

GROUP CONSOLIDATED REVENUE

MUR 857M ▼ 3.4%
MUR 887M (MAR 23)

LOSS BEFORE FINANCE COST

MUR (30)M ▼ +100%
MUR (2)M (MAR 23)

GROUP (LOSS)/PROFIT AFTER TAX

MUR (44)M ▼ +100%
MUR 4M (MAR 23)

CASHFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

MUR 69M ▲ 35%
MUR 50M (MAR 23)

OVERALL PERFORMANCE

- The Group recorded a consolidated revenue from continuing operations of MUR 857 million representing a marginal decrease of 3% compared to the same period last year.
- Our operating entities witnessed marked increases in their operational costs and their impact on the Group's profitability was even more significant during the quarter under review which is traditionally the lowest due to the seasonality of some of our businesses.
- The Group's finance costs decreased to MUR 21 million (Q1 2023: MUR 29 million).
- The Group's share of results of associates and joint ventures stood at MUR 9 million (Q1 2023: MUR 20 million) as a result of lower profitability registered by our associates operating in the energy industry and in the hospitality sector.
- The Group posted a Loss After Tax of MUR 44 million (Q1 2023: Profit After Tax of MUR 4 million).
- The shareholders' equity stood flat, and the Net Asset Value (NAV) per share was MUR 116 (as at December 2023: MUR 118).
- The Group generated a positive cash flow of MUR 69 million from its operating activities, which represents an improvement of MUR 19 million from the corresponding quarter of 2023 (Q1 2023: MUR 50 million).

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Chemicals** reported reduced revenue of MUR 451 million (Q1 2023: MUR 465 million), resulting from lower demand and posted a Loss After Tax of MUR 5 million (Q1 2023: Profit After Tax of MUR 4 million).
- Equipment & Systems** experienced a decrease in revenue of 10% to MUR 266 million (Q1 2023: MUR 296 million), due to delays in the delivery of key projects, leading to deferred invoicing. This resulted in a Loss After Tax of MUR 25 million (Q1 2023: MUR 16 million).
- Technology** Revenue reached MUR 139 million (Q1 2023: MUR 138 million), almost in line with last quarter. However, gross profit was adversely impacted by higher operational costs. The Loss After Tax stood at MUR 17 million (Q1 2023: MUR 12 million).
- Investments & Corporate** showed an improved revenue of MUR 37 million (Q1 2023: MUR 35 million) and a Profit After Tax of MUR 4 million (Q1 2023: MUR 10 million).

OUTLOOK

The Group will focus on the development of its Unlocking Potential strategy based on fundamental areas which we believe will provide the Group with the impetus it needs to respond flexibly to market dynamics and perform in a competitive landscape.

CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	THE GROUP	
	March 2024 MUR' 000	March 2023 MUR' 000
Revenue	856,532	887,028
Loss before finance costs	(29,830)	(2,364)
Finance costs	(20,891)	(28,663)
Share of results of associates & joint ventures	8,906	19,692
Reversal of impairment/(impairment of receivables)	2,214	(69)
Loss before tax	(39,601)	(11,404)
Income tax	(4,831)	(2,706)
Post tax profit from discontinued operations	-	18,251
(Loss)/profit for the period	(44,432)	4,141
Attributable to:		
Owners of the parent	(43,144)	2,865
Non controlling interests	(1,288)	1,276
(Loss)/profit for the period	(44,432)	4,141
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the period net of tax	11,572	(6,103)
Total comprehensive loss for the period	(32,860)	(1,962)
Other comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to:		
Owners of the parent	11,631	(3,202)
Non controlling interests	(59)	(2,901)
	11,572	(6,103)
	(3.83)	(1.37)
Loss per share from continuing operations(Rs/cents)		
Earnings per share from discontinued operations(Rs/cents)		

CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	THE GROUP	
	March 2024 MUR' 000	December 2023 MUR' 000
ASSETS		
Non-current assets	2,473,980	2,469,005
Current assets	2,017,763	2,026,664
Total assets	4,491,743	4,495,669
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Capital and reserves		
Owners' interest	1,305,596	1,326,731
Non controlling interests	154,315	173,386
Total equity	1,459,911	1,500,117
Non-current liabilities	982,668	1,050,810
Current liabilities	2,049,164	1,944,742
Total equity and liabilities	4,491,743	4,495,669
Net assets per share (Rs)	115.96	117.83
Number of ordinary shares	11,259,388	11,259,388

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (MUR' M)

		REVENUE					CONSOLIDATION ADJUSTMENTS	TOTAL
		CHEMICALS	EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS	TECHNOLOGY	INVESTMENTS AND CORPORATE	NON-RECURRING ITEMS		
REVENUE	2024	451	266	139	37	-	(37)	857
	2023	465	296	138	35	-	(47)	887
PROFIT/(LOSS) AFTER TAX	2024	(5)	(25)	(17)	4	-	(1)	(44)
	2023	4	(16)	(12)	10	18	-	4

The reportable segments are strategic business units that offer different products and services.

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

GROUP	THE GROUP		
	Owners of the Parent MUR' 000	Non-controlling interests MUR' 000	Total Equity MUR' 000
Balance at 1 January 2024	1,326,731	173,386	1,500,117
Loss for the period	(43,144)	(1,288)	(44,432)
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	11,631	(59)	11,572
Acquisition of additional interests in subsidiary	10,378	(17,724)	(7,346)
Balance at 31 March 2024	1,305,596	154,315	1,459,911
Balance at 1 January 2023	1,703,603	201,377	1,904,980
Profit for the period	2,865	1,276	4,141
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	(3,202)	(2,901)	(6,103)
Other movements	(117,235)	-	(117,235)
Balance at 31 March 2023	1,586,031	199,752	1,785,783

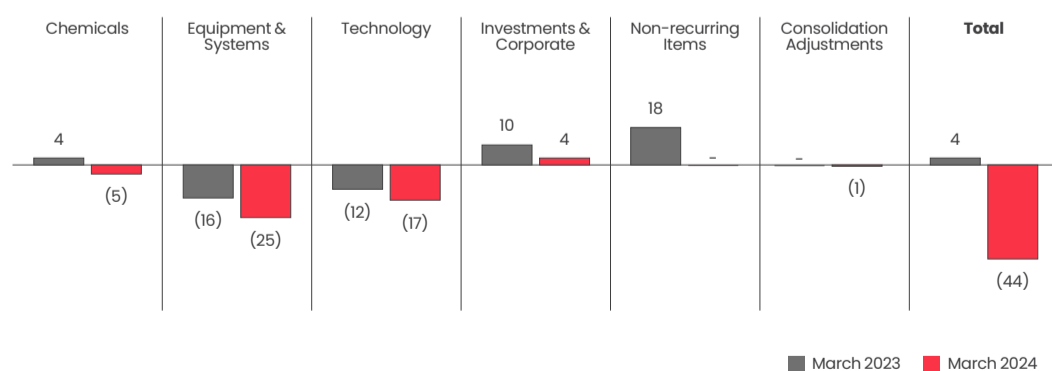
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	THE GROUP	
	March 2024 MUR' 000	March 2023 MUR' 000
Operating activities		
Net cash generated from operating activities	69,471	50,545
Investing activities		
Net cash absorbed in investing activities	(22,731)	(15,288)
Financing activities		
Net cash absorbed in financing activities	(166,041)	(97,727)
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(119,301)	(62,470)
Movement in cash and cash equivalents		
At 1 January	(136,351)	6,970
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(119,301)	(62,470)
Effect of foreign exchange rate difference	83	46
At 31 March	(255,569)	(55,454)

REVENUE (MUR' M)



3 MONTHS SEGMENT RESULTS (MUR' M)



These quarterly condensed financial statements have been prepared using the same accounting policies as for the statutory financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023, except for the adoption of published Standards that are now effective. These interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 "Interim financial Reporting."

Copies of the abridged unaudited financial statements are available free of charge upon request at the Company's registered office, 18 Edith Cavell Street, Port Louis.

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