

Black Mountain Mining Proprietary Limited
(Registration number 2005/040096/07)
Annual Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2023

These annual financial statements have been audited in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa.

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General Information

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| Country of incorporation and domicile | South Africa |
| Nature of business and principal activities | Exploration, development, treatment, production and sale of zinc, lead, copper and associated minerals concentrates. |
| Directors | A Agarwal P Singla P Van Greunen M Snyman H Uys M Magwai |
| Registered office | Penge Road Aggeneys Northern Cape 8893 |
| Postal address | Penge Road Aggeneys Northern Cape 8893 |
| Holding company | All of the shares in the company are held by THL Zinc Limited (2023: 70.66% 2022: 69.6%), Exxaro Base Metals and Industrial Mineral Holdings Proprietary Limited (2023: 24.77% 2022: 24.4%) and The Voorspoed Trust (2023: 4.57% 2022: 6%). |
| Ultimate holding company | Vedanta Resources Limited |
| Bankers | Standard Bank of South Africa Limited |
| Auditors | Ernst & Young Inc. Chartered Accountants (SA) Registered Auditors |
| Secretary | Loganathan Govender |
| Company registration number | 2005/040096/07 |
| Tax reference number | 9531/662/15/4 |
| Level of assurance | These annual financial statements have been audited in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa. |
| Preparer | The annual financial statements have been prepared under the supervision of: Marcel Naude CA(SA) Head of Financial Reporting and Shared Services |
| Issued | 29 May 2023 |

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Directors' Responsibilities and Approval

The directors are required in terms of the Companies Act of South Africa to maintain adequate accounting records and are responsible for the content and integrity of the annual financial statements and related financial information included in this report. It is their responsibility to ensure that the annual financial statements fairly present the state of affairs of the group as at the end of the financial year and the results of its operations and cash flows for the period then ended, in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards. The external auditors are engaged to express an independent opinion on the annual financial statements.

The annual financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and are based upon appropriate accounting policies consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates.

The directors acknowledge that they are ultimately responsible for the system of internal financial control established by the group and place considerable importance on maintaining a strong control environment. To enable the directors to meet these responsibilities, the board sets standards for internal control aimed at reducing the risk of error or loss in a cost effective manner. The standards include the proper delegation of responsibilities within a clearly defined framework, effective accounting procedures and adequate segregation of duties to ensure an acceptable level of risk. These controls are monitored throughout the group and all employees are required to maintain the highest ethical standards in ensuring the group's business is conducted in a manner that in all reasonable circumstances is above reproach. The focus of risk management in the group is on identifying, assessing, managing and monitoring all known forms of risk across the group. While operating risk cannot be fully eliminated, the group endeavours to minimise it by ensuring that appropriate infrastructure, controls, systems and ethical behaviour are applied and managed within predetermined procedures and constraints.

The directors are of the opinion, based on the information and explanations given by management, that the system of internal control provides reasonable assurance that the financial records may be relied on for the preparation of the annual financial statements. However, any system of internal financial control can provide only reasonable, and not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The directors have reviewed the group's cash flow forecast for the year to 31 March 2024 and, in light of this review and the current financial position, they are satisfied that the group has or had access to adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

The external auditors are responsible for independently auditing and reporting on the group's annual financial statements. The annual financial statements have been examined by the group's external auditors and their report is presented on pages 6 to 8.

The annual financial statements set out on pages 9 to 61, which have been prepared on the going concern basis, were approved by the board on 29 May 2023 and were signed on their behalf by:

Approval of financial statements

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Signed at: 2023-05-29 12:47:46 +02:00
Reason: Witnessing Pushpender Pushpe



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Directors' Report

The directors have pleasure in submitting their report on the annual financial statements of Black Mountain Mining (Proprietary) Limited and the group for the year ended 31 March 2023.

1. Nature of business

The Black Mountain Mining (Proprietary) Limited is the holder of the mineral rights to the Broken Hill Deeps, Swartberg and Gamsberg ore bodies.

| Ore Reserve | Tonnage (Mt) | Grade (Zn%) | Grade (Pb%) | Metal (Zn kt) | Metal (Pb kt) |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Proved | | | | | |
| Gamsberg mine | 65.1 | 6.4 | 0.5 | 4,173 | 335 |
| Deeps mine | 0.3 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 8 | 7 |
| | <u>65.4</u> | | | <u>4,181</u> | <u>342</u> |
| Probable | | | | | |
| Gamsberg mine | 26.5 | 5.0 | 0.5 | 1,325 | 124 |
| Swartberg mine | 53.8 | 0.6 | 1.9 | 309 | 1,027 |
| Deeps mine | 1.5 | 2.9 | 1.4 | 42 | 20 |
| | <u>147.2</u> | | | <u>5,857</u> | <u>1,513</u> |

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

2. Review of financial results and activities

The consolidated annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa. 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 group are set out in these consolidated annual financial statements.

3. Share capital

| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| Authorised | | | Number of shares | |
| Ordinary shares | | | 9,800 | 9,800 |
| Ordinary Type A shares | | | 100 | 100 |
| Ordinary type B shares | | | 100 | 100 |
| Issued | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |
| | R '000 | R '000 | Number of shares | |
| Ordinary shares | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Ordinary type A shares | - | - | 32 | 32 |
| Ordinary type B shares | - | - | 16 | 32 |
| | <u>1,000</u> | <u>1,000</u> | <u>1,048</u> | <u>1,064</u> |

In June 2022, Black Mountain Mining (Proprietary) Limited repurchased 1.5% of the shares interms of Tranche 1 of the Voorspoed Trust Scheme. The trust distributed the proceeds to employees holding participation rights in the Voorspoed Trus.

4. Dividends

Other than the special dividend declared to the Voorspoed Trust beneficiaries no other dividend was declared (2022: nil).

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5. Share incentive scheme

On 1 April 2017 Black Mountain Mining (Proprietary) Limited sold shares to the Voorspoed Trust with an effective holding of 6% of the its issued share capital. The Voorspoed Trust was established to facilitate employee share ownership with the emphasis on employees who hold junior employment positions. Therefore, the beneficiaries of the Voorspoed Trust and the shares issued are employees in key positions whose Paterson level is C band and below.

On 21 April 2023, the directors declared a special dividend payable to the Voorspoed Trust as per the Scheme agreements, this will be paid via a distribution of R4 375.00 to each beneficiary of the Voorspoed Trust. The same special dividend was declared on 21 April 2022 as per the Voorspoed Trust scheme.

In June 2022, Black Mountain Mining (Proprietary) Limited repurchased 1.5% of the shares in terms of Tranche 1 of the Voorspoed Trust Scheme. The trust distributed the proceeds to employees holding participation rights in the Voorspoed Trust.

6. Directorate

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

| Directors | Designation | Nationality |
|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| A Agarwal | Deputy Chairman, Non-executive | Indian |
| P Singla | Executive | Indian |
| P Van Greunen | Executive | South African |
| M Snyman | Non-executive | South African |
| H Uys | Executive | South African |
| M Magwai | Non-executive | South African |

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 Group's financial position, its cash flows, liquidity position and borrowings are set out in the annual financial statements, which comprise the statement of financial position, statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income and statement of cash flows. In addition, details of our policy on capital risk management are set out in note 33 to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 March 2023, Black Mountain Mining (Proprietary) Limited Group realised a profit of R2 360 million (2022: profit of R1 536 million). As at March 2023, the Group's current assets exceed its current liabilities by R1 091 million (restated 2022: R 831 million) and the Group's total assets exceed its total liabilities by R8 069 million (2022: R5 681 million). During the year ended 31 March 2023, BMM generated cash from operations of R3 904 million (R3 101 million).

Although the current commodity prices and exchange rates are favourable to the Group, high levels of volatility in commodity prices and exchange rates may impact the Group's profitability and financial condition.

Management believes that the cash generated by its operations, cash on hand and business plan for the next 12 months will enable the group to continue to meet its obligations as they fall due. The consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023, therefore, have been prepared on a going concern basis

9. Auditors

Ernst & Young Inc. continued in office as auditors for the company and its subsidiaries for 2023.

At the AGM, the shareholders will be requested to reappoint Ernst & Young Inc. as the independent external auditors of the company and its subsidiaries.

10. Secretary

The company secretary is Mr Loganathan Govender.

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Shareholders of Black Mountain Mining Proprietary Limited

Report on the Audit of the Consolidated and Separate Annual Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated and separate annual financial statements of Black Mountain Mining Proprietary Limited and its subsidiaries ('the group') set out on pages 9 to 61, which comprise the consolidated and separate statements of financial position as at 31 March 2023, and the consolidated and separate statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, consolidated and separate statements of changes in equity and consolidated and separate statements of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated and separate annual financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the consolidated and separate annual financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated and separate financial position of the group and company as at 31 March 2023, and its consolidated and separate financial performance and consolidated and separate cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa.

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 and separate annual financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the group and company in accordance with the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors' Code of Professional Conduct for Registered Auditors (IRBA Code) and other independence requirements applicable to performing audits of financial statements of the group and company and in South Africa. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IRBA Code and in accordance with other ethical requirements applicable to performing audits of the group and company and in South Africa. The IRBA Code is consistent with the corresponding sections of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards). We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the 61-page document titled: "Black Mountain Mining Proprietary Limited Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023", which includes the Directors' Report as required by the Companies Act of South Africa. The other information does not include the consolidated or the separate annual financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the consolidated and separate annual 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 consolidated and separate annual financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated and separate annual 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 Consolidated and Separate Annual Financial Statements

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

In preparing the consolidated and separate annual financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the group and 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 group and company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated and Separate Annual Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated and separate annual 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 and separate annual financial statements.

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated and separate annual 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 and company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- 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 group and 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 consolidated and separate annual 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 and/or the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated and separate annual financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated and separate annual financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the group to express an opinion on the consolidated and separate annual 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 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.

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Ernst & Young Inc
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Ernst & Young Inc.
Director – Dawie Venter
Registered Auditor
Chartered Accountant (SA)

29 May 2023

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Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2023

| Figures in Rand thousand | Note(s) | Group | | Company | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | 2023 | 2022 Restated * | 2023 | 2022 Restated * |
| Assets | | | | | |
| Non-Current Assets | | | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 4 | 10,189,823 | 8,402,173 | 10,189,823 | 8,402,173 |
| Goodwill | 6 | 33,182 | 33,182 | 33,182 | 33,182 |
| Intangible assets | 7 | 184,796 | 181,054 | 184,796 | 181,054 |
| Restricted cash and investments | 11 | 297,191 | 271,512 | 297,191 | 271,512 |
| Other financial assets | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Trade and other receivables | 13 | 86,045 | 107,966 | 86,045 | 107,966 |
| | | 10,791,038 | 8,995,888 | 10,791,038 | 8,995,888 |
| Current Assets | | | | | |
| Inventories | 12 | 602,449 | 686,725 | 602,449 | 686,725 |
| Trade and other receivables | 13 | 443,138 | 546,818 | 443,138 | 546,818 |
| Current tax receivable | | 123,451 | 10,711 | 123,451 | 10,711 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 14 | 1,291,681 | 1,111,445 | 1,291,663 | 1,111,445 |
| | | 2,460,719 | 2,355,699 | 2,460,701 | 2,355,699 |
| Total Assets | | 13,251,757 | 11,351,587 | 13,251,739 | 11,351,587 |
| Equity and Liabilities | | | | | |
| Equity | | | | | |
| Share capital | 15 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Reserves | | 45,092 | 19,346 | 45,092 | 19,346 |
| Retained income | | 8,023,407 | 5,662,108 | 8,023,569 | 5,662,044 |
| | | 8,068,500 | 5,681,455 | 8,068,662 | 5,681,391 |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Non-Current Liabilities | | | | | |
| Loans from group companies | 16 | 771,290 | 1,642,516 | 771,290 | 1,642,516 |
| Lease liabilities | 5 | 14,958 | 51,956 | 14,958 | 51,956 |
| Retirement benefit obligation | 9 | 73,593 | 77,048 | 73,593 | 77,048 |
| Deferred tax | 10 | 2,437,040 | 1,956,348 | 2,437,040 | 1,956,348 |
| Provisions | 18 | 409,984 | 291,103 | 409,984 | 291,103 |
| Share based payments | 19 | 95,506 | 126,150 | 95,506 | 126,150 |
| | | 3,802,371 | 4,145,121 | 3,802,371 | 4,145,121 |
| Current Liabilities | | | | | |
| Loans from group companies | 16 | 99,527 | 109,284 | 99,527 | 109,284 |
| Interest-bearing loans and borrowings | 17 | - | 88,258 | - | 88,258 |
| Lease liabilities | 5 | 53,380 | 56,476 | 53,380 | 56,476 |
| Provisions | 18 | 31,137 | - | 31,137 | - |
| Share based payments | 19 | 11,443 | 105,195 | 11,443 | 105,195 |
| Trade and other payables | 20 | 1,185,399 | 1,165,656 | 1,185,219 | 1,165,720 |
| Bank overdraft | 14 | - | 142 | - | 142 |
| | | 1,380,886 | 1,525,011 | 1,380,706 | 1,525,075 |
| Total Liabilities | | 5,183,257 | 5,670,132 | 5,183,077 | 5,670,196 |
| Total Equity and Liabilities | | 13,251,757 | 11,351,587 | 13,251,739 | 11,351,587 |

* See Note 2

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

| Figures in Rand thousand | Note(s) | Group | | Company | |
|--|---------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |
| Revenue | 21 | 11,054,733 | 8,855,104 | 11,054,733 | 8,855,104 |
| Cost of sales | | (6,114,367) | (5,098,536) | (6,110,727) | (5,095,093) |
| Gross profit | | 4,940,366 | 3,756,568 | 4,944,006 | 3,760,011 |
| Other operating income | 22 | 17,540 | 24,164 | 17,540 | 24,164 |
| Other operating gains | 23 | 80 | 6,019 | 80 | 6,019 |
| Selling and distribution expenses | | (1,154,526) | (1,054,019) | (1,154,526) | (1,054,019) |
| Other operating expenses | | (507,863) | (487,422) | (507,637) | (487,422) |
| Operating profit | 24 | 3,295,597 | 2,245,310 | 3,299,463 | 2,248,753 |
| Finance income | 25 | 228,299 | 14,381 | 228,299 | 14,381 |
| Finance costs | 26 | (428,066) | (172,480) | (428,066) | (172,480) |
| Profit before taxation | | 3,095,830 | 2,087,211 | 3,099,696 | 2,090,654 |
| Taxation | 27 | (735,567) | (550,997) | (735,567) | (550,997) |
| Profit for the year | | 2,360,263 | 1,536,214 | 2,364,129 | 1,539,657 |
| Other comprehensive income: | | | | | |
| Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss: | | | | | |
| Remeasurements gain on net defined benefit liability | | 11,468 | 109 | 11,468 | 109 |
| Income tax relating to items that will not be reclassified | | (3,211) | (43) | (3,211) | (43) |
| Total items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss | | 8,257 | 66 | 8,257 | 66 |
| Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss: | | | | | |
| Gains (losses) on cash flow hedges | | 25,377 | (25,377) | 25,377 | (25,377) |
| Income tax relating to items that may be reclassified | | (6,852) | 6,852 | (6,852) | 6,852 |
| Total items that may be reclassified to profit or loss | | 18,525 | (18,525) | 18,525 | (18,525) |
| Other comprehensive income for the year net of taxation | | 26,782 | (18,459) | 26,782 | (18,459) |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | | 2,387,045 | 1,517,755 | 2,390,911 | 1,521,198 |

* See Note 2

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Statement of Changes in Equity

| | Share capital * | Cash flow hedging reserve | Merger Reserve | Retirement benefit obligation reserve** | Retained income | Total equity |
|--|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------|---|------------------|------------------|
| Figures in Rand thousand | | | | | | |
| Group | | | | | | |
| Balance at 01 April 2021 | 1 | - | 5,985 | 32,950 | 4,124,764 | 4,163,700 |
| Profit for the year | - | - | - | - | 1,536,214 | 1,536,214 |
| Other comprehensive income | - | (18,525) | - | 66 | - | (18,459) |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | - | (18,525) | - | 66 | 1,536,214 | 1,517,755 |
| Transfer between reserves | - | - | (1,130) | - | 1,130 | - |
| Balance at 01 April 2022 | 1 | (18,525) | 4,855 | 33,016 | 5,662,108 | 5,681,455 |
| Profit for the year | - | - | - | - | 2,360,263 | 2,360,263 |
| Other comprehensive income | - | 18,525 | - | 8,257 | - | 26,782 |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | - | 18,525 | - | 8,257 | 2,360,263 | 2,387,045 |
| Transfer between reserves | - | - | (1,036) | - | 1,036 | - |
| Balance at 31 March 2023 | 1 | - | 3,819 | 41,273 | 8,023,407 | 8,068,500 |
| Note(s) | 15 | | | | | |
| Company | | | | | | |
| Balance at 01 April 2021 | 1 | - | 5,985 | 32,950 | 4,124,700 | 4,163,636 |
| Profit for the year | - | - | - | - | 1,539,657 | 1,539,657 |
| Other comprehensive income | - | (18,525) | - | 66 | - | (18,459) |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | - | (18,525) | - | 66 | 1,539,657 | 1,521,198 |
| Transfer between reserves | - | - | (1,130) | - | 1,130 | - |
| Dividends | - | - | - | - | (3,443) | (3,443) |
| Balance at 01 April 2022 | 1 | (18,525) | 4,855 | 33,016 | 5,662,044 | 5,681,391 |
| Profit for the year | - | - | - | - | 2,364,129 | 2,364,129 |
| Other comprehensive income | - | 18,525 | - | 8,257 | - | 26,782 |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | - | 18,525 | - | 8,257 | 2,364,129 | 2,390,911 |
| Transfer between reserves | - | - | (1,036) | - | 1,036 | - |
| Dividends | - | - | - | - | (3,640) | (3,640) |
| Balance at 31 March 2023 | 1 | - | 3,819 | 41,273 | 8,023,569 | 8,068,662 |
| Note(s) | 15 | | | | | |

* Share Capital is Net of 48 (2022: 64) A and B Ordinary shares issued to the Voorpoed Trust. The shares are considered as Treasury shares and as such eliminated to Rnil.

** The retirement benefit obligation reserve will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss.

* See Note 2

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Statement of Cash Flows

| Figures in Rand thousand | Note(s) | Group | | Company | |
|---|---------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |
| Cash flows from operating activities | | | | | |
| Cash generated from operations | 28 | 4,196,846 | 3,089,237 | 4,200,468 | 3,092,794 |
| Finance income received | | 77,051 | 6,938 | 77,051 | 6,938 |
| Finance costs paid | | (75,790) | (32,425) | (75,790) | (32,425) |
| Tax paid | 29 | (243,375) | - | (243,375) | - |
| Share based payment paid | | (109,653) | - | (109,653) | - |
| Net cash from operating activities | | 3,845,079 | 3,063,750 | 3,848,701 | 3,067,307 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | | | | |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | 4 | (2,355,696) | (2,044,619) | (2,355,696) | (2,044,619) |
| Increase in exploration and evaluation asset | 7 | (69,118) | - | (69,118) | - |
| Rental income | | 5,234 | 3,855 | 5,234 | 3,855 |
| Contribution to rehab funds | | (27,325) | (39,806) | (27,325) | (39,806) |
| Net cash from investing activities | | (2,446,905) | (2,080,570) | (2,446,905) | (2,080,570) |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | | | | |
| Proceeds from loans from group companies | 16 | 30,000 | 102,000 | 30,000 | 102,000 |
| Repayment of loans from group companies | 16 | (1,154,249) | (294,501) | (1,154,249) | (294,501) |
| Repayment of borrowings | | (95,744) | (357,195) | (95,744) | (357,195) |
| Payment of biodiversity liability | | (13,025) | - | (13,025) | - |
| Payment on lease liabilities | | (57,441) | (51,183) | (57,441) | (51,183) |
| Dividends paid | | - | - | (3,640) | (3,443) |
| Interest paid | | (63,608) | (39,276) | (63,608) | (39,276) |
| Net cash from financing activities | | (1,354,067) | (640,155) | (1,357,707) | (643,598) |
| Total cash movement for the year | | 44,107 | 343,025 | 44,089 | 343,139 |
| Cash at the beginning of the year | | 1,111,303 | 768,278 | 1,111,303 | 768,164 |
| Effect of exchange rate movement on cash balances | | 136,271 | - | 136,271 | - |
| Total cash at end of the year | 14 | 1,291,681 | 1,111,303 | 1,291,663 | 1,111,303 |

* See Note 2

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Corporate information

Black Mountain Mining Proprietary Limited is a private company incorporated and domiciled in South Africa.

1. Significant accounting policies

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

1.1 Basis of preparation

The consolidated and separate annual 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 annual financial statements and the Companies Act of South Africa of South Africa, as amended.

These financial statements are approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 19 May 2023. The revision to these financial statements is permitted by the Board of Directors after obtaining necessary approvals.

These annual financial statements comply with the requirements of the SAICA Financial Reporting Guides as issued by the Accounting Practices Committee and the Financial Reporting Pronouncements as issued by the Financial Reporting Standards Council.

The accounting policies applied comply with Group accounting policies and are consistent with those adopted in the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. The Group's functional and presentation currency is South African Rand (ZAR).

1.2 Consolidation

Basis of consolidation

The financial statements incorporate a consolidation of the financial statements of the company and entities controlled by the company, the Black Mountain Mining Rehabilitation Trust and the Voorspoed Trust collectively referred to as ("the Trust"). Subsidiaries are entities controlled by the Group. Control exists 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 all of the following:

- 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.

Generally, there is a presumption that a majority of voting rights results in control. When the Group has less than a majority of the voting, or similar, rights of an investee, it considers all relevant facts and circumstances in assessing whether it has power over an investee, including:

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

The relevant activities are those which significantly affect the subsidiary's returns. The ability to approve the operating and capital budget of a subsidiary and the ability to appoint key management personnel are decisions that demonstrate that the Group has the existing rights to direct the relevant activities of a subsidiary.

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 statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income from the date the Group gains control until the date the Group ceases to control the subsidiary. Where the Group's interest is less than 100 per cent, the interest attributable to outside shareholders is reflected in non-controlling interests (NCIs).

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1.2 Consolidation (continued)

Profit or loss and each component of other comprehensive income (OCI) are attributed to the equity holders of the parent of the Group and to the NCIs, 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.

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

If the Group loses control over a subsidiary, it derecognises the related assets (including goodwill), 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.

1.3 Significant judgements and sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of annual 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.

Critical judgements in applying accounting policies

The critical judgements made by management in applying accounting policies, apart from those involving estimations, that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements, are outlined as follows:

Production start date

The group assesses the stage of each mine/plant under development/construction to determine when a mine/plant moves into the production phase, this being when the mine/plant is substantially complete and ready for its intended use. The criteria used to assess the start date are determined based on the unique nature of each mine/plant development/ construction project, such as the complexity of the project and its location. The company considers various relevant criteria to assess when the production phase is considered to have commenced. At this point, all related amounts are reclassified from 'Capital Work in Progress' to 'Mine development asset' or 'Plant and equipment'. Some of the criteria used to identify the production start date include, but are not limited to:

- Level of capital expenditure incurred compared with the original construction cost estimate;
- Completion of a reasonable period of testing of the mine plant and equipment;
- Ability to produce metal in saleable form (within specifications); and
- Ability to sustain ongoing production of metal.

When a mine development project moves into the production phase, the capitalisation of certain mine development costs ceases and costs are either regarded as forming part of the cost of inventory or expensed, except for costs that qualify for capitalisation relating to mining asset additions or improvements, underground mine development or mineable reserve development. It is also at this point that depreciation/amortisation commences.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Ore resources estimates

Ore reserves and mineral resource estimates are estimates of the amount of ore that can be economically and legally extracted from the group's mining properties. Such reserves and mineral resource estimates and changes to these may impact the company's reported financial position and results, in the following way:

- The carrying value of mine properties, property, plant and equipment, and goodwill may be affected due to changes in estimated future cash flows.
- Depreciation and amortisation charges in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income may change where such charges are determined using the LOM method, or where the useful life of the related assets change.
- Capitalised stripping costs recognised in the statement of financial position, as either part of mine properties or inventory or charged to profit or loss, may change due to changes in stripping ratios.

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1.3 Significant judgements and sources of estimation uncertainty (continued)

- Provisions for rehabilitation and environmental provisions may change where reserve estimate changes affect expectations about when such activities will occur and the associated cost of these activities.
- The recognition and carrying value of deferred income tax assets may change due to changes in the judgements regarding the existence of such assets and in estimates of the likely recovery of such assets.

The group estimates its ore reserves and mineral resources (Life of Mine (LOM) plan) annually based on information compiled by appropriately qualified persons relating to the geological and technical data on the size, depth, shape and grade of the ore body and suitable production techniques and recovery rates. Such an analysis requires complex geological judgements to interpret the data. The estimation of recoverable reserves is based upon factors such as estimates of foreign exchange rates, commodity prices, future capital requirements and production costs, along with geological assumptions and judgements made in estimating the size and grade of the ore body.

Other sources of estimation uncertainty

Please refer to the follow notes for details on other estimation uncertainty:

- Residual value. Note 4
- Life of Mine. Note 4
- Stripping costs. Note 4
- Impairment of assets. Note 6
- Retirement benefits. Note 9
- Deferred Tax. Note 10
- Incremental borrowing rate. Note 5
- Restoration, rehabilitation and environmental costs provisions. Note 18
- Share based payments. Note 19
- Identification of the enforceable contract. Note 21
- Identification of performance obligations for arrangements subject to CIF/CIP Incoterms. Note 21
- Principal versus agent considerations – freight/shipping services. Note 21
- Application of the variable consideration constraint. Note 21
- Determining the timing of satisfaction of freight/shipping services. Note 21
- Net realisable value of inventory 12
- Capitalisation of exploration costs 7

1.4 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.

Financial Assets

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets are recognised initially at fair value plus, in the case of financial assets not recorded at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs that are attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset. 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 Company commits to purchase or sell the asset.

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

Financial assets at amortised cost

A 'financial asset' is measured at amortised cost if both the following conditions are met:

- The asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets for collecting contractual cash flows, and
- Contractual terms of the asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI) on the principal amount outstanding.

After initial measurement, such financial assets are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the Effective Interest Rate (EIR) method. Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the EIR. The EIR amortisation is included in interest income in the statement of profit and loss. The losses arising from impairment are recognised in the statement of profit and loss.

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1.4 Financial instruments (continued)

Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)

A 'financial asset' is classified as at FVOCI if both of the following criteria are met:

- The objective of the business model is achieved both by collecting contractual cash flows and selling the financial assets, and
- The asset's contractual cash flows represent SPPI.

Financial assets included within the FVOCI category are measured initially as well as at each reporting date at fair value. Fair value movements are recognized in the other comprehensive income (OCI). However, interest income, impairment losses and reversals and foreign exchange gain or loss are recognised in the statement of profit and loss. On derecognition of the asset, cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in OCI is reclassified from the equity to statement of profit and loss. Interest earned whilst holding FVOCI financial asset is reported as interest income using the EIR method.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)

FVTPL is a residual category for debt instruments. Any debt instrument, which does not meet the criteria for categorization as at amortized cost or as FVOCI, is classified as at FVTPL.

In addition, the Company may elect to designate a debt instrument, which otherwise meets amortized cost or FVOCI criteria, as at FVTPL. However, such election is allowed only if doing so reduces or eliminates a measurement or recognition inconsistency (referred to as 'accounting mismatch'). The Company has not designated any financial assets as at FVTPL.

Financial assets included within the FVTPL category are measured at fair value with all changes being recognized in the statement of profit and loss.

Financial Assets - derecognition

The Company derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to cash flows from the asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows on the financial asset in a transaction in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred.

Impairment of financial assets

In accordance with IFRS 9, the Company applies expected credit loss (ECL) model for measurement and recognition of impairment loss on the following financial assets:

- Financial assets that are measured at amortised cost e.g., loans, debt securities and deposits
- Financial assets that are measured as at FVOCI
- Trade receivables or any contractual right to receive cash or another financial asset that result from transactions that are within the scope of IFRS 15.

The Company follows 'simplified approach' for recognition of impairment loss allowance on trade receivables, contract assets and lease receivables.

The application of simplified approach does not require the Company to track changes in credit risk. Rather, it recognises impairment loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date, right from its initial recognition.

At each reporting date, for recognition of impairment loss on other financial assets and risk exposure, the Company determines whether there has been a significant increase in the credit risk since initial recognition. If credit risk has not increased significantly, 12-month ECL is used to provide for impairment loss. However, if credit risk has increased significantly, lifetime ECL is used. If, in a subsequent period, credit quality of the instrument improves such that there is no longer a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, then the entity reverts to recognising impairment loss allowance based on 12-month ECL.

Lifetime ECL are the expected credit losses resulting from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument. The 12-month ECL is a portion of the lifetime ECL which results from default events that are possible within 12 months after the reporting date.

ECL is the difference between all contractual cash flows that are due to the Company in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the entity expects to receive (i.e., all cash shortfalls), discounted at the original EIR.

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ECL impairment loss allowance (or reversal) recognized during the year is recognized as income/ expense in the statement of profit and loss. The balance sheet presentation for various financial instruments is described below:

- Financial assets measured at amortised cost: ECL is presented as an allowance, i.e., as an integral part of the measurement of those assets in the balance sheet. The Company does not reduce impairment allowance from the gross carrying amount.
- Financial assets measured at FVOCI: Since financial assets are already reflected at fair value, impairment allowance is not further reduced from its value. Rather, ECL amount is presented as 'accumulated impairment amount' in the OCI.

For assessing increase in credit risk and impairment loss, the Company combines financial instruments on the basis of shared credit risk characteristics with the objective of facilitating an analysis that is designed to enable significant increases in credit risk to be identified on a timely basis.

The Company does not have any purchased or originated credit-impaired(POCI) financial assets, i.e., financial assets which are credit impaired on purchase/ origination.

Financial liabilities

Recognition and measurement

Financial liabilities are classified, at initial recognition, as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, or as loans, borrowings and 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 financial liabilities at amortised cost, net of directly attributable transaction costs.

The Company's financial liabilities include trade and other payables and loans and borrowings.

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

Financial liabilities at amortised cost

After initial recognition, interest-bearing loans and borrowings and trade and other payables are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the EIR method. Gains and losses are recognised in the statement of profit and loss when the liabilities are derecognised as well as through the EIR amortisation process.

Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the EIR. The EIR amortisation is included as finance costs in the statement of profit and loss

Financial liabilities - 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 derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in the statement of profit and loss.

Equity instruments

An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of an entity after deducting all of its liabilities. Equity instruments issued by the Company are recognised at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position comprise cash at banks and on hand and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less, but exclude any restricted cash. Restricted cash, such as the rehabilitation trust, is not available for use by the company and therefore is not considered highly liquid.

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1.4 Financial instruments (continued)

For the purpose of the consolidated statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and short-term deposits as defined above, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

Offsetting of financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the balance sheet if there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

1.5 Derivative financial instruments and hedge accounting

In order to hedge its exposure to foreign exchange, interest rate, and commodity price risks, the Company enters into forward, option, swap contracts and other derivative financial instruments. The Company does not hold derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes. Such derivative financial instruments are initially recognised at fair value on the date on which a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently re-measured at fair value. Derivatives are carried as financial assets when the fair value is positive and as financial liabilities when the fair value is negative. Any gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of derivatives are taken directly to the statement of profit and loss, except for the effective portion of cash flow hedges, which is recognised in OCI and later reclassified to the statement of profit and loss when the hedge item affects profit or loss or treated as basis adjustment if a hedged forecast transaction subsequently results in the recognition of a non-financial asset or non-financial liability. 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.

Hedges of a net investment in a foreign operation at the inception of a hedge relationship, the Company formally designates and documents the hedge relationship to which the Company wishes to apply hedge accounting. The documentation includes the Company's risk management objective and strategy for undertaking hedge, the hedging/economic relationship, the hedged item or transaction, the nature of the risk being hedged, hedge ratio and how the entity will assess the effectiveness of changes in the hedging instrument's fair value in offsetting the exposure to changes in the hedged item's fair value or cash flows attributable to the hedged risk. Such hedges are expected to be highly effective in achieving offsetting changes in fair value or cash flows and are assessed on an ongoing basis to determine that they actually have been highly effective throughout the financial reporting periods for which they were designated. Hedges that meet the strict criteria for hedge accounting are accounted for, as described below:

Fair value hedges

Changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as fair value hedges are recognised in the statement of profit and loss immediately, together with any changes in the fair value of the hedged asset or liability that are attributable to the hedged risk. 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 statement of profit and loss. Hedge accounting is discontinued when the Company revokes the hedge relationship, the hedging instrument or hedged item expires or is sold, terminated, or exercised or no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting.

Cash flow hedges

The effective portion of the gain or loss on the hedging instrument is recognised in OCI in the cash flow hedge reserve, while any ineffective portion is recognised immediately in the statement of profit and loss. Amounts recognised in OCI are transferred to profit or loss when the hedged transaction affects profit or loss, such as when the hedged financial income or financial expense is recognised or when a forecast sale occurs. When the hedged item is the cost of a non-financial asset or non-financial liability, the amounts recognised as OCI are transferred to the initial carrying amount of the non-financial asset or liability. If the hedging instrument expires or is sold, terminated or exercised without replacement or roll-over (as part of the hedging strategy), or if its designation as a hedge is revoked, or when the hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting, any cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in OCI remains separately in equity until the forecast transaction occurs or the foreign currency firm commitment is met.

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1.6 Hedge accounting

At the inception of the hedge relationship, the group documents the relationship between the hedging instrument and the hedged item, along with its risk management objectives and its strategy for undertaking various hedge transactions. Furthermore, at the inception of the hedge and on an ongoing basis, the group documents whether the hedging instrument is effective in offsetting changes in fair values or cash flows of the hedged item attributable to the hedged risk, which is when the hedging relationships meet all of the following hedge 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; and
- 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.

If a hedging relationship ceases to meet the hedge effectiveness requirement relating to the hedge ratio but the risk management objective for that designated hedging relationship remains the same, the group adjusts the hedge ratio of the hedging relationship (i.e. rebalances the hedge) so that it meets the qualifying criteria again.

The group designates the full change in the fair value of a forward contract (i.e. including the forward elements) as the hedging instrument for all of its hedging relationships involving forward contracts.

The group excludes the time value of options and designates only the intrinsic value of options as the hedging instruments in hedges involving options as the hedging instruments. The change in fair value attributable to the time value of options is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity as deferred hedging gains (losses). The group only hedges time period related hedged items using options. The change in the aligned time value is recognised in other comprehensive income and is amortised on a systematic and rational basis over the period during which the hedge adjustment for the option's intrinsic value could affect profit or loss (or other comprehensive income, if the hedged item is an equity instrument at fair value through other comprehensive income). However, if hedge accounting is discontinued the net amount (i.e. including cumulative amortisation) that has been accumulated in the deferred hedging reserve is immediately reclassified into profit or loss.

Cash flow hedges

The effective portion of changes in the fair value of qualifying hedging instruments that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity, limited to the cumulative change in fair value of the hedged item from inception of the hedge. The gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion is recognised immediately in profit or loss in other operating gains (losses) (note 23).

Amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity are reclassified to profit or loss in the periods when the hedged item affects profit or loss, in the same line as the recognised hedged item. However, when the hedged forecast transaction results in the recognition of a non-financial asset or a non-financial liability, the gains and losses previously recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity are removed from equity and included in the initial measurement of the cost of the non-financial asset or non-financial liability. This transfer does not affect other comprehensive income. Furthermore, if the group expects that some or all of the loss accumulated in other comprehensive income will not be recovered in the future, that amount is immediately reclassified to profit or loss.

The group discontinues hedge accounting only when the hedging relationship (or a part thereof) ceases to meet the qualifying criteria (after rebalancing, if applicable). This includes instances when the hedging instrument expires or is sold, terminated or exercised. The discontinuation is accounted for prospectively. Any gain or loss recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity at that time remains in equity and is recognised when the forecast transaction is ultimately recognised in profit or loss. When a forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur, the gain or loss accumulated in equity is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

1.7 Impairment of assets

The group 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 group estimates the recoverable amount of the asset.

Irrespective of whether there is any indication of impairment, the group 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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1.7 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 reversal of the previously recognised impairment loss is limited to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined if no impairment loss had previously been recognised except if initially attributed to goodwill.

1.8 Revenue from contracts with customers

The group recognises revenue from the following major sources:

- Sales and export of zinc
- Sales and export of copper
- Sales and export of lead

Revenue is measured based on the consideration specified in a contract with a customer and excludes amounts collected on behalf of third parties. The group recognises revenue when it transfers control of a product or service to a customer.

1.9 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.

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.

1.10 Translation of foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions

A foreign currency transaction is recorded, on initial recognition in Rands, by applying to the foreign currency amount the spot exchange rate between the functional currency and the foreign currency at the date of the transaction.

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1.10 Translation of foreign currencies (continued)

At the end of the reporting period:

- foreign currency monetary items are translated using the closing rate;
- non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction; and
- non-monetary items that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was determined.

In circumstances where the group receives or pays an amount in foreign currency in advance of a transaction, the transaction date for purposes of determining the exchange rate to use on initial recognition of the related asset, income or expense is the date on which the group initially recognised the non-monetary item arising on payment or receipt of the advance consideration.

If there are multiple payments or receipts in advance, group determines a date of transaction for each payment or receipt of advance consideration.

Exchange differences arising on the settlement of monetary items or on translating monetary items at rates different from those at which they were translated on initial recognition during the period or in previous annual financial statements are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise.

When a gain or loss on a non-monetary item is recognised to other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity, any exchange component of that gain or loss is recognised to other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity. When a gain or loss on a non-monetary item is recognised in profit or loss, any exchange component of that gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Cash flows arising from transactions in a foreign currency are recorded in Rands by applying to the foreign currency amount the exchange rate between the Rand and the foreign currency at the date of the cash flow.

1.11 Current versus non-current classification

The Company presents assets and liabilities in the statement of financial position based on current/non-current classification. An asset is current when it is:

- Expected to be realised or intended to be sold or consumed in normal operating cycle,
- Held primarily for the purpose of trading,
- Expected to be realised within 12 months after the reporting period, or
- Cash or cash equivalent, unless restricted from being exchanged or used, to settle a liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period.

All other assets are classified as non-current.

A liability is current when either:

- It is expected to be settled in the normal operating cycle,
- It is held primarily for the purpose of trading,
- It is due to be settled within 12 months after the reporting period, or
- There is no unconditional right to defer the settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period.

The Company classifies all other liabilities as non-current.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are classified as non-current assets and liabilities.

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2. Changes in accounting policy

The annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards on a basis consistent with the prior year.

3. New Standards and Interpretations

3.1 Standards and interpretations effective and adopted in the current year

In the current year, the group 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: |
|---|--|---|
| • Annual Improvement to IFRS Standards 2018-2020: Amendments to IFRS 1 | 01 January 2022 | The impact of the amendments is not material. |
| • Reference to the Conceptual Framework: Amendments to IFRS 3 | 01 January 2022 | The impact of the amendments is not material. |
| • Annual Improvement to IFRS Standards 2018-2020: Amendments to IFRS 9 | 01 January 2022 | The impact of the amendments is not material. |
| • Property, Plant and Equipment: Proceeds before Intended Use: Amendments to IAS 16 | 01 January 2022 | The impact of the amendments is not material. |
| • Onerous Contracts - Cost of Fulfilling a Contract: Amendments to IAS 37 | 01 January 2022 | The impact of the amendments is not material. |
| • Annual Improvement to IFRS Standards 2018-2020: Amendments to IAS 41 | 01 January 2022 | The impact of the amendments is not material. |

3.2 Standards and interpretations not yet effective

The group has chosen not to early adopt the following standards and interpretations, which have been published and are mandatory for the group's accounting periods beginning on or after 01 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 | 01 January 2023 | Unlikely there will be a material impact |
| • Disclosure of accounting policies: Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2. | 01 January 2023 | Unlikely there will be a material impact |
| • Definition of accounting estimates: Amendments to IAS 8 | 01 January 2023 | Unlikely there will be a material impact |
| • Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current - Amendment to IAS 1 | 01 January 2023 | Unlikely there will be a material impact |
| • IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts | 01 January 2023 | Unlikely there will be a material impact |

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4. Property, plant and equipment

| Group | 2023 | | | 2022 | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| | Cost | Accumulated depreciation | Carrying value | Cost | Accumulated depreciation | Carrying value |
| Buildings | 740,336 | (281,471) | 458,865 | 684,302 | (220,823) | 463,479 |
| Plant and machinery | 6,042,112 | (2,515,583) | 3,526,529 | 5,479,060 | (2,184,776) | 3,294,284 |
| Mine development assets | 5,730,247 | (1,308,653) | 4,421,594 | 4,783,137 | (1,007,727) | 3,775,410 |
| Capital - Work in progress | 1,782,835 | - | 1,782,835 | 869,000 | - | 869,000 |
| Total | 14,295,530 | (4,105,707) | 10,189,823 | 11,815,499 | (3,413,326) | 8,402,173 |

| Company | 2023 | | | 2022 | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| | Cost | Accumulated depreciation | Carrying value | Cost | Accumulated depreciation | Carrying value |
| Land and buildings | 740,336 | (281,471) | 458,865 | 684,302 | (220,823) | 463,479 |
| Plant and machinery | 6,042,112 | (2,515,583) | 3,526,529 | 5,479,060 | (2,184,776) | 3,294,284 |
| Mine development assets | 5,730,247 | (1,308,653) | 4,421,594 | 4,783,137 | (1,007,727) | 3,775,410 |
| Capital - Work in progress | 1,782,835 | - | 1,782,835 | 869,000 | - | 869,000 |
| Total | 14,295,530 | (4,105,707) | 10,189,823 | 11,815,499 | (3,413,326) | 8,402,173 |

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4. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Reconciliation of property, plant and equipment - Group and Company - 2023

| | Opening balance | Additions | Transfers | Disposals | Borrowings cost | Depreciation | Change in estimate | Total |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Buildings | 463,479 | 14,412 | 41,622 | - | - | (60,648) | - | 458,865 |
| Plant and machinery | 3,294,284 | 90,951 | 590,627 | (367) | - | (474,320) | 25,354 | 3,526,529 |
| Mine development assets | 3,775,410 | 945,110 | 2,001 | - | - | (300,927) | - | 4,421,594 |
| Capital - Work in progress | 869,000 | 1,431,853 | (568,874) | - | 50,856 | - | - | 1,782,835 |
| | 8,402,173 | 2,482,326 | 65,376 | (367) | 50,856 | (835,895) | 25,354 | 10,189,823 |

Reconciliation of property, plant and equipment - Group and Company - 2022

| | Opening balance | Additions | Transfers | Disposals | Depreciation | Change in estimate | Total |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Buildings | 500,577 | 17,961 | - | - | (55,059) | - | 463,479 |
| Plant and machinery | 3,512,948 | 415,704 | (161) | - | (552,498) | (81,709) | 3,294,284 |
| Mine development assets | 2,842,129 | 961,661 | 256,129 | - | (284,509) | - | 3,775,410 |
| Capital - Work in progress | 407,991 | 716,977 | (255,968) | - | - | - | 869,000 |
| | 7,263,645 | 2,112,303 | - | (892,066) | (81,709) | (81,709) | 8,402,173 |

*Change in estimate amount of R25,4 million (2022: R81.7 million) includes change in estimate of R25,4 million (2022: R50.5 million) relating to decommissioning and restoration provision (refer note 18) and Rnil (2022: R31.2 million) reduction in provision for capital expenditure.

Gains on disposals, scrapings and settlements amounted to R7.6 million (2022: R37.1million)

Registers with details of land and buildings are available for inspection by shareholders or their duly authorised representatives at the registered office of the company and its respective subsidiaries

Borrowing costs capitalised

Capitalisation rate used to determine the amount of borrowing costs eligible for capitalisation

6.60 % - % 6.60 % - %

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Property, plant and equipment - accounting policy

Mining Assets

The costs of mining properties and leases, which include the costs of acquiring and developing mining properties and mineral rights, are capitalised as property, plant and equipment under the heading 'Mine development assets' in the year in which they are incurred.

When a decision is taken that a mining property is viable for commercial production (i.e. when the company determines that the mining property will provide sufficient and sustainable returns relative to the risk and decides to proceed with the mine development), all further pre-production primary development expenditure other than land, buildings, plant and equipment is capitalised as part of the cost of the mining property until the mining property is capable of commercial production.

The stripping cost incurred during the production phase of a surface mine are deferred to the extent the current period stripping cost exceeds the average period stripping cost over the life of mine and is recognised as an asset if such cost provides a benefit in terms of improved access to ore in future periods and certain criteria are met.

When the benefit from the stripping costs are realised in the current period, the stripping costs are accounted for as the cost of inventory. If the costs of inventory produced and the stripping activity asset are not separately identifiable, a relevant production measure is used to allocate the production stripping costs between the inventory produced and the stripping activity asset. The company uses the expected volume of waste compared with the actual volume of waste extracted for a given value of ore/mineral production for the purpose of determining the cost of the stripping activity asset. Deferred stripping costs are included in mining properties within Property, plant and equipment and disclosed as a part of Mine development assets. After initial recognition, the stripping activity asset is depreciated on a unit of production method over the expected useful life of the identified component of the ore body.

Significant judgement is required to distinguish between development stripping and production stripping and to distinguish between the production stripping that relates to the extraction of inventory and that which relates to the creation of a stripping activity asset. Once the Group has identified its production stripping for each surface mining operation, it identifies the separate components of the ore bodies for each of its mining operations. An identifiable component is a specific volume of the ore body that is made more accessible by the stripping activity. Significant judgement is required to identify and define these components, and also to determine the expected volumes (e.g., in tonnes) of waste to be stripped and ore to be mined in each of these components. These assessments are undertaken for each individual mining operation based on the information available in the mine plan.

In circumstances where a mining property is abandoned, the cumulative capitalised costs relating to the property are written off in the period in which it occurs i.e. when the company determines that the mining property will not provide sufficient and sustainable returns relative to the risks and the company decides not to proceed with the mine development.

Commercial reserves are proved and probable reserves as defined by the 'JORC' Code, 'MORC' Code or 'SAMREC' Code. Changes in the commercial reserves affecting unit of production calculations are dealt with prospectively over the revised remaining reserves.

Assets under construction

Assets in the course of construction are capitalised in the assets under construction account. At the point when an asset is capable of operating in the manner intended by management, the cost of construction is transferred to the appropriate category of property, plant and equipment. Costs (net of income) associated with the commissioning of an asset and any obligatory decommissioning costs are capitalised until the period of commissioning has been completed and the asset is ready for its intended use.

Other property, plant and equipment

The initial cost of property, plant and equipment comprises its purchase price, including import duties and non-refundable purchase taxes, and any directly attributable costs of bringing an asset to working condition and location for its intended use. It also includes the initial estimate of the costs of dismantling and removing the item and restoring the site on which it is located. If significant parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, then they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of property, plant and equipment. All other expenses on existing property, plant and equipment, including day-to-day repair and maintenance expenditure and cost of replacing parts, are charged to the income statement for the period during which such expenses are incurred.

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Gains and losses on disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment computed as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset is included in the income statement when the asset is derecognised. Major inspection and overhaul expenditure is capitalised, if the recognition criteria are met.

Depreciation and Amortisation

Mining properties and other assets in the course of development or construction, freehold land and goodwill are not depreciated or amortised.

Mining properties and plant and equipment are depreciated down to their residual values with reference to the expected units of production using the life of mine method based on proven and probable reserves. Depreciation is charged on new mining ventures from the date that the mining property is capable of commercial production. When there is little likelihood of a mineral right being exploited, or the value of the exploitable mineral right has diminished below cost, a write-down to the recoverable amount is charged to profit or loss.

The calculation of the life of mine rate of depreciation could be impacted to the extent that actual production in the future is different from current forecast production based on economically recoverable reserves, or if future capital expenditure estimates change. Changes to economically recoverable reserves could arise due to changes in the factors or assumptions used in estimating reserves.

Buildings, vehicles, furniture and fittings and computer equipment are depreciated down to their estimated residual values at varying rates, on the straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives or the life of mine whichever is shorter. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

- Buildings 25 years
- Vehicles 4 years
- Computer equipment 3 years
- Furniture and fittings 10 years

Residual values and useful economic lives are reviewed at least annually, with the effect of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis.

Impairment of tangible and intangible assets excluding goodwill

At each reporting period end, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets are impaired. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment, if any. Where the asset does not generate cash flows that are independent from other assets, the company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. An intangible asset with an indefinite useful life is tested for impairment annually and whenever there is an indication that the asset may be impaired.

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 pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

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 or cash-generating unit is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment is recognised immediately as an expense.

Where an impairment subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset or 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 been recognised for the asset or cash-generating unit in prior years. A reversal of an impairment is recognised as income immediately.

Exploration costs - accounting policy

Exploration and evaluation expenditure incurred prior to obtaining the mining right or the legal right to explore are expensed as incurred.

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Exploration and evaluation expenditure incurred after obtaining the mining right or the legal right to explore are capitalised as exploration and evaluation assets (intangible assets) only once it is more likely than not for the resource to result in future economic benefits for the company. Exploration and evaluation assets are stated at cost less impairment, if any. Exploration and evaluation intangible assets are transferred to property, plant and equipment when the technical feasibility and commercial viability has been determined. Exploration intangible assets under development are assessed for impairment and impairment loss, if any, is recognised prior to reclassification.

Exploration expenditure includes all direct and allocated indirect expenditure associated with finding specific mineral resources which includes depreciation and applicable operating costs of related support equipment and facilities and other costs of exploration activities:

- Acquisition costs - costs associated with acquisition of licenses and rights to explore, including related professional fees.
- General exploration costs - costs of surveys and studies, rights of access to properties to conduct those studies (e.g., costs incurred for environment clearance, defence clearance, etc.), and salaries and other expenses of geologists, geophysical crews and other personnel conducting those studies.
- Costs of exploration drilling and equipping exploration and appraisal wells.

Expenditure incurred on the acquisition of a license interest is initially capitalised on a license-by-license basis. Costs are held, undepleted, within exploration and evaluation assets until such time as the exploration phase on the license area is complete or commercial reserves have been discovered.

Net proceeds from any disposal of an exploration asset are initially credited against the previously capitalised costs. Any surplus/ deficit is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit and loss.

Property, plant and equipment - Significant judgements, estimates and assumptions

Residual Values

Property, plant and equipment is depreciated over their useful lives taking into account residual values where appropriate. The actual lives of the assets and residuals are assessed annually and may vary depending on a number of factors. In reassessing asset lives, factors such as technological innovation, life-of-mine plan and maintenance programmes are taken into account. Residual value assessments take into account issues such as future market conditions, the remaining life of the asset and projected disposal values.

Life of mine

Estimated economically recoverable reserves are used in determining the depreciation and/or amortisation of mine-specific assets. This results in a depreciation/amortisation charge proportional to the depletion of the anticipated remaining life-of-mine production. The life of each item, which is assessed at least annually, has regard to both its physical life limitations and present assessments of economically recoverable reserves of the mine property at which the asset is located. These calculations require the use of estimates and assumptions, including the amount of recoverable reserves and estimates of future capital expenditure. The calculation of the units of production rate of depreciation/amortisation could be impacted to the extent that actual production in the future is different from current forecast production based on economically recoverable reserves, or if future capital expenditure estimates change. Changes to economically recoverable reserves could arise due to changes in the factors or assumptions used in estimating reserves, including:

- The effect on economically recoverable reserves of differences between actual commodity prices and commodity price assumptions
- Unforeseen operational issues

Changes in estimates are accounted for prospectively.

Stripping costs

Significant judgement is required to distinguish between development stripping and production stripping and to distinguish between the production stripping that relates to the extraction of inventory and that which relates to the creation of a stripping activity asset.

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Judgement is also required to identify a suitable production measure to be used to allocate production stripping costs between inventory and any stripping activity assets. The company considers that the ratio of the expected volume of waste to be stripped for an expected volume of ore to be mined for a specific component of the ore body, is the most suitable production measure.

Furthermore, judgements and estimates are also used to apply the units of production method in determining the depreciable lives of the stripping activity assets.

5. Leases (group as lessee)

The Group has lease contracts for various mining assets and its head office building in Sandton used in its operations. Leases generally have lease terms between two and five years. The Group is restricted from assigning and subleasing the leased assets. The Group's obligations under its leases are secured by the lessor's title to the leased assets. The Group also has certain leases of assets with lease terms of 12 months or less and leases of office equipment with low value. The Group applies the short-term lease and lease of low-value assets recognition exemptions for these leases

The Group applies a single recognition and measurement approach for all leases, except for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets. The Group recognises lease liabilities to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets

Right-of-use asset

The Group recognises right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease (i.e., the date when the underlying asset is available for use). Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognised, initial direct costs incurred, and lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received. Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis or life of mine based depreciation depending on the asset. The method of depreciation is considered on an asset to asset bases. If ownership of the leased asset transfers to the Group at the end of the lease term or the cost reflects the exercise of a purchase option, depreciation is calculated using the estimated useful life of the asset

Lease liabilities

At the commencement date of the lease, the Group recognises lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are recognised as expenses (unless they are incurred to produce inventories) in the period in which the event or condition that triggers the payment occurs

In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Group uses the interest rate implicit in the lease. After the commencement date, the amount of lease liabilities is increased to reflect the accretion of interest and reduced for the lease payments made. In addition, the carrying amount of lease liabilities is remeasured if there is a modification, a change in the lease term, a change in the lease payments (e.g., changes to future payments resulting from a change in an index or rate used to determine such lease payments) or a change in the assessment of an option to purchase the underlying asset

Estimating the incremental borrowing rate

If the Group cannot readily determine the interest rate implicit in its leases, it uses the relevant incremental borrowing rate (IBR) to measure lease liabilities. The IBR is the rate of interest that the Group would have to pay to borrow over a similar term, and with a similar security, the funds necessary to obtain an asset of a similar value to the right-of-use asset in a similar economic environment. The IBR, therefore, reflects what the Group would have to pay, which requires estimation when no observable rates are available (such as for subsidiaries that do not enter into financing transactions) and to make adjustments to reflect the terms and conditions of the lease (for example, when leases are not in a subsidiary's functional currency). The Group estimates the IBR using observable inputs (such as market interest rates) when available and is required to consider certain contract and entity-specific judgements estimates (such as the lease term and a subsidiary's stand-alone credit rating).

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|--------------------------|-------|------|---------|------|
| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |

5. Leases (group as lessee) (continued)

Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The Group applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its short-term leases of equipment (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 to be low value. 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.

Net carrying amounts of right-of-use assets

The carrying amounts of right-of-use assets are included in the following line items:

| | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Buildings | 252 | 1,260 | 252 | 1,260 |
| Plant and machinery | 94,494 | 124,331 | 94,494 | 124,331 |
| | 94,746 | 125,591 | 94,746 | 125,591 |

Additions to right-of-use assets

| | | | | |
|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Plant and machinery | 24,608 | 68,031 | 24,608 | 68,031 |
|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|

Depreciation recognised on right-of-use assets

Depreciation recognised on each class of right-of-use assets, is presented below. It includes depreciation which has been expensed in the total depreciation charge in profit or loss (note 24), as well as depreciation which has been capitalised to the cost of other assets.

| | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Buildings | 1,008 | 1,008 | 1,008 | 1,008 |
| Plant and machinery | 54,444 | 37,223 | 54,444 | 37,223 |
| | 55,452 | 38,231 | 55,452 | 38,231 |

Lease liabilities

The maturity analysis of lease liabilities is as follows:

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Within one year | 47,276 | 62,804 | 47,276 | 62,804 |
| Two to five years | 25,827 | 54,118 | 25,827 | 54,118 |
| | 73,103 | 116,922 | 73,103 | 116,922 |
| Less finance charges component | (4,765) | (8,490) | (4,765) | (8,490) |
| | 68,338 | 108,432 | 68,338 | 108,432 |
| Non-current liabilities | 14,958 | 51,956 | 14,958 | 51,956 |
| Current liabilities | 53,380 | 56,476 | 53,380 | 56,476 |
| | 68,338 | 108,432 | 68,338 | 108,432 |

6. Goodwill

| Company | 2023 | | | 2022 | | |
|----------|--------|------------------------|----------------|--------|------------------------|----------------|
| | Cost | Accumulated impairment | Carrying value | Cost | Accumulated impairment | Carrying value |
| Goodwill | 33,182 | - | 33,182 | 33,182 | - | 33,182 |

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6. Goodwill (continued)

Key assumptions used in impairment calculations are:

Goodwill arises on an acquisition of a business and is carried at cost as established at the date of acquisition of the business less accumulated impairment losses, if any.

The Group tests the total intangible and tangible assets for impairment annually. For the purposes of impairment testing, goodwill is allocated to each of the company's cash-generating units (or groups of cash-generating units) that is expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination. The following cash generating units ("CGU") have been identified:

- Deeps & Swartberg mining operations; and
- Gamsberg

The recoverable amounts of the CGU's are determined from value in use calculations. The key assumptions for the value in use calculations are those regarding resource availability, the discount rates, growth rates, exchange rates and expected changes to commodity prices. Management estimates discount rates using pre-tax rates that reflect current market conditions of the time value of money and the risks specifically associated with the CGU's. Growth rates are based on industry growth forecasts. Changes in commodity prices are based on past practices and expectations of future changes in the market.

Key assumptions used in impairment calculations are:

| Deeps & Swartberg mining operations | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| • Average foreign Exchange rate (ZAR/USD) | 16.95 | 16.13 |
| • Average zinc price (USD/t) | 2,960 | 2,884 |
| • Average lead price (USD/t) | 2,047 | 2,005 |
| • Average copper price (USD/t) | 8,346 | 8,762 |
| • Average silver price (USD/ounce) | 22.42 | 21.52 |
| • Discount rate | 18.84% | 12.26% |
| • Ore Resource (k/t) | 3,870 | 6,119 |
| Gamsberg Project | 2023 | 2022 |
| • Average foreign Exchange rate (ZAR/USD) | 18.75 | 17.49 |
| • Average zinc price (USD/t) | 2,888 | 2,917 |
| • Average lead price (USD/t) | 2,175 | 2,151 |
| • Discount rate | 18.84% | 12.26% |
| • Ore Resource (k/t) | 85,662 | 57,537 |
| • Average zinc treatment charges (USD/t) | 188 | 190 |

At 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2022, no impairment was necessary for intangible and tangible assets for both CGU's.

Goodwill - accounting policy

A cash-generating unit to which goodwill has been allocated is tested for impairment annually, or more frequently when there is indication that the unit may be impaired. If the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit is less than its carrying amount, 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 pro rata based on the carrying amount of each asset in the unit. Any impairment loss for goodwill is recognised directly in profit or loss in the statement of profit or loss and comprehensive income. An impairment loss recognised for goodwill is not reversed in subsequent periods.

On disposal of the relevant cash-generating unit, the attributable amount of goodwill is included in the determination of the profit or loss on disposal.

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7. Intangible assets

| Group | 2023 | | | 2022 | | |
|-------------------|---------|--------------------------|----------------|---------|--------------------------|----------------|
| | Cost | Accumulated amortisation | Carrying value | Cost | Accumulated amortisation | Carrying value |
| Exploration asset | 184,796 | - | 184,796 | 181,054 | - | 181,054 |

| Company | 2023 | | | 2022 | | |
|-------------------|---------|--------------------------|----------------|---------|--------------------------|----------------|
| | Cost | Accumulated amortisation | Carrying value | Cost | Accumulated amortisation | Carrying value |
| Exploration asset | 184,796 | - | 184,796 | 181,054 | - | 181,054 |

Reconciliation of intangible assets - Group and Company - 2023

| | Opening balance | Additions | Transfers | Total |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Exploration asset | 181,054 | 69,118 | (65,376) | 184,796 |

Reconciliation of intangible assets - Group and Company - 2022

| | Opening balance | Total |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Exploration asset | 181,054 | 181,054 |

Exploration costs - accounting policy

Exploration and evaluation expenditure incurred prior to obtaining the mining right or the legal right to explore are expensed as incurred.

Exploration and evaluation expenditure incurred after obtaining the mining right or the legal right to explore are capitalised as exploration and evaluation assets (intangible assets) only once it is more likely than not for the resource to result in future economic benefits for the company. The Group estimates that it is more likely than not for economic benefits to be realised once a maiden resource has been declared for a specific site, as this shows that the ore is economically viable. Exploration and evaluation assets are stated at cost less impairment, if any. Exploration and evaluation intangible assets are transferred to property, plant and equipment when the technical feasibility and commercial viability has been determined. Exploration intangible assets under development are assessed for impairment and impairment loss, if any, is recognised prior to reclassification and if circumstances affecting it change.

Exploration expenditure includes all direct and allocated indirect expenditure associated with finding specific mineral resources which includes depreciation and applicable operating costs of related support equipment and facilities and other costs of exploration activities:

- Acquisition costs - costs associated with acquisition of licenses and rights to explore, including related professional fees.
- General exploration costs - costs of surveys and studies, rights of access to properties to conduct those studies (e.g., costs incurred for environment clearance, defence clearance, etc.), and salaries and other expenses of geologists, geophysical crews and other personnel conducting those studies.
- Costs of exploration drilling and equipping exploration and appraisal wells.

Expenditure incurred on the acquisition of a license interest is initially capitalised on a license-by-license basis. Costs are held, unamortised, within exploration and evaluation assets until such time as the exploration phase on the license area is complete or commercial reserves have been discovered

Net proceeds from any disposal of an exploration asset are initially credited against the previously capitalised costs. Any surplus/ deficit is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit and loss.

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|----------------------------------|-------|------|---------|------|
| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |
| 8. Other financial assets | | | | |
| Available-for-sale | | | | |
| Listed shares | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

The balance consists of an investment in The Rand Mutual Assurance Company Limited.

9. Retirement benefits

Defined Contribution Plans

The Group operates defined contribution schemes for its employees as well as post-retirement medical plans. For defined contribution schemes the amount charged to profit or loss is the contributions paid or payable during the year. The assets of the defined contribution plans are held separately in independently administered funds. The charge in respect of these plans is calculated on the basis of contribution payable by the Group in the financial year.

The defined contribution pension cost represents the actual contributions payable by the Group to the various plans. At 31 March 2022, there were no material outstanding/prepaid contributions and so no prepayment or accrual has been disclosed in the statement of financial position in relation to these plans.

Defined contribution plans are governed by the South African Pension Fund Act.

Defined benefit plan

The post-retirement medical arrangements provide health benefits to retired employees and certain dependants. Eligibility for cover is dependent upon certain criteria. These plans are unfunded. The post retirement medical plans is accounted for as a defined benefit plan.

The principal assumptions used to determine the actuarial present value of benefit obligations in terms of IAS 19 are detailed below (shown as weighted averages):

Movements for the year

| | | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Opening balance | 77,048 | 68,861 | 77,048 | 68,861 |
| Benefits paid | (2,643) | (2,556) | (2,643) | (2,556) |
| Net expense recognised in profit or loss | (812) | 10,743 | (812) | 10,743 |
| | 73,593 | 77,048 | 73,593 | 77,048 |

Net expense recognised in profit or loss

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Current service cost | 1,631 | 1,522 | 1,631 | 1,522 |
| Interest cost | 9,024 | 9,330 | 9,024 | 9,330 |
| Actuarial gain/(loss) | (11,467) | (109) | (11,467) | (109) |
| | (812) | 10,743 | (812) | 10,743 |

Key assumptions used

Assumptions used on last valuation on .

| | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Discount rates used | 13.29 % | 11.94 % | 13.29 % | 11.94 % |
| Consumer price inflation | 8.16 % | 7.57 % | 8.16 % | 7.57 % |
| Health care cost inflation | 10.16 % | 9.57 % | 10.16 % | 9.57 % |

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| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |

9. Retirement benefits (continued)

For post-retirement medical plans, full actuarial valuations are carried out annually using the projected unit credit method and updates are performed for each financial year end. The average discount rate for the plans' liabilities is based on AA rated corporate bonds of a suitable duration and currency or, where there is no 'deep market' for such bonds, based on government bonds.

Actuarial gains and losses, which can arise from differences between expected and actual outcomes or changes in actuarial assumptions, are recognised immediately in equity. Any increase in the present value of plan liabilities expected to arise from employee service during the period is charged to operating profit. The expected return on the plan assets and the expected increase during the period in the present value of plan liabilities are included in investment income and interest expense.

Past service cost is recognised immediately to the extent that the benefits are already vested, and otherwise is amortised on a straight-line basis over the average period until the benefits become vested.

The retirement benefit obligation recognised in the statement of financial position represents the present value of the defined benefit obligation as adjusted for unrecognised past service costs and as reduced by the fair value of scheme assets. Any asset resulting from this calculation is limited to past service cost, plus the present value of available refunds and reductions in future contributions to the plan.

The below sensitivities that have been applied are consistent with the prior period:

Sensitivity analysis

| | Increase in the discount rate by 1% | Decrease in the discount rate by 1% | Increase in the health care cost inflation rate by 1% | Decrease in the health care cost inflation rate by 1% |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Increase / (decrease) in past-service contractual liability | (7) | 7 | 7 | (7) |
| Increase / (decrease) in service cost plus interest cost | (1) | 1 | 1 | (1) |

10. Deferred tax

Deferred tax liability

| | | | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Property plant and equipment | (2,673,233) | (2,206,134) | (2,673,233) | (2,206,134) |
| Actuarial gain on post-retirement medical arrangements | (15,281) | (12,397) | (15,281) | (12,397) |
| Environment rehab trust | (26,239) | (22,762) | (26,239) | (22,762) |
| Prepayments | (34,918) | (23,205) | (34,918) | (23,205) |
| Other timing differences | (20,096) | - | (20,096) | - |
| Total deferred tax liability | (2,769,767) | (2,264,498) | (2,769,767) | (2,264,498) |

Deferred tax asset

| | | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Amounts received in advance | 10,869 | 31,924 | 10,869 | 31,924 |
| Provisions | 185,766 | 201,943 | 185,766 | 201,943 |
| Loans and borrowings | - | 12,283 | - | 12,283 |
| Deferred tax balance from temporary differences other than unused tax losses | 196,635 | 246,150 | 196,635 | 246,150 |
| Tax losses available for set off against future taxable income | 136,092 | 62,000 | 136,092 | 62,000 |
| | 332,727 | 308,150 | 332,727 | 308,150 |
| Total deferred tax asset | 332,727 | 308,150 | 332,727 | 308,150 |

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| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |
| 10. Deferred tax (continued) | | | | |
| The deferred tax assets and the deferred tax liability relate to income tax in the same jurisdiction for the same entity, and the law allows net settlement when it applies to the same entity. Therefore, they have been offset in the statement of financial position as follows: | | | | |
| Deferred tax liability | (2,769,767) | (2,264,498) | (2,769,767) | (2,264,498) |
| Deferred tax asset | 332,727 | 308,150 | 332,727 | 308,150 |
| Total net deferred tax liability | (2,437,040) | (1,956,348) | (2,437,040) | (1,956,348) |

Reconciliation of deferred tax asset / (liability)

| | | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| At beginning of year | (1,956,348) | (1,413,009) | (1,956,348) | (1,413,009) |
| Charged to profit or loss | (470,629) | (550,148) | (470,629) | (550,148) |
| Charged to equity | (10,063) | 6,809 | (10,063) | 6,809 |
| | (2,437,040) | (1,956,348) | (2,437,040) | (1,956,348) |

Deferred tax - accounting policy

Deferred tax is the tax expected to be payable or recoverable on differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit. Deferred tax is provided using the balance sheet method on temporary differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes at the reporting date.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences, except where the deferred tax liability arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit (tax loss).

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary differences arise from goodwill or from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of an asset or liability in a transaction that affects neither the tax profit nor accounting profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred income tax asset to be utilised. Unrecognised deferred tax assets are reassessed at the end of each reporting period and are recognised to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profit will be available to allow the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised. Deferred tax is charged or credited in profit or loss, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also taken directly to equity.

The Group offsets deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities if, and only if, it has a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets and current tax liabilities and the deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the same taxable entity or different taxable entities which intend either to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis, or to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously, in each future period in which significant amounts of deferred tax liabilities or assets are expected to be settled or recovered.

Deferred tax - Significant judgements, estimates and assumptions

Judgement is required to determine which arrangements are considered to be a tax on income as opposed to an operating cost. Judgement is also required to determine whether deferred tax assets are recognised in the statement of financial position. Deferred tax assets, including those arising from unutilised tax losses, require the Group to assess the likelihood that it will generate sufficient taxable earnings in future periods, in order to utilise recognised deferred tax assets. Judgement is also required in respect of the application of existing tax laws.

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| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |

10. Deferred tax (continued)

Assumptions about the generation of future taxable profits depend on management's estimates of future cash flows. These estimates of future taxable income are based on forecast cash flows from operations (which are impacted by production and sales volumes, commodity prices, reserves, operating costs, closure and rehabilitation costs, capital expenditure, dividends and other capital management transactions). To the extent that future cash flows and taxable income differ significantly from estimates, the ability of the Group to realise the net deferred tax assets recorded at the reporting date could be impacted. In addition, future changes in tax laws could limit the ability of the Group to obtain tax deductions in future periods.

11. Restricted cash and investments

Contributions are made to dedicated environmental rehabilitation obligation funds, through investments in an environmental rehabilitation trust or restricted cash held with Centriq and Rand Merchant Bank, to fund the estimated cost of rehabilitation during and at the end of the life of the relevant mine. The trusts are consolidated into the group as the group exercises control of the trusts. The amounts contributed to these funds are included under non-current assets and are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Interest earned on monies paid to rehabilitation funds is accrued on a time proportion basis and is recorded as interest income. In addition, bank guarantees are provided for funding shortfalls of the environmental rehabilitation obligations.

| | | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Opening balance | 271,512 | 224,263 | 271,512 | 224,263 |
| Contributions made during the year | 27,325 | 39,806 | 10,700 | 39,806 |
| Interest earned during the year | 14,978 | 7,443 | 14,978 | 7,443 |
| Derecognised - The Gamsberg Nature Reserve Trust | (16,624) | - | - | - |
| | 297,191 | 271,512 | 297,190 | 271,512 |

Restricted cash and investments comprise of the following:

| | | | | |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Restricted investments | - | - | 183,448 | 187,193 |
| Restricted cash | 297,191 | 271,512 | 113,743 | 84,319 |
| | 297,191 | 271,512 | 297,191 | 271,512 |

The balance comprises cash held in fixed deposits with interest rates of between 5.77% and 8.65% (March 2022: 3.93% and 4.18%). These funds are not available for the general purpose of the Group. All income from these assets is reinvested to meet specific environment obligations. These obligations are included in environmental rehabilitation costs under long-term provisions. The balance is a financial asset carried at amortised cost.

Restricted cash has been renamed to Restricted cash and investments for better presentation of the nature of the funds for Company presentation. Included in restricted investments are bank balances held by The Black Mountain Mining Rehabilitation Trust and included in restricted cash are accounts held with Centriq and bank guarantees held with Rand Merchant Bank.

| Reconciliation of restricted cash and investments - 2023 - Company | Opening balance | Net transfer of cash and cash equivalents | Interest received | Derecognition of the Nature Reserve Trust | Closing balance |
|--|-----------------|---|-------------------|---|-----------------|
| Restricted cash | 84,319 | 27,388 | 2,036 | - | 113,743 |
| Restricted investments | 187,193 | (63) | 12,942 | (16,624) | 183,448 |
| | 271,512 | 27,325 | 14,978 | (16,624) | 297,191 |

| Reconciliation of restricted cash and investments - 2022 - Company | Opening balance | Net transfer of cash and cash equivalents | Interest received | Closing balance |
|--|-----------------|---|-------------------|-----------------|
| Restricted cash | 48,901 | 34,740 | 678 | 84,319 |
| Restricted investments | 175,362 | 3,785 | 8,046 | 187,193 |
| | 224,263 | 38,525 | 8,724 | 271,512 |

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| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |
| 11. Restricted cash and investments (continued) | | | | |
| Guarantees have been issued in favour of the Department of Mineral Resources ("DMR") as assurance that the Group will honour its environmental rehabilitation obligations at the end of life of mine by the following institutions: | | | | |
| Rand Merchant Bank | 93,760 | 93,760 | 93,760 | 93,760 |
| Cenviro | 307,211 | 301,430 | 307,211 | 301,430 |
| | 400,971 | 395,190 | 400,971 | 395,190 |
| 12. Inventories | | | | |
| Ore stockpiles | 297,753 | 356,661 | 297,753 | 356,661 |
| Metal in concentrate | 48,400 | 86,076 | 48,400 | 86,076 |
| Consumables | 299,817 | 271,337 | 299,817 | 271,337 |
| | 645,970 | 714,074 | 645,970 | 714,074 |
| Inventories (write-downs) | (43,521) | (27,349) | (43,521) | (27,349) |
| | 602,449 | 686,725 | 602,449 | 686,725 |
| Inventory write down provision | | | | |
| Opening balance | 27,349 | 14,237 | 27,349 | 14,237 |
| Increase/(Decrease) | 16,172 | 13,112 | 16,172 | 13,112 |
| | 43,521 | 27,349 | 43,521 | 27,349 |

A percentage of the value of consumables that have not moved for two years is used to calculate the provision for slow moving stock. The percentage used is 75% (31 March 2022: 75%).

Inventories - accounting policy

Inventory which comprises ore stockpiles, metal in concentrate and consumables and work-in-progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The production cost of inventory includes an appropriate proportion of depreciation and production overheads. Cost is determined on the following bases:

- raw materials and consumables are valued at cost on a weighted average basis;
- finished products are valued at raw material cost, labour cost and a proportion of manufacturing overhead expenses; and
- metal concentrate stocks are included in finished products and are valued at average cost.

Inventory - significant estimates and assumptions

Net realisable value tests are performed at each reporting date and represent the estimated future sales price of the product the entity expects to realise when the product is processed and sold, less estimated costs to complete production and bring the product to sale.

13. Trade and other receivables (2022 restated)

Financial instruments:

| | | | | |
|---|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Trade receivables (not subject to provisional pricing) - amortised cost | 8,292 | 116,968 | 8,292 | 116,968 |
| Trade receivables (subject to provisional pricing) - fair value | 38,404 | 22,416 | 38,404 | 22,416 |
| Amounts owed by fellow subsidiaries | 2,330 | 1,463 | 2,330 | 1,463 |
| Other debtors | 24,021 | 23,782 | 24,021 | 23,782 |
| Provision for expected credit losses | (26,922) | (26,916) | (26,922) | (26,916) |
| Trade receivables | 46,125 | 137,713 | 46,125 | 137,713 |

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| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |

13. Trade and other receivables (2022 restated) (continued)

Non-financial instruments:

| | | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| VAT receivable | 212,467 | 171,461 | 212,467 | 171,461 |
| Prepayments * | 270,591 | 345,610 | 270,591 | 345,610 |
| Total trade and other receivables | 529,183 | 654,784 | 529,183 | 654,784 |

* Correction of error

Contractor advances not expected to be realised within 12 months were reclassified to non-current in the current year. The prior year was restated by reclassifying R107 966 478 to non-current trade and other receivables.

Split between non-current and current portions

| | | | | |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Non-current assets | 86,045 | 107,966 | 86,045 | 107,966 |
| Current assets | 443,138 | 546,818 | 443,138 | 546,818 |
| | 529,183 | 654,784 | 529,183 | 654,784 |

Categorisation of trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are categorised as follows in accordance with IFRS 9: Financial Instruments:

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| At amortised cost | 7,721 | 115,297 | 7,721 | 115,297 |
| At fair value through profit or loss | 38,404 | 22,416 | 38,404 | 22,416 |
| Non-financial instruments | 483,058 | 517,071 | 483,058 | 517,071 |
| | 529,183 | 654,784 | 529,183 | 654,784 |

Trade receivables are non-interest-bearing and are generally on terms of 30 to 90 days. Payment is due from customers on receipt of the provisional invoice and the bill of lading and is generally paid within 5 days of the customer receiving the documentation, which reduces the initial receivable recognised under IFRS 15.

The fair value of trade and other receivables is not materially different to the carrying values presented.

Exposure to credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty will not meet its obligations under a financial instrument or customer contract, leading to a financial loss. The Group is exposed to credit risk from its operating activities (primarily trade receivables) and from its financing activities, including deposits with banks and financial institutions, foreign exchange transactions and other financial instruments.

The Group trades only with recognised creditworthy third parties. It is the Group's policy that all customers who wish to trade on credit terms are subject to credit verification procedures, which are based on an extensive credit rating scorecard, short-term liquidity and financial position. Individual credit limits are defined in accordance with this assessment. In addition, outstanding receivable balances are regularly monitored on an ongoing basis, with the result that the Group's exposure to credit-impaired balances and bad debts is not significant.

At 31 March 2023, the trade receivables balance made up of 71 customers (2022: 45 customers). There were no customers (2022: none) with a balance greater than US\$10 million.

An impairment analysis is performed at each reporting date to measure expected credit losses. There were no expected credit losses arising from trade receivables at 31 March 2023 (2022: nil). The only expected credit loss relates to other receivables with respect to rental income received on a building on site leased to a number of store owners and receivables from Konkola Copper Mines PLC, which is not deemed recoverable based on the financial position of the company.

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| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |

13. Trade and other receivables (2022 restated) (continued)

With respect to credit risk arising from the other financial assets of the Group, which comprise cash and short term deposits the Group's exposure to credit risk arises from default of the counterparty, with a maximum exposure equal to the carrying amount of these instruments. The Group limits its counterparty credit risk on these assets by dealing only with financial institutions of high credit standing.

Credit risk from balances with banks and financial institutions is managed by the Group's treasury department in accordance with the Group's policy. Investments of surplus funds are made only with approved counterparties and within credit limits assigned to each counterparty. Counterparty credit limits are reviewed by the Group's management on an regular basis, and may be updated throughout the year subject to appropriate approval. The limits are set to minimise the concentration of risks and therefore mitigate financial loss through a counterparty's potential failure to make payments.

The Group's maximum exposure to credit risk for the components of the statement of financial position at 31 March 2023 and 2022 is the carrying amounts as per the statement of financial position.

| Group | 2023 | 2023 | 2022 | 2022 |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| | Estimated gross carrying amount at default | Loss allowance (Lifetime expected credit loss) | Estimated gross carrying amount at default | Loss allowance (Lifetime expected credit loss) |
| Expected credit loss rate: | | | | |
| Not past due: 0% (2022: 0%) | 15,383 | - | 112,151 | - |
| 31 - 60 days past due: 0% (2022: 0%) | 2,976 | - | 251 | - |
| 61 - 90 days past due: 0% (2022: 0%) | 402 | - | 51 | - |
| 91 - 120 days past due: 0% (2022: 0%) | 15 | - | - | - |
| More than 120 days past due: 100% (2022: 100%) | 27,349 | 26,922 | 26,932 | 26,916 |
| Total | 46,125 | 26,922 | 139,385 | 26,916 |
| Movement in provision for expected credit losses | | | | |
| Opening balance | 26,916 | 18,208 | 26,916 | 18,208 |
| Increase/(decrease) | 6 | 8,708 | 6 | 8,708 |
| | 26,922 | 26,916 | 26,922 | 26,916 |

Exposure to currency risk

Refer to note 33 for details of currency risk management for trade receivables.

Fair value of trade and other receivables

The fair value of trade and other receivables approximates their carrying amounts. Trade receivables subject to provisional pricing are already carried at fair value.

14. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of:

| | | | | |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Bank balances | 473,555 | 889,195 | 473,537 | 889,195 |
| Short-term deposits | 818,126 | 222,250 | 818,126 | 222,250 |
| Bank overdraft | - | (142) | - | (142) |
| | 1,291,681 | 1,111,303 | 1,291,663 | 1,111,303 |

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| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |
| 14. Cash and cash equivalents (continued) | | | | |
| Current assets | 1,291,681 | 1,111,445 | 1,291,663 | 1,111,445 |
| Current liabilities | - | (142) | - | (142) |
| | 1,291,681 | 1,111,303 | 1,291,663 | 1,111,303 |

Rand Merchant Bank a division of First Rand Bank Limited has issued a guarantee for R32 592 600 (31 March 2022: R32 592 600) in favour of Eskom Holdings Limited and a guarantee for R4 400 000 (31 March 2022: R1 200 000) in favour of Transnet and R7 036 006 in favour of Edward Nathan Sonnebergs Inc.

Exposure to currency risk

Refer to note 33 Financial instruments and financial risk management for details of currency risk management for cash and cash equivalents.

15. Share capital

Authorised

| | | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 9800 Ordinary shares of no par value | 9,800 | 9,800 | 9,800 | 9,800 |
| 100 Ordinary Type A shares of no par value | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 100 Ordinary Type B shares of no par value | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |

Unissued ordinary shares are under the control of the directors in terms of a resolution of members passed at the last annual general meeting. This authority remains in force until the next annual general meeting.

No. of issued shares

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Ordinary shares of no par value | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Ordinary type A shares | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 |
| Ordinary type B shares | 16 | 32 | 16 | 32 |
| | 1,048 | 1,064 | 1,048 | 1,064 |

Issued

| | | | | |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Ordinary no par value | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Treasury shares / held by subsidiaries * | - | - | - | - |
| Treasury shares / held by subsidiaries | - | - | - | - |
| | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

The 32 (2022: 32) ordinary A and 16 (2022: 32) ordinary B shares are held by the Voorspoed Trust which is controlled by Black Mountain Mining (Proprietary) Limited. In June 2022, Black Mountain Mining (Proprietary) Limited repurchased 1.5% of the shares per the Voorspoed Trust Scheme. The trust distributed the share to employees holding participation rights in the Voorspoed Trust.

16. Loans from group companies

Holding company

| | | | | |
|---------------------|---|---------|---|---------|
| THL Zinc Holding BV | - | 880,545 | - | 880,545 |
|---------------------|---|---------|---|---------|

THL Zinc Holding BV advanced a loan facility of USD 200 million to the Group at an effective interest rate of 3 months Libor 3 months + 3.575% (2022: Libor +2.75%). The loan was fully repaid in March 2023.

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| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |

16. Loans from group companies (continued)

Fellow subsidiaries

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Namzinc Proprietary Limited | 870,817 | 871,255 | 870,817 | 871,255 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|

Namzinc (Pty) Ltd advanced a loan of R1.3 billion to Black Mountain Mining (Pty) Ltd at an effective interest rate of 9.5%. The funding has a flexible draw down period.

Reconciliation of loans from group companies

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Balance at 1 April | 1,751,800 | 1,898,210 | 1,751,800 | 1,898,210 |
| Drawdowns | 30,000 | 102,000 | 30,000 | 102,000 |
| Interest accrued | 101,579 | 84,971 | 101,579 | 84,971 |
| Interest paid | (56,635) | (30,263) | (56,635) | (30,263) |
| Foreign exchange (gains)/losses | 198,322 | (8,617) | 198,322 | (8,617) |
| Repayments | (1,154,249) | (294,501) | (1,154,249) | (294,501) |
| | 870,817 | 1,751,800 | 870,817 | 1,751,800 |

Split between non-current and current portions

| | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Non-current liabilities | 771,290 | 1,642,516 | 771,290 | 1,642,516 |
| Current liabilities | 99,527 | 109,284 | 99,527 | 109,284 |
| | 870,817 | 1,751,800 | 870,817 | 1,751,800 |

Fair value of group loans payable

The fair value of group loans payable approximates their carrying amounts.

17. Interest-bearing loans and borrowings

Held at amortised cost

Secured

| | | | | |
|------------|---|--------|---|--------|
| ICICI Loan | - | 44,129 | - | 44,129 |
| RMB Loan | - | 44,129 | - | 44,129 |

Reconciliation of interest-bearing loans and borrowings

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|---------------|----------|---------------|
| Balance at 1 April | 88,258 | 444,664 | 88,258 | 444,664 |
| Drawdowns | - | - | - | - |
| Interest accrued | 681 | 6,954 | 681 | 6,954 |
| Interest paid | (697) | (9,014) | (697) | (9,014) |
| Foreign exchange (gains)/losses | 7,502 | 2,849 | 7,502 | 2,849 |
| Repayments | (95,744) | (357,195) | (95,744) | (357,195) |
| | - | 88,258 | - | 88,258 |

Split between non-current and current portions

| | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|---------------|----------|---------------|
| Non-current liabilities | - | - | - | - |
| Current liabilities | - | 88,258 | - | 88,258 |
| | - | 88,258 | - | 88,258 |

In June 2022, Black Mountain Mining Proprietary Limited repaid both the ICICI and RMB loan.

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18. Provisions

Reconciliation of provisions - Group and Company - 2023

| | Opening balance | Change in Estimate | Settlement | Payments | Unwinding in discount factor | Total |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Restoration | 88,421 | 17,955 | - | - | 9,516 | 115,892 |
| Decommissioning | 202,682 | 7,399 | - | - | 20,866 | 230,947 |
| Biodiversity Liability | - | 107,108 | (49,168) | (13,025) | 49,368 | 94,283 |
| | 291,103 | 132,462 | (49,168) | (13,025) | 79,750 | 441,122 |

Reconciliation of provisions - Group and Company - 2022

| | Opening balance | Change in estimate | Unwinding in discount factor | Total |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Environmental restoration | 98,766 | (18,930) | 8,585 | 88,421 |
| Decommissioning | 216,195 | (31,606) | 18,093 | 202,682 |
| | 314,961 | (50,536) | 26,678 | 291,103 |
| Non-current liabilities | 409,984 | 291,103 | 409,984 | 291,103 |
| Current liabilities | 31,137 | - | 31,137 | - |
| | 441,121 | 291,103 | 441,121 | 291,103 |

Provisions - accounting policy

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. Where the Group expects some or all of a provision to be reimbursed, for example, under an insurance contract, the reimbursement is recognised as a separate asset, but only when the reimbursement is virtually certain. The expense relating to any provision is presented in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income net of any reimbursement.

If the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions are discounted using a current pre-tax rate that reflects, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability. Where discounting is used, the increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as part of finance costs in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Environmental restoration

An obligation to incur restoration, rehabilitation and environmental costs arises when environmental disturbance is caused by the development or ongoing production of a mine or oil fields. Such costs, discounted to net present value, are provided for and a corresponding amount is capitalised at the start of each project, as soon as the obligation to incur such costs arises. These costs are charged to the income statement over the life of the operation through the depreciation of the asset and the unwinding of the discount on the provision. The cost estimates are reviewed periodically and are adjusted to reflect known developments which may have an impact on the cost estimates or life of operations. The cost of the related asset is adjusted for changes in the provision due to factors such as updated cost estimates, changes to lives of operations, new disturbance and revisions to discount rates. The adjusted cost of the asset is depreciated prospectively over the lives of the assets to which they relate. The unwinding of the discount is shown as a finance cost in the income statement.

Costs for restoration of subsequent site damage which is caused on an ongoing basis during production are provided for at their net present value and charged to the income statement as extraction progresses. Where the costs of site restoration are not anticipated to be material, they are expensed as incurred.

The provisions for restoration, rehabilitation and environmental liabilities represent the management's best estimate of the costs which will be incurred in the future to meet the Group's obligations under existing South African law and the terms of the Group's mining and other licences and contractual arrangements. The current estimate was discounted at a risk free rate between 7.40% (2022: 8.15%) for Deeps & Swartberg operations and 10.86% (2022: 9.97%) for Gamsberg. These costs are expected to be incurred at the end of the life-of-mine which is currently estimated to be September 2026 for the Deeps & Swartberg operations and March 2036 for the Gamsberg operations.

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| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |

18. Provisions (continued)

The Group recognises the full cost of site restoration as a liability when the obligation to rectify environmental damage arises. An obligation to incur restoration, rehabilitation and environmental costs arises when environmental disturbance is caused by the development or ongoing production from a producing field.

The Black Mountain rehabilitation trust was established to meet the costs of some of decommissioning, restoration and environmental rehabilitation liabilities. Annual contributions are made to the trust, where required, to fund the estimated cost of rehabilitation during and at the end of the life of the relevant mine.

Decommissioning

Provision is made for the present value of costs relating to the decommissioning of plant or other site preparation work. Estimates are based upon costs that are regularly reviewed and adjusted as appropriate for new circumstances. The estimates are compiled separately for the Deeps & Swartberg operations and for the Gamsberg operations. The current estimate was discounted at a risk free rate of 7.4% (2022: 8.15%) for Deeps & Swartberg operations and 10.86% (2022: 9.97%) for Gamsberg. These costs are expected to be incurred at the end of the life-of-mine which is currently estimated to be September 2026 for the Deeps & Swartberg operations and March 2036 for the Gamsberg operations.

Biodiversity Liability

Black Mountain Mining and the Department of Environment and Nature Conservation (DENC) signed a Biodiversity Offset Agreement (BOA) in October 2014. The BOA is required to offset and and/or compensate for any adverse biodiversity impacts that may be occasioned by the Gamsberg Zinc Mine Project in a manner consistent with the protection and conservation of conservation worthy land, identified in the BOA. The BOA is thus a requirement in terms of the Gamsberg mining right.

The Gamsberg Nature Reserve Trust was established on 6 March 2020 for this purpose. Black Mountain Mining does not control the trust.

By entering into the BOA, Black Mountain Mining has a contractual liability in terms of the following:

- Securing, fencing and transferring 7 farms to the DENC
- Annual biodiversity contributions for 10 years post life of mine

A provision has been raised in the current year, calculated at the present value of the obligation.

19. Share based payments

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| BMM cash settled scheme | 95,506 | 216,678 | 95,506 | 216,678 |
| Vedanta cash settled scheme | 11,443 | 14,667 | 11,443 | 14,667 |
| | 106,949 | 231,345 | 106,949 | 231,345 |
| Non-current liabilities | 95,506 | 126,150 | 95,506 | 126,150 |
| Current liabilities | 11,443 | 105,195 | 11,443 | 105,195 |
| | 106,949 | 231,345 | 106,949 | 231,345 |

BMM cash settled scheme

On 1 April 2017 the Group issued shares to the Voorspoed Trust with an effective holding of 6% of the Group's issued share capital. The Voorspoed Trust was established to facilitate employee share ownership with the emphasis on employees who hold junior employment positions. Therefore, the beneficiaries of the Voorspoed Trust and the shares issued are employees in key positions whose Paterson level is C band and below.

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19. Share based payments (continued)

The Scheme is accounted for as a cash settled scheme in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standard (IFRS) 2, which requires the liability to be accrued for over the vesting period of the shares, 5 years and 7 years for 50% of each tranche.

In June 2022, Black Mountain Mining (Proprietary) Limited repurchased 1.5% of the shares per the Voorspoed Trust Scheme. The trust distributed R 109 653 157 to employees holding participation rights in the Voorspoed Trust.

The Group measures the fair value of the services received based on the fair value of the liability. The fair value of the award is remeasured at each reporting date and on settlement of the liability using the Black Scholes Option Pricing Model. The ultimate cost of a cash-settled award is the cash that will be paid to the participants of the ESOP scheme, which is the fair value at settlement date. Until the award is settled, the Group presents the cash-settled award as a liability with changes in the measurement of the liability being reflected in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

The following tables list the inputs to the models used for the scheme for the ended 31 March 2023:

- Dividend yield: 0% (2022: 0%)
- Expected volatility: 35% (2022: 35%)
- Risk-free interest rate: 7.29% (2022: 6.15%)
- Time to expiry: 1 years (2022: 2 years)
- Option value: A shares R0.90m, B shares R120.98m (2022: A shares R1.22m, B shares R234.84m)
- Model used: Black Scholes

Vedanta Limited cash settled scheme

The share based expenses for the period for certain employee shares or rights over shares in a Group company are administered by SESA Sterlite Limited. Details of the share scheme are disclosed in the Vedanta Limited annual financial statements.

20. Trade and other payables

Financial instruments:

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Trade payables | 317,191 | 250,530 | 317,011 | 250,530 |
| Amount owed to group companies | 39,096 | 40,386 | 39,096 | 40,386 |
| Accruals | 545,531 | 452,881 | 545,531 | 452,881 |
| Other creditors | 167,822 | 121,814 | 167,822 | 121,878 |
| Contract liabilities * | 58,660 | 97,887 | 58,660 | 97,887 |
| Cash flow hedge liability | - | 25,377 | - | 25,377 |
| | 1,128,300 | 988,875 | 1,128,120 | 988,939 |

Non-financial instruments:

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| PAYE | 16,113 | 11,930 | 16,113 | 11,930 |
| Amounts received in advance | 39,854 | 164,321 | 39,854 | 164,321 |
| Royalty | 1,132 | 530 | 1,132 | 530 |
| | 57,099 | 176,781 | 57,099 | 176,781 |
| | 1,185,399 | 1,165,656 | 1,185,219 | 1,165,720 |

* The movement in contract liabilities from one period to the next depends on the value of deferred revenue relating to freight/shipping services that are still in the process of being provided at period end. If the ship has sailed at the period end then the shipping costs have been incurred. As there is no margin charged on shipping services and revenue on shipping cost is recognised at a net basis in accordance with IFRS 15 the contract liability will be nil for that shipment as the costs will net off the revenue. If however the terms of the contract are CIP and the ship has not sailed the shipping cost have not been incurred and thus cannot be netted off the revenue already received for the shipping services.

Amounts owed to group companies are disclosed in note 31, related party transactions.

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| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |

20. Trade and other payables (continued)

Exposure to currency risk

Refer to note 33 Financial instruments and financial risk management for details of currency risk management for trade payables.

Fair value of trade and other payables

The fair value of trade and other payables approximates their carrying amounts.

21. Revenue

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Sale of goods | 9,973,978 | 7,860,092 | 9,973,978 | 7,860,092 |
| Rendering of services | 1,080,755 | 995,012 | 1,080,755 | 995,012 |
| | 11,054,733 | 8,855,104 | 11,054,733 | 8,855,104 |

Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers

The group disaggregates revenue from customers as follows:

Sale of goods

| | | | | |
|--------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Zinc | 7,786,319 | 6,311,554 | 7,786,319 | 6,311,554 |
| Lead | 1,263,384 | 742,297 | 1,263,384 | 742,297 |
| Copper | 551,809 | 583,886 | 551,809 | 583,886 |
| Silver | 372,466 | 222,355 | 372,466 | 222,355 |
| | 9,973,978 | 7,860,092 | 9,973,978 | 7,860,092 |

Rendering of services

| | | | | |
|--|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Freight/Shipping service | 1,080,755 | 995,012 | 1,080,755 | 995,012 |
| Total revenue from contracts with customers | 11,054,733 | 8,855,104 | 11,054,733 | 8,855,104 |

All revenue from Zinc, Copper, Lead and Silver is recognised at a point in time when control transfers and revenue from freight/shipping services is recognised over time as the services are provided.

Revenue - accounting policy

The Group is principally engaged in the business of mining producing Zinc/Copper/Lead/Silver concentrate and in some instances, provides freight/shipping services. Revenue from contracts with customers is recognised when control of the goods or services is transferred to the customer which usually is on delivery of the goods to the shipping agent at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Group expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. Revenue is recognised net of discounts, volume rebates, outgoing sales taxes/goods and service tax and other indirect taxes excluding excise duty. Revenues from sale of by-products are included in revenue.

Revenue from freight and insurance services is recognised over the period during which services are rendered.

Certain of the Group's sales contracts provide for provisional pricing based on the price on the London Metal Exchange (LME), as specified in the contract. Revenue in respect of such contracts is recognised when control passes to the customer and is measured at the amount the entity expects to be entitled – being the estimate of the price expected to be received at the end of the measurement period. Post transfer of control of goods, provisional pricing features are accounted in accordance with IFRS 9 'Financial Instruments' rather than IFRS 15 and therefore the IFRS 15 rules on variable consideration do not apply. These 'provisional pricing' adjustments i.e. the consideration received post transfer of control are included in Revenue on the face of the statement of profit and loss and disclosed by way of note to the financial statements. Final settlement of the price is based on the applicable price for a specified future period. The Group's provisionally priced sales are marked to market using the relevant forward prices for the future period specified in the contract and is adjusted in revenue.

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| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |

21. Revenue (continued)

Contract balances

Contract assets:

A contract asset is the right to consideration in exchange for goods or services transferred to the customer. If the Group performs part of its obligation by transferring goods or services to a customer before the customer pays consideration or before payment is due, a contract asset is recognised for the earned consideration when that right is conditional on the Group's future performance.

Contract liabilities:

A contract liability is the obligation to transfer goods or services to a customer for which the Group has received consideration from the customer. If a customer pays consideration before the Group transfers goods or services to the customer, a contract liability is recognised when the payment is received. Contract liabilities are recognised as revenue when the Group performs under the contract.

The Group does not expect to have any contracts where the period between the transfer of the promised goods or services to the customer and payment by the customer exceeds one year. As a consequence, the Group does not adjust any of the transaction prices for the time value of money

Significant judgements, estimates and assumptions - Revenue from contract with customers

Identification of the enforceable contract

For all metal in concentrate sales, while there are master services agreements with key customers that set out the general terms and conditions governing any sales that occur, they do not contain any minimum volumes, i.e., the customer is not required to buy any concentrate. The customer is only obliged to purchase metal in concentrate when it places a purchase order for each shipment. Also, there are no terms which link separate purchase orders. For example, there are no rebates or discounts provided if a customer buys more than a specified amount each year, and there are no penalties that impact overall sales during a period. Therefore, for these arrangements, the enforceable contract has been determined to be each purchase order.

Identification of performance obligations for arrangements subject to CIF/CIP Incoterms

The majority of the Group's metal in concentrate sales subject to CIF/CIP Incoterms, whereby the Group is responsible for providing freight/shipping services. The freight/shipping services are a promise to transfer services in the future and are part of the negotiated exchange between the Group and the customer. The Group determined that both the metal in concentrate and the freight/shipping services are capable of being distinct as the customer can benefit from both products on their own. The Group also determined that the promises to transfer the metal in concentrate and the freight/shipping services are distinct within the context of the contract. The metal in concentrate and the freight/shipping services are not inputs to a combined item in the contract. The Group is not providing a significant integration service, because the presence of the metal in concentrate and the freight/shipping services together in this contract do not result in any additional or combined functionality and neither the metal in concentrate nor the freight/shipping services modify or customise the other. In addition, the metal in concentrate and the freight/shipping services are not highly interdependent or highly interrelated, because the Group would be able to transfer the metal in concentrate even if the customer did not want the freight/shipping services. Consequently, the Group allocated a portion of the transaction price to the metal in concentrate and the freight/shipping services based on relative stand-alone selling prices.

Principal versus agent considerations – freight/shipping services

As noted above, in some arrangements subject to CIF/CIP Incoterms, the Group is responsible for providing freight/shipping services. While the Group does not actually provide nor operate the vessels, trucks or trains, the Group has determined that it is principal in these arrangements because it has concluded it controls the specified services before they are provided to the customer. This is on the basis that the Group obtains control of a right to freight/shipping services after entering into the contract with the customer, but before those services are provided to the customer. The terms of the Group's contract with the service provider give the Group the ability to direct the service provider to provide the specified services on the Group's behalf.

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| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |

21. Revenue (continued)

In addition, the Group has concluded that the following indicators provide evidence that it controls the freight/shipping services before they are provided to the customer:

- The Group is primarily responsible for fulfilling the promise to provide freight/shipping services. Although the Group has hired a service provider to perform the services promised to the customer, it is the Group itself that is responsible for ensuring that the services are performed and are acceptable to the customer (i.e., the Group is responsible for fulfillment of the promise in the contract, regardless of whether the Group performs the services itself or engages a third-party service provider to perform the services)
- The Group has discretion in setting the price for the services to the customer as this is negotiated directly with the customer

Application of the variable consideration constraint

For the Group's long-term contracts that are subject to market-based prices, i.e., there is variable consideration, the Group has assessed that at contract inception, this variable consideration will generally be significantly constrained. This is on the basis that the ultimate price they will receive will depend on a range of factors that are highly susceptible to factors outside the Group's influence and include:

- Actions of third parties: the exact date that each shipment occurs (this is relevant because this is the date the market price is determined, or for provisionally priced sales, the date from which the QP commences).
- Volatile commodity market: the price to be received in the future is then based on market-based prices for highly liquid commodities.

The Group's estimates of variable consideration and any disclosures provided in relation to the allocation of that variable consideration to unsatisfied performance obligations, are immaterial. In addition, the Group applies the variable consideration allocation exception when allocating the future consideration to future performance obligations.

Determining the timing of satisfaction of freight/shipping services

The Group concluded that revenue for freight/shipping services is to be recognised over time because the customer simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits provided by the Group. The fact that another entity would not need to re-perform the freight/shipping services that the Group has provided to date demonstrates that the customer simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits of the Group's performance as it performs. The Group determined that the input method is the best method for measuring progress of the freight/shipping services because there is a direct relationship between the Group's effort (i.e., time elapsed) and the transfer of service to the customer. The Group recognises revenue on the basis of the time elapsed relative to the total expected time to complete the service.

22. Other operating income

| | | | | |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Rental income | 5,234 | 3,855 | 5,234 | 3,855 |
| Other income | 12,306 | 20,309 | 12,306 | 20,309 |
| | 17,540 | 24,164 | 17,540 | 24,164 |

23. Other operating gains (losses)

Foreign exchange gains (losses)

| | | | | |
|----------------------------|----|-------|----|-------|
| Net foreign exchange gains | 80 | 6,019 | 80 | 6,019 |
|----------------------------|----|-------|----|-------|

24. Operating profit (loss)

Operating profit for the year is stated after charging (crediting) the following, amongst others:

Auditor's remuneration

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Audit fees - external | 2,890 | 2,423 | 2,890 | 2,423 |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|

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| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |
| 24. Operating profit (loss) (continued) | | | | |
| Audit fees - internal | 6,630 | 4,364 | 6,630 | 4,364 |
| Expenses by nature | | | | |
| Changes in inventories of finished goods and work in progress | (715,575) | (1,160,487) | (715,575) | (1,160,487) |
| Employee costs | 837,949 | 726,567 | 834,309 | 723,124 |
| Depreciation, amortisation and impairment | 835,830 | 892,066 | 835,830 | 892,066 |
| Royalty | 33,654 | 24,523 | 33,654 | 24,523 |
| Share based payment expense | (865) | 62,775 | (865) | 62,775 |
| 25. Finance income | | | | |
| Bank and other cash | 44,765 | 6,938 | 44,765 | 6,938 |
| Interest on environmental rehabilitation trust | 12,942 | 7,443 | 12,942 | 7,443 |
| Foreign exchange gains on bank balances | 170,592 | - | 170,592 | - |
| Total interest income | 228,299 | 14,381 | 228,299 | 14,381 |
| Interest income comprises interest income on cash deposits and rehabilitation obligation funds. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method. | | | | |
| 26. Finance costs | | | | |
| Interest on group loans and borrowings | 101,579 | 84,971 | 101,579 | 84,971 |
| Interest on long term interest bearing borrowings | 681 | 6,954 | 681 | 6,954 |
| Net foreign exchange losses on foreign currency borrowings | 205,824 | 12,122 | 205,824 | 12,122 |
| Interest on advances from customers | - | 16,631 | - | 16,631 |
| SARS interest | 47,002 | - | 47,002 | - |
| Unwinding of discount on provisions and other liabilities | 30,382 | 26,678 | 30,382 | 26,678 |
| Interest on biodiversity liability | 49,368 | - | 49,368 | - |
| Interest on post-employment benefit arrangements | 9,024 | 9,330 | 9,024 | 9,330 |
| Other interest expense | 35,062 | 15,794 | 35,062 | 15,794 |
| Total finance costs | 478,922 | 172,480 | 478,922 | 172,480 |
| Borrowing costs capitalised | (50,856) | - | (50,856) | - |
| Total finance costs expensed | 428,066 | 172,480 | 428,066 | 172,480 |
| 27. Taxation | | | | |
| Major components of the tax expense | | | | |
| Current | | | | |
| Carbon tax | 883 | 849 | 883 | 849 |
| Current tax | 264,055 | - | 264,055 | - |
| | 264,938 | 849 | 264,938 | 849 |

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| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |
| 27. Taxation (continued) | | | | |
| Deferred | | | | |
| Originating and reversing temporary differences | 846,602 | 550,148 | 846,602 | 550,148 |
| Prior year (over) / under provision: comprehensive income | (375,973) | - | (375,973) | - |
| | 470,629 | 550,148 | 470,629 | 550,148 |
| Current | 264,938 | 849 | 264,938 | 849 |
| Deferred | 470,629 | 550,148 | 470,629 | 550,148 |
| | 735,567 | 550,997 | 735,567 | 550,997 |

Settlement with SARS

During April 2017, SARS issued tax assessments for the 2013-2015 tax years and 2016 - 2017 assessments were received in September 2019, ring-fencing certain capital deductions to specific sections of the Company's operations. In November 2022, the Company and SARS reached a settlement for all years up to 2017, in terms of which the Company were liable for R252 million in taxes and R47 million in interest. Additionally, an amount of R1,039bn was disallowed for capital deduction, but available for deduction in 2018 and onwards. Thereby reducing taxable income in years after 2017.

Contingent liability – Tax matter

During the year, SARS issued assessments for 2018 and 2019 years of assessment, ring-fencing certain capital deductions to specific sections of the Company's operations, on the same basis as for the 2013 to 2017 years of assessment. The company has disputed the findings.

The company expects to succeed in challenging the reassessment and as such no provision has been made in the financial statements. Independent tax opinions were obtained in support of the tax basis followed for the respective years of assessment and it was confirmed that it is more likely than not that Black Mountain Mining (Pty) Limited would be successful in its dispute with SARS.

If SARS were to succeed in the tax court, then applying SARS' view to the 2018 to 2022 years of assessment, the capital deductions that were ring-fenced, relates to the Company's opencast mine, resulting in the possibility of a reclassification of R850m from deferred tax to current tax.

The potential interest on the capital amount is estimated to be R220m, applying the prevailing SARS interest rate applicable to the respective periods.

Reconciliation of the tax expense

Reconciliation between applicable tax rate and effective tax rate.

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Applicable tax rate | 27.00 % | 28.00 % | 27.00 % | 28.00 % |
| Decrease in tax rate | - % | (3.45)% | - % | (3.46)% |
| Disallowable charges | (0.06)% | 0.16 % | (0.06)% | 0.16 % |
| Prior year under/(over) provision | (3.21)% | 1.54 % | (3.20)% | 1.54 % |
| Other | 0.03 % | 0.15 % | (0.01)% | 0.12 % |
| | 23.76 % | 26.40 % | 23.73 % | 26.36 % |

Income tax expense - accounting policy

The tax expense represents the sum of the current tax charge and the movement in deferred tax.

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| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |

27. Taxation (continued)

Current income tax assets and liabilities for the current and prior periods are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from, or paid to, the taxation authorities. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

Current income tax relating to items recognised directly in other comprehensive income or equity is recognised in other comprehensive income or equity and not in profit or loss. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in the tax returns with respect to situations where applicable tax regulations are subject to interpretation and establishes provisions where appropriate.

28. Cash generated from operations

| | | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Profit before taxation | 3,095,830 | 2,087,211 | 3,099,696 | 2,090,654 |
| Adjustments for: | | | | |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 835,830 | 892,066 | 835,830 | 892,066 |
| Gains on foreign exchange | (80) | (18,141) | (80) | (18,141) |
| Finance income | (228,299) | (14,381) | (228,299) | (14,381) |
| Finance costs | 428,066 | 172,480 | 428,066 | 172,480 |
| Movements in retirement benefit assets and liabilities | 1,631 | 1,522 | 1,631 | 1,522 |
| Movement in share based payment liability | (14,743) | 57,469 | (14,743) | 57,469 |
| Biodiversity liability change in estimate | (33,330) | - | (33,330) | - |
| Other non-cash | (958) | - | (958) | - |
| Rental Income | (5,234) | (3,855) | (5,234) | (3,855) |
| Changes in working capital | | | | |
| Inventories | 84,277 | (178,817) | 84,277 | (178,817) |
| Trade and other receivables | (8,701) | (105,392) | (8,701) | (105,392) |
| Trade and other payables | 42,557 | 199,075 | 42,313 | 199,189 |
| | 4,196,846 | 3,089,237 | 4,200,468 | 3,092,794 |

29. Tax paid

| | | | | |
|---|------------------|----------|------------------|----------|
| Balance at beginning of the year | 10,711 | 11,215 | 10,711 | 11,215 |
| Current tax for the year recognised in profit or loss | (264,938) | (504) | (264,938) | (504) |
| Prepayments | 134,303 | - | 134,303 | - |
| Balance at end of the year | (123,451) | (10,711) | (123,451) | (10,711) |
| | (243,375) | - | (243,375) | - |

30. Commitments

Authorised capital expenditure

Already contracted for but not provided for

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| • Property, plant and equipment | 4,549,087 | 164,245 | 4,549,087 | 164,245 |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|

These commitments will be funded from both internal cash resources and project finance.

31. Related parties

Relationships

Ultimate holding company

Holding company

Vedanta Resources Limited

All of the shares in the company are held by THL Zinc Limited (2023: 70.66% 2022: 69.6%), Exxaro Base Metals and Industrial Mineral Holdings Proprietary Limited (2023: 24.77% 2022: 24.4%) and The Voorspoed Trust (2023: 4.57% 2022: 6%).

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|--|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |
| 31. Related parties (continued) | | | | |
| Fellow subsidiaries | | | | |
| | | | Hindustan Zinc Limited | |
| | | | THL Zinc Holding BV | |
| | | | Namzinc (Proprietary) Limited | |
| | | | Vedanta Resources Limited | |
| | | | Cairn India Holdings Limited | |
| | | | Sterlite Ports Limited | |
| Related party balances | | | | |
| Loan accounts - Owning (to) by related parties | | | | |
| Namzinc (Proprietary) Limited | (870,817) | (871,255) | (870,817) | (871,255) |
| THL Zinc Holding BV | - | (880,545) | - | (880,545) |
| Amounts included in Trade receivable (Trade Payable) regarding related parties | | | | |
| Vedanta Resources Limited | (37,855) | (37,645) | (37,855) | (37,645) |
| Vedanta Limited | (257) | (1,136) | (257) | (1,136) |
| Hindustan Zinc Limited | (873) | (1,224) | (873) | (1,224) |
| Namzinc (Proprietary) Limited | 2,191 | 1,402 | 2,191 | 1,402 |
| Cairn India Holdings Limited | - | (129) | - | (129) |
| Sterlite Port Limited | 25 | 171 | 25 | 171 |
| Outstanding balances (Other than the interest bearing loans) at the year-end are unsecured and interest-free and settlement occurs in cash and are presented as part of trade receivables and trade payables as appropriate. There have been no guarantees provided or received for any related party receivables or payables. An assessment of the expected credit losses relating to related party receivables is undertaken upon initial recognition and each financial year by examining the financial position of the related party and the market in which the related party operates applying the general approach of the ECL impairment model of IFRS 9. | | | | |
| Related party transactions | | | | |
| Administration fees paid to (received from) related parties | | | | |
| Namzinc (Proprietary) Limited | (15,867) | (13,801) | (15,867) | (13,801) |
| Namzinc (Proprietary) Limited | 344 | 5,161 | 344 | 5,161 |
| Sterlite Ports Limited | 7,937 | 5,731 | 7,937 | 5,731 |
| Hindustan Zinc Limited | 2,291 | 2,704 | 2,291 | 2,704 |
| Vedanta Limited | 4,767 | 1,315 | 4,767 | 1,315 |
| Ferro Alloy Corporation Ltd | - | 105 | - | 105 |
| Cairn India Holdings Limited | 144 | 129 | 144 | 129 |
| Copper Mines of Tasmania (Proprietary) Limited | - | (20) | - | (20) |
| Share based (income)/expenses | | | | |
| Vedanta Limited | (48) | 659 | (48) | 659 |
| Namzinc (Proprietary) Limited | 13 | 89 | - | 89 |
| Guarantee commission | | | | |
| Vedanta Limited | 70 | 892 | - | 892 |
| Brand fee | | | | |
| Vedanta Resources Limited | 165,316 | 134,136 | 165,316 | 134,136 |
| Finance cost | | | | |
| Namzinc (Proprietary) Limited | 54,562 | 54,247 | 54,562 | 54,247 |
| THL Zinc Holding BV | 47,017 | 30,723 | 47,017 | 30,723 |

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32. Directors' and prescribed officer's emoluments (continued)

33. Financial instruments and risk management

Categories of financial instruments

Categories of financial assets

Group - 2023

| | Note(s) | Fair value through profit or loss | Amortised cost | Total | Fair value |
|-----------------------------|---------|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Investments at fair value | | 1 | - | 1 | 1 |
| Restricted cash | 11 | - | 297,191 | 297,191 | 297,191 |
| Trade and other receivables | 13 | 38,404 | 7,721 | 46,125 | 46,125 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 14 | - | 1,291,681 | 1,291,681 | 1,291,681 |
| | | 38,405 | 1,596,593 | 1,634,998 | 1,634,998 |

Group - 2022

| | Note(s) | Fair value through profit or loss | Amortised cost | Total | Fair value |
|-----------------------------|---------|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Investments at fair value | 8 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 |
| Restricted cash | 11 | - | 271,512 | 271,512 | 271,512 |
| Trade and other receivables | 13 | 22,416 | 115,297 | 137,713 | 137,713 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 14 | - | 1,111,445 | 1,111,445 | 1,111,445 |
| | | 22,417 | 1,498,254 | 1,520,671 | 1,520,671 |

Company - 2023

| | Note(s) | Fair value through profit or loss | Amortised cost | Total | Fair value |
|---------------------------------|---------|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Investments at fair value | 8 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 |
| Restricted cash and investments | | 183,448 | 113,743 | 297,191 | 297,191 |
| Trade and other receivables | 13 | 38,404 | 7,721 | 46,125 | 46,125 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 14 | - | 1,291,663 | 1,291,663 | 1,291,663 |
| | | 221,853 | 1,413,127 | 1,634,980 | 1,634,980 |

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33. Financial instruments and risk management (continued)

Company - 2022

| | Note(s) | Fair value through profit or loss | Amortised cost | Total | Fair value |
|---------------------------------|---------|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Investments in subsidiaries | 8 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 |
| Restricted cash and investments | | 187,193 | 84,319 | 271,512 | 271,512 |
| Trade and other receivables | 13 | 22,416 | 115,297 | 137,713 | 137,713 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 14 | - | 1,111,445 | 1,111,445 | 1,111,445 |
| | | 209,610 | 1,311,061 | 1,520,671 | 1,520,671 |

Categories of financial liabilities

Group - 2023

| | Note(s) | At FVOCI | Amortised cost | Leases | Total | Fair value |
|---------------------------------------|---------|----------|------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| Trade and other payables | 20 | - | 1,128,300 | - | 1,128,300 | 1,128,300 |
| Loans from group companies | 16 | - | 870,817 | - | 870,817 | 870,817 |
| Interest bearing loans and borrowings | 17 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cash flow hedge liability | 20 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Finance lease obligations | 5 | - | - | 68,338 | 68,338 | 68,338 |
| Bank overdraft | 14 | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | - | 1,999,117 | 68,338 | 2,067,455 | 2,067,455 |

Group - 2022

| | Note(s) | At FVOCI | Amortised cost | Leases | Total | Fair value |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Trade and other payables | 20 | - | 963,562 | - | 963,562 | 988,875 |
| Loans from group companies | 16 | - | 1,751,800 | - | 1,751,800 | 1,751,800 |
| Interest bearing loans and borrowings | 17 | - | 88,258 | - | 88,258 | 88,258 |
| Cash flow hedge liability | 20 | 25,377 | - | - | 25,377 | 25,377 |
| Finance lease obligations | 5 | - | - | 108,432 | 108,432 | 108,432 |
| Bank overdraft | 14 | - | 142 | - | 142 | 142 |
| | | 25,377 | 2,803,762 | 108,432 | 2,937,571 | 2,962,884 |

Company - 2023

| | Note(s) | At FVOCI | Amortised cost | Leases | Total | Fair value |
|---------------------------------------|---------|----------|------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| Trade and other payables | 20 | - | 1,128,120 | - | 1,128,120 | 1,128,120 |
| Loans from group companies | 16 | - | 870,817 | - | 870,817 | 870,817 |
| Interest bearing loans and borrowings | 17 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cash flow hedge liability | 20 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Finance lease obligations | 5 | - | - | 68,338 | 68,338 | 68,338 |
| Bank overdraft | 14 | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | - | 1,998,937 | 68,338 | 2,067,275 | 2,067,275 |

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| | Note(s) | At FVOCI | Amortised cost | Leases | Total | Fair value |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Trade and other payables | 20 | - | 963,562 | - | 963,562 | 963,562 |
| Loans from group companies | 16 | - | 1,751,800 | - | 1,751,800 | 1,751,800 |
| Interest bearing loans and borrowings | 17 | - | 88,258 | - | 88,258 | 88,258 |
| Cash flow hedge liability | 20 | 25,377 | - | - | 25,377 | 25,377 |
| Finance lease obligations | 5 | - | - | 108,432 | 108,432 | 108,432 |
| Bank overdraft | 14 | - | 142 | - | 142 | 142 |
| | | 25,377 | 2,803,762 | 108,432 | 2,937,571 | 2,937,571 |

Capital risk management

For the purpose of the Group's capital management, capital includes issued capital and all other equity reserves attributable to the equity holders of the parent. The primary objective of the Group's capital management is to ensure the company's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders and, with cognisance of forecast future market conditions and structuring, to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital.

In order to achieve this overall objective, the Group's capital management, amongst other things, aims to ensure that it meets financial covenants attached to its interest-bearing loans and borrowings that form part of its capital structure requirements. Breaches in the financial covenants would permit the bank to immediately call interest-bearing loans and borrowings. There have been no breaches in the financial covenants of any interest-bearing loans and borrowings in the current or prior period.

The Group manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it, in light of changes in economic conditions and the requirements of the financial covenants. No changes were made in the objectives, policies or processes during the current year.

The Group monitors capital using a gearing ratio, which is net debt divided by the aggregate of equity and net debt. The company includes in its net debt, interest-bearing loans and borrowings, trade and other payables, less cash and short-term deposits.

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

| | | Group | | Company | |
|---------------------------------------|----|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |
| Loans from group companies | 16 | 870,817 | 1,751,800 | 870,817 | 1,751,800 |
| Interest bearing loans and borrowings | 17 | - | 88,258 | - | 88,258 |
| Lease liabilities | | 68,338 | 108,432 | 68,338 | 108,432 |
| Trade and other payables | 20 | 1,185,399 | 1,165,656 | 1,185,219 | 1,165,720 |
| Total borrowings | | 2,124,554 | 3,114,146 | 2,124,374 | 3,114,210 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 14 | (1,291,681) | (1,111,303) | (1,291,663) | (1,111,303) |
| Net borrowings | | 832,873 | 2,002,843 | 832,711 | 2,002,907 |
| Equity | | 8,068,500 | 5,681,455 | 8,068,662 | 5,681,391 |
| Gearing ratio | | 11 % | 35 % | 10 % | 35 % |

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Financial risk management

Overview

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

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

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.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. The Group monitors its risk of a shortage of funds by monitoring its debt rating and the maturity dates of existing debt and other payables.

The Group ensures that there are sufficient committed loan facilities in order to meet short-term business requirements, after taking into account cash flows from operations and the Group's holding of cash and cash equivalents, as well as any distribution restrictions that exist.

The maturity profile of contractual cash flows of financial liabilities, and financial assets held to mitigate the risk, are presented in the following table. The cash flows are undiscounted contractual amounts.

Group - 2023

| | | Less than 1 year | 1 to 2 years | 2 to 5 years | Total | Carrying amount |
|--------------------------------|----|---------------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Non-current liabilities | | | | | | |
| Loans from group companies | 16 | - | 771,290 | - | 771,290 | 771,290 |
| Finance lease liabilities | 5 | - | 10,184 | 4,774 | 14,958 | 14,958 |
| Current liabilities | | | | | | |
| Trade and other payables | 20 | 1,185,399 | - | - | 1,185,399 | 1,185,399 |
| Loans from group companies | 16 | 99,527 | - | - | 99,527 | 99,527 |
| Borrowings | 17 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Finance lease liabilities | 5 | 53,380 | - | - | 53,380 | 53,380 |
| Bank overdraft | 14 | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | 1,338,306 | 7,841,474 | 4,774 | 2,124,554 | 2,124,554 |

Group - 2022

| | | Less than 1 year | 1 to 2 years | Total | Carrying amount |
|--------------------------------|----|---------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Non-current liabilities | | | | | |
| Loans from group companies | 16 | - | 1,642,516 | 1,642,516 | 1,642,516 |
| Lease liabilities | | - | 51,956 | 51,956 | 51,956 |
| Current liabilities | | | | | |
| Trade and other payables | | 1,165,656 | - | 1,165,656 | 1,165,656 |
| Loans from group companies | 16 | 109,284 | - | 109,284 | 109,284 |
| Borrowings | 17 | 88,258 | - | 88,258 | 88,258 |
| Lease liabilities | | 56,476 | - | 56,476 | 56,476 |
| Bank overdraft | 14 | 142 | - | 142 | 142 |
| | | 1,419,816 | 1,694,472 | 3,114,288 | 3,114,288 |

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Company - 2023

| | | Less than 1 year | 1 to 2 years | 2 to 5 years | Total | Carrying amount |
|--------------------------------|----|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Non-current liabilities | | | | | | |
| Loans from group companies | 16 | - | 771,290 | - | 771,290 | 771,290 |
| Borrowings | 17 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Finance lease liabilities | | - | 10,184 | 4,774 | 14,958 | 14,958 |
| Current liabilities | | | | | | |
| Trade and other payables | | 1,185,219 | - | - | 1,185,219 | 1,185,219 |
| Loans from group companies | 16 | 99,527 | - | - | 99,527 | 99,527 |
| Borrowings | 17 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Finance lease liabilities | 5 | 53,380 | - | - | 53,380 | 53,380 |
| Bank overdraft | 14 | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | 1,338,126 | 781,474 | 4,774 | 2,124,374 | 2,124,374 |

Company - 2022

| | | Less than 1 year | 1 to 2 years | Total | Carrying amount |
|--------------------------------|----|---------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Non-current liabilities | | | | | |
| Loans from group companies | 16 | - | 1,642,516 | 1,642,516 | 1,642,516 |
| Finance lease liabilities | | - | 51,956 | 51,956 | 51,956 |
| Current liabilities | | | | | |
| Trade and other payables | 20 | 1,165,720 | - | 1,165,720 | 1,165,720 |
| Loans from group companies | 16 | 109,284 | - | 109,284 | 109,284 |
| Borrowings | 17 | 88,258 | - | 88,258 | 88,258 |
| Finance lease liabilities | | 56,476 | - | 56,476 | 56,476 |
| Bank overdraft | 14 | 142 | - | 142 | 142 |
| | | 1,419,880 | 1,694,472 | 3,114,352 | 3,114,352 |

The maturity profile of contractual cash flows of derivative financial liabilities are as follows:

Foreign currency risk

The group is exposed to foreign currency risk as a result of certain transactions and borrowings which are denominated in foreign currencies. Exchange rate exposures are managed within approved policy parameters. The foreign currencies in which the group deals primarily are US Dollars.

The Group's exposure to the risk of changes in foreign exchange rates relates primarily to the Group's operating activities (when revenues or expenses are denominated in currencies other than ZAR) and foreign denominated interest bearing borrowings. All sales are invoiced in USD. Revenues collected in USD are paid into a USD denominated bank account and is only converted to ZAR as and when funds are needed. Approximately 30% of the Group's costs are denominated in currencies other than ZAR.

There have been no significant changes in the foreign currency risk management policies and processes since the prior reporting period.

Exposure in Rand

The net carrying amounts, in Rand, of the various exposures, are denominated in the following currencies. The amounts have been presented in Rand by converting the foreign currency amounts at the closing rate at the reporting date:

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| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 | |
| 33. Financial instruments and risk management (continued) | | | | | |
| US Dollar exposure: | | | | | |
| Current assets: | | | | | |
| Trade and other receivables | 13 | 39,920 | 140,480 | 39,920 | 140,480 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 14 | 990,502 | 881,731 | 990,502 | 881,731 |
| Non-current liabilities: | | | | | |
| Group loans | 16 | - | (880,545) | - | (880,545) |
| Current liabilities: | | | | | |
| Trade and other payables | 20 | (79,391) | (199,013) | (79,391) | (199,013) |
| Interest bearing loans and borrowings | 17 | - | (88,258) | - | (88,258) |
| Net US Dollar exposure | | 951,031 | (145,605) | 951,031 | (145,605) |
| Indian Rupees exposure: | | | | | |
| Current assets: | | | | | |
| Trade and other receivables | 13 | 25 | - | 25 | - |
| Current liabilities: | | | | | |
| Trade and other payables | 20 | (1,131) | (2,318) | (1,131) | (2,318) |
| Net Indian Rupee exposure | | (1,106) | (2,318) | (1,106) | (2,318) |
| Net exposure to foreign currency in Rand | | 949,925 | (147,923) | 949,925 | (147,923) |
| Exposure in foreign currency amounts | | | | | |
| The net carrying amounts, in foreign currency of the above exposure was as follows: | | | | | |
| US Dollar exposure: | | | | | |
| Current assets: | | | | | |
| Trade and other receivables | 13 | 2,244 | 9,653 | 2,244 | 9,653 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 14 | 55,666 | 60,589 | 55,666 | 60,589 |
| Non-current liabilities: | | | | | |
| Group loans | 16 | - | (60,508) | - | (60,508) |
| Current liabilities: | | | | | |
| Trade and other payables | 20 | (4,462) | (13,675) | (4,462) | (13,675) |
| Interest bearing loans and liabilities | | - | (6,065) | - | (6,065) |
| Net US Dollar exposure | | 53,448 | (10,006) | 53,448 | (10,006) |
| Indian Rupees exposure: | | | | | |
| Current liabilities: | | | | | |
| Trade and other payables | 20 | (115) | (12,040) | (115) | (12,040) |
| Exchange rates | | | | | |
| Rand per unit of foreign currency: | | | | | |
| US Dollar | | 17.794 | 14.553 | 17.794 | 14.553 |
| Indian Rupee | | 0.217 | 0.193 | 0.217 | 0.193 |

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| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |

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Foreign currency sensitivity analysis

The following information presents the sensitivity of the group to an increase or decrease in the respective currencies it is exposed to. The sensitivity rate is the rate used when reporting foreign currency risk internally to key management personnel and represents management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in foreign exchange rates. The sensitivity analysis includes only outstanding foreign currency denominated amounts and adjusts their translation at the reporting date. No changes were made to the methods and assumptions used in the preparation of the sensitivity analysis compared to the previous reporting period.

| Group | 2023 | 2023 | 2022 | 2022 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| | Increase | Decrease | Increase | Decrease |
| Increase or decrease in rate | | | | |
| Impact on profit or loss: | | | | |
| US Dollar 10% (2022: 10%) | 95,103 | (95,103) | 25,242 | (25,242) |
| INR 10% (2022: 10%) | (12) | 12 | (232) | 232 |
| | 95,091 | (95,091) | 25,010 | (25,010) |

| Company | 2023 | 2023 | 2022 | 2022 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| | Increase | Decrease | Increase | Decrease |
| Increase or decrease in rate | | | | |
| Impact on profit or loss: | | | | |
| US Dollar 10% (2022: 10%) | 95,103 | (95,103) | 25,242 | (25,242) |
| INR 10% (2022: 10%) | (12) | 12 | (232) | 232 |
| | 95,091 | (95,091) | 25,010 | (25,010) |

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Group's exposure to the risk of changes in market interest rates relates primarily to the Group's long term debt obligations with floating interest rates.

Interest rate sensitivity analysis

The following table demonstrates the sensitivity to a reasonably possible change in interest rates on that portion of loans affected, based on the last two years' historical rates and economic forecasters' expectations of the Group's profit before tax through the impact on floating rate borrowings and cash and cash equivalents (with all other variables held constant).

| Group | 2023 | 2023 | 2022 | 2022 |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | Increase | Decrease | Increase | Decrease |
| Increase or decrease in rate | | | | |
| Impact on profit or loss: | | | | |
| Interest rate 10% (2022: 10%) | (5,149) | 5,149 | (16,036) | 16,036 |

| Company | 2023 | 2023 | 2022 | 2022 |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | Increase | Decrease | Increase | Decrease |
| Increase or decrease in rate | | | | |
| Impact on profit or loss: | | | | |
| Interest rate 10% (2022: 10%) | (5,149) | 5,149 | (16,036) | 16,036 |

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|--------------------------|-------|------|---------|------|
| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |

33. Financial instruments and risk management (continued)

Price risk

The Group is exposed to the risk of fluctuations in prevailing market commodity prices on the mix of mineral products it produces which is mainly zinc, copper, lead and silver (metal in concentrate) which it sells into global markets. The market prices of the metals are the key drivers of the Group's capacity to generate cash flow. The Group is predominantly an unhedged producer to provide its shareholders with exposure to changes in the market price of metals. The Group's policy is to manage these risks through the use of contract-based prices with customers. Most customer contracts are based on the average LME (London Metal Exchange) price in the month of shipment plus a premium.

Sales are invoiced at the agreed LME price between the Group and the customer. No changes to the agreed LME price are made between the provisional and final invoice. Changes to the invoice relate only to the quantity and quality of the metal in concentrate after testing once the product is received by the customer. If the results of the tests are significantly different to the test carried out by the Group a third test is then carried out by an independent laboratory before the invoice is finalised.

Price risk sensitivity analysis

The following sensitivity analysis has been prepared using a sensitivity rate which is used when price risk internally to key management personnel and represents management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in relevant prices. All other variables remain constant. The sensitivity analysis includes only investments held at the reporting date. No changes were made to the methods and assumptions used in the preparation of the sensitivity analysis compared to the previous reporting period.

| Group | 2023 | 2023 | 2022 | 2022 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| | Increase | Decrease | Increase | Decrease |
| Increase or decrease in rate | | | | |
| Impact on profit or loss: | | | | |
| LME 10% (2022: 10%) | 6,866 | (6,866) | 36,922 | (36,922) |
| Treatment costs 10% (2022: 10%) | (1,190) | 1,190 | (6,182) | 6,182 |
| | 5,676 | (5,676) | 30,740 | (30,740) |

| Company | 2023 | 2023 | 2022 | 2022 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| | Increase | Decrease | Increase | Decrease |
| Increase or decrease in rate | | | | |
| Impact on profit or loss: | | | | |
| LME 10% (2022: 10%) | 6,866 | (6,866) | 36,922 | (36,922) |
| Treatment costs 10% (2022: 10%) | (1,190) | 1,190 | (6,182) | 6,182 |
| | 5,676 | (5,676) | 30,740 | (30,740) |

34. Fair value information

Fair value hierarchy

The fair value of the financial instruments is included at 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. Management of the Group have assessed that the fair values of cash and cash equivalents, trade receivables (not subject to provisional pricing), trade payables, bank overdrafts and other current liabilities approximate their carrying amounts largely due to the short-term maturities of these instruments.

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair values.

Fair values of the Group's interest-bearing borrowings and loans are determined by using discounted cash flow models that use discount rates that reflect the issuer's borrowing rate as at the end of the reporting period.

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|--------------------------|-------|------|---------|------|
| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |

34. Fair value information (continued)

The Group uses the following hierarchy for determining and disclosing the fair value of financial instruments which are measured at fair value by valuation technique:

- Level 1: Quoted unadjusted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the group can access at measurement date.
- Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included in level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

All financial instruments measured at fair value use Level 2 valuation techniques in both years.

There have been no transfers between fair value levels during the reporting period.

Levels of fair value measurements

Level 2

Recurring fair value measurements

| Assets | Note(s) | | | | |
|--|---------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Equity investments at fair value through other comprehensive income | | | | | |
| Listed shares | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Financial assets designated at fair value through profit (loss) | | | | | |
| Trade and other receivables | | 38,404 | 22,416 | 38,404 | 22,416 |
| Total | | 38,405 | 22,417 | 38,405 | 22,417 |

Valuation techniques used to derive level 2 fair values

Valuation processes applied by the Group

The fair value of trade and other receivables is performed by the Group's finance department and marketing team, on a monthly basis. The valuation is based on the terms of the sales contract and current quoted and forecasted LME prices. The finance department reports to the Group's Chief Financial Officer (CFO).s

Fair value measurement - accounting policy

The Group measures financial instruments, such as provisionally priced trade receivables, at fair value at each reporting date. Also, from time to time, the fair values of non-financial assets and liabilities are required to be determined, e.g., when the entity acquires a business, or where an entity measures the recoverable amount of an asset or CGU at fair value less costs of disposal.

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. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

- In the principal market for the asset or liability, or
- In the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability.

The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible by the Group.

The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use then pricing the asset or liability, if market participants act in their economic best interest.

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A fair value measurement of a non-financial asset considers a market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use. Fair value for measurement and/or disclosure purposes in these financial statements is determined on such a basis, except for share-based payment transactions that are within the scope of IFRS 2 Share based payments, leasing transactions that are within the scope of IAS 17 Leases, and measurements that have some similarities to fair value but are not fair value, such as net realisable value in IAS 2 Inventories or value in use in IAS 36 Impairment of Assets.

The Group uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorised.

For assets and liabilities that are recognised in the financial statements on a recurring basis, the Group determines whether transfers have occurred between levels in the hierarchy by re-assessing categorisation (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period.

Fair value measurement - Significant estimates and assumptions

When the fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded in the statement of financial position cannot be measured based on quoted prices in active markets, they are measured using valuation techniques including the discounted cash flow (DCF) model. The inputs to these models are taken from observable markets where possible, but where this is not feasible, a degree of judgement is required in establishing fair values. Judgements include considerations of inputs such as liquidity risk, credit risk and volatility. Changes in assumptions about these factors could affect the reported fair value of financial instruments. When the fair values of non-financial assets/CGUs need to be determined, e.g., for the purposes of calculating FVLCD for impairment testing purposes, they are measured using valuation techniques including the DCF model.

The Group's principal financial liabilities, comprise accounts payable, bank loans and overdrafts and debentures. The main purpose of these financial instruments is to manage short-term cash flow and raise finance for the Group's capital expenditure programme. The Group's principal financial assets and provisionally priced trade receivables, comprise trade and other receivables and cash and short-term deposits that arise directly from its operations.

Risk exposures and responses

The Group manages its exposure to key financial risks in accordance with its financial risk management policy. The objective of the policy is to support the delivery of the Group's financial targets while protecting future financial security. The main risks that could adversely affect the Group's financial assets, liabilities or future cash flows are market risks comprising commodity price risk, cash flow interest rate risk and foreign currency risk; liquidity risk; and credit risk. Management reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks.

35. Going concern

The Group's financial position, its cash flows, liquidity position and borrowings are set out in the annual financial statements, which comprise the statement of financial position, statement of profit or loss and comprehensive income and statement of cash flows. In addition, details of our policy on capital risk management are set out in note 33 to the financial statements.

For the year ended 31 March 2023, the Group realised a profit of R2 360 million (2022: profit of R1 536 million). As at 31 March 2023, the Group's current assets exceeded its current liabilities by R1 091 million (2022: R831 million) and the Group's total assets exceeded its total liabilities by R8 069 million (2022: R5 681 million). During the year ended 31 March 2023, BMM generated cash from operations of R3 904 million (2022: R3 101 million).

Although the current commodity prices and exchange rates are favourable to the Group, high levels of volatility in commodity prices and exchange rates may impact the Group's profitability and financial condition. Management believes that the cash generated by its operations, cash on hand and business plan for the next 12 months will enable the Group to continue to meet its obligations as they fall due. The consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023, therefore have been prepared on a going concern basis.

36. 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.