

EQUATE Petrochemical Company K.S.C.C. and its subsidiaries

State of Kuwait



**Consolidated financial statements and
Independent auditor's report for the year ended
31 December 2023**

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Independent auditor's report

The Shareholders
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Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Equate Petrochemical Company K.S.C.C. ("the Company") and its subsidiaries (together "the Group"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, the consolidated statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes, comprising material accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2023, and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IFRS Accounting Standards).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA Code) and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Impairment testing of goodwill

See Note 5 to the consolidated financial statements.

The key audit matter

At 31 December 2023, the Group carries a goodwill balance of USD 1,689 million relating to Ethylene Glycol business of its significant subsidiaries. The Group tested its goodwill at the reporting date to determine if they are recoverable, which involves significant management judgments about future market conditions, assumptions on sales, cost of sales, gross margins, economic growth rate and discount rate. Due to the significance of goodwill balance and the inherent uncertainty involved in forecasting and discounting future cash flows, which are the basis of the assessment of recoverability, this is one of the key judgmental areas that our audit is concentrated on.

How the matter was addressed in our audit

As part of our audit we assessed the methods used by the management of the Group to determine the recoverable amount of the cash generating units and the key assumptions used in annual impairment analysis. We performed audit procedures over the significant forecast assumptions for 2024, including volume, capacity, sales price and cost. Cash flows for the years 2025 and beyond were reviewed based on the base forecast for 2024 and market data for the EG business. Additionally, we validated that the result and the cash flow projection in the impairment analysis are consistent with the long range plan approved by the Board of Directors.

We performed our own sensitivity analysis, which included assessing the effect of reasonably possible reductions in growth rates and forecast cash flows to evaluate the impact on the currently estimated headroom.

We evaluated the adequacy of the consolidated financial statement disclosures, including disclosures of key assumptions and judgements.

Revenue recognition

See Note 3(I) to the consolidated financial statements.

The key audit matter

The revenue from customers is recognised either at a point in time or over the period of time depending on the delivery of performance obligation, such as delivery of goods and rendering of shipping and handling services etc. The recognition of revenue now depends on the analysis of customer contracts and may involve significant judgement.

Majority of the Group's sales are export sales. The terms and conditions of transferring the control and the lead time between shipment and delivery differ per country of destination and are complex, which increases the level of sensitivity to errors.

As a result, the Group could overstate revenue through improper cut-off or manual adjustments to revenue resulting in incorrect revenue recognition.

How the matter was addressed in our audit

Our audit procedures included, amongst others, assessing the appropriateness of the Group's revenue recognition accounting policies in the light of revenue recognition standards.

We tested the design and implementation and the operating effectiveness of controls around sales process starting from contracts approval and sign-off, customer order's approval, recording of sales, to reconciliations with cash receipts and customers' records.

We performed testing of revenue recorded using sampling techniques, by examining the relevant supporting documents including customer orders, invoices, shipping documents and / or bills of lading and requisite approvals.

Tested the sales reversals and credit memos for price adjustments subsequent to the balance sheet date to verify whether revenue for the period is to be adjusted.

We conducted procedures over sales transactions before and after the year end to ensure that revenue was recognised in the correct period, by examining the relevant supporting documents including customer orders, invoices, shipping documents and / or bills of lading and requisite approvals.

We inspected whether there are any manual journal entries passed relating to revenue accounts, and the underlying documents and rationale for the same.

In addition, we confirmed certain customers' receivable balances at the balance sheet date.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Group's annual report, other than the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Prior to the date of this auditor's report, we obtained the Board of Directors report which forms part of the annual report and the remaining sections of the annual report are expected to be made available to us after that date.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not and will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we have obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Group'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 management either intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

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

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.



- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the consolidated financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

We further report that we have obtained the information and explanations that we required for the purpose of our audit and the consolidated financial statements include the information required by the Companies Law No. 1 of 2016, as amended, and its Executive Regulations and the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, as amended. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the Company, an inventory count was carried out in accordance with recognized procedures and the accounting information given in the Board of Directors' report agrees with the books of accounts of the Company. We have not become aware of any violations of the provisions of the Companies Law No. 1 of 2016, as amended, and its Executive Regulations, or of the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, as amended during the year ended 31 December 2023 that might have had a material effect on the business of the Group or on its consolidated financial position.

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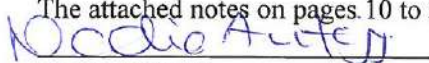
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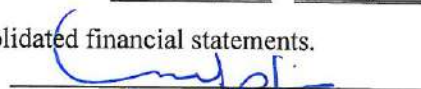


Consolidated statement of financial position
as at 31 December 2023

	Notes	US\$ million	
		2023	2022
Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	4	2,312	2,316
Goodwill	5	1,689	1,689
Intangible assets	6	174	204
Right-of-use assets	7	317	322
Deferred tax assets	8	29	47
Deferred charges and other assets	9	780	831
Non-current assets		5,301	5,409
Inventories	11	189	226
Notes receivables from a related party	10	-	46
Due from related parties	10	55	64
Trade and other receivables	12	609	659
Deferred charges and other assets	9	56	55
Cash and bank balances	13	656	468
Current assets		1,565	1,518
Total assets		6,866	6,927
Equity			
Share capital	14	700	700
Treasury shares	14	(450)	(450)
Statutory reserve	14	350	350
Retained earnings		99	39
Remeasurement of retirement benefit obligation		45	35
Foreign currency translation reserve		13	13
Hedge reserve		25	29
Total equity		782	716
Liabilities			
Loans and borrowings	15	3,834	4,179
Deferred income	16	221	264
Lease liabilities	7	320	318
Deferred tax liabilities	8	135	148
Retirement benefit obligation	17	375	370
Long term incentives		6	2
Non-current liabilities		4,891	5,281
Long term incentives		5	3
Loans and borrowings	15	500	150
Lease liabilities	7	21	25
Deferred income	16	40	37
Due to related parties	10	138	142
Notes payables to a related party	10	17	-
Trade and other payables	18	472	573
Current liabilities		1,193	930
Total liabilities		6,084	6,211
Total equity and liabilities		6,866	6,927

The attached notes on pages 10 to 58 form an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.


Nadia Al-Hajji
Chairperson


Naser Al-Dousari
President & Chief Executive Officer



Consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income
for the year ended 31 December 2023

	<i>Notes</i>	US\$ million	
		2023	2022
Sales	24	3,209	4,042
Cost of sales	19	(2,882)	(3,409)
Gross profit		327	633
Management fees	10	7	7
Reservation right fees	16	40	37
General, administrative and selling expenses	20	(61)	(65)
Other income		-	7
Foreign exchange loss		(9)	(2)
Profit from operation		304	617
Finance income		12	7
Finance costs		(227)	(221)
Profit before contribution to Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (“KFAS”), Zakat, tax on subsidiaries and Board of Directors’ remuneration		89	403
Contribution to KFAS	21	(2)	(4)
Contribution to Zakat	22	(1)	(2)
Tax on subsidiaries	8	27	(26)
Board of Directors’ remuneration	23	(0)	(0)
Net profit for the year		113	371
Other comprehensive income			
<i>Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</i>			
Remeasurement of retirement benefit obligation	17	10	50
Remeasurement of outstanding leave balance obligation and others		0	(2)
<i>Items that are or may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</i>			
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations		0	(10)
Change in fair value of cash flow hedge		(4)	28
Other comprehensive income for the year		6	66
Total comprehensive income for the year		119	437

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Consolidated statement of changes in equity
for the year ended 31 December 2023

	US\$ million							
	Share capital	Treasury shares	Statutory reserve	Retained earnings	Remeasurement of retirement benefit obligation	Foreign currency translation reserve	Hedge reserve	Total
Balance as at 1 January 2022	700	(450)	350	743	(13)	23	1	1,354
Net profit for the year	-	-	-	371	-	-	-	371
Other comprehensive income / (loss)	-	-	-	-	48	(10)	28	66
Total comprehensive income	-	-	-	371	48	(10)	28	437
Dividends paid (Note 14)	-	-	-	(1,075)	-	-	-	(1,075)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	<u>700</u>	<u>(450)</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>716</u>
Balance as at 1 January 2023	700	(450)	350	39	35	13	29	716
Net profit for the year	-	-	-	113	-	-	-	113
Other comprehensive income / (loss)	-	-	-	-	10	-	(4)	6
Total comprehensive income	-	-	-	113	10	-	(4)	119
Dividends paid (Note 14)	-	-	-	(53)	-	-	-	(53)
Balance as at 31 December 2023	<u>700</u>	<u>(450)</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>782</u>

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Consolidated statement of cash flows
for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	US\$ million	
		2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net profit for the year		113	371
<i>Adjustments for:</i>			
Depreciation	4 & 7	232	233
Amortisation of intangible and deferred assets	6 & 9	90	83
Reservation right fees	16	(40)	(37)
Deferred income tax	8	5	(1)
Finance costs		227	221
Finance income		(12)	(7)
Provision for retirement benefit obligation	17	39	41
Foreign exchange gain on retirement benefit obligations	17	-	(7)
Provision for long term incentives		8	5
		<u>662</u>	<u>902</u>
<i>Changes in:</i>			
Inventories		37	(4)
Due from related parties		9	(12)
Trade and other receivables		39	329
Long term incentives paid		(2)	(6)
Due to related parties		(4)	(20)
Trade and other payables		(110)	61
Retirement benefit obligation paid	17	(24)	(27)
Net cash from operating activities		<u>607</u>	<u>1,223</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	4	(192)	(133)
Investment in staff saving scheme		(1)	(3)
Movement in notes receivables	10	46	(46)
Finance income received		11	9
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(136)</u>	<u>(173)</u>



Consolidated statement of cash flows
for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	US\$ million	
		2023	2022
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of long-term loan	15	-	(75)
Bond repayment	15	-	(428)
Proceeds from bilateral loans	15	-	75
Loan origination fees paid	15	(2)	(2)
Movement in notes payables	10	17	(107)
Finance costs paid		(208)	(213)
Payment of lease liabilities	7	(38)	(36)
Dividends paid	14	(53)	(1,075)
Net cash used in financing activities		(284)	(1,861)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		187	(811)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		408	1,219
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	13	595	408

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Notes to the consolidated financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2023

1. Reporting entity

EQUATE Petrochemical Company K.S.C.C. (“the Company”) is a Closed Kuwaiti Shareholding Company incorporated in the State of Kuwait on 20 November 1995 with commercial registration number 63392 dated 20 November 1995.

The Company is owned by Dow Europe Holding B.V. (“DEHBV”), Petrochemical Industries Company K.S.C. (“PIC”), Boubyan Petrochemical Company K.S.C. (“BPC”) and Kuwait Projects Company (Holding) (“KIPCO”).

DEHBV is a subsidiary of the Dow Chemical Company (“TDCC”).

The objective of the Company is to manufacture all kinds of petrochemical products. The Company may have interests in, or in any way associate itself with entities, which are carrying on activities similar to its own or which may help the Company to realise its objectives, whether in the State of Kuwait or abroad.

The Group is primarily engaged in the manufacture and sale of ethylene glycol (“EG”), polyethylene (“PE”) and polyethylene terephthalate (“PET”). The Company also operates and maintains Olefins II, Styrene and Aromatics plants on behalf of related entities in State of Kuwait.

The address of the Company’s registered office is Central Ahmadi, Block 12, State of Kuwait.

The consolidated financial statements comprise of the Company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as “the Group” and individually “the Group entities”).

A list of significant directly and indirectly owned subsidiaries are as follows:

Name of entity	Country of incorporation	Principal business	Percentage of holdings	
			31 December 2023	31 December 2022
MEGlobal B.V (“MEG B.V”)	Netherlands	Holding Company and sales of EG	100%	100%
Equate Petrochemical B.V	Netherlands	Holding Company	-*	100%
MEGlobal Canada ULC (“MEGC”)	Canada	Manufacturing and sales of EG	100%	100%
EQUATE Sukuk SPC Limited	UAE	Special Purpose Company	100%	100%
MEGlobal International FZE	UAE	Marketing and distribution of EG	-**	100%
MEGlobal Americas Inc	USA	Marketing and distribution of EG	100%	100%
MEGlobal Asia Limited	China	Marketing and distribution of EG	-**	100%
MEGlobal Mexico S.A. de C.V.	Mexico	Marketing and distribution of EG	100%	100%
MEGlobal Trading Group	China	Marketing and distribution of EG	100%	100%
MEGlobal Comercio Do Brasil Ltda	Brazil	Marketing and distribution of EG	100%	100%
MEGlobal EG Singapore Pte. Ltd.	Singapore	Marketing and distribution of EG	100%	100%
Equipolymers GmbH	Germany	Manufacturing and sales of PET	100%	100%
Equipolymers Srl	Italy	Marketing of PET	100%	100%
Held through MEGC				
Alberta & Orient Glycol Company ULC	Canada	Manufacturing and sales of EG	100%	100%

* The downstream merger of Equate Petrochemical B.V (Disappearing Company) with MEGlobal B.V. (Acquiring Company) was effective as of 1 January 2023. MEGlobal B.V. is the surviving entity, post the merger. The above merger does not have any impact on the consolidated financial statements.



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** During 2023, the Company went through a legal entity rationalization process that resulted in the dissolution and liquidation of MEGlobal Asia Limited & MEGlobal International FZE.

These consolidated financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 13 February 2024 and are subject to approval of shareholders at the forth-coming Annual General Meeting.

2. Base of preparation

a) Statement of compliance

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS Accounting Standards”), the requirements of the Companies Law No. 1 of 2016, as amended and its Executive Regulations, the Company’s Memorandum and Articles of Association and Ministerial order No.18 of 1990.

b) Basis of measurement

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for the derivative financial instruments which are measured at fair value.

c) Functional and presentation currency

The consolidated financial statements are presented in United States Dollars (“US\$”) which is the functional currency of the Company. The Company’s functional currency is not the currency of the country in which it is domiciled as majority of the transactions of the company are denominated in US\$. All financial information presented in US\$ has been rounded to the nearest million. A separate set of financial statements is presented in Kuwaiti Dinar (“KD”) for purpose of submission to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, State of Kuwait.

d) Use of estimates and judgments

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS Accounting Standards require management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income, and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are based on 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 judgments about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in 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. Refer Note 3 (r) for the estimates and judgements made in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effects on the amounts recognised in the consolidated financial statements.

e) Changes in material accounting policies

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are consistent with those used in the previous financial year, except for the adoption of the first-time certain standards and amendments, which are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023 (unless otherwise stated). The Group has not early adopted any other standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective.

New standards, interpretations, and amendments adopted by the Group.

IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts

IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts is a comprehensive new accounting standard for insurance contracts covering recognition and measurement, presentation and disclosure. IFRS 17 replaces IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts. IFRS 17 applies to all types of insurance contracts (i.e., life, non-life, direct insurance and re-insurance), regardless of the type of entities that issue them as well as to certain guarantees and financial instruments with discretionary participation features; a few scope exceptions will apply. The overall objective of IFRS 17 is to provide a comprehensive accounting model for insurance contracts that is more useful and consistent for insurers, covering all relevant accounting aspects. IFRS 17 is based on a general model, supplemented by:

- A specific adaptation for contracts with direct participation features (the variable fee approach)
- A simplified approach (the premium allocation approach) mainly for short-duration contracts

The new standard had no material impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

Disclosure of Accounting Policies (Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2)

The Group also adopted Disclosure of Accounting Policies (Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2) from 1 January 2023. The amendments require the disclosure of 'material' rather than 'significant', accounting policies. The amendments also provide guidance on the application of materiality to disclosure of accounting policies, assisting entities to provide useful, entity-specific accounting policy information for users to understand other information in the financial statements.

The amendments had no material impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

Definition of Accounting Estimates (Amendments to IAS 8)

The amendments to IAS 8 clarify the distinction between changes in accounting estimates, changes in accounting policies and the correction of errors. They also clarify how entities use measurement techniques and inputs to develop accounting estimates.

The amendments has no material impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a single transaction (Amendments to IAS 12)

These amendments narrow the scope of the initial recognition exemption to exclude transactions that give rise to equal and offsetting temporary differences – e.g. leases. For leases, an entity is required to recognise the associated deferred tax assets and liabilities from the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented, with any cumulative effect recognised as an adjustment to retained earnings or other components of equity at that date. For all other transactions, an entity applies the amendments to transactions that occur on or after the beginning of the earliest period presented.

The amendment has no material impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

International Tax reform – Pillar Two Model Rules – Amendments to IAS 12.

The Group has adopted International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Module Rules (Amendments to IAS 12) upon their release on 23 May 2023. The amendments provide a temporary mandatory exception from deferred tax accounting for the top-up tax, which is effective immediately, and require new disclosures about the Pillar Two exposure as below:



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The Group is within the scope of the OECD Pillar Two model rules. Since the Pillar Two legislation was not effective at the reporting date, the Group has no related current tax exposure. The Group is in the process of assessing its exposure to the Pillar Two legislation for when it comes into effect in different jurisdictions. Due to the complexities in applying the legislation and calculating Global Anti-Base Erosion Rules (“GloBE”) income in each jurisdiction, the quantitative impact of the enacted or substantively enacted legislation is not yet reasonably estimable. The Group is currently engaged with tax specialists to assist them with applying the legislation.

The amendment has no material impact on the Group’s consolidated financial statements.

3. Material accounting policies

The Group has consistently applied the following accounting policies to all periods presented in these consolidated financial statements except as disclosed in note 2(e).

In addition, the Group adopted the Disclosure of Accounting policies (Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice statement 2) from 1 January 2023. These amendments require the disclosure of ‘material’ rather than significant accounting policies. Although the amendments did not result in any changes to the accounting policies themselves, they impacted the accounting policy information disclosed in note 2(e).

a) Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of the Company as at the reporting date and its subsidiaries (investees which are controlled by the Group). Control is achieved when the Group is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee. Specifically, the Group controls an investee if and only if the Group has:

- Power over the investee (i.e., existing rights that give it the current ability to direct the relevant activities of the investee)
- Exposure, or rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee, and
- The ability to use its power over the investee to affect its returns.

When the Group has less than a majority of the voting or similar rights of an investee, the Group considers all relevant facts and circumstances in assessing whether it has power over an investee, including:

- The contractual arrangement with the other vote holders of the investee
- Rights arising from other contractual arrangements
- The Group’s voting rights and potential voting rights.

The Group re-assesses whether or not it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control. Consolidation of a subsidiary begins when the Group obtains control over the subsidiary and ceases when the Group loses control of the subsidiary. Assets, liabilities, income, and expenses of a subsidiary acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the Group’s consolidated financial statements from the date the Group gains control until the date the Group ceases to control the subsidiary.

Profit or loss and each component of the other comprehensive income are attributed to the shareholders of the Parent Company of the Group and to the non-controlling interests, even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance. When necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies in line with the Group’s accounting policies. All intra-group assets and liabilities, equity, income, expenses, and cash flows relating to transactions between members of the Group are eliminated in full on consolidation.



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A change in the ownership interest of a subsidiary, without a loss of control, is accounted for as an equity transaction.

If the Group lose control over a subsidiary, it derecognises the related assets (including goodwill and intangible assets), liabilities, non-controlling interest and other components of equity while any resultant gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss. Any investment retained is recognised at fair value.

Business combination under common control

With respect to business combinations arising from transfers of interests in entities that are under the control of the shareholders the Group has chosen to apply IFRS 3 – *Business combinations*.

Accordingly, transactions under common control are accounted for using the acquisition method whereby the assets and liabilities acquired are recognized at their fair value.

The cost of an acquisition is measured as the aggregate of the consideration transferred, and the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a business combination which are measured at acquisition date fair value, and the amount of any non-controlling interests in the acquiree. For each business combination, the Group elects whether to measure the non-controlling interests in the acquiree at fair value or at the proportionate share of the acquiree's identifiable net assets. Acquisition-related costs are recognized as expenses in the periods in which the costs are incurred. When the Group acquires a business, it assesses the financial assets and liabilities assumed for appropriate classification and designation in accordance with the contractual terms, economic circumstances and pertinent conditions as at the acquisition date. Any contingent consideration to be transferred by the acquirer will be recognized at fair value at the acquisition date. Contingent consideration classified as an asset or liability that is a financial instrument and within the scope of IFRS 9 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement, is measured at fair value with the changes in fair value recognised in the consolidated statement of profit and loss.

If the business combination is achieved in stages, the acquirer's previously held equity interest in the acquiree is re-measured to fair value at the acquisition date and included in cost of acquisition in determination of goodwill. Any resulting gain or loss on re-measurement of previously held equity interest is recognised in consolidated statement of profit and loss. If the initial accounting for the business combination is incomplete by the end of the reporting period in which the combination occurs, the Group reports provisional amounts for the items for which the accounting is incomplete and retrospectively adjusts these amounts during the measurement period of one year from the acquisition date.

Goodwill is measured as the excess of the aggregate of the fair value of the consideration transferred in the business combination, the amount recognized for non-controlling interest, and the fair value of any previously held equity interest in the acquiree, over the fair value of the acquiree's net identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed. If the aggregate consideration transferred, is lower than the fair value of net assets acquired, the difference is recognised as gain on business combination in the consolidated statement of profit and loss on the acquisition date.

b) Financial Instruments

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity.

i) Financial assets

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets are classified, at initial recognition, as subsequently measured at amortised cost, fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") or fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL").



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The classification of financial assets at initial recognition depends on the financial asset's contractual cash flow characteristics and the Group's business model for managing them. With the exception of deposits and due from a related party that do not contain a significant financing component or for which the Group has applied the practical expedient, the Group initially measures a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at FVTPL, transaction costs.

In order for a financial asset to be classified and measured at amortised cost or FVOCI, it needs to give rise to cash flows that are 'solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI)' on the principal amount outstanding. This assessment is referred to as the SPPI test and is performed at an instrument level.

Purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within a time frame established by regulation or convention in the market place (regular way trades) are recognised on the trade date, i.e., the date that the Group commits to purchase or sell the asset.

Subsequent measurement

For purposes of subsequent measurement, financial assets are classified in four categories:

- Financial assets at amortised cost (debt instruments),
- Financial assets at FVOCI with recycling of cumulative gains and losses (debt instruments),
- Financial assets designated at FVOCI with no recycling of cumulative gains and losses upon derecognition (equity instruments),
- Financial assets at FVTPL.

Financial assets at amortised cost

The Group measures financial assets at amortised cost if both of the following conditions are met:

- The financial asset is held within a business model with the objective to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows, and
- The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Financial assets at amortised cost are subsequently measured using the effective interest rate (EIR) method and are subject to impairment. Gains and losses are recognised in consolidated statement of profit or loss when the asset is derecognised, modified or impaired. The Group's financial assets at amortised cost includes notes receivables from a related party, due from related parties, trade and other receivables and bank balances.

(a) Business model assessment

The Group determines its business model at the level that best reflects how it manages groups of financial assets to achieve its business objective. The Group's business model is not assessed on an instrument-by-instrument basis, but at a higher level of aggregated portfolios and is based on observable factors such as:

- How the performance of the business model and the financial assets held within that business model are evaluated and reported to the entity's key management personnel; and
- The risks that affect the performance of the business model (and the financial assets held within that business model) and, in particular, the way those risks are managed;

The business model assessment is based on reasonably expected scenarios without taking 'worst case' or 'stress case' scenarios into account. If cash flows after initial recognition are realised in a way that is different from the Group's original expectations, the Group does not change the classification of the remaining financial assets held in that business model, but incorporates such information when assessing newly originated or newly purchased financial assets going forward.



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(b) The SPPI test

As a second step of its classification process, the Group assesses the contractual terms of financial asset to identify whether they meet the SPPI test.

Principal for the purpose of this test is defined as the fair value of the financial asset at initial recognition and may change over the life of the financial asset (for example, if there are repayments of principal or amortisation of the premium/discount).

The most significant elements of interest within a lending arrangement are typically the consideration for the time value of money and credit risk. To make the SPPI assessment, the Group applies judgement and considers relevant factors such as the currency in which the financial asset is denominated, and the period for which the interest rate is set.

In contrast, contractual terms that introduce a more than de minimum exposure to risks or volatility in the contractual cash flows that are unrelated to a basic lending arrangement do not give rise to contractual cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the amount outstanding. In such cases, the financial asset is required to be measured at FVTPL.

Further, financial assets carried at amortised cost are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The amortised cost is reduced by impairment losses. Income from loans and advances, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognised in the consolidated statement of profit and loss. Any gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit and loss.

Financial assets at FVOCI (debt instruments)

The Group measures debt instruments at FVOCI if both of the following conditions are met:

- The financial asset is held within a business model with the objective of both holding to collect contractual cash flows and selling; and
- The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

For debt instruments at FVOCI, interest income, foreign exchange revaluation and impairment losses or reversals are recognised in the consolidated statement of profit and loss and computed in the same manner as for financial assets measured at amortised cost. The remaining fair value changes are recognised in OCI. Upon derecognition, the cumulative fair value change recognised in OCI is recycled to profit or loss. The Group does not carry any debt instruments at FVOCI.

Financial assets designated at FVOCI (equity instruments)

Upon initial recognition, the Group can elect to classify irrevocably its equity investments as equity instruments designated at FVOCI when they meet the definition of equity under IAS 32 Financial Instruments: Presentation and are not held for trading. The classification is determined on an instrument-by-instrument basis.

Gains and losses on these financial assets are never recycled to profit or loss. Dividends are recognised as other income in the consolidated statement of profit and loss when the right of payment has been established, except when the Group benefits from such proceeds as a recovery of part of the cost of the financial asset, in which case, such gains are recorded in OCI. Equity instruments designated at FVOCI are not subject to impairment assessment. The Group does not carry any equity instrument designated at FVOCI.



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Financial assets at FVTPL

Financial assets at FVTPL include financial assets held for trading, financial assets designated upon initial recognition at FVTPL, or financial assets mandatorily required to be measured at fair value. Financial assets are classified as held for trading if they are acquired for the purpose of selling or repurchasing in the near term. Derivatives, including separated embedded derivatives, are also classified as held for trading unless they are designated as effective hedging instruments. Financial assets with cash flows that are not solely payments of principal and interest are classified and measured at FVTPL, irrespective of the business model.

Notwithstanding the criteria for debt instruments to be classified at amortised cost or at FVOCI, as described above, debt instruments may be designated at FVTPL on initial recognition if doing so eliminates, or significantly reduces, an accounting mismatch.

Financial assets at FVTPL are carried in the consolidated statement of financial position at fair value with net changes in fair value recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss. The Group does not carry any financial assets at FVTPL.

Derecognition

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is primarily derecognised (i.e., removed from the Group's consolidated statement of financial position) when:

- The rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired, or
- The Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a 'pass-through' arrangement; and either (a) the Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) the Group has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

When the Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from an asset or has entered into a pass-through arrangement, it evaluates if, and to what extent, it has retained the risks and rewards of ownership. When it has neither transferred nor retained substantially all of the risks and rewards of the asset, nor transferred control of the asset, the Group continues to recognise the transferred asset to the extent of its continuing involvement. In that case, the Group also recognises an associated liability. The transferred asset and the associated liability are measured on a basis that reflects the rights and obligations that the Group has retained.

Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Company could be required to repay.

Impairment of financial assets

The Group recognises an allowance for expected credit losses (ECLs) for all debt instruments not held at FVTPL. ECLs are based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Group expects to receive, discounted at an approximation of the original effective interest rate. The expected cash flows will include cash flows from the sale of collateral held or other credit enhancements that are integral to the contractual terms.

ECLs are recognised in two stages. For credit exposures for which there has not been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, ECLs are provided for credit losses that result from default events that are possible within the next 12-months (a 12-month ECL). For those credit exposures for which there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, a loss



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allowance is required for credit losses expected over the remaining life of the exposure, irrespective of the timing of the default (a lifetime ECL).

The Group has established a policy to perform an assessment at the end of each reporting period of whether credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition by considering the change in the risk of default occurring over the remaining life of the financial instrument.

Under the lifetime ECL, the Group determines whether the financial asset is in one of the three stages in order to determine the amount of ECL to recognize:

Stage 1: 12 months ECL

For exposures where there has not been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, the portion of the lifetime ECL associated with the probability of default events occurring within next 12 months is recognised.

Stage 2: Lifetime ECL – not credit impaired

For credit exposures where there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition but that are not credit impaired, a lifetime ECL is recognised.

Stage 3: Lifetime ECL – credit impaired

Financial assets are assessed as credit impaired when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of that asset have occurred. As this uses the same criteria as under IFRS 9, the Group methodology for specific provisions remains largely unchanged.

Lifetime ECL are recorded on financial assets that is 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.

For trade and other receivables, the Group applies a simplified approach in calculating ECLs. Therefore, the Group does not track changes in credit risk, but instead recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date.

The Group allocates each exposure to a credit risk grade based on the data that is determined to be predictive of the risk of loss (including but not limited to external ratings, audited financial statements, management accounts and cash flow projections and available press information about customers) and applying experienced credit judgement. Credit risk grades are defined using qualitative and quantitative factors that are indicative of the risk of default.

Exposures within each credit risk grade are segmented by geographic region and industry classification and an ECL rate is calculated for each segment based on delinquency status and actual credit loss experience over the past four years. These rates are multiplied by scalar factors to reflect differences between economic conditions during the period over which the historical data has been collected, current conditions and the Group's view of economic conditions over the expected lives of the receivables.

The Group has elected to measure loss allowances at an amount equal to 12 month ECLs for the bank balances, loans to a related party and due from related parties, for which credit risk (i.e. the risk of default occurring over the expected life of the financial instrument) has not increased significantly since initial recognition.

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating ECLs, the Group considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. The Group has established a provision matrix based on quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, Group's historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward-looking factors considering the country ratings specific to the receivables and the economic environment.



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The Group evaluates the probability of default considering the period of past due receivables. However, in certain cases, the Group may also consider a financial asset to be in default when internal or external information indicates that the Group is unlikely to receive the outstanding contractual amounts in full before taking into account any credit enhancements held by the Group. A financial asset is written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovering the contractual cash flows.

ii) Financial liabilities

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial liabilities are classified, at initial recognition, as financial liabilities at FVTPL, loans and borrowings, payables, or as derivatives designated as hedging instruments in an effective hedge, as appropriate. All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value and, in the case of loans and borrowings and payables, net of directly attributable transaction costs. The Group's financial liabilities include loans and borrowings, due to related parties, notes payable to a related party and trade and other payables.

Subsequent measurement

The measurement of financial liabilities depends on their classification, as described below:

- Financial liabilities at FVTPL.
- Financial liabilities at FVTPL include financial liabilities held for trading and financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition as at FVTPL.

Financial liabilities are classified as held for trading if they are incurred for the purpose of repurchasing in the near term. This category also includes derivative financial instruments entered into by the Group that are not designated as hedging instruments in hedge relationships as defined by IFRS 9.

Separated embedded derivatives are also classified as held for trading unless they are designated as effective hedging instruments.

Gains or losses on liabilities held for trading are recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

Financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition at FVTPL are designated at the initial date of recognition, and only if the criteria in IFRS 9 are satisfied. The Group has not designated any financial liability as at FVTPL.

Derecognition

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as the de-recognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

iii) Offsetting of financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the consolidated statement of financial position if there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously.

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iv) Derivative financial instruments and hedge accounting

The Group uses derivative financial instruments, such as forward currency contracts, interest rate swaps and forward commodity contracts, to hedge its foreign currency risks, interest rate risks and commodity price risks, respectively. Such derivative financial instruments are initially recognised at fair value on the date on which a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured at fair value. Derivatives are carried as financial asset when the fair value is positive and as financial liabilities when the fair value is negative.

For the purpose of hedge accounting, hedges are classified as:

- Fair value hedges when hedging the exposure to changes in the fair value of a recognised asset or liability or an unrecognised firm commitment;
- Cash flow hedges when hedging the exposure to variability in cash flows that is either attributable to a particular risk associated with a recognised asset or liability or a highly probable forecast transaction or the foreign currency risk in an unrecognised firm commitment;
- Net investment hedges.

At inception of designated hedging relationships, the Group documents the risk management objective and strategy for undertaking the hedge. The Group also documents the economic relationship between the hedged item and the hedging instrument, including whether the changes in cash flows of the hedged item and hedging instrument are expected to offset each other and whether it wishes to apply hedge accounting and the risk management objective and strategy for undertaking the hedge.

The documentation includes identification of the hedging instrument, the hedged item, the nature of the risk being hedged and how the Group will assess whether the hedging relationship meets the hedge effectiveness requirements (including the analysis of sources of hedge ineffectiveness and how the hedge ratio is determined). A hedging relationship qualifies for hedge accounting if it meets all of the following effectiveness requirements:

- There is ‘an economic relationship’ between the hedged item and the hedging instrument.
- The effect of credit risk does not ‘dominate the value changes’ that result from that economic relationship.
- The hedge ratio of the hedging relationship is the same as that resulting from the quantity of the hedged item that the Group actually hedges and the quantity of the hedging instrument that the Group actually uses to hedge that quantity of hedged item.

Hedges that meet all the qualifying criteria for hedge accounting are accounted for, as described below:

Fair value hedges

The change in the fair value of a hedging derivative is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss. The change in the fair value of the hedged item attributable to the risk hedged is recorded as a part of the carrying value of the hedged item and is also recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss. For fair value hedges relating to items carried at amortised cost, the adjustment to carrying value is amortised through the consolidated statement of profit or loss over the remaining term to maturity. Amortisation may begin as soon as an adjustment exists and shall end no later than when the hedged item ceases to be adjusted for changes in its fair value attributable to the risk being hedged. If the hedged item is derecognised, the unamortised fair value is recognised immediately in the consolidated statement of profit or loss. When an unrecognised firm commitment is designated as a hedged item, the subsequent cumulative change in the fair value of the firm commitment attributable to the hedged risk is recognised as an asset or liability with a corresponding gain or loss recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.



Cash flow hedges

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 other comprehensive income (OCI) and accumulated in the hedge 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 consolidated statement of profit or loss.

The Group designates only the change in fair value of the spot element of forward contracts as the hedging instrument in cash flow hedging relationships. The change in fair value of the forward element of forward contracts (forward points) is separately accounted for as a cost of hedging and recognised in a cost of hedge reserve within equity.

When the hedged forecast transaction subsequently results in the recognition of a non-financial item such as inventory, the amount accumulated in the hedge reserve and the cost of hedge reserve is included directly in the initial cost of the non-financial item when it is recognised.

For all other hedged forecast transactions, the amount accumulated in the hedge reserve and the cost of hedge reserve is reclassified to consolidated statement of profit or loss in the same period or periods during which the hedged expected future cash flows affect profit or loss.

If the hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting or the hedging instrument is sold, expires, is terminated or is exercised, then hedge accounting is discontinued prospectively. When hedge accounting for cash flow hedges is discontinued, the amount that has been accumulated in the hedge reserve remains in equity until, for a hedge of a transaction resulting in the recognition of a non-financial item, it is included in the non-financial item's cost on its initial recognition or, for other cash flow hedges, it is reclassified to consolidated statement of profit or loss in the same period or periods as the hedged expected future cash flows affect profit or loss.

If the hedged future cash flows are no longer expected to occur, then the amounts that have been accumulated in the hedge reserve and the cost of hedge reserve are immediately reclassified to consolidated statement of profit or loss.

Net investment hedges

When a derivative instrument or a non-derivative financial liability is designated as the hedging instrument in a hedge of a net investment in a foreign operation, the effective portion of changes in the fair value of a derivative or foreign exchange gains and losses for a non-derivative is recognised in OCI and presented in the translation reserve within equity. Any ineffective portion of the changes in the fair value of the derivative or foreign exchange gains and losses on the nonderivative is recognised immediately in consolidated statement of profit or loss. The amount recognised in OCI is fully or partially reclassified to consolidated statement of profit or loss as a reclassification adjustment on disposal or partial disposal of the foreign operation, respectively.

c) Property, plant and equipment

Recognition and measurement

Property, plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Assets in the course of construction for production, rental or administrative purposes, or for purposes not yet determined, are carried at cost, less any recognised impairment loss. Cost includes professional



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fees and, for qualifying assets, borrowing costs capitalised in accordance with the Group's accounting policy. Depreciation of these assets, on the same basis as other property, plant and equipment, commences when the assets are ready for their intended use.

Gains and losses on disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment are determined by comparing the proceeds from disposal with the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment, and are recognised on a net basis within other income in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

Subsequent expenditure

Expenditure incurred to replace a component of an item of property, plant and equipment that is accounted for separately, is capitalised with the carrying amount of the property, plant and equipment being replaced. Other subsequent expenditure is capitalised only when it increases the future economic benefits embodied in the item of the property, plant and equipment. All other expenditure is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss when the expense is incurred. Maintenance and repairs, replacements and improvements of minor importance are expensed as incurred. Significant improvements and replacements of assets are capitalised.

The component approach is also applied where regular major inspections of an asset are a condition of continuing to use it. The cost of each inspection is treated as a separate item (replacement) of property, plant and equipment provided recognition criteria are satisfied.

Depreciation

Depreciation is computed on the straight-line method based on estimated useful lives of assets as follows:

	2023	2022
Buildings, waterway improvements and roads	5 to 40 years	5 to 40 years
Plant and equipment	1 to 25 years	1 to 25 years
Office furniture and equipment	5 years	5 years
Catalysts	2 years	2 years

The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation methods are reviewed at each year end, with the effect of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis. Land is not depreciated.

Impairment

At each reporting date, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

The recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. If the recoverable amount of an asset (or cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.



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Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (cash-generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

d) Goodwill

Goodwill arising on the acquisition of a subsidiary is recognised as an asset at the date that control is acquired (the acquisition date). Goodwill is measured as the excess of the consideration transferred over the net fair value of the identifiable net assets recognised.

If, after reassessment, the Group's interest in the net fair value of the acquiree's identifiable net assets exceeds the consideration transferred, the excess is recognised immediately in the consolidated statement of profit and loss as a bargain purchase gain.

Goodwill is not amortised but is reviewed for impairment at least annually. Goodwill impairment is determined by assessing the recoverable amount of cash-generating unit to which goodwill relates.

The recoverable amount is the value in use of the cash-generating unit, which is the net present value of estimated future cash flows expected from such cash-generating unit. If the recoverable amount of cash generating unit is less than the carrying amount of the unit, the impairment loss is allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the unit and then to the other assets of the unit prorated on the basis of the carrying amount of each asset in the unit.

Any impairment loss recognised for goodwill is not reversed in a subsequent period. On disposal of a subsidiary, the attributable amount of goodwill is included in the determination of the profit or loss on disposal.

e) Intangible assets

Intangible assets consist of technology and licences for the manufacture of ethylene, ethylene glycol and polyethylene. Intangible assets also consist of assets acquired on business combination like customer relationships, intellectual properties, brands, software and ethylene supply agreement and brands.

Intangibles are measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. Licenses to manufacture ethylene, ethylene glycol and polyethylene are amortised from the date of commencement of commercial production on a straight-line basis over twenty years, except for the olefin technology, which is amortised over five years.

Customer relationships (useful life-10 years), Intellectual properties, software and Ethylene Supply agreements acquired by the Group have finite useful lives and are measured at cost less accumulated amortization and any accumulated impairment losses.

Brands recognized by the Group on business combination has an infinite life and will be considered for annual impairment testing.

The estimated useful lives, residual values and amortisation methods are reviewed at each year end, with the effect of any changes in estimate being accounted for on a prospective basis.

At each reporting date, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.



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

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (cash-generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

f) Leases

At inception of a contract, the Group 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 uses the definition of a lease in IFRS 16.

As a lessee

At commencement or on modification of a contract that contains a lease component, the Group allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease component on the basis of its relative stand-alone prices.

The Group 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 end of the lease term, unless the lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset to the Group by the end of the lease term or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the Group will exercise a purchase option. In that case the right-of-use asset will be depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset, which is determined on the same basis as those of property and equipment. In addition, the right-of-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 Group's incremental borrowing rate. Generally, the Group uses its incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate.

The Group determines its incremental borrowing rate by obtaining interest rates from various external financing sources and makes adjustments to reflect the terms of the lease and type of the asset leased.

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

- fixed payments, including in-substance fixed payments;
- amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee; and
- Payments in an optional renewal period if the Group is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option, and penalties for early termination of a lease unless the Group is reasonably certain not to terminate early.



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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 Group's estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, if the Group changes its assessment of whether it will exercise a purchase, extension or termination option or if there is a revised in-substance fixed lease payment.

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 Group applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its short-term leases (i.e., those leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date and do not contain a purchase option). It also applies the lease of low-value assets recognition exemption to leases of office equipment that are considered of low value (i.e., below \$ 5,000). Lease payments on short-term leases and leases of low-value assets are recognised as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Significant judgement in determining the lease term of contracts with renewal options

The Group determines the lease term as the non-cancellable term of the lease, together with any periods covered by an option to extend the lease if it is reasonably certain to be exercised, or any periods covered by an option to terminate the lease, if it is reasonably certain not to be exercised.

The Group applies judgement in evaluating whether it is reasonably certain to exercise the option to renew. That is, it considers all relevant factors that create an economic incentive for it to exercise the renewal. After the commencement date, the Group reassesses the lease term if there is a significant event or change in circumstances that is within its control and affects its ability to exercise (or not to exercise) the option to renew (e.g., a change in business strategy).

g) Inventories

Finished goods are measured at the lower of weighted average cost or net realisable value. The cost of finished products includes direct materials, direct labour and fixed and variable manufacturing overhead and other costs incurred in bringing inventories to their present location and condition. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price for inventories in the ordinary course of business less estimated costs of completion and selling expenses.

Raw materials are measured at weighted average cost net of allowance for slow-moving and obsolete items. Spare parts are not intended for resale and are measured at weighted average cost after making allowance for slow-moving and obsolete items. Purchase cost includes the purchase price, import duties, transportation, handling and other direct costs.

h) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, bank current accounts and short term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less from the date of placement.

i) Treasury shares

When share capital recognised as equity is repurchased, the amount of the consideration paid, including directly attributable costs, is recognised as a deduction from equity. Repurchased shares are classified as treasury shares and are presented in the consolidated statement of changes in equity. When treasury shares are sold or reissued subsequently, the amount received is recognised as an increase in equity, and the resulting surplus or deficit on the transaction is presented in treasury shares reserve.



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j) Retirement obligations

The Group accounts for retirement benefits under IAS 19 “Employee Benefits”. Benefits are payable to the Company’s employees on completion of employment in accordance with the Kuwaiti Labour Law. The subsidiaries have various pension plans in accordance with the local conditions and practices in the Country in which they operate. Benefits payable under these plans are in accordance with the laws in those countries.

The cost of providing defined retirement benefit plans are determined using the Projected Unit Credit Method, with actuarial valuations being carried out at each statement of financial position date. Re-measurement of the Group’s defined benefit obligation which mainly comprises actuarial gain and losses are recognised immediately in consolidated statement of other comprehensive income. Past service cost is recognised immediately in the period of plan amendment in the consolidated statement of profit or loss. Interest expense is determined on defined benefit obligation for the period by applying the discount rate used to measure the defined benefit obligation at the beginning of the annual period, taking into account any changes in the defined benefit obligation during the period as a result of benefit payments. The liability is not externally funded. Liabilities for defined contribution plans are expensed as the related service is provided.

k) Provisions

A provision is recognised if, as a result of a past event, the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation that can be estimated reliably, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. Provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability.

l) Revenue recognition

Revenue is measured based on the consideration specified in a contract with a customer. The Group recognized revenue when it transfers control over a good or service to a customer. Revenue is measured at a fair value of the consideration received or receivable, taking into account defined terms of payment in a contract and net of applicable discounts.

Revenue from sale of products:

Revenue from the sale of products is recognised when a customer obtains control of those products, which normally is when title passes at point of delivery, based on the contractual terms of the agreements. The Group determines that the customer obtains control of the goods based on the following factors:

- The Group’s right to reclaim / call back once the goods are on board;
- The Group’s right to divert / sell the goods once onboard
- The primary beneficiary in the event of losses from the insurance company.



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The following table provides information about the nature and timing of satisfaction of performance obligations in contracts with customers, including significant payment terms, and the related revenue recognition policies:

Nature and timing of satisfaction of performance obligations, including significant payment terms	Revenue recognition
<p>Customers obtain control of goods based on the agreed Incoterms. The invoices are generated at that point of time based on provisional pricing.</p> <p>Invoices are usually paid within 90 days. Each such sale normally represents two performance obligations as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sale of goods - Shipping, Insurance and logistics 	<p>Recognition of the revenues is done separately for the two performance obligations as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sale of goods: At the time the control passes from the Company to the customer based on the agreed Incoterms. - Shipping, Insurance and logistics income and costs are recognised over the period of delivery.

Revenue from shipping and handling services

The shipping and handling occur after a customer obtains control of the goods, the Group considered shipping and handling services to be a distinct service, in which the Group allocates a portion of the transaction price to the shipping and handling. Revenue allocated to the goods is recognized when control of the goods transfers to the customer i.e., point in time. Revenue allocated to the shipping and handling is recognized as the shipping and handling performance obligation is satisfied i.e., over the time. The related costs are generally expensed as incurred.

As a practical expedient, if an entity has a right to consideration (i.e., a right to an invoice) from a customer in an amount that corresponds directly to the value transferred to the customer to date, the entity may recognize revenue in that amount in line with IFRS 15.

Variable pricing – preliminary pricing

Certain products in certain markets may be sold with variable pricing arrangements. Such arrangements determine that a preliminary price is charged to the customer at the time of transfer of the control of products, while the price of products can only be determined by reference to a time period ending after that time. In such cases, and irrespective of the formula used for determining preliminary and final prices, revenue is recorded at the time of transfer of control of products at an amount representing the expected final amount of consideration that the Group receives.

Where the Group records receivable for the preliminary price, subsequent changes in the estimated final price will not be recorded as revenue until such point in time at which the final price is determined.

Interest income

Interest income is accrued on effective yield basis, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to that asset's net carrying amount.



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m) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the construction of qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use, are added to the cost of those assets by applying a capitalisation rate on the expenditure on such assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use. The capitalisation rate used by the Group is the weighted average of the borrowing costs applicable to the outstanding borrowings during the period. Borrowing costs that are not directly attributable to the acquisition, construction, or production of qualifying assets are recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss using the effective interest method in the period in which they are incurred.

n) Income taxes

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are computed for differences between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities that will result in taxable or deductible amounts in the future. Such deferred income tax asset and liability computations are based on substantially enacted tax laws and rates applicable to periods in which the differences are expected to affect taxable income. Current and deferred tax are recognized as an expense or income in profit or loss, except when they relate to items credited or debited directly to equity, in which case the tax is also recognized directly in equity.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each statement of financial position date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered. Income tax expense is the tax payable or refundable for the period plus or minus the change during the period in deferred tax assets and liabilities.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the Group intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

o) Reservation right fees

Reservation right fees are recognized in the consolidated statement of financial position as deferred income. The fees are presented as deferred income and recognized to consolidated statement of profit and loss on a systematic and rational basis over a period of 20 years, which represents the fees received from Olefins II project entities for usage of utility plant to the extent of construction cost of utility plant incurred by the Company and fee received from TKOC, TKSC and KPPC for the usage of offtake from Sea Cooling Tower to the extent of acquisition cost incurred by the Company.

p) Government grants

Government grants related to assets are recognized in the consolidated statement of financial position as deferred income. The grants are presented as deferred income and recognized to income on a systematic and rational basis over a period of 20 years, which is the average life of the assets to which the grant relates.

q) Translation of foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into US\$ at rates of exchange prevailing at the transaction dates. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are retranslated into US\$ at rates of exchange prevailing at the statement of financial position date. The resultant exchange differences are recorded in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are measured in terms of historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at the date of transaction.



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Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at fair value are retranslated to the functional currency at the exchange rate at the date that the fair value was determined. Foreign currency differences arising on retranslation are recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

The assets and liabilities of foreign operations are translated to US\$ at the exchange rates at the reporting date. The income and expenses of foreign operations are translated to US\$ at the average exchange rates for current year. Foreign exchange differences arising on translation are recognized in consolidated statement of other comprehensive income and presented in the foreign currency translation reserve in equity.

When a foreign operation is disposed of such that control, significant influence or joint control is lost, the cumulative amount in the translation reserve related to that foreign operation is reclassified to profit or loss as part of gain or loss on disposal. When the Group disposes of only part of its interest in a subsidiary that includes a foreign operation while retaining control, the relevant proportion of the cumulative amount is reattributed to the non-controlling interests.

r) Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The following are the critical accounting judgements, apart that management has made in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in consolidated financial statements.

Retirement Benefit Obligation

The cost of providing retirement benefits is determined using the Projected Unit Credit Method, with actuarial valuations being carried out at each statement of financial position date. Actuarial valuations are based on a number of assumptions and require significant judgements made by the management. The management believes that the assumptions used in determining the retirement benefit obligation using actuarial valuation method are reasonable.

Deferred tax assets

The net deferred tax asset represents income taxes recoverable through future deductions from taxable profits and are recorded on the statement of financial position. Deferred income tax assets are recorded to the extent that realization of the related tax benefit is probable. In determining future taxable profits and the amount of tax benefits that are probable in the future, management makes reasonable judgments and estimates based on taxable profits and expectations of future income. As tax losses do not expire in Germany and Italy, utilization of these tax losses require management to consider taxable profits well into the future. This significant long-term view increases the uncertainty of such projections.

As a result of this and certain limits on annual tax loss usage, the Group limits its consideration of German and Italian tax losses to 10 years, which is considered a more foreseeable future, even though the ability to potentially utilize the tax losses extends beyond this period.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the statement of financial position date are discussed below:



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Measurement of fair values of financial instruments

The Group uses the following hierarchy for determining and disclosing the fair values of financial instruments by valuation technique:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1).
- 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 2).
- Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (level 3).

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a level 3 measurement.

For financial instruments carried at amortized cost, fair values are not materially different from their carrying values and are used only for disclosure purpose. Fair value of such financial instruments are classified under level 3 determined based on discounted cash flow basis, with most significant inputs being the discount rate that reflects the credit risk of counterparties.

Impairment of tangible assets and intangible assets with indefinite useful life

The Group's management tests annually whether tangible assets and intangible assets with indefinite useful life have suffered impairment in accordance with accounting policies. The recoverable amount of an asset is determined based on value-in-use method. This method uses estimated cash flow projections over the estimated useful life of the asset discounted using market rates.

Impairment of goodwill

Determining whether goodwill is impaired requires an estimation of the value in use of the cash-generating units to which goodwill has been allocated. The value in use calculation requires management to estimate the future cash flows expected to arise from the cash-generating unit and a suitable discount rate in order to calculate present value.

s) Standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective

The new and amended standards and interpretations that are issued, but not yet effective, up to the date of issuance of the Group's financial statements are disclosed below. The Group intends to adopt these standards, if applicable, when they become effective.

- Non-current Liabilities with Covenants – Amendments to IAS 1.
- Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current – Amendments to IAS 1.
- Lease Liability in a Sales and Leaseback – Amendments to IFRS 16.
- Supplier Finance Arrangements – Amendments to IAS 7 and IFRS 7.
- Lack of Exchangeability – Amendments to IAS 21
- Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture – Amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS 28.

The new standards and amendments are not expected to have a material impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements in the period of initial application.

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4. Property, plant and equipment

	US\$ million					
	Buildings, land, waterway improvements and roads	Plant and equipment	Office furniture and equipment	Catalysts	Assets under construction	Total
Cost						
Balance as at 1 January 2022	721	4,687	158	53	36	5,655
Additions	-	4	-	-	129	133
Transfers	-	30	1	-	(31)	-
Disposal	-	(16)	-	-	-	(16)
Effect of movements in exchange rates	(5)	(17)	-	-	-	(22)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	716	4,688	159	53	134	5,750
Additions	-	97	-	4	91	192
Transfers	-	126	1	11	(138)	-
Disposal	-	(19)	-	-	-	(19)
Effect of movements in exchange rates	2	15	-	-	-	17
Balance as at 31 December 2023	718	4,907	160	68	87	5,940
Accumulated depreciation and impairment losses						
Balance as at 1 January 2022	151	2,910	149	39	-	3,249
Charge for the year	21	168	10	7	-	206
Related to disposal	-	(16)	-	-	-	(16)
Effect of movements in exchange rates	(3)	(2)	-	-	-	(5)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	169	3,060	159	46	-	3,434
Charge for the year	22	173	1	9	-	205
Related to disposal	-	(19)	-	-	-	(19)
Effect of movements in exchange rates	-	8	-	-	-	8
Balance as at 31 December 2023	191	3,222	160	55	-	3,628
Carrying amounts						
As at 1 January 2022	570	1,777	9	14	36	2,406
As at 31 December 2022	547	1,628	-	7	134	2,316
As at 31 December 2023	527	1,685	-	13	87	2,312

Assets under construction comprise of improvement projects for the existing plants. Such assets are not subject to depreciation until the improvements are tested and available and ready for use.

Depreciation is allocated to cost of sales and general, administrative, and selling expenses in order to reflect appropriately the way in which economic benefits are derived from the use of property, plant and equipment (Note 19 and Note 20).

The Company's plant was constructed on a land leased from Government of Kuwait and this renewable lease is valid until April 2031.



5. Goodwill

Goodwill and indefinite useful life intangibles ('Brands') acquired in a business combination is allocated at acquisition to the Cash Generating Unit ('CGU') that is expected to benefit from that business combination. Goodwill represents expected economic benefits from the business combination including the future growth of the operations, synergies expected from supply chain and logistics, reduction of cost, silver leasing programs and access to global market and network. The carrying amount of goodwill and brands has been allocated to the Ethylene Glycol (EG) CGU at its subsidiaries. The recoverable amount of this cash-generating unit is determined based on a value in use calculation which uses cash flow projections based on future production volume increases, financial budgets, market prices, and the industry supply demand balance of glycol as reviewed by the directors.

The Group tests goodwill and brands annually for impairment or more frequently if there are indications that goodwill or brand might be impaired.

The recoverable amounts of the cash generating units are determined based on the value in use method. The key assumptions used in value in use calculations are discount rates, growth rates and expected changes to product selling prices and direct costs. Management estimates discount rates using rates that reflect current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the cash generating units. The growth rates are based on industry growth forecasts. Changes in product selling prices and direct costs are based on the historical data and expectations of future changes in the market.

The key assumption used in the estimation of the recoverable amount are set out below:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Discount rate	5.7% - 7.44%	6.84% -6.97 %
Terminal value growth rate	2.5 %	2.5%
Budgeted EBITDA growth rate (average of next five years)	0% - 25%	11% - 40%

Discount rate / Weighted Average Cost of Capital ('WACC') was estimated based on estimated rate of return (cost of equity) and cost of debt, with a possible debt leveraging of 68-98% (2022: 76-80%) at the market interest of 3.74% (2022: 3.74%).

The cashflow projections includes estimates for five years and a terminal growth rate thereafter. The terminal growth rate determined based on management's estimate of the long-term compound annual EDITDA growth rate, consistent with the assumptions that are market participant would make.

Budgeted EBITDA was based on expectation of future outcomes taking into account historical data adjusted for anticipated revenue growth. Revenue growth was projected taking into account the average growth level experienced over the past five years and the estimated sales volume and prices for the next five years.

Based on the impairment analysis as at 31 December 2023, the estimated recoverable amount of the CGUs exceeded its carrying amounts by approximately 11,477 million (2022: 7,913 million) Management has identified that a reasonably possible change in two key assumptions could cause the carrying amount to exceed the recoverable amount. The following table shows the amount by which these two assumptions would need to change individually for the estimated recoverable amount to be equal to the carrying amount.



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<i>In percent</i>	Change required for carrying amount to equal recoverable amount	
	2023	2022
Discount rate	5-19	1-7
Budgeted EBITDA Growth rate	(18-72)	(7 – 38)

Management is confident that based on its assessment goodwill and brands are recoverable and accordingly, no impairment loss has been recorded.



6. Intangible assets

	US\$ million					
	Technology and license fees	Customer relationships	Brand	Intellectual property	Software	Total
Cost						
Balance at 1 January 2022	241	320	88	11	31	691
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2022	241	320	88	11	31	691
Additions/reclassifications	-	(1)	2	-	(1)	-
Balance at 31 December 2023	241	319	90	11	30	691
Accumulated amortisation and impairment losses						
Balance at 1 January 2022	234	196	-	3	20	453
Charge for the year	1	31	-	1	1	34
Balance at 31 December 2022	235	227	-	4	21	487
Reclassifications	(2)	(2)				(4)
Charge for the year	1	31	-	1	1	34
Balance at 31 December 2023	234	256	-	5	22	517
Carrying amounts						
At 1 January 2022	7	124	88	8	11	238
At 31 December 2022	6	93	88	7	10	204
At 31 December 2023	7	63	90	6	8	174

In conjunction with the business combination, the Group obtained access to the distribution channels and customer relationships. These relationships have been recognized on acquisition and are being amortized over 10 years period. The amortization period of customer relationships represents management's best estimate of the expected usage or consumption of the economic benefits of the acquired assets, which is based on historical experience of customer attrition rates. The amortization of customer relationships is included in cost of sales. The Group has also recognized the MEGlobal brand as an intangible asset on its acquisition of the MEGBV and MEGC business. Brands are assessed to have an indefinite useful life as it contributes significant value to the business and its abandonment would represent an unrealistic decision. Brand is tested for impairment. Refer note 5.



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7. Right of use assets and lease liabilities

The Group leases many assets including land, plants, equipment and vehicles. The leases typically run for a period of 2 – 24 years, with an option to renew the lease after that date. The weighted average rate applied is within the range of 3.25 % to 4.33 % (2022: 3.25% to 4.33%)

Information about leases for which the Group is a lessee is presented below:

	US\$ million	
	Right-of- use assets	Lease liabilities
As at 1 January 2022	340	347
Depreciation charge for the year	(27)	-
Addition	9	9
Derecognition	(0)	(0)
Finance cost	-	14
Lease payments	-	(36)
Adjustment	-	9
As at 31 December 2022	322	343
Depreciation charge for the year	(27)	-
Finance cost	-	14
Lease payments	-	(38)
Lease modifications	22	22
As at 31 December 2023	317	341

Amounts recognised in consolidated statement profit or loss are as follows:

	US\$ million	
	2023	2022
Interest on lease liabilities	14	14
Depreciation charge for the year	27	27

Amounts recognised in consolidated statement of cash flows are as follows:

	US\$ million	
	2023	2022
Payment of lease liabilities	38	36

The current and non-current portion of lease liabilities is set out below:

	US\$ million	
	2023	2022
Current	21	25
Non-current	320	318
	341	343



8. Deferred tax assets and liabilities

The provision for income taxes consists of the following:

	US\$ million	
	2023	2022
Income tax-net		
Current	(34)	27
Deferred	7	(1)
	<u>(27)</u>	<u>26</u>

Net income taxes paid in 2023 were US\$ 44 million (2022: US\$ 31 million). This represents deferred tax assets and liabilities of subsidiaries.

	US\$ million	
	2023	2022
Deferred tax assets		
Post – retirement benefit obligations	1	1
Tax losses	159	162
Glycol capacity reservation agreement	36	39
Interest	9	7
Property, plant and equipment	(178)	(165)
Others	2	3
	<u>29</u>	<u>47</u>
Deferred tax liabilities		
Intangible assets	(23)	(28)
Property, plant and equipment	(81)	(83)
Others	(31)	(37)
	<u>(135)</u>	<u>(148)</u>

At 31 December 2023, the Group has unused significant tax losses of US\$ 890 million (2022: US\$ 866 million) available for offset against the future profits, with no expiration dates.

Reconciliation of effective tax rate as follows:

	US\$ million		US\$ million
	2023		2022
Profit before tax from continuing operation	86		397
Tax using the Company's domestic tax rate	0%	-	0%
Effect of different tax rates of subsidiaries operating in other jurisdictions	(30)		8
Tax effect of expenses that are not deductible in determining taxable profit	5		14
Tax effect for which deferred tax assets have been unrecognized	(2)		6
Recognition of previously unrecognised tax losses	-		(2)
Tax (benefit)/ expense	<u>(27)</u>		<u>26</u>



9. Deferred charges and other assets

	US\$ million	
	2023	2022
Ethylene supply agreement – Canadian plants	211	227
Ethylene subscription rights - Oyster creek plant	583	612
Ethylene Supply Agreement - Light hydro carbon (LHC 1) turnaround, Canadian plant	42	47
	<u>836</u>	<u>886</u>
Classified as: -		
Current	56	55
Non-current	780	831
	<u>836</u>	<u>886</u>

- *Ethylene supply agreement -Canadian plants:* This represents amounts paid to Dow towards the Ethylene supply rights for various Canadian Plants.
- *Ethylene subscription rights – Oyster Creek Plant:* The Group, under the Ethylene Subscription Agreement, has committed to purchase and obligates DOW to supply 20% of output of one of the Dow’s ethylene crackers (TX-9), for Oyster Creek plant in United States of America, through the earlier of a) Dow Cracker facility permanently cease to operate or b) MEGlobal Americas plant ceases to operate, subject to certain other conditions. These amounts are amortised over a useful life of 25 years.
- *Light Hydro Carbon Turnaround Cracker -* During the previous year, the Group paid US\$ 55 million, its share in Dow’s LHC1 turnaround. This addition is presented as deferred assets and amortised on a systematic and rational basis over a period of 8 years.

10. Related party transactions

In the normal course of business, the Group enters into transactions with its shareholders PIC (directly owned by Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (“KPC”), BPC, KIPCO and DEHBV, part of TDCC.

EQUATE Marketing Company E.C., Bahrain (“EMC”), which is owned by PIC and DEHBV, is the exclusive sales agent in certain territories for the marketing of PE produced by the Company. The Company reimburses all the actual expenses incurred by EMC.

The Company owns and operates petrochemical complexes in Kuwait, North America and Europe through its subsidiary MEGlobal and the Greater EQUATE joint venture which holds under one fully-integrated operational umbrella each of EQUATE, The Kuwait Styrene Company (“TKSC”), Kuwait Paraxylene Production Company (“KPPC”) and The Kuwait Olefins Company (“TKOC”).

The Company provides operating, maintenance and other services to the above entities for which the Company receives a fixed management fee over and above the actual operating cost under the Operations, Maintenance and Services Agreement (“OMSA”) and received a reservation right fee that equals the total capital construction costs incurred by the Company on the new utilities and infrastructure facilities under the Materials and Utility Supply Agreement (“MUSA”).

On 2 December 2004, the Company signed an Ethylene Supply Agreement with TKOC. Under the terms of the agreement, the price per metric tonne of Ethylene is paid to TKOC based on the quantities delivered by them at the contract price.



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During 2005, services agreements were signed between DEHBV, PIC and the Company with TKOC, TKSC, KARO and PIC for the provision of various services to the Olefins II projects. An agreement to amend the MUSA and service agreements (“primary agreements”) was signed between the parties to the primary agreements on 8 February 2006 releasing KARO from its obligations and liabilities under the primary agreements and appointing Kuwait Paraxylene Production Company K.S.C.C. (“KPPC”) in place of KARO to assume and perform all obligations of KARO as if KPPC were and had been a party to the primary agreements. KPPC is a 100% owned subsidiary of KARO.

During 2020, the Company acquired a sea cooling tower from PIC for a consideration of USD 105 million. Previously, the sea cooling tower was leased by the Company and accounted under IFRS 16 and accordingly the right of use assets and the respective lease liability was derecognised, and the sea cooling tower was recognised as a property, plant and equipment in the financial statements. The outputs from the sea cooling tower is reserved by TKOC, TKSC and KPPC for reservation right fees received.

Operational Facility – Under the cash management services provided by MEG B.V, the Group entities and TKOC have an overnight cash sweeping facility with MEG B.V. Under this arrangement, the Company, the subsidiaries of the Group and TKOC sweep selected bank accounts with MEG B.V. This allows the subsidiaries and TKOC either to invest or borrow funds on an overnight basis. Under the terms of the agreement, the subsidiaries and TKOC can borrow or deposit with MEG B.V at an interest rate of Term SOFR plus a positive spread set by the management of the Group, accrued on a monthly basis. The spread is determined based on the creditworthiness of counterpart and characteristics of the debt financing arrangement. At 31 December 2023, an amount of US\$ 17 million is due to TKOC from the Group under this arrangement (2022: US\$ 46 million receivable from TKOC). These are indefinite credit arrangements subject to termination by either party.

All transactions with related parties are carried out on a negotiated contract basis.

The following is a description of significant related party agreements and transactions, other than the one described above:

- a) Supply by Union Carbide Corporation (“UCC”) of technology and licences relating to manufacture of PE and EG
- b) Feed gas and fuel agreement with PIC
- c) Supply by the Group of certain materials and services required by PIC to operate and maintain the polypropylene plant
- d) Excess EG Marketing Agreement
- e) General Services Agreement
- f) Secrecy Agreement
- g) Long Term Land Lease Agreement
- h) Site Services Agreement
- i) Employee Seconding Agreement
- j) Catalyst License Agreement
- k) Binding Term sheet – Gulf Coast
- l) Other Assignment and Assumption Agreements
- m) Ethylene supply agreement by MEGC with DEHBV/TDCC
- n) Feedstock supply agreement by MEGC with DEHBV/TDCC for the USGC Project
- o) Master service agreement with DEHBV/TDCC
- p) Ethylene Oxide (EO)/EG Swap Agreement (MEGC)
- q) Technology License Intellectual Property (IP) Agreement (MEGC)
- r) Catalyst Supply Agreement (MEGC)
- s) Storage Sublease (MEGC)
- t) Ground Lease (MEGC)
- u) Utilities Services Agreements (MEGC)
- v) Technical Services Agreement (MEGC)



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In addition to the above there are number of arrangements with the related parties which are disclosed below:

	US\$ million	
	2023	2022
a) Sales and management fee		
Olefins plant management fees from TKOC	2	2
Styrene plant management fees from TKSC	2	2
Aromatics Plant management fees from KPPC	3	3
Operating cost reimbursed by PIC for running of Polypropylene plant	5	5
Operating and utility cost reimbursed by TKOC for running of Olefins plant	132	136
Operating and utility cost reimbursed by TKSC for running of Styrene plant	46	52
Operating and utility cost reimbursed by KPPC for running of Aromatics	72	71
Interest income notes receivables from TKOC	2	1
b) Purchases and expenses		
Feed gas and fuel gas purchased from KPC	273	255
Purchase of Ethylene Glycol from TKOC	414	484
Catalyst purchased from DEHBV	0	11
Ethylene Purchase from Dow Europe GMBH	237	306
Ethylene Purchase from TDCC	180	309
Service cost reimbursed to Dow Chemical Canada ULC	108	123
Service cost reimbursed to TDCC	8	7
Glycol purchase from DEHBV	43	80
Glycol purchase from TDCC	31	48
Catalyst purchased from Dow Chemical Canada ULC	10	8
Catalyst purchased from UNIVATION	6	7
Catalyst extension fee Dow Chemical Canada ULC	4	-
Ethylene and other purchases from TKOC	83	86
Interest expenses on notes payables from TKOC	1	-
c) Key management compensation		
Salaries and short-term benefits	4	5
Terminal benefits	-	-
d) Due from related parties		
Due from UCC	1	4
Due from TKOC	15	12
Due from TKSC	6	18
Due from KPPC	28	17
Due from TDCC	1	2
Due from Dow Chemical Canada ULC	2	11
Due from Dow Europe GMBH	2	0
	55	64



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e) Due to related parties		
Due to KPC	75	65
Due to PIC	3	3
Due to KPPC	1	0
Due to TKSC	0	0
Due to TKOC	48	48
Due to TDCC	1	3
Due to UNIVATION	-	1
Due to Dow Chemical Canada ULC	1	12
Due to Dow Canada Limited	4	2
Due to Dow Olefinverbund GMBH	5	6
Due to Kuwait National Petroleum Company K.S.C. ("KNPC")	-	2
	<u>138</u>	<u>142</u>
f) Notes payables		
Working capital facility with TKOC	<u>17</u>	<u>-</u>
g) Notes receivable		
Working capital facility with TKOC	<u>-</u>	<u>46</u>

11. Inventories

	<u>US\$ million</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Raw materials and consumables	45	54
Finished goods	69	105
Spare parts	76	68
Less: Provision on inventory	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>
	<u>189</u>	<u>226</u>

12. Trade and other receivables

	<u>US\$ million</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Trade receivables	428	456
Less: Provision for ECL	(12)	(12)
Prepayments and other assets	193	215
	<u>609</u>	<u>659</u>



13. Cash and bank balances

	US\$ million	
	2023	2022
Cash balances	0	0
Bank balances	185	162
Term deposits	471	306
Total cash and bank balances	656	468
Less: Amount reserved relating to staff saving scheme (Note 18)	(61)	(60)
Cash and cash equivalent for the purpose of cash flows	595	408

The effective interest rate on time deposits as at 31 December 2023 was 5.05% (2022: 0.93%) per annum.

14. Share capital

The share capital of the Company comprises 2,160 million authorised, issued and fully paid-up shares of Fils 100 each in cash (2022: 2,160 million authorised, issued and fully paid up shares of Fils 100 each in cash) (1,000 Fils equals 1 Kuwaiti Dinar).

Treasury shares

The Company's treasury shares comprise the cost of the Company's own shares held. At 31 December 2023 and 2022, the Company held 113,612,868 shares which are 5.26% of the issued shares at a cost of US\$ 450 million. This amount is debited in the consolidated statement of changes in equity.

Statutory reserve

As required by the Companies Law No. 1 of 2016, as amended and the Company's Articles of Association, 10% of the profit for the year is to be transferred to the statutory reserve until the reserve reaches a minimum of 50% of the paid-up share capital. This reserve is not available for distribution except for payment of a dividend of 5% of paid-up share capital in years when retained earnings are not sufficient for the payment of such dividends.

During the Annual General Meeting of 2008, the shareholders resolved to discontinue the transfer to the statutory reserve as the reserve reached 50% of the Company's paid up share capital.

Proposed dividend

At the Annual General meetings held on 20 February 2023 and 22 March 2022, the shareholders authorized the Board of Directors to approve and distribute interim dividends pertaining to the net profits for the year ended 31 December 2023 and 2022 respectively.

The following dividends were approved by the Board of Directors and paid by the Group during the year:

	US\$ million	
	2023	2022
Interim dividend for the current year	14	332
Outstanding dividend from the prior period	39	743
Dividend paid during the year	53	1,075



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The remaining US\$ 99 million out of the current year profit of US\$ 113 million representing 5.52 cents per share (2022: US\$ 39 million out of the profit of US\$ 371 million representing 18.13 cents per share) is subject to approval by the board of directors.

15. Loans and borrowings

The movement in loans and borrowings is as follows:

	US\$ million	
	2023	2022
Balance at 1 January	4,329	4,753
Loan origination fee	(2)	(2)
Amortisation for the year	7	6
Repayment of long-term loan	-	(75)
Issue of conventional bonds	-	0
Bond repayment	-	(428)
Loan facilities (Murabaha and term loan facility)	-	75
Balance at 31 December	<u>4,334</u>	<u>4,329</u>

At the reporting date, the following loans and borrowings were outstanding:

	US\$ million	
	2023	2022
i) Fixed interest rate notes (GMTN 1) amounting to US\$ 1,250 million (net of discount of US\$ 15 million) having a term of 10 years, maturing in November 2026, with an effective interest rate of 4.402% and carrying a coupon rate of 4.25%. Euronext bond quote based on level 1 inputs of fair value as of December 2023 is 96.93 % (2022 95.75%)	1,235	1,235
ii) Fixed interest rate notes (GMTN 2) amounting to US\$ 1,000 million having a term of 5 years, maturing in May 2025, with an effective interest rate and coupon rate of 5.000% per annum payable on a semi-annual basis. Euronext bond quote based on level 1 inputs of fair value as of December 2023 is 99.02 % (2022 98.35%)	1,000	1,000
iii) Fixed interest rate notes (GMTN 2) amounting to US\$ 600 million having a term of 10 years, maturing in May 2030, with an effective interest rate and coupon rate of 5.875% per annum payable on a semi-annual basis. Euronext bond quote based on level 1 inputs of fair value as of December 2023 is 103.06 % (2022 100.67%)	600	600
iv) Fixed interest rate notes (GMTN 3) amounting to US\$ 700 million (net of discount of US\$ 1 million) having a term of 7 years, maturing in April 2028, with an effective interest rate of 2.641% and carrying a coupon rate of 2.625% per annum payable on a semi-annual basis. Euronext bond quote based on level 1 inputs of fair value as of December 2023 is 90.18 % (2022 87.14%)	699	699
v) Fixed profit rate Sukuk amounting to US\$ 500 million having a term of 7 years, maturing in February 2024, with a profit rate of 3.944% per annum payable on a semi-annual basis. Euronext bond quote based on level 1 inputs of fair value as of December 2023 is 99.92 % (2022 98.16%)	500	500
vi) Term loan facility amounting to US\$ 225 million having a term of 3 years, maturing in June 2026, with an effective interest rate of 6.95% per annum payable on a quarterly basis. Out of the US\$ 225 million, US\$ 75 million was repaid in 2022.	150	150
vii) Murabaha facility amounting to US\$ 150 million having a term of 3 years, maturing in December 2027, with an effective profit rate of 6.99% per annum.	150	150
	<u>4,334</u>	<u>4,334</u>



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The payments due in respect of medium term notes described above are unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed, jointly and severally, and not severally, by the Company and TKOC.

In addition, the Group holds several working capital facilities with different banks as follows:

	US\$ million	
	2023	2022
Murabaha Working Capital Facility valid until 2025. (2022 until 2024) with three-year extension option	100	100
Murabaha Working Capital Facility valid until 2025 with a two-year extension option	150	150
Syndicated Revolving Credit facility valid until 2025 (2022 until 2024) with one year extension option	500	500
Revolving Credit facility valid until 2026 (2022 until 2024)	200	200

The current and non-current portion of loans and borrowings is set out below:

	US\$ million	
	2023	2022
Current	500	150
Non-current	3,834	4,179
	<u>4,334</u>	<u>4,329</u>

16. Deferred income

Deferred income comprises of the following:

	US\$ million	
	2023	2022
Reservation right fees for Olefins II project	161	193
Reservation right fees for Sea Cooling Tower	89	95
Government grants	11	13
	<u>261</u>	<u>301</u>

Reservation right fees for Olefins II Project - represents payments received from TKOC, TKSC and KPPC for usage of utility plant relating to Olefins II project, to the extent of construction cost of utility plant incurred by the Company. The deferred income is amortised over the useful life of plant, which is 20 years.

Reservation right fees for Sea Cooling Tower – represents amounts receivable from TKOC, TKSC and KPPC for securing offtake from Sea Cooling Tower owned and operated by the Company, to the extent of acquisition cost of Sea Cooling Tower incurred by the Company. The deferred income is amortised over the useful life of Sea Cooling Tower, which is 20 years.

Government grants - The Group received a total of US\$ 34 million in 2005 and 2006 in government grants for the construction of the PET manufacturing facility at its Schkopau site. The government grants are presented as deferred income and recognized to income on a systematic and rational basis over a period of 20 years.



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During 2021, the Group recognized a Grant of US\$ 12 million as receivable from Alberta Petrochemicals Incentive Program (APIP) against the LHC-1 expansion project Investment with Dow Chemical Canada ULC. The government grants are presented as deferred income and recognized to income on a systematic and rational basis over a period of 13 years.

	US\$ million	
	2023	2022
Non-current portion of deferred income	221	264
Current portion of deferred income	40	37
	<u>261</u>	<u>301</u>

17. Retirement benefit obligation

The most recent actuarial valuation of the present value of various defined benefit obligations were carried out at 31 December 2023. The present value of the defined benefit obligations and the related current service cost and past service cost were measured using the Projected Unit Credit Method.

The principal assumptions used for the purposes of the actuarial valuations were as follows:

	2023	2022
Economic assumptions		
Discount rate	4.625% - 5.06%	4.50% - 5.06%
Re-weighted average duration	8.3 – 12.5 years	8.3 – 12.5 years
Expected rate of increase in		
- Basic salary & variable allowances including overtime and incentives	2.5% -3.5%	2.5% - 3.5%
- Average annual & quarterly incentives	19% p.a	19% p.a
Long-term inflation	2% - 2.5% p.a	2% - 2.5% p.a
Management variable incentive pay (as a percentage of basic salary)	Target percentage level	Target percentage level
Demographic assumptions		
Retirement age		
- Kuwaiti employees	Age 55	Age 55
- Non-Kuwaiti employees	Age 55	Age 55
Decrement		
- Mortality	None	None
- Turnover	Service related rates	Service related rates



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The total expense recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss is as follows:

	US\$ million	
	2023	2022
Current service costs	22	26
Interest on obligation	17	15
	<u>39</u>	<u>41</u>

The total charge for the year, which has been included in the consolidated statement of profit or loss, is as follows:

	US\$ million	
	2023	2022
Cost of sales	33	35
General, administrative and selling expenses	6	6
	<u>39</u>	<u>41</u>

Movement in the retirement benefit obligation is as follows:

	US\$ million	
	2023	2022
Retirement benefit obligation as at 1 January	370	413
<i>Included in the consolidated statement of profit or loss</i>		
Current service costs	22	26
Interest on obligation	17	15
	<u>39</u>	<u>41</u>
<i>Included in other comprehensive income</i>		
Re measurement gain		
- Experience adjustment	(6)	(1)
- Actuarial changes arising from changes in economic assumptions	(4)	(49)
	<u>(10)</u>	<u>(50)</u>
Benefits paid	(24)	(27)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(0)	(7)
Retirement benefit obligation as at 31 December	<u>375</u>	<u>370</u>

The Company's defined benefit obligation is unfunded. However, the subsidiaries have invested in Plan Assets.

Reconciliation of fair value of plan assets of the subsidiaries:

	US\$ million	
	2023	2022
Defined benefit obligation of the subsidiaries	92	79
Fair value of plan assets of the subsidiaries	(87)	(74)
Net retirement benefit	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>



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A sensitivity analysis of possible changes at the reporting date to one of the relevant actuarial assumptions, holding other assumptions constant, would have affected the retirement benefit obligation by the amounts shown below:

	US\$ million	
	0.25% increase	
	2023	2022
Discount rate	(11)	(10)
Basic salary & variable allowances including overtimes and incentives	8	8

18. Trade and other payables

	US\$ million	
	2023	2022
	Trade payables	213
Staff incentives	31	30
Staff saving schemes (Note 13)	51	49
Staff leave and other employee benefits	46	42
Accrual for KFAS and Zakat	8	14
Income tax	43	100
Accrued turnaround and capital expense	1	1
Interest payable	27	29
Others	52	73
	<u>472</u>	<u>573</u>

19. Cost of sales

	US\$ million	
	2023	2022
	Materials	1,919
Distribution expenses	321	380
Staff cost	180	173
Depreciation and amortisation	315	306
Other	147	183
	<u>2,882</u>	<u>3,409</u>

20. General, administrative and selling expenses

	US\$ million	
	2023	2022
	Staff costs	30
Depreciation and amortisation	7	10
Administrative and selling expenses	24	23
Others	-	3
	<u>61</u>	<u>65</u>



21. Contribution to Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS)

KFAS is calculated at 1% of the net profit for the year of the Company after deducting the transfer to statutory reserve.

The movement in KFAS provision is follows:

	US\$ million	
	2023	2022
Balance at 1 January	12	8
Accruals	2	4
Payment	(7)	-
Balance at 31 December	<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>

22. Contribution to Zakat

Zakat is calculated at 1% on the net profit for the year attributable to Kuwaiti shareholders of the Company after allowable deductions.

23. Board of Director's remuneration

The total remuneration payable to the Board of Directors during the year amounted to US\$ 74,597 (2022: US\$ 73,457). The same is disclosed as nil on the face of the consolidated statement of profit or loss due to rounding off to millions. This is subject to approval of shareholders in the Annual General Meeting.

24. Additional Business and Geographical Information

Basis for segmentation

The Group has one significant business segment i.e., Performance Materials & Chemicals ("PMC"), which is the reportable segment. Under PMC segment the Group manufactures and markets different types of basic petrochemical products. (Refer note 1 for more details).

Equate Management Team ("EMT"), a committee comprises of certain board members and key members of management, reviews the internal management reports of segments to monitor the performance and allocate capital. Earnings before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortization ("EBITDA") is the key measure used to monitor the performance of business because management believes that this information is the most relevant in evaluating the results of the business relative to other entities that operate in the similar industries. In addition to PMC business, the Group is engaged in managing operations of petrochemical plants of certain related parties, which did not meet the quantitative threshold for reportable segment.



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Information about reportable segments

	2023			2022		
	US\$ million			US\$ million		
	PMC	Others	Total	PMC	Others	Total
External segment revenue	2,947	262	3,209	3,771	271	4,042
EBITDA	568	18	586	885	11	896
Net profit	117	(4)	113	379	(8)	371
Interest income	(12)	-	(12)	(7)	-	(7)
Interest expenses	223	4	227	217	4	221
Depreciation, amortization and reservation right fees	264	18	282	264	15	279
Income tax / KFAS /Zakat	(24)	-	(24)	32	-	32

Revenue by product / services and geography

PMC business is managed on a worldwide basis, but operate manufacturing facilities and sales offices primarily in Kuwait, Canada, Germany, Dubai, Hong Kong and Singapore. The geographical information analyses the Group's revenue by the Company's country of domicile and other countries. In presenting the geographical information, the segment revenue has been determined based on geographic location of customers.

	EG	PE	PET	Others	Total
	(US\$	(US\$	(US\$	(US\$	(US\$
	million)	million)	million)	million)	million)
31 December 2023					
Americas	395	-	-	-	395
North Asia	939	193	-	-	1,132
India sub-continental	462	80	-	-	542
Europe	215	90	137	-	442
Rest of the world*	124	312	-	262	698
External revenue	<u>2,135</u>	<u>675</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>262</u>	<u>3,209</u>
31 December 2022					
Americas	503	-	-	-	503
North Asia	1,009	184	-	-	1,193
India sub-continental	543	128	-	-	671
Europe	297	143	476	-	916
Rest of the world*	116	372	-	271	759
External revenue	<u>2,468</u>	<u>827</u>	<u>476</u>	<u>271</u>	<u>4,042</u>

* Rest of the world includes revenue from sale of products in Kuwait of US\$ 59 million (2022: US\$ 63 million).

There are no customers that contributed more than 5% of the revenue.



Timing of revenue recognition

	US\$ million	
	2023	2022
Products transferred at a point in time	2,701	3,474
Products and services transferred over time	246	297
Revenue from contracts with customers	2,947	3,771
Other revenue	262	271
	3,209	4,042

EBITDA by product line	EG (US\$ million)	PE (US\$ million)	PET (US\$ million)	Others (US\$ million)	Total (US\$ million)
31 December 2023	338	253	(23)	18	586
31 December 2022	447	393	45	11	896

25. Financial risk management

Overview

The Group is exposed to the following risks from its use of financial instruments:

- credit risk
- liquidity risk
- market risk

Financial management framework

This note presents information about the Group's exposure to each of the above risks, its objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk, and the Group's management of capital. Further quantitative disclosures are included throughout these consolidated financial statements.

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Group's risk management framework. The Board has established the Finance Committee, which is responsible for developing and monitoring the Group's risk management policies. The Committee reports regularly to the Board of Directors on its activities.

The Audit Committee oversees how management monitors compliance with the Group's risk management policies and procedures and reviews the adequacy of the risk management framework in relation to the risks faced by the Group. The Audit Committee is assisted in its oversight role by Internal Audit. Internal Audit undertakes both regular and ad hoc reviews of risk management controls and procedures, the results of which are reported to the Audit Committee.

The Group's Corporate Treasury function provides treasury services to the business, co-ordinates access to domestic and international financial markets, monitors and manages the financial risks relating to the operations of the Group through internal risk reports which analyse exposures by degree and magnitude of risks.



Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Group if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations and arises principally from the Group's trade and other receivables, due from related parties, loans to related parties and bank balances.

Exposure to credit risk

The carrying amount of following financial assets represents the maximum credit exposure of the Group:

	US\$ million	
	2023	2022
Trade receivables	416	444
Notes receivable	-	46
Due from related parties	55	64
Other receivables	181	210
Bank balances	656	468
	1,308	1,232

Trade receivables

The Company's exposure to credit risk is influenced mainly by the individual characteristics of each customer. However, management also considers the factors that may influence the credit risk of its customer base, including the default risk associated with the country in which customers operate. The Group have a credit evaluation and customer acceptance system in place. The Group has adopted a policy of only dealing with creditworthy counterparties and obtaining sufficient collateral, where appropriate, as a means of mitigating the risk of financial loss from defaults.

The Group only transacts with entities that are rated the equivalent of investment grade and above. This information is supplied by independent rating agencies where available and, if not available, the Group uses other publicly available financial information and its own trading records to rate its major customers. Further, qualitative factors are also considered as a part of credit evaluation process. The Group's exposure to and the credit ratings of its counterparties are continuously monitored, and the aggregate value of transactions concluded is spread amongst approved counterparties. If no credit ratings of customers are available, the Group ensures that any sales with them are fully insured and are covered with collaterals. The Credit exposure is controlled by counterparty limits that are reviewed and approved by the management annually.

Trade receivables consist of a large number of customers, spread across diverse industries and geographical areas. Ongoing credit evaluation is performed on the financial condition of trade receivables. The average credit period on sales is 50 days (2022: 45 days) except for some customers where a longer credit period has been approved. The average age of these receivables is 53 days (2022: 47 days). The Group has provided fully for all receivables over 90 days because historical experience is that such receivables past due beyond 90 days are generally not recoverable. Trade receivables between 60 days and 90 days are provided for based on estimated irrecoverable amounts from the sale of goods, determined by reference to past default experience and historical data of payment statistics.

Included in the Group's trade receivables balance are debtors with a carrying amount of US\$ 12 million (2022: US\$ 12 million) which are past due and impaired.

In determining the recoverability of a trade receivable, the Group considers any change in the credit quality of the trade receivable from the date credit was initially granted up to the reporting date. The concentration of credit risk is limited due to the customer base being large and unrelated.



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The maximum exposure to credit risk for trade receivables at the reporting date by geographic region was:

	US\$ million	
	2023	2022
Domestic & Gulf Cooperation Council countries (GCC)	60	22
North America	21	64
Asia	233	261
Europe	53	26
Other regions	49	71
	416	444

A summary of the Group's exposure for trade receivables are as follows:

	US\$ million			
	2023		2022	
	<i>Non-credit impaired</i>	<i>Credit impaired</i>	<i>Non-credit impaired</i>	<i>Credit impaired</i>
Not due	410	-	438	-
Past due				
- Secured with collaterals	5	8	5	8
- Not secured	1	4	1	4
Gross carrying amount	416	12	444	12
Loss allowance	-	(12)	-	(12)
	416	-	444	-

Due from related parties

Transactions with related parties are carried out on a negotiated contract basis. The related parties are with high credit rating and repute in the market. Impairment on the due from a related party have been measured on the basis of lifetime expected credit losses. The Company considers that these have low credit risk based on historical experiences, available press information and experienced credit judgment. As on 31 December 2023, these are neither impaired nor due.

Bank balances and time deposits

Bank balances and time deposits are held with bank and financial institution counterparties, which are highly rated. Impairment on bank balances has been measured on a 12-month expected loss basis and reflects the short maturities of the exposures. The Company considers that its bank balances have low credit risk based on the external credit ratings of the counterparties, therefore, the 12-month ECL computed on the bank balances and term deposits is considered negligible.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will encounter difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. The Group's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Group's reputation.



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Ultimate responsibility for liquidity risk management rests with the Board of Directors, which has built an appropriate liquidity risk management framework for the management of the Group's short, medium and long-term funding and liquidity management requirements. The Group manages liquidity risk by maintaining adequate reserves, banking facilities and reserve borrowing facilities, by continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows and matching the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities.

The table below analyses the Group's non-derivative financial liabilities based on the remaining period at the consolidated statement of financial position to the contractual maturity date. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

	US\$ million					Carrying amount
	Less than 1 year	Between 1 and 2 years	Between 2 and 5 years	Over 5 years	Total	
As at 31 December 2023						
Trade and other payables	472	-	-	-	472	472
Due to related parties	138	-	-	-	138	138
Loans and borrowings	672	1,142	2,457	650	4,921	4,334
Lease liabilities	34	35	106	287	462	341
Total	1,316	1,177	2,563	937	5,993	5,285
As at 31 December 2022						
Trade and other payables	573	-	-	-	573	573
Due to related parties	142	-	-	-	142	142
Loans and borrowings	336	817	2,535	1,391	5,079	4,329
Lease liabilities	37	33	96	315	481	343
Total	1,088	850	2,631	1,706	6,275	5,387

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and equity prices will affect the Group's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return.

The Group's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates.

Foreign currency risk

The Group undertakes certain transactions denominated in foreign currencies. Hence, exposures to exchange rate fluctuations arise.



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The Groups' on balance sheet exposure to foreign currency denominated monetary assets and monetary liabilities at the reporting date are as follows:

	US\$ million				Total
	Euro	Canadian Dollar	Kuwait Dinar	Other	
31 December 2023					
Assets	53	105	81	7	246
Liabilities	(7)	(141)	(558)	(3)	(709)
Net exposure	<u>46</u>	<u>(36)</u>	<u>(477)</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>(463)</u>
31 December 2022					
Assets	7	109	74	11	201
Liabilities	(22)	(122)	(560)	(8)	(712)
Net exposure	<u>(15)</u>	<u>(13)</u>	<u>(486)</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>(511)</u>

The following exchange rates were applied to translate the monetary assets and liabilities at 31 December 2023:

	Reporting date	
	Mid-spot rate	
	2023	2022
Euro	0.905	0.937
Canadian Dollar	0.755	0.739
Kuwaiti Dinar	0.307	0.306

Foreign currency sensitivity analysis

As at 31 December 2023, if the US\$ had weakened / strengthened by 5% against the Euro, Canadian dollar and Kuwaiti Dinar with all other variables held constant, profit for the year would have been lower / higher by US\$ 23 million (2022: US\$ 26 million).

Foreign currency exposure risks are managed by dealing in forward contracts within approved limits. As at 31 December 2023, the Group had following net notional forward exchange contracts (off balance sheet exposure):

	US\$ million	
	2023	2022
Long position		
KD	1,011	1,077
CAD	110	122
Euro	56	8
Others	21	10
Short position		
KD	497	522
CAD	51	71
Euro	123	10
Others	48	23



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The fair value of forward foreign exchange contracts is estimated by discounting the difference between the contractual forward price and the current forward price for the residual maturity of the contract using a risk-free interest rate. These are classified as Level II. The fair value of the forward foreign exchange contract as at 31 December 2023 amounting to US\$ 1 million (2022: US\$ 0 million).

Cash flow hedge

At 31 December 2023, the Group had an interest rate swap agreement in place with a notional amount of US\$ 0 million (2022: US\$ 340 million) whereby the Group receives a fixed rate of interest and pays interest at a variable rate equal to SOFR+ margin % on the notional amount. The swap is being used to hedge the changes in the value of the company forecasted cash flow arising from the issuance of future debt instruments against benchmark interest risk changes.

There is an economic relationship between the hedged item and the hedging instrument as the terms of the interest rate swap matches the terms of the fixed rate GMTN notes (i.e., notional amount, maturity, payment and reset dates). The Group has established a hedge ratio of 1:1 for the hedging relationships as the underlying risk of the interest rate swap is identical to the hedged risk component. To test the hedge effectiveness, the Group uses the hypothetical derivative method and compares the changes in the fair value of the hedging instrument against the changes in fair value of the hedged item attributable to the hedged risk.

The hedge ineffectiveness can arise from:

- Different interest rate curve applied to discount the hedged item and hedging instrument
- Differences in timing of cash flows of the hedged item and hedging instrument
- The counterparties' credit risk differently impacting the fair value movements of the hedging instrument and hedged items.

	US\$ million	
	2023	2022
<i>Cash flow hedge</i>		
Notional amount:	-	340
Fair value	-	29

The Group uses the level 2 hierarchy inputs to measure the fair value of derivative financial instruments.

During the year, the hedging instrument was sold prior to maturity, accordingly the hedge accounting was discontinued prospectively. Since the hedge accounting for cash flow hedges is discontinued, the amount of USD 25 million (2022: USD 4 million) has been accumulated in the hedge reserve which remains in equity until, it is reclassified to consolidated statement of profit or loss in the same period or periods as the hedged expected future cash flows affect profit or loss.

The carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities that are liquid or have a short-term maturity are approximately equal to their fair value.

The fair values of all financial instruments carried by the Group as at 31 December 2023, that are not carried at fair value, are not materially different from their carrying values.

Interest rate risk

The Group is exposed to interest rate risk as it borrows and places funds.

Interest rate sensitivity analysis

During the year, if interest rates on US\$ denominated borrowings had been 10 basis points higher/lower with all other variables held constant, profit for the previous year would have been US\$ 0.3 million (2022: US\$ 0.3 million) lower / higher, mainly as a result of higher / lower interest expense on floating rate borrowings.

The Group's exposure to interest rates on financial assets and financial liabilities are disclosed in Notes 10, 13 and 15 to the consolidated financial statements.

Determination of fair values

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Underlying the definition of fair value is the presumption that the Group is a going concern without any intention, or need, to liquidate, curtail materially the scale of its operations or undertake a transaction on adverse terms.

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities (excluding derivative instruments, medium term notes and Sukuk) is determined in accordance with generally accepted pricing models based on discounted cash flow analysis using prices from observable current market transactions. The fair value of forward exchange contracts is estimated by discounting the difference between the contractual forward price and the current forward price for the residual maturity of the contract using a risk-free interest rate (level II inputs). The fair value of medium term notes and Sukuk are determined using quoted prices (level I inputs). The Company uses the level 2 hierarchy inputs to measure the fair value of derivative financial instruments. All other financial instruments are classified as Level III.

INTEREST RATE BENCHMARK REFORM – PHASE 2

The Group had exposure to the London Interbank offered rates (LIBOR), the benchmark rate, through its financial instruments, which will be replaced as part of the fundamental reform of various major interest rate benchmarks. The Group undertook amendments to most financial instruments with contractual terms indexed to IBORs such that they incorporate new benchmark rates, e.g., Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR). The new contracts to be entered by the Group on or after 1st January 2023 will be based on using various alternative benchmark interest rates including certain “risk-free” rates.

Transition away from LIBORs to the risk-free or alternative “reference rate” (RFR's) regime will affect the pricing of deposits, loan Financing, hedging instruments and debt securities.

The Group's exposure to financial assets and liabilities that are based on LIBOR maturing after June 2023 is nil.

26. Commitments and contingent liabilities

Commitments

The Group has a fixed gas purchase commitment with a related party of approximately US\$ 1 million (2022: US\$ 1 million) per day until the agreement is cancelled in writing by both parties.

The Group under the “Excess EG Marketing agreement” has made a commitment to purchase EG from Dow an annual volume up to 2024.



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The Group under the Ethylene Supply Agreement has a commitment to purchase and obligates DCC ULC to supply a contract quantity of ethylene each year through 2024 with an additional two five-year extensions through to 2034 in respect of the manufacturing plants in Alberta.

The Group under the Ethylene Supply Agreement has a commitment to purchase and obligates The Dow Chemical Company to supply 26.7% of output of one of Dow's ethylene crackers (TX-9), for USGC project, through the earlier of A) Dow Cracker facility permanently cease to operate or B) MEGlobal USGC plants cease to operate, subject to certain other conditions. The useful life of this asset 25 years, starting from 2019.

The Group has entered into short term arrangements to obtain the right to use 9,988,314 troy ounces (2022: 11,566,718 troy ounces) of silver with a variety of banks. The title and ownership of the silver rests with banks. These arrangements mature over various dates in 2023-2024 and are guaranteed by EQUATE Petrochemical Company K.S.C.C. The subsidiaries pay lease fees for these arrangements which are expensed over the terms of such arrangements. The subsidiaries also bear the risk of loss of silver resulting from usage.

The following summarizes the quantity and value of silver outstanding at 31 December 2023 under such arrangements:

Bank	31 December 2023			31 December 2022		
	Credit Limit US\$ million	Qty (TOZ)	Silver Value US\$ million	Credit Limit US\$ million	Qty (TOZ)	Silver Value US\$ million
HSBC	175	1,614,806	40	175	3,198,679	66
Sumitomo	150	3,903,532	89	150	4,303,879	86
BMO	240	3,250,311	76	220	3,199,354	75
Mitsubishi	-	-	-	-	864,806	20
Royal Bank of Canada	-	1,219,665	28	-	-	-
Total	565	9,988,314	233	545	11,566,718	247

Bank	31 December 2023			31 December 2022		
	Credit Limit US\$ million	Qty (TOZ)	Palladium Value US\$ million	Credit Limit US\$ million	Qty (TOZ)	Palladium Value US\$ million
Mitsubishi	-	1,131	2	-	1,131	2
Total	-	1,131	2	-	1,131	2

In addition to the above, the Group has the following commitments and contingent liabilities outstanding as at 31 December 2023:

	US\$ million	
	2023	2022
Letters of credit and letters of guarantee	16	15
Capital commitments	33	34



Contingent liabilities

Corporation Income Tax Assessment from the Canadian Revenue Agency

Following the completion of audit report for the tax years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018, ME-Global Canada ULC received a Corporation Income Tax re-assessments from the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) for a transfer pricing adjustments amounting to CAD 61.6 million (US\$ 46.5 million) for 2013, CAD 75 million (US\$ 56.6 million) for 2014, CAD 75.8 million (US\$ 57.2 million) for 2015, CAD 82.3 (US \$ 62.1 million) for 2016, CAD 140.5 (US\$ 106.1 million) for 2017 and CAD 202.9 (US\$ 153.1 million) for 2018. This has resulted in additional assessed federal taxes, provincial taxes, Part XIII taxes, interest and penalties of CAD 41.3 million (US\$ 31.1 million) for 2013, CAD 48.5 million (US\$ 36.6 million) for 2014, CAD 49.4 million (US\$ 37.3 million) for 2015, CAD 52.6 million (US\$ 39.7 million) for 2016 and CAD 93.4 million (US\$ 70.1 million) for 2017. The federal reassessment for tax year 2018 of CAD 41 million (US\$ 31 million) was issued on December 28, 2023.

The Management has filed notice of objections for each of the re-assessments for the years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 and is in the process to filing the notice of objection for 2018.

The Management is confident that it can defend their filed positions using its transfer pricing methodology and get the assessments reversed through the appeal process, similar to prior re-assessments which were appealed. The management is also of the view that no additional tax liabilities are required for these commitments as of 31 December 2023. The Management is currently awaiting to get a date for the hearing from the appeals officer.

Uncertain tax position

Corporation Income Tax Assessment from the Ministry of Finance, Kuwait

The Group received an income tax assessment on EQUATE Petrochemical BV for the years 2016 to 2018 from Ministry of Finance, Kuwait relating to income tax filings for the respective years. The assessment is for KD 855,926 (US\$ 2,790,301) relating to tax year 2016, KD 2,142,242 (US\$ 6,983,666) relating to tax year 2017 and KD 1,569,807 (US\$ 5,117,539) relating to tax year 2018. The tax filings by the Group claimed double tax treaty exemption based on the Double Taxation avoidance Agreement signed between State of Kuwait and the Government of the Netherlands. The Group objected to the tax assessment which was denied by the Ministry of Finance. The Group has filed an appeal to the Tax Appeals Committee on February 6, 2024.

The Group also received nil income tax assessment on MEGlobal BV for the years 2016 and 2017 from the Ministry of Finance, Kuwait relating to income tax filings for the respective years denying the treaty exemption based on the Double Taxation avoidance Agreement signed between State of Kuwait and the Government of Netherlands. The Group objected to the tax assessment which was denied by the Ministry of Finance. The Group has filed an appeal to the Tax Appeals Committee on February 6, 2024.

The Management is confident that it can defend both the filed positions through the dispute resolution process at the tax courts and using the Mutual Agreement Procedure (MAP) under the tax treaty as the group cannot be taxed twice on the same income and hence is of the view that no additional tax liabilities are required for these commitments as of 31 December 2023.



27. Capital management

The Group manages its capital to ensure that it will be able to continue as a going concern while maximising the return to stakeholders through the optimisation of the debt and equity balance. There were no changes in the Group's approach to Capital Management during the year.

The capital structure of the Group consists of debt, which includes the loans and borrowings net of loans to and from related parties, cash and bank balances and equity, comprising issued capital, treasury shares, statutory reserves and retained earnings.

The Company is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements, except the minimum capital requirement of the Companies Law No. 1 of 2016, as amended and its Executive Regulations.