DISCLOSURE OF PERFORMANCE AGAINST STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES **AN INFORMATION** PAPFR

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FOREWORD

An underlying objective of the global drive to promote integrated reporting is to embed integrated thinking within mainstream business practice.

This drive — supported among others by the International Integrated Reporting Council, the King Code of Corporate Governance 2016 (King IV) and leading institutional investors — is informed by the belief that a greater uptake of integrated thinking and reporting will result in the more efficient and productive allocation of financial capital, enhance social and environmental sustainability, result in greater transparency and encourage greater levels of financial stability.

Guided by this objective, the purpose of an integrated report is to enable users to make an informed assessment about the organization's ability to create value over time. To make such an assessment users need to have a good understanding of the organization's business model, of the risks and opportunities associated with its external environment and of its strategic objectives and targets. It goes without saying that a review of its current and past performance is a part of this assessment. The organization's performance — in terms of its delivery against strategic objectives and its effects on the capitals — sheds light on the extent to which it is currently creating value and its ability to do so into the future. Further, the process the organization follows in striving to achieve its holistic strategic objectives will help it to embed integrated thinking as a mainstream business practice.

Meaningful disclosure of performance is essential to enable a critical assessment – both internally by the governing body and management and externally by stakeholders – of the extent to which the organization is achieving its strategic objectives.

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PURPOSE OF THIS PAPER

The Integrated Reporting Committee (IRC) of South Africa has developed this Information Paper to assist organizations achieve better practice in disclosing performance against strategic objectives in the integrated report.

The Paper highlights the importance of providing a balanced disclosure of performance by applying the guiding principles of the *International <IR> Framework* (Framework), the challenges organizations may face, and key considerations with illustrative examples from the reports of South African organizations.

The Framework was issued by the International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC) in 2013. It has been endorsed by the IRC of South Africa as guidance on good practice on how to prepare an integrated report.

This Paper aims to assist those preparing reports, but will be of use to executives and governing body members who are responsible for guiding and approving integrated reports. Users of reports will also benefit through an understanding of what should be disclosed.

Excerpts from the Framework are stated in italics in this Paper.

WHY DISCLOSURE OF PERFORMANCE AGAINST STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES IS IMPORTANT

An organization's strategic objectives and its strategy to achieve them provide the foundation of its short-, medium- and long-term trajectory. The ongoing monitoring of performance is crucial as the organization seeks to meet its strategic objectives.

A review of performance assesses the extent to which the organization is currently delivering and can indicate its potential to deliver in the future. This requires disclosure not only of conventional financial performance metrics, but also the effects (outcomes) on the six capitals (as listed in the Framework and shown in the graphic on page 6) that will inevitably affect the organization's financial performance over time.

Variances of performance against the strategic objectives will enable management to take remedial action and if necessary the governing body (the Board) to consider adjustments to strategy.

Importantly, performance against strategic objectives and the awareness and consideration of the outcomes on the capitals facilitates accountability. It has other relevance too in that the key performance indicators (KPIs) can serve as a trigger for executive and staff bonuses and incentives. Further, some performance measures may relate to regulatory or social licence requirements and serve as an indicator of compliance or non-compliance as well as other risks or opportunities.

CHALLENGES AND WEAKNESSES IN THE DISCLOSURE OF PERFORMANCE

The following reveals challenges cited by organizations and weaknesses noted in reports:

Determining KPIs that accurately reflect the achievement of strategic objectives.

Systems need to be established for reliable performance information on the five capitals other than financial.

Strategic objectives, targets and the strategy to achieve them are not clearly identifiable in reports.

Targets are disclosed for the short-term, but not the medium- and long-term.

The strategy to achieve the targets is stated in broad terms without a time frame.

There tends to be more focus on financial capital than the other five capitals.

The resource allocation plans (covering all the capitals needed to achieve strategy) are not often disclosed.

Performance has a direct connection to strategic objectives, yet this link can be missing in reports.

Including reams of performance KPIs obfuscates the key figures.

Variances in performance against the targets are not explained, nor is the impact on the organization and remedial action taken.

Trend analysis of past performance (say three or five years) is not provided despite the usefulness of this information.

Divisional performance is not clearly linked to the group's strategic objectives.

Performance is not linked to the outcomes on the capitals.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES, STRATEGY, KPIs AND TARGETS

While it is not the purpose of this Paper to discuss the strategic objectives of an organization, the information given here is intended to provide a context to the disclosure of performance.

An organization's strategic objectives are approved by the Board, normally with KPIs, targets and time frames to determine when and how they must be achieved. It is management's task to achieve the strategic objectives and targets within the set time frames and parameters.

The Framework's requirement on strategy is: Where does the organization want to go and how does it intend to get there? There are typically two parts to an organization's strategy:

- Strategic objectives What the organization is trying to achieve in the short-, medium- and long-term, the targets set and how achievement will be measured.
- Strategy (strategic initiatives and plans) How the organization is going to achieve its strategic objectives, and the resources (capitals) required and allocated to implement strategy.

KPIs are used as quantifiable metrics to measure the achievement of strategic objectives. KPIs are ideally written as a statement of intent that is specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time bound. Some organizations find it helpful to view performance KPIs from the angle of both lead and lag indicators:

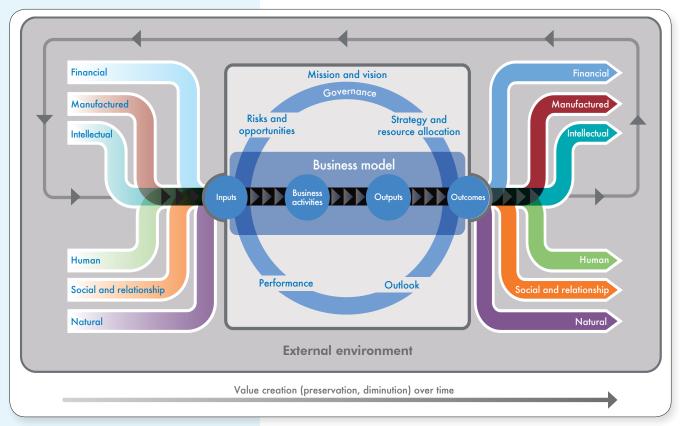
- ▶ Lead indicators These indicators predict events. For example, KPls that reflect the extent to which management has implemented strategic initiatives (such as the percentage of production plants retrofitted with zero effluent processes). These KPls are usually within management's control.
- ▶ Lag indicators These indicators follow events. For example, KPIs that reflect the results of strategy implementation (such as water consumption costs). They could have a combination of controllable factors (percentage of zero effluent plants) and uncontrollable factors (the tariff cost of water).

Performance measures on the capitals relate to how the capitals are used and affected. The KPIs will measure the positive outcomes and also the negative outcomes on the capitals given that an organization should be continually assessing and responding to the negative consequences of its outputs and business activities. Creating positive outcomes for the key capitals are often woven into the strategic objectives of an organization in accordance with the notion that the organization's ability to create value for itself depends on its ability to create value for others.

The report should disclose the organization's resource allocation plans required to implement its strategy — that is, the future adequacy and appropriateness of the capitals (e.g. sufficient funding and water availability for expansion plans).

There may be sensitivity among some organizations in disclosing their strategy in reports. This sensitivity should be balanced with the need for stakeholders to understand and assess the organization's ability to create value in the short-, medium- and long-term. Many organizations have successfully communicated strategy without revealing the underlying tactics being deployed.

THE INTERNATIONAL <IR> FRAMEWORK



Source: International <IR> Framework¹

The Framework's seven Guiding Principles determine the information to be disclosed in the report. The following are particularly relevant to the disclosure of performance (refer to the Framework for full explanation):

- Strategic focus and future orientation Strategic objectives and strategy set out the path chosen by an organization. Inadequate disclosure of strategic objectives and strategy flows through to the disclosure of performance.
- Connectivity of information Performance disclosure has a direct link to strategic objectives. In turn, the strategic objectives are linked to the business model and the outcomes on the capitals. Strategic objectives are also linked to risks and opportunities, the external environment, remuneration policy and outlook. Performance information will also be linked to remuneration payments.
- Materiality Materiality ensures that only the most significant and relevant information is included in the report, with detailed information housed in supplementary reports or on the website. The performance against strategic objectives will in all cases be material information.
- Conciseness The report should be concise; hence, only the material KPIs will be included with concise explanations of performance variances.

The International <IR> Framework continued

- Reliability and completeness Performance information needs to be balanced (that is, good, neutral or poor performance disclosure should be done in equal measures) and without material error. Organizations determine their own level of internal and external assurance on performance information. Some organizations have their key performance information externally assured because they say these figures are core to the business and its future. The Board should include a statement in the report acknowledging its responsibility for the integrity of the report, which includes performance information. Completeness ensures that both positive and negative performance is disclosed in the report, as well as the material positive and negative outcomes on the capitals.
- Consistency and comparability If there have been any changes to strategic objectives, strategy or KPIs and targets these should be explained in the report.

The Framework lists eight Content Elements (information areas) that are connected to each other in telling the organization's value creation story in the report. Of particular relevance to performance disclosure are (refer to the Framework for full explanation):

- Strategy and resource allocation Where does the organization want to go and how does it intend to get there?
- Performance To what extent has the organization achieved its strategic objectives for the period and what are the outcomes in terms of effects on the capitals?
- Outlook What challenges and uncertainties is the organization likely to encounter in pursuing its strategy, and what are the potential implications for its business model and future performance?

Discussion of these Content Elements is included in the next section.

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CONSIDERATIONS AND ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES

The considerations listed below may be helpful to organizations when disclosing performance against strategic objectives.

The excerpts from integrated reports in this section have been chosen as illustrations of format or connectivity. The links to the reports on the organizations' websites can be accessed for more information on their content.



Showing connectivity between performance and strategic objectives

A tabular format is often used in reports to show the performance against strategic objectives, KPIs and targets. This format also facilitates links to risks, explanation of variances of performance, and outlook. Some organizations include a summary table of performance against strategic objectives upfront in the report to set the tone for the ensuing content.

Nedbank Group 2015 Integrated Report:

Links the financial KPIs to strategic focus areas, targets vs performance, the longer term targets, and outlook for the year ahead (the symbols in the table denote various capitals).

(PIs	MATERIAL MATTERS	STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS	2014	2015	Performance against 2015 guidance	Medium-to- long-term targets	Outlook for 2016
Advances growth		©	5,8%	11,2%	✓	No guidance	Mid- to upper-single-digit growth
Deposit growth	. .		8,4%	11,1%	No guidance	No guidance	No guidance
.CR	3	©	66,4%	88,5%	No guidance	> 100% by January 2019	Above the 70% regulatory requirement
Net nterest nargin	1. 2	© (352 bps	330 bps	✓	No guidance	In line with the 2015 level of 3,30%
CLR	(II.)		79 bps	77 bps	✓	Between 60 and 100 bps of average banking advances	Within target range
NIR (exclud- ng fair-value adjustments) growth		®	4,9%	7,1%	✓	NIR-to-expense ratio: > 85%	Above mid-single-digit growth (excluding fair-value adjustments and prior to the first-time consolidation of Banco Único)
Operating expenses growth	<u></u>		9,4%	6,4%	✓	NIR-to-expense ratio: > 85%	Mid- to upper-single-digit growth (prior to the first-time consolidation of Banco Único)
MEDIUM-TO	O-LONG-TERM TARGETS						
OE excluding oodwill)	<u></u>	() (A) (P) (P) (P)	17,2%	17,0%	√	5% above cost of ordinary shareholders' equity (to be reviewed during 2016)	Below target
HEPS	.	() (d) (e) (e) (e) (e) (e) (e) (e) (e) (e) (e	13,0%	8,5%	✓	≥ consumer price index + GDP growth + 5%	Below 2015 growth and below target
fficiency atio	.	©	56,5%	56,1%	✓	50,0% to 53,0%	Above target
ET1 ratio	A (1).		11,6%	11,3%	✓	10,5% to 12,5%	Within target range
ividend over	() @ (+) (V)	2,07 times	2,06 times	✓	1,75 to 2,25 times	Within target range



Using quantitative and qualitative information in performance disclosure

Both quantitative and qualitative information are helpful when explaining performance. The quantitative information comprises the KPIs or other metrics used to measure performance against strategic objectives. The qualitative information can include:

Explanation of the KPIs - Why they have been selected to track performance, how they are calculated, the key drivers in their measurement etc.

Explanation of performance — With reasons for under- or overperformance against targets, the prior year's performance, industry benchmarks and trend analysis. Explanation will include the context, relevance and implications of the KPI data.

Discovery Integrated Annual Report 2015:

Gives quantitative and qualitative information in disclosing performance.



https://www.discovery.co.za/discovery_coza/web/investor_relations/results and reports/annual reports/2015/



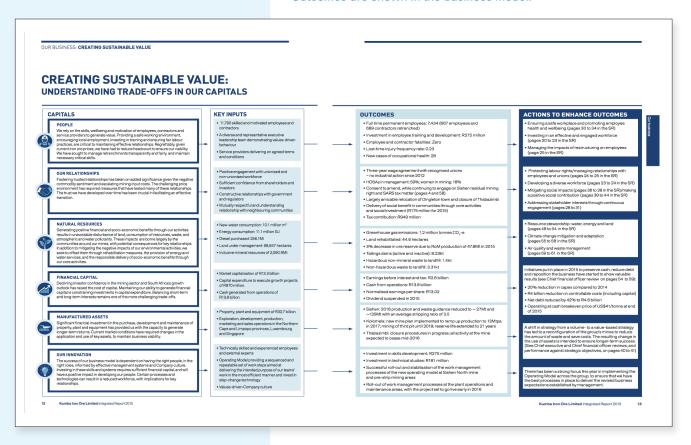
Linking performance to outcomes to show value creation

Outcomes are the organization's effects on the six capitals — that is, the consequences resulting from its outputs (products, services and waste), performance against strategic objectives and business activities. Value creation, as defined in the Framework, encompasses the increases, decreases or transformation of the six capitals. Outcomes that are specific to the performance against strategic objectives in the reporting year can be usefully grouped together with the performance figures. Broader outcomes may be more appropriately housed with the business model in the report.

The IRC's *Reporting on Outcomes: An Information Paper* offers key considerations when determining outcomes and is available at www.integratedreportingsa.org

Kumba Iron Ore Integrated Report 2015:

Outcomes are shown in the business model.



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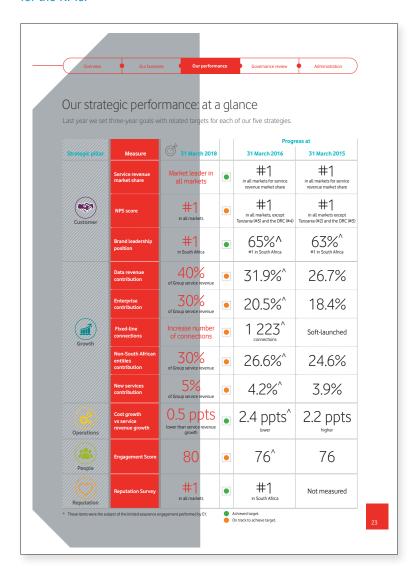
Key considerations and illustrative examples continued

Showing cumulative performance against strategy

The cumulative performance in achieving a longer term objective, say a three-year strategy, is relevant performance information and should thus be tracked over that period.

Vodacom Integrated Report 2016:

Gives the performance progress against three-year targets for the KPIs.



http://www.vodacom.co.za/cs/groups/public/documents/document/integrated-report-2016-lores.pdf



Trend information

Providing trend information and analysis, typically three to five years, is an important component to understanding the implementation of the organization's strategy. Where there have been changes to strategic objectives or KPIs, these should be explained in the report.

Barclays Africa Group 2015 Integrated Report:

Gives three-year trend information with the current year's performance against human capital KPIs.



http://www.barclaysafrica.com/deployedfiles/Assets/Richmedia/PDF/Reports/2015/2015 Integrated report.pdf



Disclosing the reasons for variances of performance

The main reasons, concisely explained, for the over- or underperformance against targets set for strategic objectives is relevant information.

Explaining the performance against industry or sector benchmarks is useful as it gives context to performance and assists in comparability among organisations in the same sector.



Divisional performance

A challenge in reporting information that is not directly linked to the organization's strategic objectives may arise in a group of companies or in a diversified business with major divisions. The group sets the strategic objectives, but performance is measured and monitored within the operational businesses; disclosing the performance of the major divisions is relevant information to understanding the organization.

Such performance disclosure will typically be against the group's strategic objectives, but may include other relevant disclosures. The detailed performance of each division can be housed in a supplementary report on the website.



Connecting performance and remuneration

Clearly and concisely demonstrating the links between strategic objectives, performance and remuneration policies and payments offers transparency in this area and can indicate the level of integrated thinking in the organization.

Woolworths Holdings 2016 Integrated Report:

Explains the links between remuneration policy and value creation and the alignment to strategy.

REMUNERATION MIX AND ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGY

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To achieve a performance culture and an alignment with shareholders through value creation, the total reward mix for the Group CEO, Executive Directors, Execs and senior management is gereat clewards a higher perentage of variable pay 'at risk' for the achievement of stretch goals.

The opposite chart illustrates the potential composition for the aggregate of the Group CEO and Executive Directors at below-, on-target and stretch levels.

on-target and stretch levels. Bellow target level assumes no vesting of annual LTI allocations and no STI payments. On-target level assumes 50% vesting of annual LTI allocations and on-target STI performance. Stretch assumes 100% vesting of annual LTI allocations and stretch STI performance.

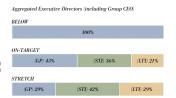
The expected behaviours are aligned to the values of the Group,

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGY

The gods and performance measures are aligned with Group, company, and individual performance. The Group performance conditions, for STI and LTI, underpirning the vesting of 'at risk' remuneration have been selected as measures that encourage sustainable growth, without undue excessive risk taking. sustainable growth, without undue excessive risk taking. While the performance measures of both the SI and III are financial in nature, the achievement of non-financial outcomes is incorporated in the measurement of individual employee performance. At an individual level, 40% of their PRV rating is achieved by measuring the behaviours they display in the morner in which they carry out their job. The expected behaviours are sligned to the vulses of the Group. Many of these individual measures are linked to the achievement of Good Business Journey programme outcomes, driving business transformation, customer service and environmental and social transformation and development outcomes.

development outcomes.

The table overteaf illustrates how the measures at an individual, company and Group level support the Group's strategy and are adigned to expectations of shareholders in creating sustainable growth and value creation.





	SHO	LONG-TERM INCENTIVES (LTI)		
STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS	INDIVIDUAL METRICS (EXAMPLES)	COMPANY/BUSINESS AREA METRIC	GROUP METRIC	SHAREHOLDER METRICS*
Build stronger, more profitable	Market growth/share		GROUP PBTAE	HEPS
customer relationships	Net promoter score	PBTAE		
Towards connected retail	Online sales			
	Number of new stores			
Drive synergies and efficiencies across the Group	Integration of DJ			TSR performance
E 1 10 10 : 1	Water reduction	EBIT		RoCE
Embed Good Business Journey throughout our business	Employment equity			

WOOLWORTHS HOLDINGS SHARE TRUST

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The Wookworths Holdings Share Trust, managed by two trustees—
Independent Non-executive Directors—administers the utilisation of
shares for the purposes of the long-term incentive share schemes.
The Trust is guided by the Trust Deed and share scheme rules
approved by shareholders in November 2001. The Trust Deed
and share scheme rules compty in all aspeats with the SE Limited
Listings Requirements.
The maximum umber of shares available for allocation in terms of
the long-term incentive share schemes is 85 000 000, representing
approximately 8% of the current issued share capital, in any one
financial year, the maximum market value of grants and/or offers
in terms of the long-term incentive schemes may not exceed 250%
(face value) of an individual's GP. The aggregate total number of
shares avainated to an individual participant in terms of the long-term incentive scheme may not exceed 120%.
Shares discorded to by participant under the LTI may be purchased on

Shares allocated to participants under the LTI may be purchased on the open market or new shares may be issued. Shares and grants may not be awarded or exercised during a closed period.

SERVICE CONTRACTS AND NOTICE PERIODS

It is the policy that the Executive Directors and Execs have employment agreements with the company which, may be terminated with notice periods of between three and six months. The Group Chief Secutive Officer contract has a 12 month notice period. Employment agreements may also include restraint of trade agreements.

The Trust Deed and share scheme rules comply in all aspects with the JSF Limited Listings Requirements.

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2016 INTEGRATED REPORT / WHL 131

http://www.woolworthsholdings.co.za/downloads/2016/WHL-Integrated-Report-2016.pdf

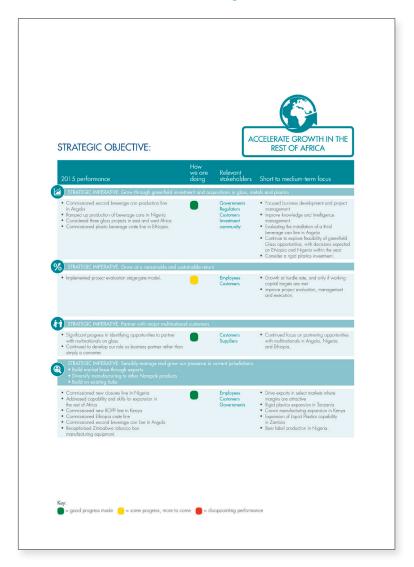


Connecting performance and outlook

Information given in the report on outlook can include the views of the Board and management on the anticipated uncertainties and challenges in the achievement of strategic objectives and implementing strategy in the future.

Nampak 2015 Integrated Report:

Links strategic objectives and current year performance to the short- and medium-term focus of the organization.



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CONCLUSION

Effective disclosure of performance offers a meaningful view of how the organization has performed against its strategic objectives and the effects on the six capitals.

Performance information on KPI data only becomes useful when the context, relevance and implications are explained. Moreover, meaningful performance information demands meaningful disclosure of strategic objectives and strategy.

Performance information should be connected to other information in the report showing the thread of the organization's value creation.

Explaining the effects on the capitals is an important part of performance disclosure: these effects will not only be the positive outcomes achieved, but also any resulting negative outcomes or unintended outcomes on any of the six capitals.

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