

THE MAURITIUS CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZER INDUSTRY LIMITED

GROUP UNAUDITED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS AND QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 2024



Statement of Financial Position

	GROUP	
	Unaudited 30 June 2024 Rs'000	Audited 31 Dec 2023 Rs'000
ASSETS		
Non-current assets	703,001	689,143
Current assets	687,070	756,656
Total Assets	1,390,071	1,445,799
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Share capital and reserves		
Owners' interest	413,108	435,926
Non-current liabilities	388,375	387,513
Current liabilities	588,589	622,360
Total Equity and Liabilities	1,390,071	1,445,799
Net assets per share (Rs/share)	18.77	19.81
Number of ordinary shares	22,006,418	22,006,418

Statement of Profit or Loss

	Three months to 30 June 2024 Rs'000	Three months to 30 June 2023 Rs'000	Six months to 30 June 2024 Rs'000	Six months to 30 June 2023 Rs'000
Revenue	265,578	342,484	569,313	675,754
Operating (loss)/profit	(19,143)	12,940	(19,044)	21,112
Other income	5,409	13,193	16,230	15,636
	(13,735)	26,133	(2,815)	36,748
Reversal/(impairment) of receivables	26	(5,417)	(159)	(2,952)
(Loss)/profit before finance cost	(13,709)	20,716	(2,974)	33,796
Net finance cost	(12,820)	(9,650)	(26,382)	(19,309)
Share of results of associates	3,774	1,875	3,774	(5,625)
(Loss)/profit before tax	(22,754)	12,941	(25,581)	8,862
Income tax	(1,901)	(1,072)	(4,112)	(2,444)
(Loss)/profit for the period	(24,655)	11,869	(29,693)	6,418
Other comprehensive (loss)/income Net of tax	7,109	3,516	6,876	(8,093)
Total comprehensive (loss)/income	(17,546)	15,386	(22,818)	(1,674)
Attributable to:				
Owners of the parent	(17,546)	15,386	(22,818)	(1,674)
(Loss)/earnings per share (Rs/share)	(1.12)	0.54	(1.35)	0.29

Comments

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."

Results

Revenue for the first six months of 2024 decreased by 16% compared to the previous year. This is mainly driven by (i) a decrease in average prices compared to 2023 in the Agro and Industrial segments, and (ii) the impact of disruption to the supply chain reported since the first quarter on the Aqua and Industrial segments.

The drop in revenue coupled with the increase in the cost of doing business in a highly challenging environment, drove down net margins across the main lines of business. The Group reported an operating loss of Rs 19.0 million for the six months ended 30 June 2024 (2023: operating profit of Rs 21.1 million).

Group loss after tax stood at Rs 29.7 million (2023: profit of Rs 6.4 million), representing a loss per share of Rs 1.35 (2023 : earnings per share of Rs 0.29).

Statement of Changes in Equity

	2024 Rs'000	2023 Rs'000
Balance as at 1 January	435,926	474,765
Total comprehensive loss for the period	(22,818)	(1,674)
Balance as at 30 June	413,108	473,091

Statement of Cash Flows

	Six months to 30 June 2024 Rs'000	Six months to 30 June 2023 Rs'000
Net cash generated from operating activities	53,571	33,437
Net cash used in investing activities	(25,354)	(19,765)
Net cash used in financing activities	(89,804)	(103,037)
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(61,587)	(89,365)
Movement in cash and cash equivalents		
At 1 January	(57,546)	42,659
Decrease	(61,587)	(89,365)
Effect of Foreign Exchange difference	(429)	1,473
At 30 June	(119,562)	(45,233)

Notes to the Condensed Financial Statements

	SEGMENT REVENUE		SEGMENT RESULTS	
	Six months to 30 June 2024 Rs'000	Six months to 30 June 2023 Rs'000	Six months to 30 June 2024 Rs'000	Six months to 30 June 2023 Rs'000
Agrochemicals	259,292	285,656	(11,108)	2,592
Aqua	48,717	91,735	(1,310)	12,917
Industrial	147,543	166,846	3,352	13,229
International Trading	156,114	159,753	11,759	12,277
	611,665	703,990	2,693	41,015
Inter-segment revenues/results	(42,352)	(28,236)	(5,508)	(4,267)
Total	569,313	675,754	(2,815)	36,748
Impairment of receivables			(159)	(2,952)
Net finance costs			(26,382)	(19,309)
Share of results of associates			3,774	(5,625)
(Loss)/profit before tax			(25,581)	8,862
Income tax			(4,112)	(2,444)
(Loss)/profit for the period			(29,693)	6,418

Outlook

The Group continues to operate in a volatile economic environment as supply chain remains under pressure with interalia continuous fluctuations in freight rates. Going into the second half of the financial year that represents the Group's peak season, Management remains deeply committed to navigating these challenges and turning around its bottomline for the financial year 2024.

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.

This report is issued pursuant to Listing Rule 12.20. The Board of Directors of The Mauritius Chemical and Fertilizer Industry Limited (the Board) accepts full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained therein.

By order of the Board,

HM Secretaries Ltd
Company Secretary

12 August 2024