

**Solar Explochem Zambia Limited
(Registration number L.C.O 79731)
Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

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General Information

Country of incorporation and domicile	Zambia
Company registration number	L.C.O 79731
Taxpayer's identification number	1001953671
Nature of business and principal activities	Manufacturing of explosives and trading in accessories ISO 9001:2008 Certified
Directors	Ashish Kumar Srivastava Pratik Sanghrajka Lupiya Simusokwe Vennam Tirupathi Reddy Adrian Makowa
Registered office	Plot No. L/38251M Luano Area Kitwe Chingola Road Copperbelt Province Zambia
Business address	Plot No. L/38251M Luano Area Kitwe Chingola Road Copperbelt Province Zambia
Postal address	P.O Box 22831 Chambishi Copperbelt Zambia
Bankers	Indo Zambia Bank Kitwe Branch First Capital Bank Plc Kitwe Branch First National Bank Kitwe Branch
Auditors	Client Focus Solutions Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors Suite No. 7431 Unit 100, 1st Floor Premium House, Independence Avenue P.O Box 31619 Lusaka Zambia
Secretary	Adrian Makowa

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Level of assurance

These financial statements have been audited in compliance with International Standards on Auditing and the applicable requirements of the Companies Act of Zambia, 2017

Currency

Zambian Kwacha

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Directors' Responsibilities and Approval

The Zambia Companies Act of 2017 requires the directors to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year that presents fairly the state of the financial affairs of the Company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss. It also requires the directors to ensure that the Company keeps proper accounting records that disclose, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the Company. They are also responsible for safe guarding the assets of the Company. The directors are further required to ensure the Company adheres to the corporate governance principles of practices contained in section 82 to 122 of part VII of the Zambia Companies of Act 2017.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and the preparation and integrity of the annual financial statements and related information. The independent external auditors, Messrs Client Focus Solutions Chartered Accountants, have audited the annual financial statements and their report is shown on pages 8 - 10.

The directors are also responsible for the systems of the internal control. These are designed to provide reasonable but not absolute, assurance as to the reliability of the financial statements, and to adequately safeguard, verify and maintain accountability for assets, and to prevents and detect material misstatements. The systems are implemented and monitored by suitably trained personnel with an appropriate segregation of authority and duties. Nothing has come to the attention of the directors to indicate that any material breakdown in the functioning of these controls, procedures and systems has occurred during the year under review.

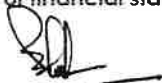
The annual financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis. Nothing has come to the attention of the directors to indicate that the company will not remain a going concern in the foreseeable future.

In the opinion of the directors:

- The statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of the Company for the financial year ended 31 March 2023;
- The statements of financial position is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at 31 March 2023;
- There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due; and
- The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards and in the manner required by the Companies Act 2017. The directors further report that they have implemented and further adhered to the corporate governance principles or practices contained in sections 82 to 122 of part VII of the Zambia Companies Act 2017.

The financial statements set out on pages 11 to 44, were approved by the board of directors on _____ and were signed on their behalf by:

Approval of financial statements



Director



Director

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Directors' Report

The directors have pleasure in submitting their report on the financial statements of Solar Explochem Zambia Limited for the year ended 31 March 2023.

1. Incorporation

The company is domiciled in Zambia where it is incorporated as a private company limited by shares under the Companies Act of Zambia, 2017.

2. Principal Activity

The principal activities of the Company is the manufacturing of explosives and trading in explosives accessories.

There have been no material changes to the nature of the company's business from the prior year.

3. Financial results

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act of Zambia, 2017. The accounting policies have been applied consistently compared to the prior year.

Full details of the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the company are set out in these financial statements.

	2023 ZK	2022 ZK
Revenue	510,408,179	427,721,820
Cost of sales	(387,422,312)	(289,923,227)
Gross Profit	122,985,867	137,798,593
Other income	1,071,070	984,659
Administrative costs	(45,089,986)	(46,164,766)
EBITDA	78,966,951	92,618,486

4. Share capital

	2023	2022
Authorised		
Ordinary shares	39,413	39,413
Issued		
Ordinary shares	39,413	39,413

There have been no changes to the authorised or issued share capital during the year under review.

Shareholding structure

	Number of Shares	Shareholding Percentage
Ortin Investments Limited	13,795	35%
Solar Overseas Netherlands Cooperatie UA	25,618	65%
	39,413	100%

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5. Directors

The directors in office at the date of this report are as follows:

Directors

Ashish Kumar Srivastava
Pratik Sanghrajka
Lupiya Simusokwe
Vennam Tirupathi Reddy
Adrian Makowa

6. Property, plant and equipment

There was no change in the nature of the property, plant and equipment of the company or in the policy regarding their use.

At 31 March 2023 the company's property, plant and equipment amounted to ZMW24,069,735 (2022: ZMW 24,321,466), of which ZMW5,280,815 (2022: ZMW 6,047,434) was added in the current year through additions.

Additions	2023	2022
Plant & Machinery	1,861,926	2,566,450
Motor Vehicles	1,626,333	2,774,646
Building	1,453,395	266,569
Furniture & Fixtures	339,161	-
Computer	-	48,388
Capital work in progress	-	391,381
	5,280,815	6,047,434

7. Events after the reporting period

The directors are not aware of any material event which occurred after the reporting date and up to the date of this report.

8. Going concern

The directors believe that the company has adequate financial resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future and accordingly the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The directors have satisfied themselves that the company is in a sound financial position and that it has access to sufficient borrowing facilities to meet its foreseeable cash requirements. The directors are not aware of any new material changes that may adversely impact the company. The directors are also not aware of any material non-compliance with statutory or regulatory requirements or of any pending changes to legislation which may affect the company.

9. Litigation statement

The company is not currently involved in any such claims or lawsuits, which individually or in the aggregate, are expected to have a material adverse effect on the business or its assets.

10. Secretary

The company secretary is Adrian Makowa.

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11. Employees

The average number of employees during each month of the year was as follows:

Average number of employees for the year	<u>115</u>	<u>113</u>
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The total remuneration paid to the employees during the year was ZMW 6,483,721 (2021: ZMW 6,582,313).

12. Health, safety and welfare of employees

The company continues to provide and maintain optimum standards of safety and house keeping required for the upkeep of the health and safety of employees.

13. Auditors

Messrs Client Focus Solutions Chartered Accountants the company's auditors have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors. A resolution proposing their reappointment will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

14. Date of authorisation for issue of financial statements

The financial statements have been authorised for issue by the directors on _____. No authority was given to anyone to amend the financial statements after the date of issue.

15. Acknowledgements

Thanks and appreciation are extended to all of our shareholders, staff, suppliers and consumers for their continued support of the company.

The financial statements set out on pages 11 to 44, which have been prepared on the going concern basis, were approved by the board of directors on _____ and were signed on its behalf by:

By order of the board


CORPUS GLOBE CORPORATE SOLUTIONS LTD

COMPANY No. 120100082894

COMPANY SECRETARY

Secretary

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the shareholders of Solar Explochem Zambia Limited

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Solar Explochem Zambia Limited (the company) set out on pages 11 to 42, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2023, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Solar Explochem Zambia Limited as at 31 March 2023, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act of Zambia, 2017.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (Parts A and B) (IESBA Code) and other independence requirements applicable to performing audits of financial statements in Zambia. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code and in accordance with other ethical requirements applicable to performing audits in Zambia. 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 judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
Trade receivables	<p>IFRS 9 standard requires a re-evaluation of impairments away from the previous incurred loss model to a more forward looking model which requires adopting firms to hold impairment reviews for all accounts against their expected future losses.</p> <p>In this regard the provision Default Matrix has been adopted to implement the simplified impairment approach.</p>

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Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the document titled "Solar Explochem Zambia Limited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023", which includes the Directors' Report as required by the Companies Act of Zambia, 2017 and the Detailed Income Statement, which we obtained prior to the date of this report. The other information does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

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

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, 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 the directors for the Financial Statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act of Zambia, 2017, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue 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 International Standards on Auditing 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 financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the 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 company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.

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- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' 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 company'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 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 company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the directors 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.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

The companies Act of Zambia 2017 requires that in carrying our audit we consider whether the Company has kept proper accounting records, other records and registers as required by the Act.

In our opinion, the Company has maintained proper accounting records, other records and registers as required by the Companies of Zambia 2017, so far as it appears from our examination of these records.

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Client Focus Solutions
Chartered Accountants

Chrispin Daka

Chrispin Daka
AUD/F001208
Partner



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Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2023

	Note(s)	2023 ZMW	2022 ZMW
Assets			
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	3	24,069,735	24,321,466
Right-of-use assets	4	2,324,410	2,348,878
Investments in subsidiaries	5	25,200	25,200
Loans due from related parties	22	8,500,000	20,096,570
Deferred tax	6	28,726,940	7,043,968
		63,646,285	53,836,082
Current Assets			
Inventories	7	169,819,742	126,556,486
Amounts due from related parties	22	49,846,565	54,221,552
Trade and other receivables	8	175,825,180	105,292,133
Cash and cash equivalents	9	21,832,541	12,998,669
		417,324,028	299,068,840
Total Assets		480,970,313	352,904,922
Equity and Liabilities			
Equity			
Share capital	10	39,413	39,413
Share premium		7,833,237	7,833,237
Retained income		380,842,783	324,879,919
		388,715,433	332,752,569
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	11	12,110,000	2,082,678
Amounts due to group companies	22	65,310,895	6,590,420
Current Tax Liabilities	12	14,833,985	11,479,255
		92,254,880	20,152,353
Total Equity and Liabilities		480,970,313	352,904,922

The financial statements and the notes on pages 5 to 44, were approved by the board of directors on the _____ and were signed on its behalf by:



Director



Director

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

	Note(s)	2023 ZMW	2022 ZMW
Revenue from contracts with customers	13	510,408,196	427,721,820
Cost of sales	14	(387,422,312)	(289,923,227)
Gross profit		122,985,884	137,798,593
Other operating income	15	1,071,070	984,659
Other operating gains (losses)	16	36,183,287	(32,045,224)
Employee related costs		(7,374,155)	(6,483,720)
Selling and distribution costs		(12,882,410)	(8,130,306)
Depreciation and amortisation		(5,557,015)	(4,921,926)
Net Impairment losses on financial assets		(20,661,664)	732,000
General and administration costs		(24,833,401)	(31,550,740)
Operating profit		88,931,596	56,383,336
Finance costs	17	(574,263)	(163,059)
Profit before taxation		88,357,333	56,220,277
Taxation	18	(19,666,381)	(11,352,237)
Profit for the year		68,690,952	44,868,040
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		68,690,952	44,868,040

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Statement of Changes in Equity

	Share capital ZMW	Share premium ZMW	Total share capital ZMW	Retained income ZMW	Total equity ZMW
Balance at 1 April 2021	39,413	7,833,237	7,872,650	280,011,878	287,884,528
Profit for the year	-	-	-	44,868,040	44,868,040
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	44,868,040	44,868,040
Balance at 1 April 2022	39,413	7,833,237	7,872,650	324,879,917	332,752,567
Profit for the year	-	-	-	68,690,952	68,690,952
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	68,690,952	68,690,952
Dividends	-	-	-	(12,728,086)	(12,728,086)
Total contributions by and distributions to owners of company recognised directly in equity	-	-	-	(12,728,086)	(12,728,086)
Balance at 31 March 2023	39,413	7,833,237	7,872,650	380,842,783	388,715,433
Note(s)	10	10	10		

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Statement of Cash Flows

	Note(s)	2023 ZMW	2022 ZMW
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash (used in)/generated from operations	19	(45,463,657)	66,212,623
Finance costs		(574,263)	(163,058)
Tax paid		(14,801,485)	(14,243,254)
Net cash from operating activities		(60,839,405)	51,806,311
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	3	(5,280,815)	(6,047,434)
Disposal of property, plant and equipment	3	-	(607,298)
Net cash from investing activities		(5,280,815)	(6,654,732)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Movements in amounts due (to) / from related parties		63,095,462	(36,764,406)
Movements in loans from related parties		(11,596,570)	-
Dividends paid		(12,728,086)	-
Net cash from financing activities		38,770,806	(36,764,406)
Total cash movement for the year		(27,349,414)	8,387,173
Cash at the beginning of the year		12,998,668	37,388,331
(Gains) losses on foreign exchange		36,183,287	(32,776,835)
Total cash at end of the year	9	21,832,541	12,998,669

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Accounting Policies

1. Significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis in accordance with, and in compliance with, International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC") interpretations issued and effective at the time of preparing these financial statements and the Companies Act of Zambia, 2017.

The financial statements have been prepared on the historic cost convention, unless otherwise stated in the accounting policies which follow and incorporate the principal accounting policies set out below. They are presented in Zambian Kwachas, which is the company's functional currency.

These accounting policies are consistent with the previous period.

1.2 Significant judgements and sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management, from time to time, to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. These estimates and associated assumptions are based on experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

1.3 Investment property

Investment property is recognised as an asset when, and only when, it is probable that the future economic benefits that are associated with the investment property will flow to the enterprise, and the cost of the investment property can be measured reliably.

Investment property is initially recognised at cost. Transaction costs are included in the initial measurement.

Costs include costs incurred initially and costs incurred subsequently to add to, or to replace a part of, or service a property. If a replacement part is recognised in the carrying amount of the investment property, the carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised.

1.4 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are tangible assets which the company holds for its own use or for rental to others and which are expected to be used for more than one year.

An item of property, plant and equipment is recognised as an asset when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the company, and the cost of the item can be measured reliably.

Property, plant and equipment is initially measured at cost. Cost includes all of the expenditure which is directly attributable to the acquisition or construction of the asset, including the capitalisation of borrowing costs on qualifying assets and adjustments in respect of hedge accounting, where appropriate.

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Accounting Policies

1.4 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Expenditure incurred subsequently for major services, additions to or replacements of parts of property, plant and equipment are capitalised if it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the expenditure will flow to the company and the cost can be measured reliably. Day to day servicing costs are included in profit or loss in the year in which they are incurred.

Major spare parts and stand by equipment which are expected to be used for more than one year are included in property, plant and equipment.

Property, plant and equipment is subsequently stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses, except for land which is stated at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

Property, plant and equipment is subsequently stated at revalued amount, being the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Revaluations are made with sufficient regularity such that the carrying amount does not differ materially from that which would be determined using fair value at the end of the reporting year.

When an item of property, plant and equipment is revalued, the gross carrying amount is adjusted consistently with the revaluation of the carrying amount. The accumulated depreciation at that date is adjusted to equal the difference between the gross carrying amount and the carrying amount after taking into account accumulated impairment losses.

When an item of property, plant and equipment is revalued, any accumulated depreciation at the date of the revaluation is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset.

Any increase in an asset's carrying amount, as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the revaluation reserve in equity. The increase is recognised in profit or loss to the extent that it reverses a revaluation decrease of the same asset previously recognised in profit or loss.

Any decrease in an asset's carrying amount, as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in profit or loss in the current year. The decrease is recognised in other comprehensive income to the extent of any credit balance existing in the revaluation reserve in respect of that asset. The decrease recognised in other comprehensive income reduces the amount accumulated in the revaluation reserve in equity.

The revaluation reserve related to a specific item of property, plant and equipment is transferred directly to retained income when the asset is derecognised.

Depreciation of an asset commences when the asset is available for use as intended by management. Depreciation is charged to write off the asset's carrying amount over its estimated useful life to its estimated residual value, using a method that best reflects the pattern in which the asset's economic benefits are consumed by the company. Leased assets are depreciated in a consistent manner over the shorter of their expected useful lives and the lease term. Depreciation is not charged to an asset if its estimated residual value exceeds or is equal to its carrying amount. Depreciation of an asset ceases at the earlier of the date that the asset is classified as held for sale or derecognised.

The useful lives of items of property, plant and equipment have been assessed as follows:

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Accounting Policies

1.4 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Item	Depreciation method	Rate %
Buildings	Straight line	5
Plant and machinery	Straight line	20
Furniture and fittings	Straight line	10
Motor vehicles	Straight line	20
Computer equipment	Straight line	20
Electrical installation	Straight line	10

The residual value, useful life and depreciation method of each asset are reviewed at the end of each reporting year. If the expectations differ from previous estimates, the change is accounted for prospectively as a change in accounting estimate.

Each part of an item of property, plant and equipment with a cost that is significant in relation to the total cost of the item is depreciated separately.

The depreciation charge for each year is recognised in profit or loss unless it is included in the carrying amount of another asset.

Impairment tests are performed on property, plant and equipment when there is an indicator that they may be impaired. When the carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment is assessed to be higher than the estimated recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss to bring the carrying amount in line with the recoverable amount.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its continued use or disposal. Any gain or loss arising from the derecognition of an item of property, plant and equipment, determined as the difference between the net disposal proceeds, if any, and the carrying amount of the item, is included in profit or loss when the item is derecognised.

1.5 Intangible assets

An intangible asset is recognised when:

- it is probable that the expected future economic benefits that are attributable to the asset will flow to the entity; and
- the cost of the asset can be measured reliably.

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost.

An intangible asset arising from development (or from the development phase of an internal project) is recognised when:

- it is technically feasible to complete the asset so that it will be available for use or sale.
- there is an intention to complete and use or sell it.
- there is an ability to use or sell it.
- it will generate probable future economic benefits.
- there are available technical, financial and other resources to complete the development and to use or sell the asset.
- the expenditure attributable to the asset during its development can be measured reliably.

Intangible assets are carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any impairment losses.

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1.5 Intangible assets (continued)

An intangible asset is regarded as having an indefinite useful life when, based on all relevant factors, there is no foreseeable limit to the period over which the asset is expected to generate net cash inflows. Amortisation is not provided for these intangible assets, but they are tested for impairment annually and whenever there is an indication that the asset may be impaired. For all other intangible assets amortisation is provided on a straight line basis over their useful life.

The amortisation period and the amortisation method for intangible assets are reviewed every period-end.

Reassessing the useful life of an intangible asset with a finite useful life after it was classified as indefinite is an indicator that the asset may be impaired. As a result the asset is tested for impairment and the remaining carrying amount is amortised over its useful life.

Internally generated brands, mastheads, publishing titles, customer lists and items similar in substance are not recognised as intangible assets.

Amortisation is provided to write down the intangible assets, on a straight line basis, to their residual values as follows:

Item	Depreciation method	Rate %
Computer software	Straight line	20

1.6 Financial instruments

Financial instruments held by the company are classified in accordance with the provisions of IFRS 9 Financial Instruments.

Financial assets which are equity instruments:

- Mandatorily at fair value through profit or loss; or
- Designated as at fair value through other comprehensive income. (This designation is not available to equity instruments which are held for trading or which are contingent consideration in a business combination).

Financial assets which are debt instruments:

- Amortised cost. (This category applies only when the contractual terms of the instrument give rise, on specified dates, to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on principal, and where the instrument is held under a business model whose objective is met by holding the instrument to collect contractual cash flows); or
- Fair value through other comprehensive income. (This category applies only when the contractual terms of the instrument give rise, on specified dates, to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on principal, and where the instrument is held under a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling the instruments); or
- Mandatorily at fair value through profit or loss. (This classification automatically applies to all debt instruments which do not qualify as at amortised cost or at fair value through other comprehensive income); or
- Designated at fair value through profit or loss. (This classification option can only be applied when it eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch).

Derivatives which are not part of a hedging relationship:

- Mandatorily at fair value through profit or loss.

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1.6 Financial instruments (continued)

Financial liabilities:

- Amortised cost; or
- Mandatorily at fair value through profit or loss. (This applies to contingent consideration in a business combination or to liabilities which are held for trading); or
- Designated at fair value through profit or loss. (This classification option can be applied when it eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch; the liability forms part of a group of financial instruments managed on a fair value basis; or it forms part of a contract containing an embedded derivative and the entire contract is designated as at fair value through profit or loss).

Financial instruments and risk management presents the financial instruments held by the company based on their specific classifications.

All regular way purchases or sales of financial assets are recognised and derecognised on a trade date basis. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the time frame established by regulation or convention in the marketplace.

The specific accounting policies for the classification, recognition and measurement of each type of financial instrument held by the company are presented below:

Loans receivable at amortised cost

Classification

Loans to group companies, , loans to directors, managers and employees, are classified as financial assets subsequently measured at amortised cost.

They have been classified in this manner because the contractual terms of these loans give rise, on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal outstanding, and the company's business model is to collect the contractual cash flows on these loans.

Recognition and measurement

Loans receivable are recognised when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the loan. The loans are measured, at initial recognition, at fair value plus transaction costs, if any.

They are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

The amortised cost is the amount recognised on the loan initially, minus principal repayments, plus cumulative amortisation (interest) using the effective interest method of any difference between the initial amount and the maturity amount, adjusted for any loss allowance.

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1.6 Financial instruments (continued)

Trade and other receivables

Classification

Trade and other receivables, excluding, when applicable, VAT and prepayments, are classified as financial assets subsequently measured at amortised cost.

They have been classified in this manner because their contractual terms give rise, on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal outstanding, and the company's business model is to collect the contractual cash flows on trade and other receivables.

Recognition and measurement

Trade and other receivables are recognised when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the receivables. They are measured, at initial recognition, at fair value plus transaction costs, if any.

They are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

The amortised cost is the amount recognised on the receivable initially, minus principal repayments, plus cumulative amortisation (interest) using the effective interest method of any difference between the initial amount and the maturity amount, adjusted for any loss allowance.

Impairment

The company recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses on trade and other receivables, excluding VAT and prepayments. The amount of expected credit losses is updated at each reporting date.

The company measures the loss allowance for trade and other receivables at an amount equal to lifetime expected credit losses (lifetime ECL), which represents the expected credit losses that will result from all possible default events over the expected life of the receivable.

Measurement and recognition of expected credit losses

The company makes use of a provision matrix as a practical expedient to the determination of expected credit losses on trade and other receivables. The provision matrix is based on historic credit loss experience, adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtors, general economic conditions and an assessment of both the current and forecast direction of conditions at the reporting date, including the time value of money, where appropriate.

An impairment gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss with a corresponding adjustment to the carrying amount of trade and other receivables, through use of a loss allowance account. The impairment loss is included in general and administration costs in profit or loss as a movement in credit loss allowance.

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1.6 Financial instruments (continued)

Trade and other payables

Classification

Trade and other payables excluding VAT and amounts received in advance, are classified as financial liabilities subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Recognition and measurement

They are recognised when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions, and are measured, at initial recognition, at fair value plus transaction costs, if any.

They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the financial liability, or (where appropriate) a shorter period, to the amortised cost of a financial liability.

If trade and other payables contain a significant financing component, and the effective interest method results in the recognition of interest expense, then it is included in profit or loss in finance costs.

Trade and other payables expose the company to liquidity risk and possibly to interest rate risk.

Cash and cash equivalents

In the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents includes bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Company's cash management.

Bank overdrafts

Bank overdrafts are initially measured at fair value, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

1.7 Tax

Current tax assets and liabilities

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

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1.7 Tax (continued)

Deferred tax assets and liabilities

Deferred tax is recognised, in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. Deferred tax is not recognized for temporary differences on the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that is not a business combination and that affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss.

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to the temporary differences when they reverse, based on the laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

A deferred tax asset is recognised for unused tax losses, tax credits and deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be utilised. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised.

Additional income taxes that arise from the distribution of dividends are recognised at the same time as the liability to pay the related dividends is recognised.

Tax expenses

Income tax expense comprises current tax and changes in deferred tax balances. Income tax expense is recognised in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in other comprehensive income or equity, in which case it is recognised in other comprehensive income or equity.

1.8 Leases

Determining whether an arrangement contains a lease

At inception of an arrangement, the Company determines whether the arrangement is or contains a lease.

At inception or on reassessment of an arrangement that contains a lease, the Company separates payments and other consideration required by the arrangement into those for the lease and those and other elements on the basis of their relative fair values.

Leased assets

Assets held by the Company under leases that transfer to the Company substantially all of the risks and reward of ownership are classified as finance leases.

The leased assets are measured initially at an amount equal to the lower of their fair value and the present value of the minimum lease payments. Subsequent to initial recognition, the assets are accounted for in accordance with the accounting policy applicable to that asset.

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1.8 Leases (continued)

Assets that are received by the Company under finance lease prior to the commencement of the lease agreement terms are recognised as assets of the company with a corresponding liability in Trade and Other Payables. The balance that corresponds to finance leases is transferred to current and non-current lease obligations, as appropriate, upon commencement of the lease agreement terms. This usually corresponds to the commencement of the lease repayment schedule.

Assets held under other leases are classified as operating leases and are not recognised in the Company's statements of financial position.

Lease Payments

Payments made under operating leases are recognised in profit or loss on a straight line basis over the term of the lease. Lease incentives received are recognised as an integral part of the total lease expense, over the term of the lease.

Minimum lease payments made under finance leases are apportioned between the finance expense and the reduction of the outstanding liability. The finance expense is allocated to each period during the lease term so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

1.9 Inventories

Carrying Amount

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and selling expenses, taking into account obsolescence.

- Raw materials: cost includes cost of purchase and other costs incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition. Cost is determined on weighted average basis.
- Finished goods and work in progress: cost includes cost of direct materials and labour and a proportion of manufacturing overheads based on the normal operating capacity but excluding borrowing costs. Cost is determined on weighted average basis.
- Traded goods: cost includes cost of purchase and other costs incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition. Cost is determined on weighted average basis.

1.10 Impairment of assets

The company assesses at each end of the reporting period whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. If any such indication exists, the company estimates the recoverable amount of the asset.

Irrespective of whether there is any indication of impairment, the company also:

- tests intangible assets with an indefinite useful life or intangible assets not yet available for use for impairment annually by comparing its carrying amount with its recoverable amount. This impairment test is performed during the annual period and at the same time every period.
- tests goodwill acquired in a business combination for impairment annually.

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1.10 Impairment of assets (continued)

If there is any indication that an asset may be impaired, the recoverable amount is estimated for the individual asset. If it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of the individual asset, the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs is determined.

The recoverable amount of an asset or a cash-generating unit is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use.

If the recoverable amount of an asset is less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. That reduction is an impairment loss.

An impairment loss of assets carried at cost less any accumulated depreciation or amortisation is recognised immediately in profit or loss. Any impairment loss of a revalued asset is treated as a revaluation decrease.

An entity assesses at each reporting date whether there is any indication that an impairment loss recognised in prior periods for assets other than goodwill may no longer exist or may have decreased. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amounts of those assets are estimated.

The increased carrying amount of an asset other than goodwill attributable to a reversal of an impairment loss does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior periods.

A reversal of an impairment loss of assets carried at cost less accumulated depreciation or amortisation other than goodwill is recognised immediately in profit or loss. Any reversal of an impairment loss of a revalued asset is treated as a revaluation increase.

1.11 Share capital and equity

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Mandatorily redeemable preference shares are classified as liabilities.

The Company maintains the following reserves within its equity:

- Share Premium (Non-distributable)
- Revaluation Reserve (Non-distributable)
- Retained Earnings (Distributable)

1.12 Employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits

The cost of short-term employee benefits, (those payable within 12 months after the service is rendered, such as paid vacation leave and sick leave, bonuses, and non-monetary benefits such as medical care), are recognised in the period in which the service is rendered and are not discounted.

Defined contribution plans

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit plans are charged as an expense as they fall due. The Company contributes to the National Pension Scheme Authority (NAPSA) in line with the NAPSA Act.

1.13 Provisions and contingencies

Provisions are recognised when:

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1.13 Provisions and contingencies (continued)

- the company has a present obligation as a result of a past event;
- it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation; and
- a reliable estimate can be made of the obligation.

The amount of a provision is the present value of the expenditure expected to be required to settle the obligation.

Where some or all of the expenditure required to settle a provision is expected to be reimbursed by another party, the reimbursement shall be recognised when, and only when, it is virtually certain that reimbursement will be received if the entity settles the obligation. The reimbursement shall be treated as a separate asset. The amount recognised for the reimbursement shall not exceed the amount of the provision.

Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

If an entity has a contract that is onerous, the present obligation under the contract shall be recognised and measured as a provision.

When some or all of the economic benefits required to settle a provision are expected to be recovered from a third party, the receivable is recognised as an asset if it is virtually certain that reimbursement will be received and the amount of the receivable can be measured reliably.

Staff-related Provisions

The Company recognises provisions in respect of its employees in the following areas:

- **Employee Gratuities**

Provisions for gratuities are recognised in proportion to the period of service provided by employees as of the reporting date. Gratuities are calculated for each employee and aggregated within Short-term Provisions

- **Unconsumed Leave Days**

Employees are entitled to two (2) leave days every calendar month, which accrue in arrears at the end of the calendar month. However, an employee is not obliged to take their accrued leave days. Leave days that are not taken accumulate in favour of the employee.

Employees are also entitled to commute their leave days and receive these as cash in lieu of leave. The Company recognises a provision for leave days accrued but not taken by employees as a liability as at the reporting date.

A constructive obligation to restructure arises only when an entity:

- has a detailed formal plan for the restructuring, identifying at least:
 - the business or part of a business concerned;
 - the principal locations affected;
 - the location, function, and approximate number of employees who will be compensated for terminating their services;
 - the expenditures that will be undertaken; and
 - when the plan will be implemented; and
- has raised a valid expectation in those affected that it will carry out the restructuring by starting to implement that plan or announcing its main features to those affected by it.

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1.13 Provisions and contingencies (continued)

After their initial recognition contingent liabilities recognised in business combinations that are recognised separately are subsequently measured at the higher of:

- the amount that would be recognised as a provision; and
- the amount initially recognised less cumulative amortisation.

1.14 Revenue from contracts with customers

Revenue is recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the company is expected to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to a customer. For each contract with a customer, the company: identifies the contract with a customer; identifies the performance obligations in the contract; determines the transaction price which takes into account estimates of variable consideration and the time value of money; allocates the transaction price to the separate performance obligations on the basis of the relative stand-alone selling price of each distinct good or service to be delivered; and recognises revenue when or as each performance obligation is satisfied in a manner that depicts the transfer to the customer of the goods or services promised.

Variable consideration within the transaction price, if any, reflects concessions provided to the customer such as discounts, rebates and refunds, any potential bonuses receivable from the customer and any other contingent events. Such estimates are determined using either the 'expected value' or 'most likely amount' method. The measurement of variable consideration is subject to a constraining principle whereby revenue will only be recognised to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognised will not occur. The measurement constraint continues until the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved. Amounts received that are subject to the constraining principle are initially recognised as deferred revenue in the form of a separate refund liability.

Rendering of services

Revenue from a contract to provide services is recognised over time as the services are rendered based on either a fixed price or an hourly rate.

Sales of goods

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised at the point in time when the customer obtains control of the goods, which is generally at the time of delivery.

1.15 Other Income

Other income includes gains from sale of property, plant and equipment and sundry sales. Gains from sale of property, plant and equipment are recognised in profit or loss as income when ownership has been transferred to the buyer. Sundry income is recognised in profit or loss when the significant risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred to the buyer.

1.16 Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset are capitalised as part of the cost of that asset until such time as the asset is ready for its intended use. The amount of borrowing costs eligible for capitalisation is determined as follows:

- Actual borrowing costs on funds specifically borrowed for the purpose of obtaining a qualifying asset less any temporary investment of those borrowings.
- Weighted average of the borrowing costs applicable to the entity on funds generally borrowed for the purpose of obtaining a qualifying asset. The borrowing costs capitalised do not exceed the total borrowing costs incurred.

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1.16 Borrowing costs (continued)

The capitalisation of borrowing costs commences when:

- expenditures for the asset have occurred;
- borrowing costs have been incurred, and
- activities that are necessary to prepare the asset for its intended use or sale are in progress.

Capitalisation is suspended during extended periods in which active development is interrupted.

Capitalisation ceases when substantially all the activities necessary to prepare the qualifying asset for its intended use or sale are complete.

All other borrowing costs are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

1.17 Translation of foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the respective functional currencies at the exchange rates at the dates of the transactions.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are translated to the functional currency at the exchange rate ruling at the reporting date. Foreign currency gains and losses on monetary items are the difference between amortised cost in the functional currency at the beginning of the period, adjusted for effective interest and payments during the period, and the amortised cost in foreign currency translated at the exchange rate at the end of the reporting period.

Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction.

Foreign currency differences arising on retranslation are generally recognized in profit or loss.

1.18 Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events, management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting judgements and estimates will seldom equal the related actual results. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities (refer to the respective notes) within the next financial year are discussed below.

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1.18 Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions (continued)

Allowance for expected credit losses

The allowance for expected credit losses assessment requires a degree of estimation and judgement. It is based on the lifetime expected credit loss, grouped based on days overdue, and makes assumptions to allocate an overall expected credit loss rate for each group. These assumptions include recent sales experience, historical collection rates, the impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and forward-looking information that is available. The allowance for expected credit losses, is calculated based on the information available at the time of preparation. The actual credit losses in future years may be higher or lower.

Estimation of useful lives of assets

The company determines the estimated useful lives and related depreciation and amortisation charges for its property, plant and equipment and finite life intangible assets. The useful lives could change significantly as a result of technical innovations or some other event. The depreciation and amortisation charge will increase where the useful lives are less than previously estimated lives, or technically obsolete or non-strategic assets that have been abandoned or sold will be written off or written down.

Income taxes

The Company is subject to income taxes in Zambia. There are many transactions and calculations for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain during the ordinary course of business. The Company recognises liabilities for anticipated tax based on estimates of whether additional taxes will be due. Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recorded, such differences will impact on the income tax and deferred tax provisions in the period in which such determination is made.

Employee benefits provision

The liability for employee benefits expected to be settled more than 12 months from the reporting date are recognised and measured at the present value of the estimated future cash flows to be made in respect of all employees at the reporting date. In determining the present value of the liability, estimates of attrition rates and pay increases through promotion and inflation have been taken into account.

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2. New Standards and Interpretations

2.1 Standards and interpretations effective and adopted in the current year

In the current year, the company has adopted the following standards and interpretations that are effective for the current financial year and that are relevant to its operations:

Standard/ Interpretation:	Effective date: Years beginning on or after	Expected impact:
Onerous Contracts – Costs of Fulfilling a Contract – Amendments to IAS 37	2022	No material impact
IFRS 9 Financial Instruments – Fees in the '10 per cent' test for derecognition of financial liabilities	2022	No material impact
Property, Plant and Equipment: Proceeds before Intended Use – Amendments to IAS 16	2022	No material impact

2.2 Standards and interpretations not yet effective

The company has chosen not to early adopt the following standards and interpretations, which have been published and are mandatory for the company's accounting periods beginning on or after 1 April 2023 or later periods:

Standard/ Interpretation:	Effective date: Years beginning on or after	Expected impact:
Deferred tax related to assets and liabilities arising from a single transaction - Amendments to IAS 12	January 2023	Unlikely there will be a material impact
Definition of accounting estimates: Amendments to IAS 8	January 2023	Unlikely there will be a material impact
Classifications of liabilities as Current or Non-Current - Amendments to IAS 1	January 2023	Unlikely there will be a material impact

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3. Property, plant and equipment

	2023			2022		
	Cost or revaluation	Accumulated depreciation	Carrying value	Cost or revaluation	Accumulated depreciation	Carrying value
Buildings	14,081,077	(5,240,721)	8,840,356	12,517,150	(4,653,038)	7,864,112
Plant and machinery	40,218,597	(32,577,034)	7,641,563	38,356,671	(29,664,239)	8,692,432
Furniture and fixtures	206,447	(167,448)	38,999	206,447	(159,171)	47,276
Motor vehicles	13,955,292	(8,189,776)	5,765,516	12,328,959	(6,287,489)	6,041,470
Furniture and office equipment	605,115	(338,951)	266,164	372,659	(259,107)	113,552
Computer software	316,559	(170,751)	145,808	209,854	(129,090)	80,764
Capital - Work in progress	1,371,329	-	1,371,329	1,481,860	-	1,481,860
Total	70,754,416	(46,684,681)	24,069,735	65,473,600	(41,152,134)	24,321,466

Reconciliation of property, plant and equipment - 2023

	Opening balance	Additions	Transfers	Depreciation	Total
Buildings	7,864,112	1,453,396	110,531	(587,683)	8,840,356
Plant and machinery	8,692,432	1,861,926	-	(2,912,795)	7,641,563
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	47,276	-	-	(8,277)	38,999
Motor vehicles	6,041,470	1,626,333	-	(1,902,287)	5,765,516
Office equipment	113,552	232,456	-	(79,844)	266,164
Computer	80,764	106,704	-	(41,660)	145,808
Capital - Work in progress	1,481,860	-	(110,531)	-	1,371,329
	24,321,466	5,280,815	-	(5,532,546)	24,069,735

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	2023	2022				
	ZMW	ZMW				
3. Property, plant and equipment (continued)						
Reconciliation of property, plant and equipment - 2022						
	Opening balance	Additions	Disposals	Transfers	Depreciatio n	Total
Buildings	8,170,209	266,569	-	-	(572,666)	7,864,112
Plant and machinery	7,262,310	2,566,450	-	1,256,183	(2,392,511)	8,692,432
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	58,027	-	-	-	(10,751)	47,276
Motor vehicles	4,385,016	2,774,646	607,298	-	(1,725,490)	6,041,470
Office equipment	156,186	-	-	-	(42,634)	113,552
Computer	57,673	48,388	-	-	(25,297)	80,764
Capital - Work in progress	2,346,662	391,381	-	(1,256,183)	-	1,481,860
	22,436,083	6,047,434	607,298	-	(4,769,349)	24,321,466
4. Right of Use Assets						
Net carrying amounts of right-of-use assets						
The carrying amounts of right-of-use assets are included in the following line items:						
Land and Buildings	2,324,410	2,348,878				
Depreciation recognised on right-of-use assets						
Charge for the year	24,468	24,468				
Depreciation at the start of the year	73,403	48,935				
Accumulated Depreciation	97,871	73,403				
5. Interests in subsidiaries						
Investment in non-quoted shares						
Bravo Business Agency 10% Equity investment of 25,000 shares @ ZMW1 each	25,200	25,200				
6. Deferred tax						
Deferred tax liability	28,726,940	7,043,968				
Reconciliation of deferred tax asset / (liability)						
Opening balance	7,043,968	(4,083,620)				
Movement during the year	21,682,972	11,127,588				
	28,726,940	7,043,968				

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	2023 ZMW	2022 ZMW
7. Inventories		
Raw materials	92,845,350	45,435,346
Finished and traded goods	33,223,833	20,740,856
Goods in transit	38,376,865	54,065,160
Work in progress	615,621	473,444
Consumables, maintenance spares and electrical spares	4,758,073	5,841,680
	169,819,742	126,556,486
8. Trade and other receivables		
Trade receivables	193,652,328	125,732,871
Loss allowance	(60,865,349)	(40,203,685)
Trade receivables at amortised cost	132,786,979	85,529,186
Other deposits given	19,306	3,750
Advance payment to suppliers	16,232,001	-
VAT	23,607,936	18,005,870
Employee costs in advance	288,646	141,012
Prepayments	2,890,312	1,612,315
Total trade and other receivables	175,825,180	105,292,133
9. Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:		
Cash on hand	126,355	96,498
Indo Zambia Bank	1,219,338	2,002,199
First Capital Bank	2,197,902	3,839,459
First National Bank	18,288,945	7,060,512
	21,832,540	12,998,668
10. Share capital		
Authorised		
Ordinary shares	39,413	39,413
Issued		
Ordinary shares	39,413	39,413
Share premium	7,833,237	7,833,237
	7,872,650	7,872,650

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	2023 ZMW	2022 ZMW
11. Trade and other payables		
Trade payables	7,699,345	1,094,096
Accrued expenses	175,872	348,628
Advances from customers	2,889,116	-
Statutory accruals	304,512	297,705
Employee related benefits	1,041,155	342,249
	12,110,000	2,082,678
12. Current tax payable (receivable)		
Balance as at 1 January	11,479,255	17,640,683
Charge for the year	19,666,381	22,479,825
Payments made during the year	(16,311,651)	(28,641,253)
	14,833,985	11,479,255
13. Revenue		
Revenue from contracts with customers		
Revenue from domestic sale of goods	370,819,753	249,894,008
Revenue from export sale of goods	139,588,443	177,827,812
	510,408,196	427,721,820
Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers		
The company disaggregates revenue from customers as follows:		
Revenue from contracts with customers		
Domestic sales	370,819,753	249,894,008
Export sales	139,588,443	177,827,812
	510,408,196	427,721,820
Timing of revenue recognition		
Geographical location		
Chambishi	510,408,197	427,721,820
At a point in time		
Domestic sales	370,819,753	249,894,008
Export sales	139,588,443	177,827,812
	(510,408,196)	(427,721,820)

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	2023 ZMW	2022 ZMW
14. Cost of sales		
Cost of sales	<u>387,422,312</u>	<u>289,923,227</u>
15. Other operating income		
Income - Other Misc Income	105,136	3,794
Interest Earned	359	525,391
Interest on loan	965,575	455,474
	<u>1,071,070</u>	<u>984,659</u>
16. Other operating gains (losses)		
Gains (losses) on sale of non-current assets		
Profit on disposal of items of property, plant and equipment	<u>-</u>	<u>731,611</u>
Foreign exchange gains (losses)		
Net foreign exchange gains (losses)	<u>36,183,287</u>	<u>(32,776,835)</u>
Total other operating gains (losses)	<u>36,183,287</u>	<u>(32,045,224)</u>
17. Finance costs		
Finance cost	<u>574,263</u>	<u>163,059</u>
18. Taxation		
Major components of the tax expense		
Current		
Current tax	<u>41,349,354</u>	<u>22,479,825</u>
Deferred		
Deferred tax	<u>(21,682,973)</u>	<u>(11,127,588)</u>
	<u>19,666,381</u>	<u>11,352,237</u>

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18. Taxation (continued)		
Reconciliation of the tax expense		
Reconciliation between accounting profit and tax expense.		
Accounting profit	88,357,333	56,220,277
Tax at the applicable tax rate of 30% (2022: 35%)	26,507,200	19,677,097
Tax effect of adjustments on taxable income		
Effects of changes in temporary differences	(8,404,287)	(9,381,543)
Effects of changes in permanent differences	1,563,469	1,056,683
	19,666,382	11,352,237
19. Cash (used in)/generated from operations		
Profit before taxation	88,357,333	56,220,277
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation	5,557,015	4,921,926
Gains on disposals	-	(731,611)
(Gains) losses on foreign exchange	(36,183,287)	32,776,835
Finance costs	574,263	163,059
Changes in working capital:		
Inventories	(43,263,256)	(53,055,402)
Trade and other receivables	(70,533,047)	31,822,734
Trade and other payables	10,027,322	(5,905,195)
	(45,463,657)	66,212,623

20. Commitments

Authorised capital expenditure

There were no known capital commitments made as at 31 March 2023 (2022: Nil).

21. Contingencies

There were no known contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2023 (2022: Nil).

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22. Related parties

The Company's significant related party relationships include those with companies that are under the same control and have common shareholders and key management personnel.

As of the reporting date, the following entities are classed as related parties of the Company.

Relationships	Company	Country
Holding Company	Ortin Investment Limited	U.A.E
Ultimate Parent Company	Solar Overseas Netherlands Cooperation	Netherlands
Fellow Subsidiary	Solar Nitrochemicals Limited	Tanzania
Fellow Subsidiary	Solar Overseas Mauritius Limited	Mauritius
Fellow Subsidiary	Solar Mining Services	South Africa
Fellow Subsidiary	Solar Industries India Limited	India
Fellow Subsidiary	Economic Explosives Limited	India
Fellow Subsidiary	Solar Venture Company Limited	Tanzania
Fellow Subsidiary	Solar Nitro Ghana Limited	Ghana
Fellow Subsidiary	Nigachem Nigeria Limited	Nigeria

Related Party Transactions

Trading Transactions	Sales 2023	Sales 2022	Purchases 2023	Purchases 2022
Solar Mining Services	131,306	16,290,919	79,070,361	93,244,152
Solar Industries India Limited	-	-	89,572,557	48,268,428
Economic Explosives Limited	-	-	33,601,195	31,038,847
Laghe Venture Company Limited	25,158,645	28,980,460	7,723,568	2,809,497
Solar Nitrochemicals Limited	6,575,762	806,734	16,732,371	-
Solar Overseas Mauritius Limited	7,082,266	-	-	16,572,700
Solar Nitro Ghana Limited	-	-	-	11,005
Nigachem Nigeria Limited	3,059,319	-	-	-
	42,007,298	46,078,113	226,700,052	191,944,629

Related Party Balances

Amounts due to related parties

Economic explosives limited	7,871,306	1,712,933
Solar Industries India Limited	55,702,431	4,877,489
Solar Nitrochemicals Limited	1,737,158	-
	65,310,895	6,590,422

Amounts due from related parties

Solar Mining Limited	3,645,678	15,679,184
Solar Mining Services South Africa	-	8,784,629
Solar Venture Company Limited	35,025,568	26,356,617
Solar Nitro Chemicals Limited	4,616,562	1,705,623
Solar Nitrochemicals Limited (Loan+Interest)	2,118,130	-

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22. Related parties (continued)		
Solar Overseas Mauritius Ltd	4,021,917	3,401,122
Solar Overseas Mauritius Ltd interest	418,710	-
	49,846,565	55,927,175
Loans due from related party		
Solar Overseas Mauritius Ltd Loan	8,500,000	18,390,947
Compensation to directors and other key management		
Directors fees	-	-

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23. Financial instruments and risk management

Capital risk management

This note presents information about the Company's objectives, policies and processes for managing capital.

The Company's policy is to maintain a strong capital base in order to maintain investor, creditor and market confidence and to sustain future development of the business. The Directors monitor the return on capital, which the Company defines as total shareholders' equity. The Directors also decide on the level of any dividends to the shareholders.

The Company seeks to maintain a balance between the higher returns that might be possible with higher levels of borrowings and the advantages and security afforded by a sound capital position.

From time to time, cash flow constraints associated with delays in the inflows of cash receipts from the Company's customers necessitate the prolongation of the time it takes for the Company to settle its short-term debt, such as trade and other payables. On this basis the Directors consider trade and other payables as providing a source of working capital financing and incorporate such payables in the analysis of the Company's financial and capital gearing.

In analysing its financial and capital gearing, the Company's debt to capital ratio is analysed from two perspectives.

(a) Including trade and other payables in assessing the Company's indebtedness.

(b) Not including trade and other payables, but only long-term debt, such as loans and finance leases.

The Directors consider this approach as providing relevant and more useful information in assessing the Company's exposure to debt.

The capital structure and gearing ratio of the company at the reporting date was as follows:

Loans from group companies		65,310,895	6,590,420
Trade and other payables	11	12,110,000	2,082,678
Total borrowings		77,420,895	8,673,098
Cash and cash equivalents	9	(21,832,540)	(12,998,668)
Net borrowings		55,588,355	(4,325,570)
Equity		388,705,375	332,752,568
Gearing ratio		14 %	(1)%

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ZMW	ZMW

23. Financial instruments and risk management (continued)

Financial risk management

Overview

The Company has exposure to the following risks from its use of contractual arrangements that give rise to financial instruments (financial assets and financial liabilities):

- Credit risk;
- Liquidity risk; and
- Market risk (currency risk, interest rate risk and price risk).

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

Risk Management Framework

The board of directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Company's risk management framework. The Company's management are responsible for developing and monitoring the Company's risk management policies. Management reports regularly to the board of directors on its activities.

The Company's risk management policies are established to identify and analyse the risks faced by the Company, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor risks and adherence to limits. Risk management policies and systems are reviewed regularly to reflect changes in market conditions and the Company's activities. The Company, through its training and management standards and procedures, aims to develop a disciplined and constructive control environment in which all employees understand their roles and obligations.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the company if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations.

The company is exposed to credit risk on loans receivable, debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income, trade and other receivables, contract receivables, lease receivables, cash and cash equivalents, loan commitments and financial guarantees.

Credit risk for exposures other than those arising on cash and cash equivalents, are managed by making use of credit approvals, limits and monitoring. The company only deals with reputable counterparties with consistent payment histories. Sufficient collateral or guarantees are also obtained when necessary. Each counterparty is analysed individually for creditworthiness before terms and conditions are offered. The analysis involves making use of information submitted by the counterparties as well as external bureau data (where available). Counterparty credit limits are in place and are reviewed and approved by credit management committees. The exposure to credit risk and the creditworthiness of counterparties is continuously monitored.

Credit loss allowances for expected credit losses are recognised for all debt instruments, but excluding those measured at fair value through profit or loss. Credit loss allowances are also recognised for loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts.

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23. Financial instruments and risk management (continued)

In order to calculate credit loss allowances, management determine whether the loss allowances should be calculated on a 12 month or on a lifetime expected credit loss basis. This determination depends on whether there has been a significant increase in the credit risk since initial recognition. If there has been a significant increase in credit risk, then the loss allowance is calculated based on lifetime expected credit losses. If not, then the loss allowance is based on 12 month expected credit losses. This determination is made at the end of each financial period. Thus the basis of the loss allowance for a specific financial asset could change year on year.

For trade receivables and contract assets which do not contain a significant financing component, the loss allowance is determined as the lifetime expected credit losses of the instruments. For all other trade receivables, contract assets and lease receivables, IFRS 9 permits the determination of the credit loss allowance by either determining whether there was a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition or by always making use of lifetime expected credit losses. Management have chosen as an accounting policy, to make use of lifetime expected credit losses. Management does therefore not make the annual assessment of whether the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition for trade receivables, contract assets or lease receivables.

The maximum exposure to credit risk is presented in the table below:

		2023			2022		
		Gross carrying amount	Credit loss allowance	Amortised cost / fair value	Gross carrying amount	Credit loss allowance	Amortised cost / fair value
Amounts Due From Related Parties		58,346,565	-	58,346,565	74,318,122	-	74,318,122
Trade and other receivables	8	193,652,328	(60,865,349)	132,786,979	125,732,871	(40,203,685)	85,529,186
Cash and cash equivalents	9	21,832,541	-	21,832,541	12,998,669	-	12,998,669
		273,831,434	(60,865,349)	212,966,085	213,049,662	(40,203,685)	172,845,977

Liquidity risk

The company is exposed to liquidity risk, which is the risk that the company will encounter difficulties in meeting its obligations as they become due.

The company manages its liquidity risk by effectively managing its working capital, capital expenditure and cash flows. The financing requirements are met through a mixture of cash generated from operations and long and short term borrowings. Committed borrowing facilities are available for meeting liquidity requirements and deposits are held at central banking institutions.

2023

	Less than 1 year	Total	Carrying amount
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		2023	2022
		ZMW	ZMW
23. Financial instruments and risk management (continued)			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables		11,068,845	11,068,845
Amounts due from related parties		65,310,895	65,310,895
2022			
		Total	Carrying amount
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	11	1,740,428	1,740,429
Amounts due to related parties		6,590,420	6,590,420

Foreign currency risk

The Company is exposed to currency risk on sales and purchases that are denominated in a currency other than the respective functional currency of the Company.

In respect of other monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies, the Company ensures that its net exposure is kept to an acceptable level by denominating recognised trade receivables in United States Dollar (USD) while foreign exchange risk on inter-company and foreign payables is managed by maintaining a bank account in foreign currency.

The Company is exposed to foreign currency risk on sales, purchases, borrowings and cash and cash equivalents that are denominated in a currency other than Zambian Kwacha (ZMW). The currencies giving rise to this risk are primarily US Dollars (USD).

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23. Financial instruments and risk management (continued)		
Exposure in Zambian Kwacha		
The net carrying amounts, in Zambian Kwacha, of the various exposures, are denominated in the following currencies. The amounts have been presented in Zambian Kwacha by converting the foreign currency amounts at the closing rate at the reporting date:		
US Dollar exposure:		
Non-current assets:		
Amounts due from related parties	8,500,000	20,096,570
Current assets:		
Trade and other receivables	8 190,763,213	125,732,871
Cash and cash equivalents	9 3,227,101	3,557,048
Amounts due from related parties	65,310,905	6,590,422
Current liabilities:		
Trade and other payables	11 (7,699,345)	(1,094,094)
Amounts due to related parties	9 (65,310,895)	(6,590,420)
Net US Dollar exposure	<u>194,790,979</u>	<u>148,292,397</u>

Exchange rates

The following closing exchange rates were applied at reporting date:

Zambian Kwacha per unit of foreign currency:

US Dollar	21.250	17.970
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24. Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of accounting policies applicable to a going concern. This basis presumes that funds will be available to finance future operations and that the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities, contingent obligations and commitments will occur in the ordinary course of business.

25. Events after the reporting period

The Directors are not aware of any material event which occurred after the reporting date and up to the date of this report.

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Detailed Income Statement

	Note(s)	2023 ZMW	2022 ZMW
Revenue			
Domestic sales		370,819,753	249,894,008
Foreign sales		139,588,443	177,827,812
	13	510,408,196	427,721,820
Cost of sales	14	(387,422,312)	(289,923,227)
Gross profit		122,985,884	137,798,593
Other operating income			
Other income		1,071,070	984,659
Other operating gains (losses)			
Gains on disposal of assets		-	731,611
Foreign exchange gains (losses)		36,183,287	(32,776,835)
	16	36,183,287	(32,045,224)
Expenses (Refer to page 44)		(71,308,645)	(50,354,692)
Operating profit		88,931,596	56,383,336
Finance costs	17	(574,263)	(163,059)
Profit before taxation		88,357,333	56,220,277
Taxation	18	(19,666,381)	(11,352,237)
Profit for the year		68,690,952	44,868,040

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Detailed Income Statement

	Note(s)	2023 ZMW	2022 ZMW
Operating expenses			
Advertising		1,235,894	65,577
Audit Fees		351,848	414,659
Interest written off		36,879	-
Bank charges		264,342	269,940
Commission paid		1,616,708	3,368,041
Consultancy and professional fees		2,474,056	2,224,268
Consumables		570,765	513,099
Conveyance expenses		1,081,097	688,464
Impairment of stock of raw material		943,995	-
Depreciation		5,557,015	4,921,926
Donations		59,837	39,477
Duty & Freight Charges		8,265,378	13,614,691
Employee costs		7,374,155	6,483,721
Fuel expenses		4,124,175	2,749,120
Information technology expenses		345,858	393,932
Insurance		1,830,844	1,786,659
Legal fees		201,972	141,814
Office expenses		68,676	75,113
Postage		17,762	11,033
Printing and stationery		270,581	294,479
Promotions		394,990	537,451
Expected credit loss allowance		20,661,664	(732,000)
Rates		292,912	414,366
Rent		4,195,080	4,525,558
Security		755,161	795,571
Staff welfare		638,768	592,274
Telephone		238,995	248,329
Training		10,626	4,344
Travelling expenses		5,177,381	4,158,665
Workers compensation		69,962	82,454
Factory Expenses		2,181,269	1,671,667
		71,308,645	50,354,692