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CORPORATE INFORMATION

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Retired on 29th February 2024

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STRATEGIC REPORT

The Directors, in preparing this Strategic report, have complied with s414C of the Companies Act 2006.

Principal activities and business review

The Company's principal activities are and continue to be the production and sale of soda ash (sodium carbonate) and salt. The Company is registered in England and Wales and is headquartered in Magadi, Kenya.

The Company turnover for the year to 31 March 2024 was USD 78,737,000 (2023 - USD 117,942,000) and the profit on ordinary activities before taxation was USD 24,868,000 (2023 - Profit USD 54,580,000). The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend in respect of the year (2023 - USD Ni).

The turnover for the year under review shows a decrease of 33.67% compared to the year ended 31 March 2023 due to significantly decline in sales price. Soda Ash sales volume declined to 244.8 Kt versus prior year 288.7 Kt. The geographical distribution of sales was 31.65% to SEA-South East Asia (2023 -30.73%), 30.99% to ISC-Indian Sub-Continent (2023 -30.14%), 33.97% to Africa (2023 - 38.66%), 1.57% to Middle East (2023 - 0.44%) and 1.81% to Americas (2023 - 0.00%). There was a significant decrease in Standard Ash Magadi (SAM) prices during the year; prices decreased to USD 302.6/metric tonne (2023 - USD 382.9/metric tonne).

Distribution costs decreased during the year mainly due to decrease in transportation costs.

The total expenses decreased slightly by 14.96% to USD 53.88 million in the current year from USD 63.36 million in the previous year mainly due to the reduction in the cost of sales USD 26.58 million in 2024 (2023: USD 29.53 million), distribution costs to USD 17.4 million (2023: 29.0 million) and finance costs to USD 0.43 million in 2024 (2023: USD 1.39 million but the general administration cost increased to USD 9.45 million (2023: USD 3.43 million).

Future outlook

The Directors are confident that the company has stabilized and will continue to generate positive Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation (EBITDA) and profits which will result in a sustainable and successful future for the business.

The management have prepared forecasts of the Company's profitability and cash generation for the 12 months from the date of the approval of these financial statements (the "forecasts"), taking into account the sensitivity of business performance to reasonably possible changes in market conditions and because of the current economic climate.

These forecasts are dependent on Tata Chemicals Limited, the ultimate parent company providing additional financial support during that period. Tata Chemicals Limited has indicated its intention to continue to make available such funds as are needed by the Company for the period covered by the forecasts. For this reason, the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

Other key points going forward for the industry include:

Globally, soda ash remained adequately supplied, with demand remaining weak while the selling prices are softening.

The directors have reviewed its operations and near-term objectives to improve the profitability and ensure generations and preservation of cash from operations. These initiatives include: -

- Sustaining higher sales volume in Kenya and Africa as well as enlarging the contribution of high return markets.
- Targeting fixed costs expenditure of 7% i.e. appr USD 1.2 million (KShs 160 million) mainly towards plant maintenance works (planned shutdown for plant, Washery and Dredges).

STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED)

Future outlook (Continued)

- Targeted cashflow spend on capital expenditure programs of USD 9.5 million (KShs 1,248 million) to sustain the plant operational efficiencies and throughput.
- Improving the capital expenditure injections into the operations, this will improve and sustain dredge availability and recovery including SAM/PAM Washery performance, leading to a better feed to the plant. With Dredge 3 and Kiln 2 Shutdown planning and management, the projected production volumes are expected to increase by 36.6% in the year 2025 to 315,019 metric tonne from 230,618 metric tonne in 2024 (2023 325,326 metric tonne)
- The Heavy Fuel Oil (HFO) Fixed price placed with TotalEnergies Marketing Kenya. There are three HFO contracts in place by Total Marketing energies; (i) Supply of 2,200 M3 at \$ 640/M3 (February to March 2024), (ii) Supply of 3,000 M3 at \$ 640/M3 (May to June 2024) and (iii) Supply of 6,000 M3 at \$ 622/M3 (June to October 2024). These efforts are aimed at generating sufficient cash for further improvements and expansion.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The main risks to the business continue to be the fuel price risk and interest rate risk exposure. The cost of energy (specifically Heavy Fuel Oil) is significant to the entity's operations. To guard against price volatility and to maintain a steady budgeted consumption price, the Company entered HFO fixed price with the oil suppler TotalEnergies Marketing Kenya for approximately 50% of its budgeted demand. Interest rate risk arises primarily from borrowings as disclosed in Note 5c. The Company's borrowings are primarily on a variable rate basis and are pegged to the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR).

The Directors continue to actively monitor the economic situation occasioned by the Russia-Ukraine conflict and the threat of global recession to the entity's operations and priced in the risks in the business financial projections in the near term and continues to monitor the likely impact of the unfolding events. The Soda Ash demand is expected to remain stable at the backdrop of selling prices volatility.

The management strives to sustain the current improved performance through continuous prudent cost control & containment measures and focused maintenance works, plant optimization and other process improvements across the business operations. With improved cash inflows, the management will invest in targeted capital expenditure programs aimed at improving the healthcare of the plant for sustained operations with emphasized safety obligations and environmental stewardship responsibilities.

The Company's operations expose it to a variety of financial risks that include commodity price risk, credit risk, liquidity risk, foreign currency risk and interest rate risk. The Company has in place a risk management programme which seeks to limit the adverse effects on the financial performance of the Company where appropriate.

The Company seeks to mitigate commodity price risk through purchasing strategies including the use of contracts to hedge against exposure to fluctuating gas prices. The Company manages its credit exposures with a set of policies for ongoing credit checks on potential and current customers or counterparties. The Company takes out forward foreign exchange contracts where appropriate. The Company has hedged part of its interest rate exposure with interest rate swaps.

STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED)

Principal risks and uncertainties (Continued)

The Company is focused on ensuring availability of adequate capital for the required investments and on maintaining adequate liquidity to ensure smooth operations through sufficient financing facilities. The Company has an overdraft facility with Standard Chartered Bank of Kenya Limited of USD 12 million for purposes of financing working capital. The facility attracts interest at a rate of Secured Overnight Financing Rates (SOFR) plus 3.3% (2023 – SOFR plus 3.3%) per annum. Utilisation as at 31 March 2024 for this facility was USD Nil (2023 – Nil).

Management monitor cash to ensure that the business continues as a viable going concern; operating cash flows during the year have been positive USD 29,096,000 (2023 - USD 49,219,000) and cash at year end was USD 3,451,000 (2023 - USD 12,839,000). Fixed deposits held at Bank of India amounted to USD 20,847,000. At 31 March 2024, the Company had Nil long term loan and Nil overdraft loan.

Key performance indicators ("KPIs")

The Company's main financial KPI is operating profit, which for the year ended 31 March 2024 was USD 25,292,000(2023: USD 55,971,000). The Company also closely monitors fixed cost performance against budget and the previous year. The Company's performance is measured using a 'balanced scorecard' approach. At the start of each financial year the Company sets targets relating to a number of strategic themes, including safety and environmental performance, growing existing businesses, developing new businesses, delivering better value to customers, operational excellence and engaging a highly performing workforce. For each measure, the actual performance of the business is compared to the target on a regular basis and these reviews help to identify where further action is required. The directors believe that these measures represent the Company's KPIs.

Section 172 (1) Statement

The directors act in good faith to promote the success of the company taking, inter alia, the following into account:

- the likely consequences of any decision in the long-term;
- the interests of the company's employees;
- the need to foster the company's business relationships with suppliers, customers and others;
- the impact of the company's operations on the community and the environment;
- the desirability of the company maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct; and
- the need to act fairly as between members of the company.

These factors influenced the strategies followed and decisions made during the year. Details of the group's key stakeholders and how we engage with them are set out below:

Shareholders

The Company's immediate parent undertaking is TC Africa Holdings Ltd, a Company incorporated in England and registered in England and Wales, and whose registered office is Natrium House, Winnington Lane, Northwich, Cheshire, United Kingdom, CW8 4GW. The ultimate parent company and controlling party in the year to 31 March 2024 was Tata Chemicals Limited, a company incorporated in India. The largest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that of Tata Chemicals Limited . Board and Audit Committee Meetings are held quarterly at the company level and these meetings provide shareholders with the opportunity to review the actual and forecast financial performance, strategy, risk management, governance, sustainability and ethical standards of the business. These formal meetings are supplemented by regular discussions and updates on a wide range of topics.

STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED)

Colleagues

The measures we have taken to establish and improve employee engagement and the directors' regard for the interests of employees are described in the Directors' Report.

Customers

We aim to provide the highest possible level of customer service by delivering high quality products on time and in full and resolving any customer complaints both promptly and fairly. We undertake an annual customer satisfaction survey and use the feedback from this process to improve the service we offer.

Suppliers

We develop strategic relationships with our key suppliers in order to build mutually beneficial and lasting partnerships. Engagement with suppliers is primarily through regular contract reviews which take into account not only the supply of products and services but also compliance with the governance requirements of the UK Bribery Act and the Modern Slavery Act.

Communities

The Company has been a leader in Corporate Social Responsibility in Kenya scooping various awards for showing leadership and best practice in support of the community through water delivery, health and HIV/Aids, education, employment, transport & communication as well as micro enterprise development and programmes. The corporate social responsibility programs are prioritized by the community under SWOT which has been sustained over years through monthly meetings among the Politicians, Administrators, Group Ranches, Company Management, NGOs, Opinion leaders, Youth & Women

External regulators and other stakeholders

The measures we have taken to ensure adherence to our environmental responsibilities, energy usage and carbon emissions are described in the Directors' Report. We engage with the government and government regulators through a range of industry consultations and meetings, together with our membership of the Kenya Association of Manufacturers, Kenya Private Sector Alliance and Kenya Chamber of Mines. The company operates a defined contribution provident fund which is legally separated from the group and responsibility for its governance lies with the independent board of trustees. The company maintains regular contact with the trustees to ensure that interests of the fund members are safeguarded and the requirements of the Pensions Regulator are met

On behalf of the Board of Directors.

Subodh Srivastav Managing Director & CEO

Date: 22 May 2024

Titus Naikuni Director

Date: 22 May 2024

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DIRECTORS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Directors present their annual report on the affairs of the Company, together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

1. <u>Incorporation</u>

The Company is incorporated in the United Kingdom (UK) under the UK Companies Act. However, all operations are carried out in Kenya. The Company is registered in Kenya for taxation purposes under the Income Tax Act.

The financial statements are presented in United States Dollars (USD), which is the Company's functional currency.

2. <u>Activities</u>

The principal activity of the Company is the production and sale of soda ash (sodium carbonate) and salt.

3. <u>Dividend</u>

The Directors do not recommend payment of a dividend (2023 – USD Nil).

4. <u>Matters covered in strategic report</u>

Details of future developments are contained in the strategic report (page 2) to the financial statements.

5. <u>Branches</u>

Magadi, Kenya is the only branch outside England and Wales.

6. <u>Employees</u>

Applications for employment by disabled persons are always fully considered, bearing in mind the aptitudes of the applicant concerned. In the event of members of staff becoming disabled every effort is made to ensure that their employment with the Company continues and that appropriate training is arranged. It is the policy of the Company that the training, career development and promotion of disabled persons should, as far as possible, be identical with that of other employees.

The Company has a continued commitment to communication through the use of work Company meetings, newsletters, regular financial information and consultation meetings for workplace representatives. The Company will continue to enhance all communication channels to everyone in the Company.

7. <u>Political contributions</u>

No donations were made to any political party during the year (2023 – USD Nil).

<u>REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS</u> <u>FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED</u>)

8. Environment

The Company recognise the importance of its environmental responsibilities, monitors its impact on the environment and designs and implements systems to minimize adverse effects that might be caused by its activities. The Company operates in accordance with its publicly available environmental policy, which does not form part of this Report. It adheres to the conditions detailed in all relevant environmental licenses and permits and any other relevant legislation or regulations covering its activities or environmental impacts.

Initiatives designed and implemented to manage and reduce the Company's environmental footprint include investigating further reductions in emissions to air and water, reducing the amount of solid waste that is sent to landfill and improving energy use and efficiency.

9. Energy use and carbon emissions

The annual quantity of emissions in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent resulting from activities for which the company is responsible involving the combustion of gas or the consumption of fuel for the purposes of transport was 10,662 tonsCO2e (2023 - 10,899 tonsCO2e).

The annual quantity of emissions in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent resulting from the purchase of electricity by the company for its own use was 11,564 tonnes (2023 - 11,408 tonnes).

The aggregate of:

- the annual quantity of energy consumed from activities for which the company is responsible involving the combustion of gas or the consumption of fuel for the purposes of transport; and
- the annual quantity of energy consumed resulting from the purchase of electricity by the company for its own use was 30,676 MWh (2023 – 35,227 MWh).

The methodology used by the company to calculate this information is the IPCC guidelines, DEFRA 2021 (Full Set Advances Users) and Kenyan Grid Electrical ERC guidelines. The carbon emissions per tonne of Soda Ash produced were 0.49 tonnes (2023 - 0.5 tonnes).

The data covers our sites such Magadi, Kajiado and Mombasa.

During the financial year the company has invested USD 0.016 M (2023 - USD0.023 M) for environmental friendly air conditions in the plant and other facilities. Some the initiatives and projects undertaken to reduce energy included ; 5 MW solar power generation without storage initial civil works and fencing started and finalizing on awarding for the EPC contracting, Electrical Calciner Manufacturing in progress to be commissioned before end of FY24-25.

10. Going concern

The Directors have concluded that the Company will receive adequate support from its parent company to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future despite there being material uncertainty over the going concern assumption of the entity due to the potential crystallization of the contingent liabilities detailed in Note 28, net assets of USD 49,261,000 as at 31 March 2024 (2023 net assets of USD 43,704,000) and a profit for the year then ended of USD 16,944,000 (2023 USD 55,915,000). For this reason, the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements (Note 2b).

<u>REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

11. Auditor

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and KPMG LLP will therefore continue in office.

12. Post balance-sheet events

Refer note no. 29 to the financial statements

13. Qualifying third party indemnity provisions

During the year, and at the date of signing this report, the Company maintained liability insurance and third party indemnification provisions for its directors, under which the Company has agreed to indemnify the directors to the extent permitted by law in respect of all liabilities to third parties arising out of, or in connection with, the execution of their powers, duties and responsibilities as directors of the Company and any of its associated companies.

14. Statement of disclosure to the auditor

Each person who is a director at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- (i) so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- (ii) the director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006.

15. Approval of financial statements

Subodh Kumar Srivastav

Director

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Titus Tukero Naikuni

Director

Natrium House, Winnington Lane, Northwich, Cheshire, United Kingdom, CW8 4GW

Date: 22 May 2024

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<u>STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE STRATEGIC</u> <u>REPORT, DIRECTORS' REPORT AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u>

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK-adopted international accounting standards and applicable law.

Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable, relevant and reliable;
- state whether they have been prepared in accordance with UK-adopted international accounting standards;
- assess the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.



United Kingdom

Independent auditor's report to the members of Tata Chemicals Magadi Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Tata Chemicals Magadi Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the profit and loss account, the statement of comprehensive income, the balance sheet, the statement of changes in equity, the statement of cashflows, and related notes, including the accounting policies in note 3.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK-adopted international accounting standards; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the Company in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

Material uncertainty related to going concern

We draw attention to Note 2b to the financial statements which indicates that the company's ability to continue as a going concern is dependent on financial support from its ultimate parent company, Tata Chemicals Limited. In the event of the contingent liabilities in relation to claims against the company crystallizing, the company would not have sufficient resources to meet the potential liability and in this scenario, it is uncertain that Tata Chemicals Limited would provide support to the company. These events and conditions, along with other matters explained in Note 2b constitute a material uncertainty that may cast a significant doubt about the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Going concern

The directors have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis. As stated above, they have concluded that a material uncertainty related to going concern exists.

Our conclusion based on our financial statements audit work: we consider that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Fraud and breaches of laws and regulations - ability to detect

Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatements due to fraud

To identify risks of material misstatement due to fraud ("fraud risks") we assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud.

Our risk assessment procedures included:

• Enquiring of directors and inspection of policy documentation as to the Company's high-level policies and procedures to prevent and detect fraud, including the internal audit function, and the

Company's channel for "whistleblowing", as well as whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud.

- Reading Board and audit committee minutes.
- Considering remuneration incentive schemes and performance targets for management and directors.
- Using analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships.

We communicated identified fraud risks throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of fraud throughout the audit.

As required by auditing standards and taking into account possible pressures to meet profit targets and our overall knowledge of the control environment, we perform procedures to address the risk of management override of controls and the risk of fraudulent revenue recognition, in particular the risk of fraud in revenue recognition. We did not identify any additional fraud risks.

We performed procedures including:

- Identifying journal entries and other adjustments to test based on risk criteria and comparing the identified entries to supporting documentation.
- Assessing the controls that are in place linked to revenue such as management review and approval of credit notes, management approval of new customer accounts and the process of comparing the purchase order, invoice, and goods receipt to make sure they match prior to approving the invoice. We have also vouched a sample of revenue sales within the period, developed an expectation for revenue in the current period and assessed this against the amount that has actually been recognized and performed testing over a sample of items pre and post year end to ensure that revenue has been recognised within the correct period.

Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement related to compliance with laws and regulations

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience, through discussion with the directors and other management (as required by auditing standards), and from inspection of the Company's regulatory and legal correspondence and discussed with the directors and other management the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations.

We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.

The potential effect of these laws and regulations on the financial statements varies considerably. Firstly, the Company is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation (including related companies legislation), distributable profits legislation and taxation legislation and we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

Secondly, the Company is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of noncompliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation or the loss of the Company's license to operate. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: health and safety, data protection laws, anti-bribery and employment law. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Therefore, if a breach of operational regulations is not disclosed to us or evident from relevant correspondence, an audit will not detect that breach. For the land case matter discussed in note 28 to the financial statements, we assessed disclosures against our understanding from legal correspondence and progression of the case.

Context of the ability of the audit to detect fraud or breaches of law or regulation

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of fraud, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Our audit procedures are designed to detect material misstatement. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance or fraud and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

Strategic report and directors' report

The directors are responsible for the strategic report and the directors' report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover those reports and we do not express an audit opinion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the strategic report and the directors' report and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge. Based solely on that work:

- we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report and the directors' report;
- in our opinion the information given in those reports for the financial year is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion those reports have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Companies Act 2006, we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We have nothing to report in these respects.

Directors' responsibilities

As explained more fully in their statement set out on page 6

, the directors are responsible for: the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view; such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but does not guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at <u>www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities</u>.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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William Meredith (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor *Chartered Accountants* 8 Princess Parade Liverpool L3 1QH

23 May 2024

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 USD '000	2023 USD '000
Revenue	7	78,737	117,942
Cost of sales	8	(26,577)	<u>(29,528)</u>
Gross profit		52,160	88,414
Sale and distribution costs	9	<u>(17,417)</u>	(29,014)
Administrative expenses	10	<u>(9,451)</u>	<u>(3,429)</u>
		(26,868)	(32,443)
Operating profit		25,292	55,971
Other gains and losses Finance costs	11	<u>(424)</u>	<u>(1,391)</u>
Profit before taxation	12	24,868	54,580
Taxation	14	<u>(7,911)</u>	1,335
Profit for the financial year		16,957	55,915
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss net fair value gain/(loss) on hedging instruments entered into for cash flow hedges		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>16,957</u>	<u>55,915</u>

The notes set out on pages 18 to 59 form an integral part of these financial statements. All results arose from continuing operations.

Registered number: 00202712

TATA CHEMICALS MAGADI LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

		31st March 2024	31st March 2023
ASSETS		USD '000	USD '000
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	16	9,438	9,896
Right of use assets	17	1,190	1,900
Deferred tax asset	15(a)	5,513	2,796
		16,141	14,592
Current assets			
Inventory	18	8,963	8,785
Trade and other receivables	19	26,839	33,621
Short term deposits	26	20,847	8,000
Cash and bank balances	25(b)	3,451	<u>12,839</u>
		60,100	63,245
TOTAL ASSETS		76,241	77,837
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Capital and reserves			
Ordinary Share capital	23	1,763	1,763
Preference Share capital	23	31,012	42,412
Capital Redemption Reserve	23	11,400	
Retained earnings		5,086	<u>(471)</u>
Equity attributable to owners of Company		49,261	43,704
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	21	-	
Lease liability	27	1,031	2,188
		1,031	2,188
Current liabilities		1001	2,100
Trade and other payables	20	23,686	28,636
Borrowings	21	-	
Lease liability	27	1,296	1,065
Tax Payable		967	2,244
		25,949	31,945
TOTAL LIABILITIES		26.980	34,133
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		76,241	77,837

The financial statements on pages 14 to 59 were approved and authorised for issue by Directors on 2.2 May 20,24 and were signed on behalf of board of Directors by:

Titus Naikuni:

Director

Subodh Srivastav: Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer

The notes set out on pages 18 to 59 form an integral part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Share capital	Capital redemptio	Revenues deficit	Total
	USD 000	n reserve USD 000	USD 000	USD 000
2024 Balance at 1 April 2023	44,175	-	(471)	43,704
Profit for the year	-	-	16,957	16,957
Total comprehensive income	44,175	-	16,486	60,661
Transactions with owners of the Company				
Capital Redemption Reserve	(11,400)	-	-	(11,400)
Transfer to capital redemption reserve	-	11,400	(11,400)	-
Balance at 31 March 2024	32,775	11,400	5,086	49,261
2023				
Balance 1 April 2022	44,175	-	(56,386)	(12,211)
Profit for the year	-	-	55,915	55,915
Balance at 31 March 2023	44,175	-	(471)	43,704

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STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		2024 USD 000	2023 USD 000
Cash generated from operating activities Taxation paid	25(a)	29,096 <u>(11,485)</u>	48,967 (14)
Net cash generated from operating activities		<u>17,611</u>	<u>48,953</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of plant and equipment	16	(1,910)	(1,685)
Proceeds on disposal of equipment	16		
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(1,910)</u>	<u>(1,685)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Redemption of Preference Shares	23	(11,400)	-
Fixed deposit savings – Absa/Bank of India (BOI)	26	(12,874)	(8,000)
Fixed deposit withdrawals (BOI)	26	-	5,086
Repayment of borrowings	21	-	(36,500)
Interest and other charges paid	11	(424)	(1,391)
Lease payments	27	(418)	<u>(470)</u>
Net cash generated (used in) from financing activities		<u>(25,089)</u>	<u>(41,275)</u>
(Decrease)/Increase in cash and cash equivalents		(9,388)	5,993
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		12,839	<u>6,846</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	25(b)	<u>3,451</u>	<u>12,839</u>

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<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> <u>FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024</u>

1. REPORTING ENTITY

The Company is incorporated as a private Company Limited by shares, having its registered office situated in England and Wales registered by the registrar of Companies of England and Wales under the Companies Act 2006. The Company's principal activity is the sale of soda ash (Sodium carbonate) and salt.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

(a) Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the Company have been prepared and approved by the directors in accordance with UK-adopted International Accounting Standards and in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and applicable law.

The financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for derivative financial instruments that have been measured at fair value. The carrying values of recognised assets and liabilities that are designated as hedged items in fair value hedges that would otherwise be carried at amortised cost, are adjusted to record changes in the fair values attributable to the risks that are being hedged in effective hedge relationships.

The Company's results have been presented in US dollars (USD), the presentational and functional currency of the Company.

(b) Going concern

With a reported net worth of USD 49,261,000 as at 31 March 2024 and a profit for the year then ended of USD 16,944,000 the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which the directors consider to be appropriate for the following reasons.

- (i) At 31 March 2024, the Company did not have any loan. The company had fully repaid the Rabo Bank Loan by November 2022. The company also has an undrawn Cash Overdraft facility from Standard Chartered Bank for USD 10,000,000, which is used partially as and when the need arises.
- (ii) The directors have prepared cash flow forecasts for a period of 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements, considering the pricing and volumes of Soda ash and salt, and the impact of inflation on projected cashflows, which indicate that, taking account of reasonably possible downsides, excluding the crystallization of contingent liabilities, the company will have sufficient funds, buttressed by overdraft facility and in downside cases funding from its ultimate parent company, Tata Chemicals Limited, to meet its liabilities as they fall due for that period.
- (iii) Tata Chemicals Limited has indicated its intention to continue to make available such funds as are needed by the company for the period covered by the forecasts. As with any company placing reliance on other group entities for financial support, the directors acknowledge that there can be no certainty that this support will continue although, at the date of approval of these financial statements, they have no reason to believe that it will not do so.

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION (Continued)

(b) Going concern (continued)

However, the intention of Tata Chemicals Limited to continue to provide this support may depend on the outcome of the land rates case explained in Note 28 where a contingent liability has been disclosed. In the event of the contingent liability crystallising, the company might not have sufficient resources to settle the liability and in this scenario, it is uncertain that Tata Chemicals Limited would provide support to the company. However, the group will reassess its intention regarding the continued support of the entity once the outcome of the case is more certain.

Based on these indications the directors believe that it remains appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis as they have concluded that the company's financial position means that this is realistic for at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements (the going concern assessment period). However, these circumstances indicate the existence of a material uncertainty related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern and, therefore, that the company may be unable to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that would result from the basis of preparation being inappropriate.

(c) Use of estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRSs requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period.

The estimates and assumptions are based on the Directors' best knowledge of current events, actions, historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

In particular, information about significant areas of estimation and critical judgements in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in the financial statements are described in Note 4.

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) **Revenue recognition**

The accounting policy below is related to IFRS 15- Revenue from contract with customers.

Classes of revenue

The Company derives its revenue from mainly sales of Soda Ash and Salt products.

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(a) **Revenue recognition (Continued)**

Classes of revenue (Continued)

Soda Ash

The primary industrial activity of the company is the extraction and purification of soda ash from the naturally occurring trona. The soda ash from the calciners passes through rotary drum coolers before entering the grinding and screening plant, where the oversize material is removed. The screened soda is then conveyed to silos, from which it can be packed into 50kg woven polyproylene sacks or loaded directly into specially designed bulk rail hopper wagons carrying 40 tons or 45 tons each. Soda Ash produced is transported by road and rail to regional customers (East Africa) and Mombasa export office respectively. The company exports 90% of its soda ash to various markets across the world such as; South East Asia, the Middle East, the Indian Subcontinent and rest of Africa.

Salt

The company also sells salt produced from salt brine or liquor. The thin layer of salt produced is then brushed and scraped into piles by manual means, and then transported to the salt plant where it can be further treated if necessary, or packed for sale in its industrial state. Most of the bulk salt is used within Kenya for livestock consumption or for industrial purposes.

Determination of product price

The management applies Cost plus margin approach in setting product prices. The product prices are determined as either FOB (Free on Board) or CFR (Cost plus Freight) or CIF (Cost Insurance and Freight).

Performance obligation

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when the ownership of the goods has passed to the buyer, upon delivery or collection of the goods depending on particular contract terms.

The paragraphs below detail the sales Order Processing.

- The company receives an order for product from its customer indicating the volume of goods required and the shipping preference (i.e. whether it should be shipped at once or over a certain period of time).
- The customer either provide cash on order, make an advance payment or provide a Letter of Credit, Bank guarantee and/or corporate before the good are dispatched.
- Once all requirements are made, the company marketing team confirms a sales order (through a Local Purchase Order (LPO)) and provides this to the supply chain department to facilitate product dispatches.
- Revenue is recognised when the goods are; delivered and have been accepted by customers at their premises, collected by the customer from the Company's warehouse or loaded into the ships and bill of lading obtained.

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(b) Foreign currency transactions

The Company's functional currency is the USD, which is the currency in which funds from financing activities are usually generated and receipts from operating activities are usually retained

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are recorded, on initial recognition in the functional currency, by applying to the foreign currency amount the spot exchange rate between the functional currency and the foreign currency at the date of the transaction. At the end of each reporting period foreign currency monetary items are translated using the closing rate while non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction.

Exchange differences arising on the settlement of monetary items or on translating monetary items at rates different from those at which they were translated on initial recognition during the period or in previous financial statements are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise. At the end of each reporting period, assets and liabilities are translated to the presentation currency at the closing rate while income and expenses are translated at exchange rates ruling at the dates of the transactions. All resulting exchange differences are recognised in profit or loss.

(c) Taxation

(i) Current tax

Current income tax comprises the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year and any adjustment to the tax payable or receivable in respect of previous years. The amount of current tax payable or receivable is the best estimate of the tax amount expected to be paid or received that reflects uncertainty related to income taxes, if any. It is measured using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date. Current tax also includes any tax arising from dividends. Current tax assets and liabilities are offset only if certain criteria are met.

(ii) Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for unused tax losses, unused tax credits and deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be used. Future taxable profits are determined based on the reversal of relevant taxable temporary differences. If the amount of taxable temporary differences is insufficient to recognise a deferred tax asset in full, then future taxable profits, adjusted for reversals of existing temporary differences, are considered, based on the business plans for the company. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised; such reductions are reversed when the probability of future taxable profits improves.

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(c) Taxation (Continued)

(ii) Deferred tax (Continued)

The measurement of deferred tax reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the company expects, at the reporting date, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities. For this purpose, the carrying amount of investment property measured at fair value is presumed to be recovered through sale, and the company has not rebutted this presumption

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset only if certain criteria are met.

(iii) Current and deferred tax for the year

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset, if a legally enforceable right exists to set off current tax assets against current income tax liabilities and the deferred taxes relate to the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority.

(d) Financial instruments

Financial instruments include balances with banks, trade and other receivables, balances due from and to related parties and trade and other payables.

(i) Financial assets

Recognition and initial measurement

Trade receivables and debt securities issued are initially recognised when they are originated. All other financial assets and financial liabilities are initially recognised when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

A financial asset (unless it is a trade receivable without a significant financing component) or financial liability is initially measured at fair value plus, for an item not at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss (FVTPL), transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition or issue. A trade receivable without a significant financing component is initially measured at the transaction price.

Classification and subsequent measurement

A financial instrument is a contract that gives rise to both a financial asset for one enterprise and a financial liability of another enterprise.

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as measured at: amortised cost; Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income (FVOCI) – debt investment; FVOCI – equity investment; or FVTPL.

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Company changes its business model for managing financial assets, in which case all affected financial assets are reclassified on the first day of the first reporting period following the change in the business model.

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTPL:

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(d) Financial instruments (continued)

(i) Financial assets – continued

Classification and subsequent measurement (Continued)

- it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Business model assessment

The Company makes an assessment of the objective of the business model in which a financial asset is held at a portfolio level because this best reflects the way the business is managed, and information is provided to management. The information considered includes:

- the stated policies and objectives for the portfolio and the operation of those policies in practice. These include whether management's strategy focuses on earning contractual interest income, maintaining a particular interest rate profile, matching the duration of the financial assets to the duration of any:
 - (i) related liabilities or expected cash outflows or realising cash flows through the sale of the assets;
 - (ii) how the performance of the portfolio is evaluated and reported to the Company's management;
 - (iii) the risks that affect the performance of the business model (and the financial assets held within that business model) and how those risks are managed;
 - (iv) how managers of the business are compensated e.g. whether compensation is based on the fair value of the assets managed or the contractual cash flows collected; and
 - (v) the frequency, volume and timing of sales of financial assets in prior periods, the reasons for such sales and expectations about future sales activity.

Transfers of financial assets to third parties in transactions that do not qualify for de-recognition are not considered sales for this purpose, consistent with the Company's continuing recognition of the assets.

Financial assets that are held for trading or are managed and whose performance is evaluated on a fair value basis are measured at FVTPL.

Assessment whether contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest

For the purposes of this assessment, 'principal' is defined as the fair value of the financial asset on initial recognition. 'Interest' is defined as consideration for the time value of money and for the credit risk associated with the principal amount outstanding during a particular period of time and for other basic lending risks and costs (e.g. liquidity risk and administrative costs), as well as a profit margin.

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(d) Financial instruments (continued)

(ii) Financial assets – continued

Business model assessment – continued

In assessing whether the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest, the Company considers the contractual terms of the instrument. This includes assessing whether the financial asset contains a contractual term that could change the timing or amount of contractual cash flows such that it would not meet this condition. In making this assessment, the Company considers:

- contingent events that would change the amount or timing of cash flows;
- terms that may adjust the contractual coupon rate, including variable-rate features;

Assessment whether contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest – continued

- prepayment and extension features; and
- terms that limit the Company's claim to cash flows from specified assets (e.g. non-recourse features).

A prepayment feature is consistent with the solely payments of principal and interest criterion if the prepayment amount substantially represents unpaid amounts of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding, which may include reasonable additional compensation for early termination of the contract.

Additionally, for a financial asset acquired at a discount or premium to its contractual paramount, a feature that permits or requires prepayment at an amount that substantially represents the contractual par amount plus accrued (but unpaid) contractual interest (which may also include reasonable additional compensation for early termination) is treated as consistent with this criterion if the fair value of the prepayment feature is insignificant at initial recognition.

Financial	These assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Net gains		
assets at	and losses, including any interest or dividend income, are		
FVTPL	recognised in profit or loss.		
Financial These assets are subsequently measured at amortised cost usi			
	the effective interest method. The amortised cost is reduced by		
assets at	impairment losses. Interest income, foreign exchange gains and		
amortised	losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Any gain		
cost	or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.		
	These assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Interest		
D L	income calculated using the effective interest method, foreign		
Debt investments exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Other pet gains and losses are recognised in (
			at FVOCI On derecognition, gains and losses are recognised in CO
	reclassified to profit or loss.		
	These assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Dividends		
Equity	are recognised as income in profit or loss unless the dividend		
investments	clearly represents a recovery of part of the cost of the investment.		
at FVOCI	Other net gains and losses are recognised in OCI and are never		
	reclassified to profit or loss.		

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(d) Financial instruments (continued)

(iii) Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities - classification, subsequent measurement and gains and losses

Financial liabilities are classified as measured at amortised cost or FVTPL. A financial liability is classified as at FVTPL if it is classified as held-for-trading, it is a derivative or it is designated as such on initial recognition.

Financial liabilities at FVTPL are measured at fair value and net gains and losses, including any interest expense, are recognised in profit or loss. Other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Interest expense and foreign exchange gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss. Any gain or loss on derecognition is also recognised in profit or loss.

After initial recognition, the Company measures all financial liabilities including customer deposits other than liabilities held for trading at amortised cost. Liabilities held for trading (financial liabilities acquired principally for the purpose of generating a profit from short-term fluctuations in price or dealer's margin) are subsequently measured at their fair values.

Payables

Payables are stated at their nominal value.

(iv) De-recognition

Financial assets

The Company derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows in a transaction in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred or in which the Company neither transfers nor retains substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership and it does not retain control of the financial asset.

The Company enters into transactions whereby it transfers assets recognised in its statement of financial position but retains either all or substantially all of the risks and rewards of the transferred assets. In these cases, the transferred assets are not derecognised.

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(d) Financial instruments (continued)

Financial liabilities

The Company derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled, or expire. The Company also derecognises a financial liability when its terms are modified and the cash flows of the modified liability are substantially different, in which case a new financial liability based on the modified terms is recognised at fair value. On derecognition of a financial liability, the difference between the carrying amount extinguished and the consideration paid (including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed) is recognised in profit or loss.

(iv) Offsetting of financial assets and liabilities

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when the Company has an enforceable right to set off the amounts and it intends either to settle them on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

(v) Derivative financial instruments and hedge accounting

When a derivative is designated as a cash flow hedging instrument, the effective portion of changes in the fair value of the derivative is recognised in OCI and accumulated in the hedging reserve. The effective portion of changes in the fair value of the derivative that is recognised in OCI is limited to the cumulative change in fair value of the hedged item, determined on a present value basis, from inception of the hedge. Any ineffective portion of changes in the fair value of the derivative is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

(vi) Fair value of financial assets and liabilities

Fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability respectively in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

(e) Impairment

(i) Non-derivative financial assets

The Company recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses (ECLs) on financial assets measure at amortised cost and contracts assets i.e. trade and other receivables and related party receivables.

The Loss allowances for trade receivables and contract assets are always measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs. When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating ECLs, the company considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort.

The company assumes that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly if it is more than 30 days past due. The company considers a financial

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(e) Impairment (continued)

(i) Non-derivative financial assets – continued

asset to be in default when the debtor is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the group in full, without recourse by the company to actions such as realising security (if any is held); or the financial asset is more than 90 days past due. The maximum period considered when estimating ECLs is the maximum contractual period over which the company is exposed to credit risk.

ECLs are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. Credit losses are measured as the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the company expects to receive). ECLs are discounted at the effective interest rate of the financial asset.

Credit-impaired financial assets

At each reporting date, the company assesses whether financial assets carried at amortised cost and debt securities at FVOCI are credit-impaired. A financial asset is 'credit-impaired' when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred. Loss allowances for financial assets measured at amortised cost are deducted from the gross carrying amount of the assets

Write offs

The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is written off when the company has no reasonable expectations of recovering a financial asset in its entirety or a portion thereof. For all customers, the company has a policy of writing off the gross carrying amount when the financial asset is 180 days past due based on historical experience of recoveries of similar assets. The company expects no significant recovery from the amount written off. However, financial assets that are written off could still be subject to enforcement activities in order to comply with the company's procedures for recovery of amounts due.

(ii) Non-financial assets

At each reporting date, the company reviews the carrying amounts of its non-financial assets (other than biological assets, investment property, inventories, contract assets and deferred tax assets) to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. Goodwill is tested annually for impairment.

For impairment testing, assets are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows of other assets or CGUs. Goodwill arising from a business combination is allocated to CGUs or groups of CGUs that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination.

The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs of disposal. Value in use is based on the estimated future cash flows, discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset or CGU

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(e) Impairment (continued)

(ii) Non-financial assets(Continued)

An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount of an asset or CGU exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. They are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the CGU, and then to reduce the carrying amounts of the other assets in the CGU on a pro rata basis.

An impairment loss in respect of goodwill is not reversed. For other assets, an impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

(f) **Property, plant and equipment**

Property, plant and equipment is stated at cost, net of accumulated depreciation and/or accumulated impairment losses, if any. Such cost includes the cost of replacing component parts of the property, plant and equipment if the recognition criteria are met. When significant parts of property, plant and equipment are required to be replaced at intervals, the Company derecognises the replaced part, and recognises the new part with its own associated useful life and depreciation. Likewise, when a major inspection is performed, its cost is recognised in the carrying amount of the plant and equipment as a replacement if the recognition criteria are satisfied. All other repair and maintenance costs are recognised in the profit and loss account as incurred.

Property, plant & equipment is depreciated on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life, as follows

Buildings	10%
Fixtures, furniture and equipment	20%
Plant and machinery	12.5%
Computer equipment	33.33%
Motor vehicles – heavy	10%
Motor vehicles – light	20%
Rail equipment	12.50%

Assets under construction and land are not depreciated.

Right of use assets	Lease term from inceptions
Leasehold land	38 Yrs
KPA Office and Storage-Shed 9	28 Yrs. 4 months
KPA Storage – Shed 10	5 Yrs
KPA Equipment	28 Yrs. 4 months
Wagons and Hoppers	10 Yrs
Mavoko Depot	2 Yrs
Kisumu Depot	3 Yrs
Land for communication equipment	28 Yrs
Magadi land lease	50 Yrs
Kajiado Land Lease and Railway Line Land	50 Yrs

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(g) Leases

The company has applied IFRS 16 using the retrospective approach.

At inception of a contract, the company assesses whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

To assess whether a contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset, the Group assesses whether

- the contract involves the use of an identified asset this may be specified explicitly or implicitly, and should be physically distinct or represent substantially all of the capacity of a physically distinct asset. If the supplier has a substantive substitution right, then the asset is not identified
- the company has the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from use of the asset throughout the period of use; and
- the company has the right to direct the use of the asset. The company has this right when it has the decision-making rights that are most relevant to changing how and for what purpose the asset is used. In rare cases where all the decisions about how and for what purpose the asset is used are predetermined, the company has the right to direct the use of the asset if either
 - the company has the right to operate the asset; or
 - the company designed the asset in a way that predetermines how and for what purpose it will be used.

The company has applied this approach to contracts entered into or changed on or after 1 April 2019.

At inception or on reassessment of a contract that contains a lease component, the company allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease component on the basis of their relative stand-alone prices. However, for the leases of land and buildings in which it is a lessee, the company has elected not to separate non-lease components and account for the lease and non-lease components as a single lease component

The Company recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, plus any initial direct costs incurred and an estimate of costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located, less any lease incentives received.

The right-of-use asset is subsequently depreciated using the straight-line method from the commencement date to the earlier of the end of the useful life of the right-of-use asset or the end of the lease term. The estimated useful lives of right-of-use assets are determined on the same basis as those of property and equipment. In addition, the rightof-use asset is periodically reduced by impairment losses, if any, and adjusted for certain remeasurements of the lease liability.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Company's incremental borrowing rate. Generally, the Company uses its incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate.

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(g) Leases (Continued)

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise:

- fixed payments, including in-substance fixed payments;
- variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date;
- amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee; and
- the exercise price under a purchase option that the Company is reasonably certain to exercise, lease payments in an optional renewal period if the Company is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option, and penalties for early termination of a lease unless the Company is reasonably certain not to terminate early.

The lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. It is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, if there is a change in the Company's estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee or if the Company changes its assessment of whether it will exercise a purchase, extension or termination option

When the lease liability is remeasured in this way, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset, or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero

Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The Company has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for shortterm leases of machinery that have a lease term of 12 months or less and leases of lowvalue assets, including IT equipment. The Company recognises the lease payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term

(h) Work-in-progress

Work-in-progress represents costs incurred in acquisition/installation of an item of property, plant and equipment which is not in use. Work-in-progress is not depreciated until the assets are completed and brought into use but tested for impairment when there is an indicator for impairment.

(i) Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes materials, direct labour and an attributable proportion of manufacturing overheads based on normal levels of activity. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price, less estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale. Provision is made for obsolete, slow-moving or defective items where appropriate.

(j) Impairment of non-financial assets

The carrying amount of the company's non-financial assets, other than deferred tax and inventories, are reviewed at each financial reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the assets recoverable amount is estimated.

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(j) Impairment of non-financial assets (continued)

An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount of an asset or its cash- generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount. A cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable asset group that generates cash flows that largely are independent from other assets and groups. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss.

The recoverable amount of an asset or cash-generating unit is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset.

An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the assets' carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined if no impairment loss had been recognised.

(k) Employee benefits

(i) Defined contribution plan

The Company operates a defined contribution retirement benefits scheme for its non-unionised employees. For the unionised employees, the Company operates a gratuity scheme.

A defined contribution plan is a post-employment benefit plan which an entity pays fixed contribution into an entity and has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further amounts. The expense is recognised in profit or loss.

Contributions from the Company, at a rate of 7.5% of the basic salary of each employee, are expensed in the year the services are rendered and paid over to a trustee administered fund.

The Company also contributes to a statutory defined contribution pension scheme, the National Social Security Fund (NSSF). Contributions are determined by local statute. The Company's contributions to the above schemes are charged to profit or loss in the year to which they relate.

(ii) Other entitlements - short term employee benefits

Short term employee benefits are expensed as the related service is provided. A liability is recognised for the amount expected to be paid if the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation to pay this amount as a result of past service provided by the employee and the obligation can be estimated reliably.

(l) **Provisions**

(i) General

Provisions are recognised when the Company has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Where the Company expects some or all of a provision to be reimbursed, for example under an insurance contract, the reimbursement is recognised as an asset but only when the reimbursement is virtually certain.

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(I) **Provisions (continued)**

(i) General – continued

The expense relating to any provision is presented in the profit and loss account net of any reimbursement. If the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions are discounted using a current pre-tax rate that reflects, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability. Where discounting is used, the increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as a finance cost.

Restructuring

Restructuring provisions are only recognised when general recognition criteria for provisions are fulfilled. Additionally, the Company needs to have in place a detailed formal plan about the business or part of the business concerned, the location and a valid expectation that the restructuring is being carried out or the implementation has been initiated already.

(m) Finance income and expense

Finance income comprises interest income on funds invested.

Finance costs comprise interest expense on borrowings, unwinding of the discount on provisions, changes in the fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, impairment losses recognised on financial assets.

Borrowing costs that are not directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset are recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method.

Foreign currency gains and losses are reported on a net basis.

(n) Dividends

Dividends payable to the Company's shareholders are recognised as a liability in the period in which they are declared.

(o) Capital redemption reserve

The redemption can only be made if the Company has distributable reserves subject to board approval. Approval will be made for each tranche of redemption and 'relevant accounts' will be required at each tranche to evidence that there are sufficient distributable reserves – such accounts could be either the last annual accounts or interim accounts. There is no restriction on when, or for which shareholder, or how many shares can be redeemed at any time. The amount by which the company's issued share capital is diminished on the cancellation of the shares redeemed must be transferred to the capital redemption reserve.

(p) Related party transactions

The Company discloses the nature, volume and amounts outstanding at the end of each financial year from transactions with related parties, which include transactions with the Directors, executive officers and Group or related companies. The related party transactions are conducted at arm's length.

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(q) Cash flow hedges

The Company has implemented hedge accounting with effect from 1st October 2015. The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated under the heading of cash flow hedging reserve. The gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion is recognised immediately in profit or loss, and is included in the 'other costs' line item.

Amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity are reclassified to profit or loss in the periods when the hedged item affects profit or loss, in the same line as the recognised hedged item.

However, when the hedged forecast transaction results in the recognition of a non-financial asset or a non-financial liability, the gains and losses previously recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity are transferred from equity and included in the initial measurement of the cost of the non-financial asset or non-financial liability.

Hedge accounting is discontinued when the Company revokes the hedging relationship, when the hedging instrument expires or is sold, terminated, or exercised, or when it no longer qualifies for hedge accounting. Any gain or loss recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity at that time remains in equity and is recognised when the forecast transaction is ultimately recognised in profit or loss. When a forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur, the gain or loss accumulated in equity is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

(r) Retained earnings

Retained earnings represents cumulative profits or losses net of dividends paid and other adjustments.

(s) Operating profit

Operating profit is stated after charging Selling and distribution expenses, Administrative expenses and other operating income but before finance income and finance costs and exceptional items if any.

(t) Borrowings

The Company maintains overdraft facilities to meet its working capital requirements and borrows long term loans from external financial institutions at a lower cost of capital to finance major projects.

(u) Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative figures have been restated to conform to changes in presentation in the current year.

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(v) New standards, amendments and interpretations

(i) New standards, amendments and interpretations effective and adopted during the year

The Company adopted the following new standards and amendments during the year ended 31 March 2024, including consequential amendments to other standards with the date of initial application by the Company being 1 April 2023.

(ii) New standards, amendments and interpretations effective and adopted during the year – continued

New standard or amendments	Effective for annual periods beginning on or after
— IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts	1 January 2023
 Disclosure of Accounting Policies – Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2 	1 January 2023
 Definition of Accounting Estimates – Amendments to IAS 8 	1 January 2023
 Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction – Amendments to IAS 12 	1 January 2023
 International Tax Reform—Pillar Two Model Rules – Amendments to IAS 12 	23 May 2023

The new standards did not have a significant impact on the Company financial statements

(ii) New and amended standards and interpretations not yet effective for the year ended 31 March 2024

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are not yet effective for the year ended 31 March 2024 and have not been applied in preparing these financial statements.

The Company does not plan to adopt these standards early. These are summarised below.

The standards and amendments are not expected to have a significant impact on the financial statements of the Company. These are summarised below;

	Effective for annual periods beginning on or
New amendments or interpretation	after
Classification of liabilities as current or non-current (Amendments to	1 January 2024
IAS 1)	
Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback (Amendments to IFRS 16)	1 January 2024
Non-current Liabilities with Covenants (Amendments to IAS 1)	1 January 2024
IFRS S1** General Requirements for Disclosure of Sustainability-	1 January 2024
related Financial Information and IFRS S2** Climate-related	
Disclosures	
Lack of Exchangeability – Amendments to IAS 21	1 January 2025
IFRS 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements	1 January 2027

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

4. USE OF ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, are described below. The Company based its assumptions and estimates on parameters available when the financial statements were prepared. Existing circumstances and assumptions about future developments, however, may change due to market changes or circumstances arising beyond the control of the Company. Such changes are reflected in the assumptions when they occur.

Impairment loss – financial assets

At the end of each reporting period, the Group and Company reviews the carrying amounts of its financial assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. An Expected Credit Loss (ECL) model to assess any need for impairment of financial assets. Under the ECL model, the Company calculates the allowance for credit losses by considering on a discounted basis, the cash shortfalls it would incur in various default scenarios for prescribed future periods and multiplying the shortfalls by the probability of each scenario occurring.

Taxes

Uncertainties exist with respect to the interpretation of complex tax regulations, changes in tax laws, and the amount and timing of future taxable income. Given the wide range of international business relationships and the long-term nature and complexity of existing contractual agreements, differences arising between the actual results and the assumptions made, or future changes to such assumptions, could necessitate future adjustments to tax income and expense by this time recorded. Such differences of interpretation may arise on a wide variety of issues depending on the conditions prevailing in the Company's domicile.

Land Rates

The Company was granted a lease by the Government of Kenya, which expires on 1st November 2053. The Lease grants the company extractive rights; hence the land is not rateable. The entered into mutual agreement with the County Government of Kajiado on land rates for the total acreage leased over the past years, with last agreed rate of Kenya shillings 120 per acre of total leased land in 2014. However, the County Government of Kajiado raised land rates demand in 2018 which is before the court of appeal. The Company does not consider the liability to be probable at this stage and it has been disclosed as a contingent liability (see note 28).

5. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including foreign exchange risk, interest rate risk and price risk), credit risk, liquidity risk and operational risk. The Directors review and agree policies for managing these risks.

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Company's risk management framework.

The Company's overall risk management programme focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on its financial performance.

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

5. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

Risk management is carried out by management under policies approved by the Board of Directors. Management identifies evaluates and manages financial risks in close cooperation with various departmental heads.

The Company has exposure to the following risks from its use of financial instruments

- (a) Credit risk
- (b) Liquidity risk
- (c) Market risk

(a) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations, and arises principally from the Company's receivables from customers.

Management assesses the credit quality of each customer, taking into account its financial position, past experience and other factors. The credit risk on liquid funds and derivative assets is limited because the counterparties are financial institutions with high credit ratings.

The Company has policies in place to ensure that invoices for goods provided to customers are collected within an appropriate time period and that loss to the Company is minimised in the event of default. The collateral held for trade receivables include guarantees from reputable banks recommended by the Company.

Exposure to credit risk

The carrying value of the Company's financial assets represents its maximum exposure to credit risk.

The maximum exposure to credit risk as at the end of the reporting period was as follows:

	2024	2023
	USD '000	USD '000
Trade receivables	13,602	14,495
Due from related companies	-	1,551
Cash and bank balances	3,451	12,839
Short term deposits	<u>20,847</u>	8,000
	<u>37,900</u>	<u>36,885</u>

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

5. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)

Exposure to credit risk - continued

The ageing of gross receivables at the reporting date was:

The ageing of gross receivables at t	Gross USD'000	31-Mar-24 Impairment USD'000	Net USD'000
Current (not past due)	12,477	-	12,477
1–30 days past due	264	-	264
31–60 days past due	75	-	75
61–90 days past due	133	-	133
More than 90 days past due	683	-	683
	13,602	-	13,602

	Gross	31-Mar-23 Impairment	Net
	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000
Current (not past due)	14,453	-	14,453
1–30 days past due	620	-	620
31–60 days past due	164	-	164
61–90 days past due	64	-	64
More than 90 days past due	745	-	745
_	16,046	-	16,046

The table below represents the categorisation of the Company's financial assets as at reporting date

At 31 March 2024	Neither past due nor impaired USD '000	Past due but not impaired USD '000	Impaired USD '000	Total USD'000
Trade receivables (Note 19) Due from related companies (Note 24)	12,477	1,155	-	13,602
Short term deposits (Note 26)	20,847	-	-	20,847
Cash and Bank balances (Note 25 b)	3,451	-	-	3,451
	36,745	1,155	-	37,900

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

5. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)

Exposure to credit risk – continued

At 31 March 2023	Neither past due nor impaired USD '000	Past due but not impaired USD '000	Impaired USD '000	Total USD'000
Trade receivables (Note 19)	12,902	1,593	-	14,495
Due from related companies	1,551	-	-	1,551
(Note 24)		-		
Short term deposits (Note 26)	8,000	-	-	8,000
Cash and Bank balances (Note 25 b)	12,839	-	-	12,839
=	35,292	1,593	-	36,885

The customers under the neither past due nor impaired category are paying their debts as they continue trading. The default rate is low.

Expected credit loss assessment for customers

The company uses an allowance matrix to measure the ECLs of trade receivables from customers, which comprise a very large number of small balances

Loss rates are calculated using a 'roll rate' method based on the probability of a receivable progressing through successive stages of delinquency to write-off. Loss rates are based on actual credit loss experience over the past three years collected and current conditions over the expected lives of the receivables. The company considered the length of relationships, security provided and related party status in arriving at the loss allowances. In ECL assessment the company does not consider the related party receivables and those secured by confirmed letter of credit. The company has therefore assessed the credit loss on the domestic customers. Since no single customer accounts for more than 10% of the revenue of the Company, there is no substantial concentration of credit risk.

The following table provides information about the exposure to credit risk and ECLs for domestic trade receivables from customers as at 31 March 2024

Values in USD	Weighted average loss rate	Gross carrying amount	Loss allowances	Credit impaired
Current (Not due)	0%	1,534,154	-	No
0-090 days	0%	427,125	-	No
090-180 days	1.10%	(245)	-	No
180-270 days	4.50%	-	-	No
270-360 days	15.74%	-	-	No
More than 360	100.00%			
		1,961,036	-	

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

5. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)

Expected credit loss assessment for customers (Continued)

The following table provides information about the exposure to credit risk and ECLs for domestic trade receivables from customers as at 31 March 2023

	Weighted	Gross		
Values in USD	average	Carrying	Loss	Credit
	loss rate	Amount	Allowances	Impaired
Current (Not due)	0.01%	1,878,055	122.38	No
0-090 days	0.03%	70	0.02	No
090-180 days	1.49%	(23.32)	(0.35)	No
180-270 days	5.50%	-	-	No
270-360 days	17.40%	-	-	No
More than 360	100.00%	-	-	
		1,878,102.18	122.05	

The expected credit loss allowance at 31 March 2024 was USD Nil (2022 - USD 0.1 thousand).

Cash and cash equivalents

The Company held cash and cash equivalents of USD 3,451 thousand at 31 March 2024 (2023: USD 12,839 thousand) and short term deposits of USD 20,847 thousand (2023: USD 8,000 thousand). The cash and cash equivalents and short term deposits are held with bank and financial institution counterparties, which are rated B2 to A+, based on Moody & Fitchratings.

The ratings of cash and cash equivalent and short term deposits as at 31 March 2024 is summarized below;

	At 31	At 31		
	March	March	Equivalent to	
Bank	2024	2023	external credit	Remarks
	USD 000	USD 000	rating Moody	
Standard Chartered Bank				
of Kenya Limited	2,912	11,410	A+	Low risks
				Non- investment grade
Absa Bank Kenya PLC	2	9,261	BB-	speculative
Bank of India	21,076	5	BBB-	Lower medium grade
Co-operative Bank of				
Kenya Limited	266	143	B2	Highly Speculative
Cash at hand	42	20	N/A	No risks
	24,298	20,839		

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

5. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)

Derivatives

The derivatives are entered into with bank and financial institution counterparties, which are rated BB-to A+, based on Moody Rating ratings. There were no derivatives assets at 31 March 2024. Therefore, the amount of impairment allowance at 31 March 2024 is USD nil (2023: USD Nil).

(b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it always has sufficient funds to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Company's reputation.

The Company manages its cash position and future outflows on an ongoing basis. The Company ensures that it has sufficient cash on demand to meet expected operational expenses and liabilities as they fall due.

The following are the contractual maturities of financial liabilities, including interest payments, and excluding the impact of netting arrangements:

	1 – 6 Months USD '000	6 – 12 months USD '000	1 – 5 years USD '000	Above 5 years USD '000	Total USD '000
At 31 March 2024					
Trade payables (Note 20)	6,418	-	-	-	6,418
Due to related parties (Note 24)	47	-	-	-	47
Borrowings (Note 21)	-	-	-	-	-
	6,465	-	-	-	6,465
	1 – 6 Months USD '000	6 – 12 months USD '000	1 – 5 years USD '000	Above 5 years USD '000	Total USD '000
At 31 March 2023	Months	months	years	years	
At 31 March 2023 Trade payables (Note 20)	Months	months	years	years	
	Months USD '000	months	years	years	USD '000
Trade payables (Note 20)	Months USD '000 6,795	months	years	years	USD '000 6,795

(c) Market risk management

Market risk is the risk arising from changes in market prices, such as interest rate and foreign exchange rates, which will affect the Company's income or the value of its holding of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimizing the return. Overall responsibility for managing market risk rests with the Company's management.

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

5. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

(c) Market risk management (continued)

(i) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the future profitability and/or cash flows of financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in the market interest rates

The Company's exposure to the risk of changes in market interest rates relates primarily to the company's long and short-term obligations with floating interest rates

At the reporting period, the Company does not have exposure to floating rate instruments. As such, there is no significant exposure to interest risk as most of the financial instruments are fixed term instruments

(ii) Price risk

Price risk arises from the fluctuation in the prices of the commodities that the Company deals in. Sale and purchase prices are determined by the market forces and other factors that are not within the control of the Company. The Company does not anticipate that the prices of the various products will decline significantly in the foreseeable future and therefore has not entered into derivative or other contracts to manage the risk of a decline in the prices. The Company reviews its outlook for SAM, CRS, salt and others products prices regularly in considering the need for active financial risk management The Company has analyzed price risk with respect to SAM due to materiality of this product. The other products do not have a significant price risk impact. The following are the annual average prices per Metric tonne (Mt) for SAM that existed at the financial year end

Standard Ash		2024	2023
Selling Price	USD Per Mt	302.6	382.9

The following table demonstrates the effect on the Company's statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income on applying the sensitivity for a reasonable possible change in the SAM selling prices, with all other variables held constant

 Sensitivity analysis on Price Change
 2024
 2023

 Price Change (USD)
 10%
 30.3
 38.3

 Sales Volume
 Mt
 244,795
 288,663

 Effect in USD thousands
 7,406
 11,052

(iii) Currency risk

The Company undertakes certain transactions denominated in foreign currencies, mainly the US dollar, Sterling pound and Euros. This results in exposures to exchange rate fluctuations. The balances impacted in this regard are the balances due to foreign suppliers, balances due from foreign debtors or denominated in foreign currency, bank balances and borrowings denominated in foreign currency. The closing exchange rate was at KShs 131.80/USD compared to 31 March 2023 at KShs 132.33/USD. The carrying amount of the Company's foreign currency denominated monetary assets and monetary liabilities at the end of the reporting date is:

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

5. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

(c) Market risk management (continued)

(iii) Currency risk – continued

Currency risk – continued	US Dollars	KShs	Total
At 31 March 2024	USD '000	USD '000	USD '000
Financial assets			
Trade receivables	11,362	1,970	13,602
Due from related parties	-	-	-
Prepayments Short term deposite	970 20,847	-	970 20,847
Short term deposits Cash and bank balances	20,847	832	20,847 3,451
Cash and bank balances	2,017	052	5,751
	36,068	2,802	38,870
31 March 2024	US Dollars	KShs	Total
	USD '000	USD '000	USD '000
Financial liabilities			
Trade payables	1,683	4,735	6,418
Due to related parties (Note 24)	47	-	47
Borrowings	-	-	-
	1,730	4,735	6,465
Net foreign currency liability			
As at 31 March 2024	(34,338)	1,933	(32,405)
	US Dollars	KShs	Total
At 31 March 2023	USD '000	USD '000	USD '000
Financial assets			
Trade receivables	12,611	1,884	14,495
Due from related parties	1,551	_,	1,551
Prepayments	897	-	897
Short term deposits	8,000	-	8,000
Cash and bank balances	12,003	836	12,839
	35,062	2,720	37,782
31 March 2023	US Dollars	KShs	Total
	USD '000	USD '000	USD '000
Financial liabilities			
Trade payables	1,738	5,057	6,795
Due to related parties (Note 24)	54	-	54
Borrowings	-	-	-
	1,792	5,057	6,849
Net foreign currency liability As at 31 March 2023	(33,270)	2,337	(30,933)
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<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

5. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

(c) Market risk management (continued)

(iii) Currency risk – continued

Sensitivity analysis on exchange rates

	Profit &	Loss
Effect in USD	2024	2023
	USD '000	USD '000
Financial assets 3% change	1,082	1,052
Financial liabilities 3% change	(52)	(67)
	1,030	985

(d) Fair value hierarchy

IFRS 13 specifies a hierarchy of valuation techniques based on whether the inputs to those valuation techniques are observable or unobservable. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources; unobservable inputs reflect the Company's market assumptions. These two types of inputs have created the following fair value hierarchy:

Level 1 – Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. This level includes listed equity securities and debt instruments on exchanges.

Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices).

Level 3 – inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs). This level includes equity investments and debt instruments with significant unobservable components. This hierarchy requires the use of observable market data when available. The bank considers relevant and observable market prices in its valuations where possible.

The following table shows an analysis of financial instruments recorded at fair value by level of the fair value hierarchy.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Fair value determined using:	Unadjusted quoted prices in an active market for identical assets and liabilities	Valuation models with directly or indirectly market observable inputs	Valuation models using significant non- market observable
	and hadmitles		inputs
Types of financial assets held by the Company:	None	None	None
Types of financial liabilities held by the Company:	None	None	None

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6. CAPITAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The company's policy is to maintain a strong capital base so as to maintain, creditor and shareholder confidence and to sustain future development of the business. Management monitors the return on capital, as well as the level of dividends to ordinary shareholders

The board of directors seeks to maintain a balance between the higher returns that might be possible with higher levels of borrowing and the advantages and security afforded by a sound capital position. The company's achieved a return on capital of 50.5% in 2024 (2023: 122%).

	2024	2023
	USD '000	USD '000
Fixed Assets	9,438	9,896
Working Capital	34,151	31,300
Other Assets and Liabilities	6,703	4,696
Total Capital Employed	<u>50,292</u>	<u>45,892</u>
EBIT	<u>25,292</u>	<u>55,971</u>
ROCE(EBIT/Average Capital Employed)	<u>50.3%</u>	<u>122.0%</u>

The company monitors capital using a ratio of 'net debt' to 'adjusted equity'. Net debt is calculated as total liabilities (as shown in the statement of financial position) less cash and cash equivalents. Adjusted equity comprises all components of equity other than amounts accumulated in the hedging and cost of hedging reserves

The company's policy is to keep the ratio below 1.50. The Group's net debt to adjusted equity Ratio at 31 March 2024 was as follows

	2024	2023
	USD '000	USD '000
Total liabilities	26,980	34,133
Less: cash and bank balances	(3,451)	(12,839)
Net debt	<u>23,529</u>	<u> </u>
Total equity	49,261	43,704
Less: hedging reserve	-	-
Less: cost of hedging reserve	-	-
Adjusted equity	<u>49,261</u>	<u>43,704</u>
Net debt to adjusted equity ratio	0.48	0.49

7. REVENUE

All revenue arose as a result of continuing operations (2022: same)

(a) By product

	2024 USD '000	2023 USD '000
Soda ash and related products	77,161	117,085
Salt	700	741
Other	<u>876</u>	116
	<u>78,737</u>	<u>117,942</u>

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

7. **REVENUE** (Continued)

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	(b) By region		
	South East Asia	24,760	36,247
	Indian Sub-Continent	24,078	35,510
	Middle East	1,223	523
	Africa	27,250	45,662
	Americas	<u>1,426</u>	
		<u>1,120</u>	
		<u>78,737</u>	<u>117,942</u>
8.	COST OF SALES	2024	2023
		USD '000	USD '000
	Depreciation and impairment charge	971	1,139
	Inventory change	6,953	6,892
	Power and fuel	12,691	16,186
	Repairs and maintenance	337	147
	Stores and spares	2,602	2,090
	Salaries	2,146	2,306
	Other	<u>877</u>	768
		<u>26,577</u>	<u>29,528</u>
9.	DISTRIBUTION COSTS	2024	2023
		USD '000	USD '000
	Salaries and wages	1,394	1,850
	Freight, insurance and commission	4,441	7,214
	Packaging and warehousing	1,094	1,484
	Port charges	1,805	2,325
	Customer claims	597	233
	Transport charges	1,424	5,232
	Royalties and taxes	2,501	6,007
	Depreciation	1,129	1,286
	Repairs and others costs	<u>3,032</u>	<u>3,383</u>
		<u>17,417</u>	<u>29,014</u>
10.	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	2024	2023
		USD '000	USD '000
	Salaries and wages	3,173	2,865
	Depreciation	787	817
	Insurance	773	709
	IT and communication expenses	570	551
	Legal fees	151	104
	Professional fees	213	176
	Leasehold land	515	150
	Repairs and maintenance	656	645
	Stores and spares	377	(257)
	Travelling expenses	148	110
	Other*	<u>2,088</u>	<u>(2,441)</u>
		<u>9,451</u>	3,429

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

10. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES (Continued)

* Includes Fixed Costs overhead absorption reclassified to cost of sales under inventory Change

11. FINANCE COSTS	2024 USD '000	2023 USD '000
Interest payable and similar charges:		
Interest on borrowings	-	927
Other finance costs	247	212
Interest on lease liabilities	<u>177</u>	252
Total financial costs	<u>424</u>	<u>1,391</u>
12. PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	2024 USD' 000	2023 USD' 000
Profit before taxation is arrived at after charging:		
(Loss)/Gain on disposal of equipment		(29)
Depreciation of tangible assets (Note 16)	(2,345)	(2,615)
Amortisation of Right of Use asset (Note 17)	(542)	(648)
Auditor's remuneration;		
Auditor's fees for audit of Company's financial statements	(146)	(99)
Auditor's fees for non-audit services: tax compliance	<u>(58)</u>	<u>(88)</u>

13. STAFF COSTS

The average number of employees (including executive Directors) was:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Production and operations	268	252
Distribution and sales	99	99
Administration	<u>128</u>	<u>145</u>
	<u>495</u>	<u>496</u>
The aggregate remuneration comprised:		
	2024	2023
	USD '000	USD '000
Wages and salaries	6,494	6,533
Social security costs	52	17
Other pension costs	<u>167</u>	<u>184</u>
	<u>6,713</u>	<u>6,734</u>
Directors' remuneration comprised of:		
Directors' emoluments	708	444
The number of directors who are members of		
a defined benefit contribution scheme	=	_

The aggregate value of Company contributions paid to a provident fund in respect of Directors' qualifying services is USD Nil (2023 – USD Nil). As at 31 March 2024 retirement benefits were accruing under defined contribution scheme for Director was Nil (2023 - Nil).

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

14. TAXATION

(a) Tax (gain)/expense (Amounts recognised in profit or loss)

The net tax expense recognized comprises of the deferred tax and current income tax payable on continuing operations for the year ended 31 March 2024 was USD 7,911 thousand. (2023: USD (1,335) thousand). During the year the company generated profit before tax of USD 24,868 thousand resulting in an income tax of USD 10,933 thousand.

	2024	2023
	USD'000	USD'000
Corporation tax - current year	10,933	2,258
Corporation tax - prior year under/over provision	-	(1,276)
Deferred tax - current year	(2,594)	15,978
Recognition of previously unrecognised deferred tax	-	(18,857)
Deferred tax - prior year under/over provision	(123)	83
Forex Impact - Previous Years Tax Reversal	305	479
Tax Expense on continuing operations	<u> </u>	<u>(1,335)</u>

(b) Reconciliation of expected tax based on accounting profits

The major components of tax expense and the reconciliation of the expected tax expense based on the effective income tax rate of at 30% (2023: 30%) and the reported tax (gain)/expense in profit or loss is as follows;

	2024 USD '000	2023 USD '000
Accounting profit before taxation	24,868	54,580
Tax at the applicable rate of $30\% (2023 - 30\%)$	7,461	16,374
Tax effect of expenses not allowable for tax	585	486
Movement in unrecognised deferred tax (Note 15b)	-	-
Permanent differences as a result of change in tax rate	-	-
Recognition of previously unrecognised deferred tax asset	_	
(Note 15 a)		(18,857)
Prior year under/over provision - deferred tax	(123)	83
Prior year under/over provision - corporation tax		(1,276)
Income not taxable	-	(49)
Forex Impact - Previous Years Tax Reversal	(305)	479
Forex Impact - (Profit in Kshs v USD)	293	<u>1,425</u>
Total	<u>7,911</u>	<u>(1,335)</u>
(c) Current Income Tax payable/(Recoverable)		
	2024	2023
	USD '000	USD '000
At start of year	2,244	1,276
Current tax charge (Note 14a)	10,933	2,258
Prior year over/under provision of tax payable	(159)	(1,276)
Forex on Tax payable	(566)	-
Income tax paid/credits	<u>(11,485)</u>	<u>(14)</u>

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

At end of year

<u>967</u> <u>2,244</u>

15. DEFERRED TAX

(a) Recognised deferred tax

Deferred taxes are calculated on all temporary differences under the liability method using the current tax rate of 30%. In the year ended 31 March 2024, deferred tax assets have been recognised in respect of the following items, because it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the company can use the benefits therefrom. The net deferred tax asset is made up as follows:

2024	1-Apr 2023 USD'000	Previously unrecognised and now recognised in the year USD'000	Prior year under provision USD'000	Movement during the year loss USD'000	31-Mar 2024 USD'000
Property plant and equipment	1,609	-	112	(427)	1,294
Provisions	2,569	-	-	281	2,850
Unrealized exchange differences	(1,526)	-	11	2,694	1,179
Tax losses	144			<u>46</u>	<u>190</u>
	<u>2,796</u>	<u> </u>	123	<u>2,594</u>	<u>5,513</u>
	1 An	Previously	Prior year	Movement	31 Mor

2023	1-Apr 2022	unrecognised and now recognised in the year	Prior year under provision	Movement during the year loss	31-Mar 2023
	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000
Property plant and equipment	-	2,035	-	(426)	1,609
Provisions	-	2,626	-	(57)	2,569
Unrealized exchange differences	-	8,373	-	(9,899)	(1,526)
Tax losses		5,823	(83)	(5,596)	144
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	(83)	<u>(15,978)</u>	<u> </u>

(b) Unrecognised deferred tax

The tabulation shows movement in the previously unrecognized deferred tax

2024	1-Apr 2023 USD'000	Prior year under provision USD'000	Movement during the year USD'000	31-Mar 2024 USD'000
Property plant and equipment	-	-	-	-
Provisions	-	-	-	-
Unrealized exchange differences	-	-	-	-
Tax losses				
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

15. DEFERRED TAX (CONTINUED) (b) Recognised deferred tax (Continued)

2023	1-Apr 2022 USD'000	Prior year under provision USD'000	Movement during the year USD'000	31-Mar 2023 USD'000
Property plant and equipment	2,035	-	(2,035)	-
Provisions	2,626	-	(2,626)	-
Unrealized exchange differences	8,373	-	(8,373)	-
Tax losses	5,823		(5,823)	
	<u> 18,857</u>	<u> </u>	(18,857)	<u> </u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (CONTINUED)

16. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

At 31 March 2024	Buildings USD '000	Fixtures plant & machinery USD '000	Motor vehicles USD '000	Furniture & equipment USD '000	Assets under construction USD '000	Total USD '000
Cost						
At 1 April 2023	59,672	146,659	6,901	6,788	873	220,893
Additions	-	-	-	-	1,887	1,887
Disposals	(702)	(60,005)	(1,622)	(1,837)		(64,166)
Transfers/Capitalization	<u>550</u>	978	462	78	(2,068)	_
At 31 March 2024	<u>59,520</u>	87,632	5,741	5,029	692	158,614
Depreciation						
At 1 April 2023	(57,010)	(141,795)	(6,338)	(5,854)		(210,997)
Charge for the year	(608)	(1,238)	(170)	(329)		(2,345)
Disposal	702	60,005	1,622	1,837		64,166
	(56,916)	(83,028)	(4,886)	(4,346)		(149,176)
Net book value						
At 31 March 2024	<u>2,604</u>	4,604	855	683	692	<u>9,438</u>
At 31 March 2023	2,662	4,864	563	934	873	9,896

At 31 March 2024 the Company had commitments of USD 4,253,000 (2023: USD 3,826,000) relating to the purchase of property, plant and equipment.

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (CONTINUED)

17. RIGHT OF USE ASSETS

The Company has entered into commercial leases on office space, shunting locomotives, certain hopper wagons and mining land area. These leases have an average life of between one, three, five, ten and ninety-nine years with renewal option included in the contracts. There are no restrictions placed upon the Company by entering into these leases.

Right-of-use assets are measured at their carrying amount as if IFRS 16 had been applied since commencement date, discounted using the Company's incremental borrowing date at the date of initial application. Table below summarizes the right of use as at 31 March 2024;

	Land- right to use	Rail equipment – right to use	Other buildings- right to use	Plant and machinery- right to use	Grand total
Cost	8	8	8	8	
At 1 April 2023	1,160	3,392	3,277	98	7,927
Transfer to PPE	-	-	-	-	-
New Leases	23	-	-	-	23
Adjustments**	-	(1,184)	-	-	(1,184)
Disposals	(12)	-	(181)	-	(193)
At 31 March 2024	1,171	2,2028	3,096	98	6,523
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2023	955	2,516	2,503	53	6,027
Adjustments**	-	(993)	-	-	(993)
Disposals	(12)	-	(181)	-	(193)
Charge for year	14	339	187	-	542
At 31 March 2024	957	1,862	2,509	53	5,383
Net book value					
At 31 March 2024	214	346	587	43	1,190
At 31 March 2023	205	876	774	45	1,900

** This relates to adjustment in lease terms for the Wagon and Hopper lease. Some wagons were returned to KRC and the monthly instalment was reduced accordingly

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (CONTINUED)

17. RIGHT OF USE ASSETS (CONTINUED)

Table below summarizes the right of use as at 31 March 2023

	Land- right to use	Rail equipment – right to use	Other buildings- right to use	Plant and machinery- right to use	Grand total
Cost					
At 1 April 2022	1,317	3,392	3,344	98	8,151
Transfer to PPE	(157)	-	-	-	(157)
Disposals	-	-	(67)	-	(67)
At 31 March 2023	1,160	3,392	3,277	98	7,927
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2022	937	2,177	2,272	50	5 <i>,</i> 436
Transfer to PPE	(18)	-	-	-	(18)
Disposals			(38)		(38)
charge for year	36	339	269	3	647
At 31 March 2023	955	2,516	2,503	53	6,027
Net book value					
At 31 March 2023	205	876	774	45	1,900
At 31 March 2022	380	1,215	1,072	48	2,715

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

18.	INVENTORY	2024 USD '000	2023 USD '000
	Raw materials and consumables	7,159	7,656
	Finished goods and goods for resale	5,256	5,770
	Work progress	1,097	259
	Provision for obsolete stock	(4,549)	<u>(4,900)</u>
		<u>8,963</u>	<u>8,785</u>

There is no material difference between the balance sheet value of inventories replacement cost.

All inventory is subject to a first charge to secure the Company's bank term revolving credit facility loan and revolving credit facility.

19.	TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES	2024 USD '000	2023 USD '000
	Trade receivables	13,602	14,495
	VAT receivable**	14,762	15,263
	Prepayments	970	897
	Due from related parties (Note 24)	-	1,551
	Sundry receivables	961	3,588
	Provision for restricted and disallowed VAT	<u>(3,456)</u>	(2,173)
		<u>26,839</u>	<u>33,621</u>

As at 31 March 2024, trade receivables with an invoice value of USD Nil (2023 - USD Nil) were impaired and fully provided for. The provision for doubtful debts is determined on a specific basis. Management consider that the carrying value of trade and other receivables is approximately equal to the fair value.

** The VAT receivable is currently due and is therefore classified as a current asset, but a payment profile has not yet been agreed.

20.	TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES	2024 USD '000	2023 USD '000
	Trade payables	6,418	6,795
	Accrued expenses	15,820	20,429
	Due to related parties (Note 24)	47	54
	Other payables	<u>1,401</u>	1,358
		<u>23,686</u>	<u>28,636</u>

Terms and conditions of the above financial liabilities:

- (a) Trade payables are non-interest bearing and are normally settled 60 days following end of month.
- (b) Interest payable is normally settled monthly throughout the financial year.
- (c) The carrying value approximates the fair value.

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

21. BORROWINGS

Loans:	2024 USD '000	2023 USD '000
Rabo Bank International	_	_
Bank of India	_	-
	_	-
The maturity profile of borrowings is as follows:		
Within one year	_	-
Between one and five years		
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
The movement in loans during the year was as follows:		
At 1 April	-	36,155
Borrowings received	-	-
Borrowings repaid	-	(36,500)
Unamortised finance cost	-	345
Interest expense	-	927
Interest paid	-	(<u>927)</u>
At 31 March	<u> </u>	

Interest payable is normally settled monthly throughout the financial year.

Revolving credit facility (RCF)

The RCF is financed in two parts. Short term Part A (i) is by Overdraft facility from Standard Chartered. The bank overdraft facility is secured by a Debenture charge of USD 7.5 million - a general charge over inventories and trade receivables. Part A (ii) Bank of India (BOI) loan of USD 3.5 million is fully covered by the charged asset due to the Company from Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) (i.e. VAT receivable) and the Company has instructed KRA to make all payments through BOI for onwards transfer to Tata Chemicals Magadi.

Part B is a long-term loan from the banks which stood at USD nil as of 31 March 2024. The Company had fully repaid the Rabo Bank International long-term loan in the year ended 31 March 2023.

22. PENSION ARRANGEMENTS

Defined contribution scheme

The Company operates a defined contribution scheme, under which costs are charged to the profit and loss account on the basis of contributions payable. The contributions for the year amounted to:

	2024 USD'000	2023 USD '000
Employer contribution	<u>167</u>	<u>184</u>

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23. SHARE CAPITAL

	2024 USD'000	2023 USD '000
Ordinary shares	050 000	050 000
Issued and fully paid up $-2,727,934$	1 7(2	1 7(2
ordinary shares of £1 each*	1,763	1,763
Non-cumulative Preference shares Gusiute Holdings (UK) Limited – 32,512,408 preference sha	r 00	
of £1 each**	31,012	32,512
Homefield Pvt UK Limited - 9,900,000 preference		
shares of USD1 each**		9,900
	<u>31,102</u>	<u>42,412</u>
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	<u>32,775</u>	<u>44,175</u>
The movement in preferences during the year was as follows	:	
	2024	2023
	USD '000	USD '000
At 1 April	42,412	42,412
Preference shares issued	-	-
Redemption	(11,400)	-
Currency translation		
At 31 March	<u>31,012</u>	<u>42,412</u>
Gusiute Holdings (UK) Limited	31,012	32,512
Homefield Pvt UK Limited		9,900
	<u>31,012</u>	<u>42,412</u>

The Company has one class of ordinary shares which carry no right to fixed income.

** In 2012, the Company issued to Gusiute Holdings (UK) Limited 32,512,408 redeemable preference shares of USD 1 each fully paid. In 2014 and 2015, the Company issued an additional 9,900,000 redeemable preference shares of USD 1 each to Homefield Pvt UK Limited. However, during the year under review the company fully redeemed and paid Homefield Pvt UK preference shares of USD 9.9 million and partially redeemed and repaid USD 1.5 million of Gusiute Holdings (UK) Limited hence a balance of USD 31.012 million as of 31 March 2024. The redemption was made from distributable reserves after board approval. The preference share capital redeemed in the year of USD 11.4 million were transferred to the capital redemption reserve.

24. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES

Companies are related by virtue of common shareholding. The following table provides the total amount of transactions that have been entered into with related parties for the relevant financial year:

(a)	Amounts due from related companies	2024	2023
	-	USD '000	USD '000
	Tata Chemicals (SA) Limited	-	1,074
	Tata Chemicals International Pte Ltd	-	-
	Tata Chemicals Service Consultant	-	-
	Tata Chemicals Limited		477
		<u></u>	<u>1,551</u>

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

24. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES (Continued)

(a) Amounts due to related companies		
	30	54
Tata Chemicals Limited		
Tata Chemicals Service Consultant	<u>17</u>	<u>=</u>
	<u> 47 </u>	54
(b) Sales to related companies		
Tata Chemicals (SA) Limited	1,516	9,127
Tata Chemicals International Pte Ltd	-	14,104
Tata Chemicals Limited	<u>2,720</u>	671
	<u>4,236</u>	<u>23,902</u>

Ultimate parent

The Company's immediate parent undertaking is TC Africa Holdings Limited a Company incorporated in England.

The ultimate parent company and controlling party in the year to 31 March 2024 was Tata Chemicals Limited, a company incorporated in India. The largest and smallest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that of Tata Chemicals Limited.

Copies of the financial statements are available from the Company Secretary, Tata Chemicals Limited, Bombay House, Mumbai, India.

Terms and conditions of transactions with related parties

The sales to and purchases from related parties are made at terms equivalent to those that prevail in arm's length transactions. Outstanding trading balances at the year-end are unsecured and will be settled in cash. There have been no guarantees provided or received for any related party receivables or payables. For the year ended 31 March 2024, the Company has not recorded any impairment of receivables relating to amounts owed by related parties (2023 - USD Nil). This assessment is undertaken each financial year by examining the financial position of the related party and the market in which the related party operates.

Transactions with key management personnel

There were no transactions with key management personnel in the year. Directors' remuneration is disclosed in Note 13.

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

25. NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(a) Reconciliation of profit/(loss) before taxation to cash (used in)/generated from operations

	operations	Note	2024 USD '000	2023 USD '000
	(Loss)/profit before taxation		24,868	54,580
	Adjustments for:			
	Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	16	2,345	2,615
	Amortization of leases	17	542	647
	Loss/(Gain) on disposal of equipment		-	29
	Finance costs	11	424	1,391
	Unamortized borrowing cost	21	-	345
	Lease liability Exchange difference		-	95
	Others adjustments - Forex on Tax paid		(159)	
	Forex Impact - Previous Years Tax		<u>(578)</u>	(479)
	Profit before working capital changes		27,442	59,223
	Movement in:			
	Inventory		(178)	(1,721)
	Trade and other receivables		6,782	(10,546)
	Trade and other payables		<u>(4,950)</u>	<u>2,011</u>
	Cash generated from operation		<u>29,096</u>	<u>48,967</u>
(b)	Analysis of cash and cash equivalents			
	Cash and bank balances		<u>3,451</u>	<u> 12,839</u>

26. SHORT TERM DEPOSITS

The Company during the year made a fixed deposit with Bank of India(Kenya) at 6.0% p.a. The FD (Fixed Deposit) with Absa Bank PLC matured during the year and was re-invested to Bank of India. Tabulation below summarises the FD savings.

	2024 USD '000	2023 USD '000
At 1 April Deposits made	- 20,198	5,086
Accrued Interest Income Withdrawals		- (5.086)
Balance as at 31 March	<u>20,847</u>	

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

26. SHORT TERM DEPOSITS (Continued)

27.

The summary below indicates the status of the FD account as at 31 March 2024.

		2024 USD '000	2023 USD '000
FD Bank of India (interest 6.0% 2024, 5.6% 2023) Accrued Interest income		20,847	8,000
		<u>20,847</u>	<u>8,000</u>
LEAS	SES	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
(<i>a</i>)	Right-of-use assets	USD '000	USD '000
	Balance 1 April	1,900	2,715
	Termination/Additions to right-of-use assets	(168)	(168)
	Depreciation for the year	(542)	(647)
	Balance at 31 March	<u>1,190</u>	<u>1,900</u>
(b)	Amount recognised in statement of cashflows		
(-)	Lease interest payments	176	252
	Principal lease payments	418	<u>470</u>
	Total cash outflows	<u>594</u>	722
(<i>c</i>)	Amount recognised in profit or loss		
	Interest on lease liabilities	176	252
	Depreciation expense	542	<u>647</u>
		<u>718</u>	<u>899</u>
(<i>d</i>)	Lease liability		
	Balance as at 1 April	3,253	3,628
	New leases	(508)	-
	Interest charged	176	252
	Payments during the year Revaluation adjustment	(594)	(722) <u>95</u>
	Lease liability as at 31 March	2,327	3,253
	The maturity of lease lability at the ended of the pear was as follows:		
-	Within one year	1,296	1,065
	Between one and five years	377	1,484
	Five year and above	654	704
I	Lease liability as at 31 March	<u>2,327</u>	<u>3,253</u>

<u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

28. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Land Case - Demand for KShs 17.45 billion - On 3 May 2019, the High Court delivered its judgement in respect of the petition against a demand for land rates levied on the Company by the County Government of Kajiado during the year. The Court's judgment quashed this demand in entirety. In its judgement, the court also ordered that both parties submit themselves to a consultation process to be led by the Cabinet Secretary for Mining, supervised by the Court in order to agree on the acreage to which land rates should be levied. Following the lapse of period for negotiations as directed by the High Court, TCML proceeded to the court of appeal on this issue. The appeal has several merits based on legal facts and, directors and management are convinced of high chances of success.

On 2 December 2020, the County Government of Kajiado issued an adjusted demand of USD 78 Million (KShs 10.28 billion) for outstanding land rates. A revised demand of USD 87 million (KShs 11.48 Billion) was sent to the Company on 20th February 2023 which the Company objected to.

After taking appropriate legal advice, the management does not consider the liability to be probable at this stage and hence it has been disclosed as a contingent liability

Tax Contingencies - The three tax cases relating to corporation tax were settled after engagement and settlement agreement with KRA and subsequently filing a court consent. On the contingencies on Tax arrears, interest and penalties Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) issued a blank tax amnesty to all tax payers and waived the amounts through the Kenya Finance Act 2023

29. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Advance Tax Payment Disclosure - In June 2015, TCML Deposit paid to Kenya Revenue authority (KRA) against various tax demands. Following the closure of all Tax cases by June 2023 and issuance of tax amnesty by KRA through the Finance Act 2023 the amount was recognized as a prepayment. As of 16 April 2024, the advance tax payment which had been recorded in the balance sheet as prepayment asset of KShs 75 million was approved by the Kenya Revenue Authority for offsetting against future Pay As You Earn (PAYE) liabilities

General Disclosure - Management continues to actively monitor the impact of the geopolitical tension in the middle east on the supply chain and the current global economic situation on the business operations and subsequently priced in the risks in the business financial projections in the near term and continues to monitor the likely impact of the unfolding events. To date there has been no adverse impact on the entity operations. Further the management strive to maintain good relationship with the customer and maximize on sport market with better returns. The management will continue to implement measures and programs to enhance and/or improve overall operational efficiency and productivity through target capex spend on critical parts of across our operations