

Notes to the Company financial statements *continued*

for the year ended 31 December 2015

7 ORDINARY SHARE CAPITAL AND SHARE PREMIUM

Refer to note 8.1 of the Group financial statements for the applicable accounting policy.

	2015 Number of shares	2014 Number of shares
Ordinary share capital (par value of 0,01 cents)		
Authorised	2 500 000 000	2 500 000 000
Issued (<i>fully paid up</i>)	1 845 493 245	1 848 355 889
In issue at beginning of the year	1 848 355 889	1 873 278 848
Options exercised and allotted	–	72 170
MTN Zakhele shares cancelled and delisted	(2 862 644)	(2 657 377)
Treasury shares cancelled	–	(22 337 752)
In issue at end of the year	1 845 493 245	1 848 355 889
Options – MTN Zakhele transaction ¹	(11 131 098)	(14 492 564)
Treasury shares ^{2,3}	(1 444 172)	(945 350)
In issue at end of the year – excluding Zakhele transaction²	1 832 917 975	1 832 917 975

¹ Due to the call option over the notional vendor finance shares, these shares, although legally issued to MTN Zakhele, are not deemed to be issued in terms of IFRS and are shown as such in the share capital reconciliation.

² Treasury shares held by the Company which were delivered to the Company by MTN Zakhele and not delisted as at year end.

³ Additional treasury shares held by MTN Holdings Proprietary Limited, a subsidiary of the Group, are excluded from this reconciliation. Refer to note 8.1 of the Group financial statements.

	2015 Rm	2014 Rm
Share capital		
Balance at beginning of the year	*	*
Options exercised	–	*
Shares cancelled	(*)	(*)
Share buy-back	(*)	–
Balance at end of the year	*	*
Share premium		
Balance at beginning of the year	40 502	45 616
Options exercised	–	3
Share buy-back	–	(5 117)
Balance at end of the year	40 502	40 502

During 2014, the Company acquired 22 337 752 shares from MTN Holdings Proprietary Limited. The total amount paid to acquire the shares, inclusive of transaction costs was R5 117 million.

* Amounts less than R1 million.