465 million. The corporate investment banking division contributed earnings growth of 15.5% to R6 014 million. Retail business banking had a positive earnings growth of 11.2% to R4 960 million. Management commented that this was achieved through the strong balance sheet growth and lower levels of impairments in the wealth management division. The rest of the African subsidiaries had 85.1% growth to R87m. Dividends declared accounted 8.4% to 1200 cents.

Blue Label Telecoms Limited

Unaudited results for the half year ended 30 November 2016

The group reported a 3% increase in revenue to R13.2m billion and a 25% upswing in gross profit to R1.1 billion. The group continued to strengthen the organic and hybrid growth in the local operations, augmented by venture capital investment gain of Oxigen. There was an increase in HEPS of 54% to 81.78 cents and a 56% jump in EPS to 81.78 cents. SA distributions contributed to group earnings with 26% of its core headline earnings.

GLOBAL AND WORLD MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

European shares were pulled lower as Deutsche Bank AG tumbled and metals slumped. Investors weighed growth prospects for China and Janet Yellen's statements on interest rates, while escalating geopolitical tensions bolstered the yen. The Stoxx Europe 600 index fell as banks slid after Deutsche Bank announced it was reversing course with an overhaul to raise capital. Declines in copper, zinc and aluminium weighed on miners. The Topix and US stock futures retreated as Japan moved to the highest possible

Company	Date
Ascendis Health Ltd (ASC)	8-Mar-17
FirstRand Limited (FSR)	9-Mar-17
Old Mutual Plc (OML)	9-Mar-17
Exxaro Resources Limited (EXX)	9-Mar-17
Aspen Pharmacare Holdings Ltd (APN)	9-Mar-17
Sanlam Limited (SLM)	10-Mar-17
RMB Holdings (RMH)	10-Mar-17
Advtech Limited (ADH)	13-Mar-17
Remgro Limited (REM)	16-Mar-17
Afrocentric Investment Corp Ltd (ACT)	16-Mar-17

alert level after North Korea fired four ballistic missiles into nearby waters. Shares in Hong Kong and Shanghai advanced. The 10-year US Treasury yield was lower after gaining for five straight days. The latest provocation from Kim Jong Un's regime comes as South Korea and the US undertake annual military drills that Pyongyang has called a prelude to an invasion. Chinese small-cap stocks and power companies were the biggest beneficiaries from the ongoing annual legislative meetings in Beijing. Premier Li Keqiang set a 2017 growth target of "around 6.5 percent, or higher if possible" in a report to the NPC that reiterated the pursuit of neutral monetary policy this

year. As for US monetary policy, Yellen joined a chorus of Fed officials who have suggested growth remains on track to warrant higher interest rates as early as next week's central bank meeting. Fixed-income markets currently indicate a greater than 80 percent chance of a hike in March, as attention now turns to monthly jobs report on Friday.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Earnings releases for JSE listed companies

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