

ABRIDGED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Unaudited		Audited
	As at December 31, 2023	As at December 31, 2022	As at June 30, 2023
	Rs. ' 000	Rs. ' 000	Rs. ' 000
ASSETS			
Non-current assets	5,675,000	4,616,509	5,671,437
Current assets	2,057,182	1,974,642	2,042,134
TOTAL ASSETS	7,732,182	6,591,151	7,713,571
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity			
Equity attributable to shareholders of the parent	4,321,614	3,537,786	4,215,442
Non-controlling interests	54,797	37,282	46,189
TOTAL EQUITY	4,376,411	3,575,068	4,261,631
Non-current liabilities	1,779,426	971,328	1,180,038
Current liabilities	1,576,345	2,044,755	2,271,902
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	7,732,182	6,591,151	7,713,571

ABRIDGED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Unaudited										
	Equity attributable to shareholders of the parent								Non-controlling Interests		Total
	Issued Capital	Share Premium	Associate Companies	Revaluation Reserve	Fair Value Reserve	Translation Reserve	Retained Earnings	Total	Rs. ' 000	Rs. ' 000	
At July 1, 2023	265,100	7,354	89,616	2,316,971	-	10,407	1,525,994	4,215,442	46,189	4,261,631	
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	92,295	92,295	7,869	100,164	
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	13,877	-	13,877	1,339	15,216	
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	13,877	92,295	106,172	9,208	115,380	
Dividend	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(600)	(600)	
At December 31, 2023	265,100	7,354	89,616	2,316,971	-	24,284	1,618,289	4,321,614	54,797	4,376,411	
At July 1, 2022	265,100	7,354	84,993	1,861,283	17,414	7,071	1,198,533	3,441,748	29,660	3,471,408	
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	90,279	90,279	7,375	97,654	
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	5,759	-	5,759	247	6,006	
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	5,759	90,279	96,038	7,622	103,660	
At December 31, 2022	265,100	7,354	84,993	1,861,283	17,414	12,830	1,288,812	3,537,786	37,282	3,575,068	

ABRIDGED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Unaudited				Audited
	Quarter ended December 31, 2023	Quarter ended December 31, 2022	Half year ended December 31, 2023	Half year ended December 31, 2022	Year ended June 30, 2023
	Rs. ' 000	Rs. ' 000	Rs. ' 000	Rs. ' 000	Rs. ' 000
Revenue	1,388,274	1,375,245	2,666,495	2,520,174	4,682,896
Operating profit	92,481	130,229	181,071	145,943	247,657
Credit/(allowance) for expected credit losses on financial assets	1,321	(4,343)	(7,450)	(8,137)	(19,099)
Finance income	-	-	4	-	957
Finance costs	(35,071)	(23,195)	(69,453)	(42,211)	(107,574)
Share of results of associates	4,083	4,486	8,732	8,389	13,523
Profit before tax	62,814	107,177	112,904	103,984	135,464
Income tax (expense) / credit	(9,647)	(4,647)	(12,740)	(6,330)	6,546
Profit for the period / year	53,167	102,530	100,164	97,654	142,010
Other comprehensive income					
Items to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:					
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	14,228	77	15,216	6,006	1,413
Net other comprehensive income to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods	14,228	77	15,216	6,006	1,413
Items not to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:					
Net gains on equity instruments at FVTOCI	-	-	-	-	7,157
Re-measurement gains on defined benefit plans	-	-	-	-	129,951
Deferred tax effect on re-measurement gains on defined benefit plans	-	-	-	-	(21,200)
Revaluation of land and buildings	-	-	-	-	621,969
Deferred tax effect on revaluation of land and buildings	-	-	-	-	(90,809)
Share of other comprehensive income of associates	-	-	-	-	4,623
Net other comprehensive income not being reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods	-	-	-	-	651,691
Other comprehensive income for the period / year, net of tax	14,228	77	15,216	6,006	653,104
Total comprehensive income for the period / year, net of tax	67,395	102,607	115,380	103,660	795,114
Profit for the period / year attributable to:					
Equity holders of the parent	50,077	97,525	92,295	90,279	133,660
Non-controlling interests	3,090	5,005	7,869	7,375	8,350
	53,167	102,530	100,164	97,654	142,010
Total comprehensive income for the period / year attributable to:					
Equity holders of the parent	62,966	97,590	106,172	96,038	773,694
Non-controlling interests	4,429	5,017	9,208	7,622	21,420
	67,395	102,607	115,380	103,660	795,114
Earnings per share (Rs)					
Basic, profit for the period / year attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent	1.89	3.68	3.48	3.41	5.04

ABRIDGED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Unaudited	
	Half year ended December 31, 2023	Half year ended December 31, 2022
	Rs. ' 000	Rs. ' 000
Net cash flows from operating activities	129,160	133,444
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(177,806)	(291,990)
Net cash flows from financing activities	229,316	237,843
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	180,670	79,297
MOVEMENT IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
At July 1,	(335,939)	(298,710)
Exchange difference	18,230	8,801
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	180,670	79,297
At December 31,	(137,039)	(210,612)

SEGMENTAL INFORMATION

	Unaudited				Audited
	Quarter ended December 31, 2023	Quarter ended December 31, 2022	Half year ended December 31, 2023	Half year ended December 31, 2022	Year ended June 30, 2023
	Rs. ' 000	Rs. ' 000	Rs. ' 000	Rs. ' 000	Rs. ' 000
Revenue:					
Building materials - Core business	1,076,810	997,463	2,133,265	1,890,732	3,668,059
Building materials - Retail	401,236	405,281	718,353	718,598	1,295,308
Agriculture (Note 1)	57,293	116,977	103,874	153,188	226,178
Consolidation adjustments	(147,065)	(144,476)	(288,997)	(242,344)	(506,649)
Total	1,388,274	1,375,245	2,666,495	2,520,174	4,682,896
Operating profit / (loss):					
Building materials - Core business	71,387	55,877	151,831	59,709	146,699
Building materials - Retail	32,014	46,191	38,829	59,038	66,301
Agriculture	(5,393)	33,298	105	34,882	54,055
Consolidation adjustments	(5,527)	(5,137)	(9,694)	(7,686)	(19,398)
Total	92,481	130,229	181,071	145,943	247,657

Note 1: The revenue for the quarter and half year ended December 31, 2022 includes proceeds from the sale of agricultural land.

The above Unaudited Abridged Group Interim Financial Statements for the quarter and half year ended December 31, 2023 have been prepared in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards and on a basis consistent with that of the latest Audited Group Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2023.

COMMENTS

Our Group revenue for the half year ended December 31, 2023 increased by 5.8% (+Rs 146.3 million) compared to that of the same period in 2022. As shown in the segmental information disclosure, this rise in revenue was attributable mainly to our core business activity segment. Unlike in 2022, FAST (Fiacq Associated Stonemasters Limited), has been consolidated as a subsidiary for the period under review and has contributed Rs 87.4 million to the revenue increase for the period.

Our Group operating profit increased from Rs 145.9 million for the period ended December 31, 2022 to Rs 181.1 million for the period under review. Our local core business performance for the period was positively impacted by an increase in selling prices thereby offsetting the effects of inflation on our costs and the drop in sales volumes.

Our retail segment's revenue was comparable to that of the same period last year with an operating profit down by Rs 20.2 million largely attributable to an increase in staff costs and other operating expenses. Our agricultural segment revenue was down by Rs 49.3 million while the operating profit was lower than in 2022 by Rs 34.8 million due to an exceptional profit of Rs 30.2 million realised on the sale of agricultural land which was included in 2022 figures.

Our share of results from associates for the half year period under review is comparable to that of the same period in 2022.

Our finance costs increased significantly due to an increase in borrowings and interest rates.

The Group net result increased from a profit of Rs 97.7 million (including the exceptional profit of Rs 30.2 million realised on the sale of agricultural land) for the half year period ended December 31, 2022 to a profit of Rs 100.2 million for the half year period under review. Earnings per share likewise increased from Rs 3.41 in 2022 to Rs 3.48 for this period.

OUTLOOK

Our future revenues will depend on the timely realisation of private and public projects and weather conditions for the financial year 2023/24. Management remains focused on improving margins.

By Order of the Board

Christophe Quevauvilliers
Company Secretary

February 9, 2024

The above Unaudited Abridged Group Interim Financial Statements are issued pursuant to Listing Rule 12.20 of the Stock Exchange of Mauritius Ltd and to Section 88 of the Securities Act 2005.

The Board of Directors of The United Basalt Products Limited accepts full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in these Unaudited Abridged Group Interim Financial Statements.

The statement of direct and indirect interests of insiders required under rule 8(2)(m) of the Securities (Disclosure Obligations of Reporting Issuers) Rules 2007 is available upon request, free of charge, at the registered office of the Company, Trianon, Quatre Bornes.

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