19. Earnings per share *(continued)*

		2018 (cents)	2017 (cents)
19.4	Diluted earnings per share	**27.2**	36.4

The calculation of diluted earnings per share is based on profit attributable to ordinary shareholders of R683m (2017: R914m) and a weighted average number of shares outstanding during the year of 2 510 704 208 (31 December 2017: 2 510 704 208).

	Number of shares	
	2018	2017
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic earnings per share	**2 510 704 208**	2 510 704 208

		2018 (cents)	2017 (cents)
19.5	Diluted headline earnings per share	**27.2**	36.4

The calculation of diluted headline earnings per share is based on profit attributable to ordinary shareholders of R683m (2017: R914m) and a weighted average number of shares outstanding during the year of 2 510 704 208 (31 December 2017: 2 510 704 208).

			Group		**Company**	
		Note	**2018 R'000**	2017	**2018 R'000**	2017 R'000
20.	**Cash generated from operating activities**					
	Profit before tax		**944 475**	1 277 722	**413 235**	167 019
	Adjustments for:					
	Depreciation		**405 548**	368 212	**165**	149
	Finance income	*17*	**(18 595)**	(8 633)	**(549)**	(2 911)
	Finance expense	*17*	**14 512**	27 958	**85**	-*
	Share based payment expense		**3 097**	5 588	**3 097**	5 588
	Share grants exercised		**(5 077)**	(11 053)	**(5 077)**	(11 053)
	Embedded derivative – fair value adjustment		**34 570**	155 852	**-**	-
	Increase in provisions		**84 386**	135 771	**-**	-
	Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash held during the year		**30 042**	47 175	**-**	-
			1 492 958	1 998 592	**410 956**	158 792

** Less than one thousand.*

		Group		Company	
		2018	2017	**2018**	2017
		R'000		**R'000**	R'000
20.	**Cash generated from operating activities** *(continued)*				
	(Increase) in inventories	**(531 193)**	(387 719)	**-**	-
	(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	**(96 040)**	529 424	**(4 574)**	877
	(Decrease)/increase in trade and other payables	**(78 098)**	(361 371)	**231 532**	151 326
	Cash generated from operating activities	**787 627**	1 778 926	**637 914**	310 995
20.1	Cash and cash equivalents				
	Positive cash balances	**282 037**	671 655	**4 888**	18 539
	Bank balance	**22 158**	192 208	**1 143**	626
	Call deposits	**259 875**	479 392	**3 741**	17 911
	Cash on hand	**4**	55	**4**	2
	Bank overdraft	**(1 182)**	-	**-**	-
	Net cash and cash equivalents in statements of cash flows	**280 855**	671 655	**4 888**	18 539
	Reconciliation of cash in the group				
	Cash in the Venture	**45 023**	207 650	**-**	-
	Cash in Merafe Resources	**4 888**	18 539	**4 888**	18 539
	Cash in Merafe Ferrochrome	**224 964**	439 800	**-**	**-**
	Cash in Kroondal Rehabilitation Trust	**5 931**	5 666	**-**	**-**
	Cash in Merafe Chrome & Alloys	**49**	**-**	**-**	**-**
	Total	**280 855**	671 655	**4 888**	18 539

Note: Cash at bank earns interest at a floating rate based on daily bank deposit rates. Call deposits are made for varying periods of between one day and one month depending on the immediate cash requirements of the group, and earn interest at the respective call deposit rates. The group's exposure to interest rate risk and sensitivity analysis for financial assets and financial liabilities are disclosed in Note 22.