



# ANGUILLA ELECTRICITY COMPANY LIMITED

Financial Statements

December 31, 2022

(Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars)

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# CORPORATE INFORMATION

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Anguilla, B.W. I.

## DIRECTORS

Alkins Rogers, Chairman - appointed April 12, 2023  
Jibri Lewis Klaren, Vice Chairman - appointed September 17, 2021  
Geraldine James - appointed August 18, 2022  
Courtney Morton - appointed April 12, 2023  
Fiona Wilkinson - appointed April 12, 2023  
Cassila Bernier - appointed April 12, 2023  
Nigel Chinapoo - appointed April 12, 2023  
Kristy Harrigan - appointed April 12, 2023  
Damian Hughes - appointed April 12, 2023 - resigned April 14, 2023  
David Carty, Chairman- appointed October 27, 2022-April 12, 2023  
Patrick Mardenborough, Vice Chairman - appointed August 18, 2022-April 23, 2023  
Jerome Roberts - appointed October 27, 2022- April 12, 2023  
Derek Gumbs - appointed September 17, 2021-April 12, 2023  
Donna Gumbs - appointed September 17, 2021-April 12, 2023  
Cameron Lloyd - appointed September 17, 2021-April 12, 2023  
Arthur Hodge - appointed August 18, 2022-April 12, 2023  
Wycliffe Fahie - appointed September 17, 2021- resigned December 1, 2022  
Evan Gumbs - appointed September 17, 2021 - August 18, 2022  
Victor Nickeo - appointed September 17, 2021 - August 18, 2022  
Juan Richardson - appointed September 17, 2021 - August 18, 2022

## SECRETARY

Jeri Richardson - until May 26, 2022  
Keneisha Gumbs (acting) - appointed August 18, 2022-November 30, 2023  
Kristy Harrigan Corporate Secretary (acting) - December 1, 2023

## BANKERS

National Commercial Bank of Anguilla Limited  
P.O. Box 44  
The Valley  
Anguilla, B.W.I.

Republic Bank (Anguilla) Limited  
Fairplay Complex  
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Anguilla, B.W.I.

# CORPORATE INFORMATION

## **SOLICITORS**

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Anguilla, B.W.I.

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P. O. Box 142  
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Jamaica, W.I.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Shareholders of Anguilla Electricity Company Limited

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Anguilla Electricity Company Limited (the "Company"), which comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2022;
- the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in shareholders' equity, and statement of cash flows for the year then ended; and
- notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at December 31, 2022, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

#### 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 Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards)* (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Anguilla, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Emphasis of Matters

We draw attention to Note 30 of the financial statements which mentions that the Company obtained insurance in 2022 for a maximum coverage of EC\$24,964,388. Based on the expenses incurred in 2017 after the passage of the hurricane, it appears that the Company's exposure to insurance risk has been reduced.

Additionally, in December 2022 the Company employed measures, including load shedding, to manage liquidity concerns being faced by the Company due to the pandemic, high fuel costs and outstanding receivables.



## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT *(continued)*

To the Shareholders of Anguilla Electricity Company Limited *(continued)*

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Emphasis of Matters *(continued)*

Moreover, we draw attention to Note 33 of the financial statements, which reflect pending legal matters of the Company. The outcome of these matters remains uncertain, and the company has not made any provision for the settlements or outcomes of these matters in the financial statements. Additionally, the Company does not have in place any indemnity or liability insurance to cover any costs or exposure for the matters noted above.

### Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRSs, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 financial statements.

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.



## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT *(continued)*

To the Shareholders of Anguilla Electricity Company Limited *(continued)*

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.
- If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance 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.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence and communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence and where applicable, related safeguards.

*BDO LLC*

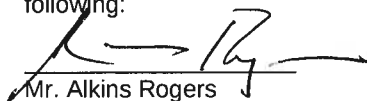
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The Valley, Anguilla  
April 26, 2024

**ANGUILLA ELECTRICITY COMPANY LIMITED**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**As at December 31, 2022**

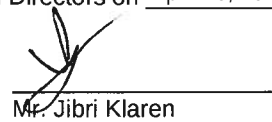
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	<i>Notes</i>	2022	2021
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment – net	7	67,872,115	72,794,260
Legal Settlement		7,414,219	-
Right-of-use assets	31	174,767	-
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>75,461,101</b>	<b>72,794,260</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Prepayments and other current assets	10	1,056,738	870,999
Inventories – net	8	14,765,204	14,459,195
Trade and other receivables – net	9	13,974,052	15,539,249
Cash and cash equivalents	11	6,915,699	2,262,870
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>36,711,693</b>	<b>33,132,313</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>112,172,794</b>	<b>105,926,573</b>
<b>Shareholders' equity and liabilities</b>			
<b>Shareholders' equity</b>			
Share capital	12	14,536,147	14,536,147
Retained earnings		59,318,664	59,750,622
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>		<b>73,854,811</b>	<b>74,286,769</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Borrowings – net of current portion	13	9,372,917	11,404,540
Contributions in aid of construction	14	3,131,963	3,142,315
Lease liability	31	183,462	-
Trade and other payables	15	2,731,933	2,689,951
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>15,420,275</b>	<b>17,236,806</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Borrowings – current portion	13	2,890,930	4,545,246
Customers' deposits		1,964,721	1,615,204
Trade and other payables	15	18,042,057	8,242,548
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>22,897,708</b>	<b>14,402,998</b>
<b>Total Shareholders' Equity and Liabilities</b>		<b>112,172,794</b>	<b>105,926,573</b>

These financial statements were approved on behalf of the Board of Directors on April 25, 2024 by the following:

  
 Mr. Alkins Rogers

Chairman

  
 Mr. Jibri Klaren

Vice Chairman

The accompanying notes from pages 11 to 52 are an integral part of these financial statements.



**ANGUILLA ELECTRICITY COMPANY LIMITED**  
**Statement of Comprehensive Loss**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2022**

(Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars (EC\$))

	<i>Notes</i>	2022	2021
<b>Revenues</b>			
Energy sales	16	54,618,750	51,254,852
Surcharge billed	16	44,857,941	14,027,125
		<b>99,476,691</b>	<b>65,281,977</b>
<b>Cost of operations</b>			
Generation			
Fuel		(20,500,097)	(19,133,721)
Fuel surcharge	16	(49,344,885)	(22,563,194)
		<b>(69,844,982)</b>	<b>(41,696,915)</b>
Generation - other expenses	17	(11,188,737)	(14,268,542)
		<b>(81,007,865)</b>	<b>(55,965,457)</b>
Transmission and distribution expenses	18	(9,246,813)	(9,793,120)
		<b>(90,280,532)</b>	<b>(65,758,577)</b>
<b>Gross operating income/(loss)</b>		<b>9,196,159</b>	<b>(476,600)</b>
<b>Other income</b>			
Grant income		-	3,592,021
Other income	19	5,288,069	6,030,629
		<b>5,288,069</b>	<b>9,622,649</b>
<b>Gross income</b>		<b>14,484,228</b>	<b>9,146,049</b>
<b>Operating expenses</b>			
Administrative expenses	20	(13,405,901)	(11,078,710)
Consumer services	21	(488,304)	(504,435)
		<b>(13,894,205)</b>	<b>(11,583,145)</b>
<b>Profit /(Loss) from operations</b>		<b>590,023</b>	<b>(2,437,096)</b>
<b>Other expenses</b>			
Finance cost	24	(847,214)	(806,617)
Right-of-use depreciation	31	(174,767)	(174,767)
<b>Net loss</b>		<b>(431,958)</b>	<b>(3,418,480)</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive loss</b>		<b>(431,958)</b>	<b>(3,418,480)</b>
<b>Additional disclosures:</b>			
(Loss)/earnings per share	25	(0.04)	(0.29)
Dividends per share	26	-	-

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**ANGUILLA ELECTRICITY COMPANY LIMITED**  
**Statement of Changes in Shareholders' Equity**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2022**

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	Share capital	Retained earnings	Total
Balance as at 31 December 2020	14,536,147	63,169,102	77,705,249
Net loss for the year	-	(3,418,480)	(3,418,480)
Balance as at 31 December 2021	14,536,147	59,750,622	74,286,769
Net loss for the year	-	(431,958)	(431,958)
<b>Balance as at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>14,536,147</b>	<b>59,318,664</b>	<b>73,854,811</b>

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**ANGUILLA ELECTRICITY COMPANY LIMITED**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2022**

(Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars (EC\$))

	<i>Notes</i>	2022	2021
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net loss		(431,958)	(3,418,480)
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation	7	7,302,903	6,835,412
Interest expense - borrowings	13	660,538	605,668
Increase in contributions in aid of construction	14	459,684	342,702
Receivable written off	9	25,564	14,800
Right-of-use amortization	31	174,767	174,767
Interest expense - finance lease	31	27,479	10,089
Revenue from contributions in aid of construction	14	(470,036)	(451,650)
Provision/(reversal) for inventory obsolescence	8	97,157	(2,297,275)
Provision/(reversal) of allowance for impairment loss	9	3,592,330	(3,044,405)
Grant income		-	(3,592,020)
		<b>11,438,428</b>	<b>(4,820,392)</b>
(Decrease)/increase in:			
Inventories		(403,166)	(39,761)
Trade and other receivables		(7,011,167)	(926,947)
Prepayments and other current assets		(185,739)	116,853
Right of use leases		(349,534)	-
Gain on legal settlement		(2,455,749)	-
(Increase)/decrease in:			
Customer deposits		349,517	354,607
Lease liability		183,462	(183,462)
Trade and other payables		9,841,491	2,587,141
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities</b>		<b>11,407,543</b>	<b>(2,911,961)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	7	(2,380,758)	(1,813,332)
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment		-	34,536
Interest received		-	-
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<b>(2,380,758)</b>	<b>(1,778,796)</b>

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**ANGUILLA ELECTRICITY COMPANY LIMITED**  
**Statement of Cash Flows (continued)**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2022**

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	<i>Notes</i>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Repayment of borrowings	13	<b>(2,079,729)</b>	(1,970,382)
Interest paid		<b>(688,017)</b>	(615,757)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>		<b>(2,767,746)</b>	(2,586,139)
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>6,259,039</b>	(7,276,896)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		<b>(194,579)</b>	7,082,317
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of year - net of bank overdraft</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6,064,460</b>	(194,579)

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**ANGUILLA ELECTRICITY COMPANY LIMITED**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2022**

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**1. Reporting entity**

The Anguilla Electricity Company Limited (the Company) was incorporated in Anguilla on 11 January 1991 under the Companies Act, I.R.S.A c1 and is governed by the Electricity Act, 1991, as amended, and operates in The Valley, Anguilla. The Company has an exclusive public supplier's license to generate, transmit and distribute electricity on the island of Anguilla for a period of fifty years from 1 April 1991.

The Government of Anguilla controls 63% of the Company's shares directly through its 40% shareholding and indirectly through the 23% shareholding in the Company by the Government-owned National Commercial Bank of Anguilla Limited.

The Company's registered office address is Hannah-Waver House, The Valley, Anguilla, B.W.I.

**2. Basis of preparation**

**a. Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

The financial statements as at and for the year ended December 31, 2022 were authorized for issue by the Board of Directors on \*\*\*\*\*, 2024.

**b. Basis of measurement**

The financial statements of the Company have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

**c. Functional and presentation currency**

These financial statements are presented in Eastern Caribbean Dollars (EC Dollars), which is the Company's functional and presentation currency. Except as otherwise indicated, all financial information presented in EC Dollars has been rounded to the nearest dollar.

**d. Use of estimates and judgments**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRSs requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

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.

In particular, information about significant areas of estimation uncertainty and critical judgments in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in the financial statements are described in Note 6 to the financial statements.

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2. Basis of preparation (*continued*)

e. Changes in accounting policies and disclosures

(i) New standards, interpretations and amendments effective from 1 January 2022

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year except that the Company has adopted the following new and amended IFRS and IFRIC (International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee) interpretations as of January 1, 2022:

- Onerous Contracts-Cost of Fulfilling a Contract (Amendments to IAS 37)
- *Property, Plant and Equipment proceeds before Intended Use (Amendments to IAS 16)*
- *Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2018-2020 (Amendments to IFRS 1, IFRS 9, IFRS 16 & IFRS 41)*
- *References to Conceptual Framework (Amendments to IFRS 3)*

*Onerous Contracts-Cost of Fulfilling a Contract (Amendments to IAS 37)*

IAS 37 defines an onerous contract as a contract in which the unavoidable cost (costs that the Company has committed to pursuant to the contract) of meeting the obligations under the contract exceed the economic benefits expected to be received under it.

The amendments to IAS 37.68A clarify, that the costs relating directly to the contract consist of both:

- The incremental costs of fulfilling that contract e.g., direct labour and material; and
- An allocation of other costs that relate directly to fulfilling contracts: e.g., Allocation of depreciation charge on property, plant and equipment used in fulfilling the contract.

*Property, Plant and Equipment proceeds before Intended Use (Amendments to IAS 16)*

The amendment to IAS 16 prohibits an entity from deducting from the cost of an item of PP&E any proceeds received from selling items produced while the entity is preparing the asset for its intended use (for example, the proceeds from selling samples produced during the testing phase of a manufacturing facility after it is being constructed but before start of commercial production). The proceeds from selling such samples, together with the costs of producing them, are now recognized in profit or loss.

These amendments had no impact on the year-end financial statements of the Company, as there were no sales of such items produced by property, plant and equipment made available for use on or after the beginning of the earliest period presented.

*Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2018-2020 (Amendments to IFRS 1, IFRS 9, IFRS 16 & IFRS 41)*

- IFRS 1: Subsidiary as a First-time Adopter (FTA)
- IFRS 9: Fees in the '10 per cent' Test for Derecognition of Financial liabilities
- IAS 41: Taxation in Fair Value Measurement

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**2. Basis of preparation *(continued)***

**e. Changes in accounting policies and disclosures**

**(i) New standards, interpretations and amendments effective from 1 January 2022**

- *References to Conceptual Framework (Amendments to IFRS 3)*

In May 2020, the IASB issued amendments to IFRS 3, which update a reference to the Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting without changing the accounting requirements for business combinations.

None of the amendments to the standards and interpretations that are effective from that date had a significant effect on the Company's financial statements.

**(ii) New standards, amendments to standards and interpretations not yet adopted**

There are a number of standards, amendments to standards, and interpretations which have been issued by the IASB that are effective in future accounting periods that the Company has decided not to adopt early, or these are not relevant to its operation. The following amendments are effective for the period beginning January 01, 2023:

- Disclosure of Accounting Policies (Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2).
- Definition of Accounting Estimates (Amendments to IAS 8); and
- Deferred Tax Related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction (Amendments to IAS 12).

The following amendments are effective for the period beginning 1 January 2024:

- Liability in a Sale and Leaseback (Amendments to IFRS 16).
- Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current (Amendments to IAS 1); and
- Non-current liabilities with covenants (Amendments to IAS 1).

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### 3. Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently by the Company to all periods presented in these financial statements.

#### (a) Foreign currency transactions

In preparing the financial statements of the Company, transactions in currencies other than the entity's functional currency are recorded at the rate of exchange prevailing on the date of the transaction. At the end of each financial year, monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing as of the end of the financial year. Non-monetary items carried at fair value that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the date when the fair value was determined. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated.

Exchange differences arising on the settlement of monetary items, and on retranslation of monetary items are included in profit or loss for the period. Exchange differences arising on the retranslation of non-monetary items carried at fair value are included in profit or loss for the period except for differences arising on the retranslation of non-monetary items in respect of which gains and losses are recognized directly in equity. For such non-monetary items, any exchange component of that gain or loss is also recognized directly in equity.

#### (b) Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

##### **Date of Recognition**

The Company recognizes a financial asset or a financial liability in the statements of financial position when it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of a financial instrument. In the case of a regular way purchase or sale of financial assets, recognition and derecognition, as applicable, is done using settlement date accounting.

##### **Initial Recognition and Measurement**

Financial instruments are recognized initially at fair value, which is the fair value of the consideration given (in case of an asset) or received (in case of a liability). The initial measurement of financial instruments, except for those designated at fair value through profit and loss (FVPL), includes transaction cost.

##### **“Day 1” Difference**

Where the transaction in a non-active market is different from the fair value of other observable current market transactions in the same instrument or based on a valuation technique whose variables include only data from observable market, the Company recognizes the difference between the transaction price and fair value (a “Day 1” difference) in profit or loss. In cases where there is no observable data on inception, the Company deems the transaction price as the best estimate of fair value and recognizes “Day 1” difference in profit or loss when the inputs become observable or when the instrument is derecognized. For each transaction, the Company determines the appropriate method of recognizing the “Day 1” difference.



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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(b) Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities (continued)

**Classification**

The Company classifies its financial assets at initial recognition under the following categories: (a) financial assets at FVPL, (b) financial assets at amortized cost and (c) financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive loss (FVOCI). Financial liabilities, on the other hand, are classified as either financial liabilities at FVPL or financial liabilities at amortized cost. The classification of a financial instrument largely depends on the Company's business model and its contractual cash flow characteristics.

**Financial Assets and Liabilities at FVPL**

Financial assets and liabilities at FVPL are either classified as held for trading or designated at FVPL. A financial instrument is classified as held for trading if it meets either of the following conditions:

- it is acquired or incurred principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing it in the near term;
- on initial recognition, it is part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that are managed together and for which there is evidence of a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking; or
- it is a derivative (except for a derivative that is a financial guarantee contract or a designated and effective hedging instrument).

This category includes equity instruments which the Company had not irrevocably elected to classify at FVOCI at initial recognition. This category includes debt instruments whose cash flows are not "solely for payment of principal and interest" assessed at initial recognition of the assets, or which are not held within a business model whose objective is either to collect contractual cash flows, or to both collect contractual cash flows and sell.

The Company may, at initial recognition, designate a financial asset or financial liability meeting the criteria to be classified at amortized cost or at FVOCI, as a financial asset or financial liability at FVPL, if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces accounting mismatch that would arise from measuring these assets or liabilities.

After initial recognition, financial assets at FVPL and held for trading financial liabilities are subsequently measured at fair value. Unrealized gains or losses arising from the fair valuation of financial assets at FVPL and held for trading financial liabilities are recognized in profit or loss.

For financial liabilities designated at FVPL under the fair value option, the amount of change in fair value that is attributable to changes in the credit risk of that liability is recognized in other comprehensive loss (rather than in profit or loss), unless this creates an accounting mismatch. Amounts presented in other comprehensive loss are not subsequently transferred to profit or loss.

As at December 31, 2022, the Company does not have financial assets and liabilities at FVPL.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(b) Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities (continued)

**Financial Assets at Amortized Cost**

Financial assets shall be measured at amortized cost if both of the following conditions are met:

- the financial asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise, on specified dates, to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

After initial recognition, financial assets at amortized cost are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method, less allowance for impairment, if any. Amortized cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. Gains and losses are recognized in profit or loss when the financial assets are derecognized and through amortization process.

As at December 31, 2022, the Company's cash in bank and receivables are included under this category (see Notes 9 and 11).

**Financial Assets at FVOCI**

For debt instruments that meet the contractual cash flow characteristic and are not designated at FVPL under the fair value option, the financial assets shall be measured at FVOCI if both of the following conditions are met:

- the financial asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows and selling the financial assets; and
- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise, on specified dates, to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

For equity instruments, the Company may irrevocably designate the financial asset to be measured at FVOCI in case the above conditions are not met.

Financial assets at FVOCI are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs. After initial recognition, interest income (calculated using the effective interest rate method), foreign currency gains or losses and impairment losses of debt instruments measured at FVOCI are recognized directly in profit or loss. When the financial asset is derecognized, the cumulative gains or losses previously recognized in OCI are reclassified from equity to profit or loss as a reclassification adjustment.

Dividends from equity instruments held at FVOCI are recognized in profit or loss when the right to receive payment is established unless the dividend clearly represents a recovery of part of the cost of the investment. Foreign currency gains or losses and unrealized gains or losses from equity instruments are recognized in OCI and presented in the equity section of the statement of financial position. These fair value changes are recognized in equity and are not reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(b) Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities (continued)

Financial Assets at FVOCI (continued)

**Financial Liabilities at Amortized Cost**

Financial liabilities are categorized as financial liabilities at amortized cost when the substance of the contractual arrangement results in the Company having an obligation either to deliver cash or another financial asset to the holder, or to settle the obligation other than by the exchange of a fixed amount of cash or another financial asset for a fixed number of its own equity instruments.

These financial liabilities are initially recognized at fair value less any directly attributable transaction costs. After initial recognition, these financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Amortized cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on the issue and fees that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. Gains and losses are recognized in profit or loss when the liabilities are derecognized or through the amortization process.

As at December 31, 2022 the Company's liabilities arising from its borrowings, trade and other payable and customer deposits are included under this category (see Notes 13, and 15).

**Reclassification**

The Company reclassifies its financial assets when, and only when, it changes its business model for managing those financial assets. The reclassification is applied prospectively from the first day of the first reporting period following the change in the business model (reclassification date).

For a financial asset reclassified out of the financial assets at amortized cost category to financial assets at FVPL, any gain or loss arising from the difference between the previous amortized cost of the financial asset and fair value is recognized in profit or loss.

For a financial asset reclassified out of the financial assets at amortized cost category to financial assets at FVOCI, any gain or loss arising from a difference between the previous amortized cost of the financial asset and fair value is recognized in OCI. For a financial asset reclassified out of the financial assets at FVPL category to financial assets at amortized cost, its fair value at the reclassification date becomes its new gross carrying amount.

For a financial asset reclassified out of the financial assets at FVOCI category to financial assets at amortized cost, any gain or loss previously recognized in OCI, and any difference between the new amortized cost and maturity amount, are amortized to profit or loss over the remaining life of the investment using the effective interest method. If the financial asset is subsequently impaired, any gain or loss that has been recognized in OCI is reclassified from equity to profit or loss.

In the case of a financial asset that does not have a fixed maturity, the gain or loss shall be recognized in profit or loss when the financial asset is sold or disposed. If the financial asset is subsequently impaired, any previous gain or loss that has been recognized in OCI is reclassified from equity to profit or loss.

For a financial asset reclassified out of the financial assets at FVPL category to financial assets at FVOCI, its fair value at the reclassification date becomes its new gross carrying amount.

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3. Significant accounting policies *(continued)*

(b) Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities *(continued)*

Reclassification *(continued)*

Meanwhile, for a financial asset reclassified out of the financial assets at FVOCI category to financial assets at FVPL, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognized in other comprehensive loss is reclassified from equity to profit or loss as a reclassification adjustment at the reclassification date.

**Impairment of Financial Assets at Amortized Cost and FVOCI**

The Company records an allowance for “expected credit loss” (ECL). ECL is based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Company expects to receive. The difference is then discounted at an approximation to the asset’s original effective interest rate.

For trade receivables, the Company has applied the simplified approach and has calculated ECLs based on the lifetime expected credit losses. The Company has established a provision matrix that is based on its historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the debtors and the economic environment.

For debt instruments measured at amortized cost and FVOCI, the ECL is based on the 12-month ECL, which pertains to the portion of lifetime ECLs that result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within 12 months after the reporting date. However, when there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, the allowance will be based on the lifetime ECL. When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Company compares the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument as at the reporting date with the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument as at the date of initial recognition and consider reasonable and supportable information, that is available without undue cost or effort, that is indicative of significant increases in credit risk since initial recognition.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(b) Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities (continued)

**Derecognition of Financial Assets and Liabilities**

**Financial Assets**

A financial asset (or where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is derecognized when:

- the right to receive cash flows from the asset has expired;
- the Company retains the right to receive cash flows from the financial asset, but has assumed an obligation to pay them in full without material delay to a third party under a “pass-through” arrangement; or
- the Company has transferred its right to receive cash flows from the financial asset and either (a) has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset but has transferred control of the asset.

When the Company has transferred its right to receive cash flows from a financial asset or has entered into a pass-through arrangement and has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset nor transferred control of the financial asset, the financial asset is recognized to the extent of the Company’s continuing involvement in the financial asset. Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred financial asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the financial asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Company could be required to repay.

**Financial Liabilities**

Financial liability is derecognized when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled or has expired. 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 a derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability, and the difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognized in the statements of comprehensive loss.

A modification is considered substantial if the present value of the cash flows under the new terms, including net fees paid or received and discounted using the original effective interest rate, is different by at least 10% from the discounted present value of remaining cash flows of the original liability.

The fair value of the modified financial liability is determined based on its expected cash flows, discounted using the interest rate at which the Company could raise debt with similar terms and conditions in the market. The difference between the carrying value of the original liability and fair value of the new liability is recognized in the statements of comprehensive loss.

On the other hand, if the difference does not meet the 10% threshold, the original debt is not extinguished but merely modified. In such case, the carrying amount is adjusted by the costs or fees paid or received in the restructuring.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(b) Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities (continued)

**Offsetting of Financial Assets and Liabilities**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statements of financial position if, and only if, there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognized amounts and there is intention to settle on a net basis, or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. This is not generally the case with master netting agreements, and the related assets and liabilities are presented gross in the statements of financial position.

**Classification of Financial Instrument between Liability and Equity**

A financial instrument is classified as liability if it provides for a contractual obligation to:

- Deliver cash or another financial asset to another entity;
- Exchange financial assets or financial liabilities with another entity under conditions that are potentially unfavorable to the Company; or
- Satisfy the obligation other than by the exchange of a fixed amount of cash or another financial asset for a fixed number of own equity shares.

If the Company does not have an unconditional right to avoid delivering cash or another financial asset to settle its contractual obligation, the obligation meets the definition of a financial liability.

**Derivative Financial Instruments and Hedging**

**Freestanding Derivatives**

For the purpose of hedge accounting, hedges are classified as either:

- i. fair value hedges when hedging the exposure to changes in the fair value of a recognized asset or liability or an unrecognized firm commitment (except for foreign currency risk);
- ii. cash flow hedges when hedging exposure to variability in cash flows that is either attributable to a particular risk associated with a recognized asset or liability or a highly probable forecast transaction or the foreign currency risk in an unrecognized firm commitment; or
- iii. hedges of a net investment in foreign operations.

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 and the risk management objective and strategy for undertaking the hedge. The documentation includes identification of the hedging instrument, the hedged item or transaction, the nature of the risk being hedged and how the entity will assess the hedging instrument's effectiveness 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.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(b) Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities (continued)

Derivative Financial Instruments and Hedging (continued)

**Fair Value Hedge**

Derivatives classified as fair value hedges are carried at fair value with corresponding change in fair value recognized in the separate statements of income. The carrying amount of the hedged asset or liability is also adjusted for changes in fair value attributable to the hedged item and the gain or loss associated with that remeasurement is also recognized in the separate statements of income.

Derivatives classified as fair value hedges are carried at fair value with corresponding change in fair value recognized in the separate statements of income. The carrying amount of the hedged asset or liability is also adjusted for changes in fair value attributable to the hedged item and the gain or loss associated with that remeasurement is also recognized in the separate statements of income.

When the hedge ceases to be highly effective, hedge accounting is discontinued and the adjustment to the carrying amount of a hedged financial instrument is amortized immediately.

The Company discontinues fair value hedge accounting if:

- i. the hedging instrument expires, is sold, is terminated or is exercised;
- ii. the hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting; or
- iii. the Company revokes the designation.

The Company has no outstanding derivatives accounted for as a fair value hedge as at December 31, 2022.

**Cash Flow Hedge**

Changes in the fair value of a hedging instrument that qualifies as a highly effective cash flow hedge are recognized in other comprehensive loss and presented in the separate statements of changes in equity. The ineffective portion is immediately recognized in the separate statements of income.

If the hedged cash flow results in the recognition of an asset or a liability, all gains or losses previously recognized directly in the separate statements of changes in equity are transferred and included in the initial measurement of the cost or carrying amount of the asset or liability. Otherwise, for all other cash flow hedges, gains or losses initially recognized in the separate statements of changes in equity are transferred to the separate statements of income in the same period or periods during which the hedged forecasted transaction or recognized asset or liability affects the separate statements of income.

When the hedge ceases to be highly effective, hedge accounting is discontinued prospectively. The cumulative gain or loss on the hedging instrument that has been reported directly in the separate statements of changes in equity is retained until the forecasted transaction occurs. When the forecasted transaction is no longer expected to occur, any net cumulative gain or loss previously reported in the separate statements of changes in equity is recognized in the separate statements of income.

The Company has no outstanding derivatives accounted for as a cash flow hedge as at December 31, 2022.

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**3. Significant accounting policies *(continued)***

**(b) Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities *(continued)***

**Derivative Financial Instruments and Hedging *(continued)***

**Net Investment Hedge**

Hedges of a net investment in a foreign operation, including a hedge of a monetary item that is accounted for as part of the net investment, are accounted for in a way similar to cash flow hedges. Gains or losses on the hedging instrument relating to the effective portion of the hedge are recognized in other comprehensive loss while any gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion is recognized in the separate statements of income. On disposal of a foreign operation, the cumulative value of any such gains and losses recorded in the separate statements of changes in equity is transferred to and recognized in the separate statements of income.

The Company has no hedge of a net investment in a foreign operation as at December 31, 2022.

Changes in fair values of derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting are recognized directly in the separate statements of income.

**Embedded Derivatives**

The Company assesses whether embedded derivatives are required to be separated from the host contracts when the Company becomes a party to the contract.

An embedded derivative is separated from the host contract and accounted for as a derivative if all of the following conditions are met:

- (a) the economic characteristics and risks of the embedded derivative are not closely related to the economic characteristics and risks of the host contract;
- (b) a separate instrument with the same terms as the embedded derivative would meet the definition of a derivative; and
- (c) the hybrid or combined instrument is not recognized as at FVPL.

Reassessment only occurs if there is a change in the terms of the contract that significantly modifies the cash flows that would otherwise be required.

Embedded derivatives that are bifurcated from the host contracts are accounted for either as financial assets or financial liabilities at FVPL.

The Company has not bifurcated any embedded derivatives as at December 31, 2022.



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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(c) Property, plant and equipment

*i. Recognition and measurement*

Items of property, plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any.

Cost includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. The cost of self-constructed assets includes the cost of materials and direct labour, any other costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to a working condition for its intended use, and the costs of dismantling and removing the items and restoring the site on which they are located, and capitalized borrowing costs. Purchased software that is integral to the functionality of the related equipment is capitalised as part of that equipment.

When parts of an item of property and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of property and equipment. Gains and losses on disposal of an item of property and equipment are determined by comparing the proceeds from disposal with the carrying amount of property and equipment and are recognized net in the statement of comprehensive loss.

*ii. Subsequent costs*

The cost of replacing part of an item of property and equipment is recognized in the carrying amount of the item if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied within the part will flow to the Company and its cost can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognized. The costs of the day-to-day servicing of property, plant and equipment are recognised in the profit or loss as incurred.

*iii. Depreciation and amortization*

Depreciation is recognized in profit or loss on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of each part of an item of property and equipment. Leased buildings and improvements including leasehold lands are amortized over the shorter of the lease term and their estimated useful lives. The estimated useful lives for the current and comparative years are as follows:

Leasehold lands	50 - 99 years
Buildings and improvements	40 years
Plant and machinery	10 - 20 years
Furniture, fittings and equipment	5 years
Motor vehicle	3 - 5 years

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each financial year-end and adjusted if appropriate.

*iv. Capital work in progress*

Capital work in progress, which represents property and equipment under construction, is stated at cost and depreciated only when the relevant assets are completed and put into operational use. Upon completion, these properties are reclassified to their relevant property, plant and equipment account.

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**3. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

**(c) Property, plant and equipment (continued)**

**v. Spare parts and servicing equipment**

Minor spare parts and servicing equipment are typically carried as inventory and recognized in profit or loss as consumed. Major spare parts and stand-by equipment are carried as PPE when the entity expects to use them during more than one period or when they can be used only in connection with an item of PPE.

**(d) Inventories**

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined on a weighted average basis. Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less estimated costs of completion and selling expenses. Allowance is made for obsolete and slow-moving items.

**(e) Non-financial assets impairment**

The carrying amounts of the Company's non-financial assets are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

The recoverable amount of an asset is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. 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.

An impairment loss is recognized if the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its estimated recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognized in the profit or loss.

In respect of other assets, impairment losses recognized in prior periods are assessed at each reporting date for any indications that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortization, if no impairment loss had been recognized.

**(f) Contributions in aid of construction**

Contributions in aid of construction are amounts received from customers towards the cost of providing services. These amounts are amortized over the estimated service lives of the related assets over the same period. Contributions received in respect of unfinished construction are amortized once the assets are placed in service.

**(g) Share capital**

*Ordinary shares*

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of ordinary shares and share options are recognized as a deduction from equity.

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**3. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

**(g) Share capital (continued)**

*Treasury shares*

When share capital recognized as equity is repurchased by the Company, the amount of the consideration paid, including directly attributable cost is recognized as a deduction from equity.

Repurchased shares are classified as treasury shares and presented as a deduction from total shareholders' equity. When treasury shares are sold or reissued subsequently, the amount received is recognized as an increase in equity, and the resulting surplus or deficit on the transaction is transferred to/from retained earnings.

**(h) Revenue**

*i. Sale of energy*

Revenue from the sale of electricity is recognized in profit or loss based on consumption recorded by monthly meter readings, with due adjustment made for unread consumption at year-end by apportioning the consumption of the following month.

In addition to the normal tariff rates charged for energy sales, a surcharge is calculated which is based on the difference between the fuel price at the base period and the average cost of fuel for the preceding 3 months. The surcharge is recovered by applying the month's surcharge rate to units billed in the following month for material changes in the surcharge rate.

*ii. Revenue from government grants*

Government grants received on capital expenditure are generally deducted in arriving at the carrying amount of the asset purchased or shall be recognized in profit or loss on a systematic basis over the periods in which the entity recognized as expense the related costs for which the grants are intended to compensate.

Grants for revenue expenditure are netted against the cost incurred by the Company. Where retention of a government grant is dependent on the Company satisfying certain criteria, it is initially recognized as deferred income. When the criteria for retention have been satisfied, the deferred income balance is released to the statement of comprehensive loss or netted against the asset purchased.

*iii. Revenue from other grants*

Grants that compensate the Company for expenses incurred are recognized as revenue in the statement of revenues and expenses on a systematic basis in the same periods in which the expenses were incurred. Grants collected in advance with no expenses being incurred are shown as other assets and deferred income in the statement of financial position, respectively.

*iv. Late charges*

A 2% late fee is charged on all customer trade receivable balances not paid after 15 days past the due date. The Company recognizes income from late charges when billed. Late charges are reported as other income (see Note 19).

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**3. Significant accounting policies** *(continued)*

**(h) Revenue** *(continued)*

*v. Interest income*

Interest income is recognized on a time-proportion basis using the effective interest method.

*vi. Connection upgrades and other services*

Revenue from connection upgrades and other services is recognized in the statement of comprehensive loss when the service is rendered.

**(i) Employee benefits**

*i. Defined benefit plan*

A defined contribution plan is a post-employment plan under which an entity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further amounts. Obligations for contributions to defined contribution pension plans are recognized as an employee benefit expense in profit or loss when they are due. Prepaid contributions are recognized as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in future payment is available. This plan is for all employees.

**(j) Finance cost**

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are added to the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale. Borrowing costs on general borrowings are capitalized by applying a capitalization rate to construction or development expenditures that are financed by general borrowings. Investment income earned on the temporary investment of specific borrowings pending their expenditure on qualifying assets is deducted from the borrowing costs eligible for capitalization. All other borrowing costs are recognized in profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred using the effective interest method.

**(k) Earnings per share**

Earnings per share have been calculated by dividing the net profit for the year by the weighted average number of issued ordinary shares.

**(l) Dividends**

Dividends are recognized as a liability in the period in which they are sanctioned by the shareholders. Dividends per share have been calculated by dividing the dividend declared by the weighted average number of issued ordinary shares.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(m) Provisions

A provision is recognized if, as a result of a past event, the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation that can be estimated reliably, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. Provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability.

(n) Leases

*The Company as a lessee*

The Company considers whether a contract is, or contains, a lease, at inception of the contract. A lease is defined as 'a contract, or part of a contract, that conveys the right to use an asset (the underlying asset) for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

At the lease commencement date, the Company recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability on the separate statement of financial position.

*Right-of-use assets*

The right-of-use asset is measured at cost, which is made up of the initial measurement of the lease liability, any initial direct costs incurred by the Company, an estimate of any costs to dismantle and remove the asset at the end of the lease, and any lease payments made in advance of the lease commencement date (net of any incentives received).

The Company depreciates the right-of-use assets on a straight-line basis from the lease commencement date to the earlier of the end of the useful life of the right-to-use asset or the end of the lease term. The Company also assesses the right-of-use asset for impairment when such indicators exist.

*Lease liabilities*

At the commencement date, the Company measures the lease liability at the present value of the lease payments unpaid at that date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease if that rate is readily available, or the Company's incremental borrowing rate.

Subsequent to initial measurement, the carrying amount of the lease liability is increased to reflect the interest on the lease (calculated using the effective interest method) and is reduced to reflect the lease payments made.

The Company re-measures the lease liability to reflect any modification or reassessment of the lease contract, such as a change in the lease term or change in the assessment of whether a renewal option will be exercised, in which case the lease liability is re-measured by discounting the revised lease payments by a revised discount rate. When the lease liability is re-measured, the corresponding adjustment is reflected in the related right-of-use asset, or profit or loss if the right-of-use asset is already reduced to zero.

The Company has elected to account for short-term leases (defined as leases with a lease term of 12 months or less) using the practical expedients. Instead of recognising a right-of-use asset and lease liability, the payments in relation to these are recognised as an expense in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

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**3. Significant accounting policies *(continued)***

**(n) Leases *(continued)***

*The Company as a lessor*

As a lessor, the Company classifies all its leases as operating as the leases do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the underlying asset.

The Company earns income from rental of poles. Rental from these operating leases is recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Contingent rents are recognized as an expense in profit or loss when incurred.

**(o) Contingencies**

Contingent liabilities are not recognized in the financial statements but are disclosed in the notes to financial statements unless the possibility of an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits is remote. Contingent assets are not recognized in the financial statements but disclosed in the notes to financial statements when an inflow of economic benefits is probable.

**(p) Subsequent events**

Post year-end events that provide additional information about the Company's financial position at reporting date (adjusting events) are reflected in the financial statements when material. Post year-end events that are not adjusting events are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements when material.

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#### 4. Determination of fair values

A number of the Company's accounting policies and disclosures require the determination of fair value, for both financial and non-financial assets and liabilities. Fair values have been determined for measurement and/or disclosure purposes based on the following methods.

(a) **Held-to-maturity investment securities**

The fair value of held-to-maturity investment securities is estimated as the present value of future cash flows, discounted at the market rate of interest at the reporting date.

(b) **Trade and other receivables**

The fair value of trade and other receivables is estimated as the present value of future cash flows, discounted at the market rate of interest at the reporting date.

(c) **Cash and cash equivalents**

The fair value of cash and cash equivalents approximates carrying value due to its short-term nature.

(d) **Non-derivative financial liabilities**

Fair value, which is determined for disclosure purposes, is calculated based on the present value of future principal and interest cash flows, discounted at the market rate of interest at the reporting date. Current liabilities are not discounted, since the present value of future cash flows is equal to its carrying amount.

When applicable, further information about the assumptions made in determining fair values is disclosed in the notes specific to that asset or liability.

Management believes that the effect of discounting those short-term financial assets and liabilities at market rate is immaterial as at year-end.

#### 5. Financial risk management

(a) **Overview**

The Company has exposure to the following risks from its use of financial instruments:

- credit risk
- liquidity risk
- market risk

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

The Board of Directors (the "Board") has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Company's risk management framework. The Board is responsible for developing and monitoring the Company's risk management policies.

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**5. Financial risk management** (*continued*)

**(a) Overview** (*continued*)

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

The Board oversees how management monitors compliance with the Company's risk management policies and procedures and reviews the adequacy of the risk management framework in relation to the risks faced by the Company. The Board is assisted in its oversight role by Internal Audit. Internal Audit undertakes both regular and ad hoc reviews of risk management controls and procedures, the results of which are reported to the Board of Directors.

**(b) Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations and arises principally from the Company's investments in certificates of deposit and trade and other receivables.

*Investment securities*

The Company limits its exposure to credit risk by only investing in fixed deposits with local banks. Management does not expect the related counterparty to fail to meet its obligations.

*Trade and other receivables*

The Company's exposure to credit risk is influenced mainly by the individual characteristics of each customer. The demographics of the Company's customer base, including the default risk of the industry and country in which customers operate, has less influence on credit risk. The Company establishes an allowance for impairment that represents its estimate of incurred losses in respect of trade and other receivables and investment securities. The main components of this allowance are collective losses based on number of days in receivable.

**(c) Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Company's reputation.

Typically, the Company ensures that it has sufficient cash on demand to meet expected operational expenses for a period of 60 days, including the servicing of financial obligations; this excludes the potential impact of extreme circumstances that cannot reasonably be predicted, such as natural disasters. In addition, the Company maintains a line of credit with a limit of EC\$3.2 million with the National Commercial Bank of Anguilla Limited with an interest rate of 7.5% per annum.



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**5. Financial risk management (continued)**

**(d) Market risk**

*Currency risk*

The Company's exposure to currency risk is minimal as the exchange rate of the Eastern Caribbean dollar (EC\$) to the United States dollar (US\$) has been formally pegged at EC\$2.70 = US\$1.00.

*Interest rate risk*

Differences in contractual re-pricing or maturity dates and changes in interest rates may expose the Company to interest rate risk. The Company's exposure and the interest rates on its financial liabilities are disclosed in Note 27 to the financial statements.

**(e) Fair value**

The Company measures fair values using the following fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements.

Level 1: Quoted market price (unadjusted) in an active market for an identical instrument.

Level 2: Valuation techniques based on observable inputs, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices). This category includes instruments valued using: quoted market prices in active markets for similar instruments; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are considered less than active; or other valuation techniques where all significant inputs are directly or indirectly observable from market data.

Level 3: Valuation techniques using significant unobservable inputs. This category includes all instruments where the valuation technique includes inputs not based on observable data and the unobservable inputs have a significant effect on the instrument's valuation. This category includes instruments that are valued based on quoted prices for similar instruments where significant unobservable adjustments or assumptions are required to reflect differences between the instruments.

Fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities that are traded in active markets are based on quoted market prices or dealer price quotations.

Valuation techniques include net present value and discounted cash flow models. Assumptions and inputs used in valuation techniques include risk-free and benchmark interest rates, credit spreads used in estimating discount rates, bond and equity prices and expected price volatilities and correlations. The objective of valuation techniques is to arrive at a fair value determination that reflects the price of the financial instrument at the reporting date, which would have been determined by market participants acting at arm's length.

The Company's financial assets measured at fair value are disclosed in note 4.

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5. Financial risk management (continued)

(f) Capital management

The Board's policy is to maintain a strong capital base so as to maintain investor, creditor and market confidence and to sustain future development of the business. The Board of Directors monitors both the demographic spread of shareholders, as well as the return on capital.

The impact of the level of capital on shareholders' return is also recognized and the Company recognizes the need to maintain a balance between the higher returns that might be possible with higher levels of borrowings and the advantages and security afforded by a sound capital position.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Company may adjust the amount of dividends paid to shareholders, return capital to shareholders or sell assets to reduce debt.

The Company monitors capital based on the following ratios:

	2022	2021
Total debt	38,317,982	31,639,804
Shareholders' equity	73,854,811	74,286,769
Debt-to-equity ratio (total debt/total equity)	52%	43%
	2022	2021
Total debt	38,317,982	31,639,804
Total assets	112,172,794	105,926,573
Debt ratio (total debt/total assets)	34%	30%
	2022	2021
Shareholders' equity	73,854,811	74,286,769
Total assets	112,172,794	105,926,573
Equity ratio (total shareholders' equity/total assets)	66%	70%

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## 6. Critical accounting estimates and judgments

The Company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The following are the critical estimates and judgments used in applying accounting policies that have a significant risk of material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year and/or in future periods:

**a. Valuation of financial instruments**

Financial instruments are valued on a basis described in note 3 (b) to the financial statements.

**b. Impairment of assets**

Financial and non-financial assets are evaluated for impairment on a basis described in note 3(b) and 3(e) to the financial statements. See note 27 for the detailed breakdown of allowance for impairment losses on various financial and non-financial assets.

**c. Estimation of unbilled sales and fuel charges**

Unbilled sales and fuel charges are estimated using the actual meter reading in the following month as described in note 3 (h) (i) to the financial statements.

**d. Measurement of defined benefit obligation**

The Company's defined benefit obligation is measured and calculated by a qualified actuary using the project unit credit method as described in note 3(i) to the financial statements.

**e. Determination of fair values**

The fair values of financial and non-financial assets and liabilities have been determined for measurement and/or disclosure purposes based on the methods described in note 5(e) to the financial statements. The carrying and fair values of financial assets and liabilities are presented in note 27 (iv) to the financial statements.

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7. Property, plant and equipment - net

	Free Hold Land	Lease hold Land	Buildings	Plant and machinery	Furniture, fittings and equipment	Motor vehicles	Capital work in progress	Total
<b>Cost</b>								
31 December 2020	240,000	2,979,000	20,225,774	130,996,991	4,331,100	6,925,180	2,416,592	168,114,637
Additions	-	-	153,860	1,035,244	106,710	-	517,518	1,813,332
Transfers	-	-	-	202,877	-	-	(202,877)	-
Write-off/Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	(238,424)	-	(238,424)
31 December 2021	240,000	2,979,000	20,379,634	132,235,112	4,437,810	6,686,756	2,731,233	169,689,545
Additions	-	-	9,305	2,291,972	58,549	-	20,932	2,380,758
Transfers	-	-	-	159,405	-	-	(159,405)	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	(167,609)	-	(167,609)
Adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	(80,536)	-	(80,536)
31 December 2022	240,000	2,979,000	20,388,939	134,686,489	4,496,359	6,438,611	2,592,760	171,822,158
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>								
31 December 2020	-	446,036	6,155,048	76,117,527	3,284,485	4,260,665	-	90,263,761
Depreciation	-	32,910	532,259	5,067,509	270,310	932,424	-	6,835,412
Write-off/Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	(203,888)	-	(203,888)
31 December 2021	-	478,946	6,687,307	81,185,036	3,554,795	4,989,201	-	96,895,285
Depreciation	-	32,911	520,025	5,963,336	269,661	516,970	-	7,302,903
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	(167,609)	-	(167,609)
Adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	(80,536)	-	(80,536)
31 December 2022	-	511,857	7,207,332	87,148,372	3,824,456	5,258,026	-	103,950,043
<b>Net book values</b>								
31 December 2022	240,000	2,467,143	13,181,607	47,538,117	671,903	1,180,585	2,592,760	67,872,115
31 December 2021	240,000	2,500,054	13,692,327	51,050,076	883,015	1,697,555	2,731,233	72,794,260

Certain items of Property, plant and equipment were used to secure the loan from Caribbean Development Bank (See Note 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3).

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7. Property, plant and equipment - net (continued)

These transmission and distribution assets are covered by an external insurance company (The Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility (CCRIF)) (Note 30) (II).

Depreciation expense charged for the years ended is broken down as follows:

	Notes	2022	2021
Generation	17	3,036,090	2,780,081
Transmission and distribution	18	3,444,217	3,267,668
Administrative	20	822,596	787,663
		<b>7,302,903</b>	<b>6,835,412</b>

8. Inventories - net

	2022	2021
Generation parts and fuel	5,881,467	5,301,848
Transmission and distribution parts	9,746,859	9,898,958
Administration supplies	149,963	174,317
	<b>15,778,289</b>	<b>15,375,123</b>
Less allowance for slow moving and obsolete inventories	(1,013,085)	(915,927)
	<b>14,765,204</b>	<b>14,459,195</b>

The movements of impairment for slow-moving and obsolete inventories are as follows:

	Note	2022	2021
Balance, 1 January		915,928	3,213,203
Provision/(recovery) impairment for the year	19	97,157	(2,297,275)
Written off		-	-
Balance, 31 December		<b>1,013,085</b>	<b>915,928</b>

9. Trade and other receivables - net

	Note	2022	2021
Trade		19,072,494	26,282,179
Customer receivables under deferred payment plan		202,738	560,960
Other		376,886	190,574
	27	<b>19,652,118</b>	<b>27,033,713</b>
Less allowance for credit losses		(5,678,066)	(11,494,464)
		<b>13,974,052</b>	<b>15,539,249</b>

The Company has a significant trade receivables balance that is required to be subject to specific and/or collective impairment testing whenever there is objective evidence of impairment (see Note 27). The Company also offers deferred payment plans to customers with financial difficulties in settling their outstanding obligations.

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**9. Trade and other receivables - net (continued)**

The plan is offered to customers interest free or with a low penalty rate and *normally* lasts for a maximum of twelve months except for Government of Anguilla. Details of receivables under the payment plans follow:

	2022			2021		
	GOA	Others	Total	GOA	Others	Total
Due within one year	-	61,092	61,092	-	136,024	136,024
Due more than one year	-	141,646	141,646	-	424,936	424,936
	-	202,738	202,738	-	560,960	560,960

As at year-end, the Government of Anguilla and its various statutory bodies owed the Company an amount of EC\$2,502,972 (2021: EC\$14,404,171).

The movements of allowance for credit losses are as follows:

	2022	2021
Balance, 1 January	11,494,464	14,524,068
(Recovery)/provision for the year	19	(3,044,404)
	(9,434,292)	
Written off	25,564	14,800
Balance, 31 December	5,678,066	11,494,464

**10. Prepayments and other current assets**

	2022	2021
Advance deposits	516,800	331,678
Prepaid insurance	537,977	537,360
Other	1,961	1,961
	1,056,738	870,999

**11. Cash and cash equivalents**

	2022	2021
Cash in banks	6,912,499	2,259,170
Petty cash	3,200	3,700
	6,915,699	2,262,870

Cash in banks currently do not earn interest at the respective bank deposits-nil (2021: nil). For the purpose of reporting cash flows, cash and cash equivalents are unrestricted and available for use in the operations. The bank ceased paying interest on business accounts from March 2020.

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**11. Cash and cash equivalents (continued)**

Cash and cash equivalents include the following for the purpose of the cash flow statement:

	<i>Note</i>	2022	2021
Cash		6,915,699	2,262,870
Bank overdraft	13	(851,239)	(2,457,449)
		<b>6,064,460</b>	<b>(194,579)</b>

**12. Share capital**

	2022	2021
Authorized:	30,000,000	30,000,000
Issued and fully paid:		
17,036,147 ordinary shares at XCD \$1.00 per share	17,036,147	17,036,147
Less: Treasury shares		
5,400,000 ordinary shares at no par value	(5,400,000)	(5,400,000)
	11,636,147	11,636,147
Add: Discount on treasury stock	2,900,000	2,900,000
	<b>14,536,147</b>	<b>14,536,147</b>

The current percentage of ownership is as follows:

	2022	2021
Government of Anguilla	40%	40%
Anguilla Social Security Board	16%	16%
National Commercial Bank of Anguilla Limited	23%	23%
General Public	21%	21%
	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

The members of the Board of Directors representing the Anguilla Social Security Board are appointed by the Government of Anguilla.

All classes of shares have been converted to one class of ordinary shares effective 3 June 2003. All shares are voting shares and carry equal rights. To date, the shares of the Company are not listed on any stock exchange.

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**13. Borrowings**

	<i>Notes</i>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Caribbean Development Bank - 8OR/ANL	13.1	<b>10,153,993</b>	10,975,107
Caribbean Development Bank - 6OR/ANG	13.2	<b>1,258,615</b>	2,517,230
National Commercial Bank of Anguilla Ltd. - bank overdraft	13.3	<b>851,239</b>	2,457,449
		<b>12,263,847</b>	15,949,786

13.1 This loan was made to the Company by Caribbean Development Bank to assist the Company in financing the recovery of electricity transmission and distribution system and improvement for climate resilience on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 amounting to US\$5,313,000 or EC\$14,282,407. The loan is payable in fifty-six (56) equal or approximately equal and consecutive quarterly instalments on each due date, commencing on the first date after the expiry of three (3) years after the date of the loan agreement, or on such later due date as the Bank may specify in writing. The loan carries an interest rate of 4.75% per annum on the amount withdrawn and outstanding from time to time and payable quarterly.

Details of the cumulative withdrawn amounts as at December 31, 2022 and 2021 follows:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Principal	<b>10,129,484</b>	10,950,353
Commitment charge	<b>24,509</b>	24,754
	<b>10,153,993</b>	10,975,107
Interest payable	<b>126,684</b>	90,545
	<b>10,280,677</b>	11,065,652

13.2 This loan was made to the Company by Caribbean Development Bank to finance the Company's 1 MV solar farm. The loan is payable in twenty (20) equal and consecutive quarterly principal instalments of US\$117,050, commencing on January 2017 and will mature in October 2023 with variable interest rate at 4.75% per annum. This loan is secured by a pari passu legal charge along with Republic bank (Anguilla) formerly Scotia Bank Anguilla Limited over the Company's plant and equipment as well as the freehold property of the Company.

13.3 The Company maintains an overdraft facility with a limit of EC\$3.2 million with the National Commercial Bank of Anguilla Ltd. The facility carries an interest rate of 7.5% per annum.



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13. Borrowings (continued)

The current and non-current portions of the borrowings are as follow:

	2022	2021
<i>Current</i>		
National Commercial Bank of Anguilla Ltd. - bank overdraft	851,239	2,457,449
Caribbean Development Bank - 8OR/ANG	781,076	829,182
Caribbean Development Bank - 6OR/ANG	1,258,615	1,258,615
	<b>2,890,930</b>	<b>4,545,246</b>
<i>Noncurrent</i>		
Caribbean Development Bank - 8OR/ANL	9,372,917	10,145,925
Caribbean Development Bank - 6OR/ANG	-	1,258,615
	<b>9,372,917</b>	<b>11,404,540</b>
	<b>12,263,847</b>	<b>15,949,786</b>

The total interest expense incurred on the aforementioned borrowings included in "Finance Cost" in the profit or loss is as follows:

	Note	2022	2021
Caribbean Development Bank - 6OR/ANG		53,173	78,582
Caribbean Development Bank - 8OR/ANG		447,084	405,559
National Commercial Bank (Anguilla) Ltd.		160,281	121,527
	24	<b>660,538</b>	<b>605,668</b>

Movements in the Caribbean Development Bank loans during the year are as follow:

	2022	2021
Balance, 1 January	13,492,337	15,462,719
Additions	-	-
Repayments	(2,079,729)	(1,970,382)
Balance, 31 December	<b>11,412,608</b>	<b>13,492,337</b>

As of the year ended, the Company was not in default, nor did it commit a breach of any terms or conditions of its loan accounts at any time during the year.

14. Contribution in aid of construction

	Note	2022	2021
Balance, 1 January		3,142,315	3,251,263
Contributions received during the year		459,684	342,702
Amount charged to profit or loss	19	(470,036)	(451,650)
Balance, 31 December		<b>3,131,963</b>	<b>3,142,315</b>

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15. Trade and other payables

	Notes	2022	2021
Trade payables		10,452,401	5,416,289
Environmental levy payable	28	6,550,813	767,904
Lease payable	31	2,202,268	2,199,085
Accrued expenses		1,290,309	2,234,780
Accrued interest payable		139,254	100,848
Other payables		138,946	213,593
		<b>20,773,990</b>	<b>10,932,499</b>

The current and non-current portions of the trade and other payables are as follow:

	2022	2021
<i>Current</i>	18,042,057	8,242,548
<i>Non-current</i>	2,731,933	2,689,951
	<b>20,773,990</b>	<b>10,932,499</b>

16. Energy sales

	2022	2021
Amounts billed during the year	53,286,381	50,777,948
Less: Unbilled revenue at beginning of the year	(2,625,299)	(2,148,395)
	50,661,082	48,629,553
Add: Unbilled revenue at the end of the year	3,957,668	2,625,299
	<b>54,618,750</b>	<b>51,254,852</b>

Pursuant to the Electricity (Rates and Charges) Regulations, the Company's electricity tariff is subject to a surcharge of 1c per kWh for every 10c per gallon increase in the price of fuel oil over \$3.64 per gallon.

The Company utilizes the prescribed surcharge formula in establishing a ceiling for surcharge rates, whilst endeavouring to adhere to a policy of maintaining relatively stable surcharge rates during periods of fuel price volatility.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company recovered a total surcharge of EC\$44,857,941 (2021: EC\$14,027,125) from its customers, of which the Company incurred fuel surcharge costs of EC\$49,344,885 (2021: EC\$22,563,194) as noted below:

	2022	2021
Surcharge Billed	44,857,941	14,027,125
Fuel Surcharge Expense	(49,344,885)	(22,563,194)
Surcharge under recovered	(4,486,944)	(8,536,069)

In addition to the surcharge as specified above, the Electricity (Rates and Charges) Regulations and Electricity Supply Regulations of the Electricity Act also state the following:

"In determining whether any or what variation of the tariff of rates and charges should be made, the Minister or the Arbitrator shall have regard to the principle that the Licensee's revenues must be at least sufficient to enable the Licensee—

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**16. Energy sales (continued)**

- a. to meet all expenses reasonably incurred in the production of such revenues, including (without limitation) depreciation of assets, provision for bad debts and interest on indebtedness; and
- b. to repay its indebtedness; and
- c. to provide for the cost of replacement of its capital assets; and
- d. to provide a reasonable proportion of the capital costs of expanding its undertaking to meet any demand for an increased service to the public; and
- e. to provide an annual return on its Ordinary Shareholders' Equity at a rate which is not less than the average twelve-month deposit rate paid by commercial banks in Anguilla plus three per cent: PROVIDED THAT such return shall be at a rate not less than twelve percent per annum.

However, no such application to vary the tariff of rate charges was made to or approved by the Minister pertaining to the financial year.

**17. Generation - other expenses**

	<i>Notes</i>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Depreciation	7	3,036,090	2,780,081
Staff costs	22	2,804,305	2,889,636
Insurance		2,112,569	2,110,755
Repairs and maintenance		1,973,754	4,958,571
Supplies and other expenses		1,262,019	1,529,499
		<b>11,188,737</b>	<b>14,268,542</b>

In the prior year, two generator sets were overhauled which contributed to the significant increase in repairs and maintenance. In 2022, the overhaul of two generators were capitalized totalling EC\$1,552,087.

**18. Transmission and distribution expenses**

	<i>Notes</i>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Staff costs	22	4,239,861	4,344,579
Depreciation	7	3,444,217	3,267,668
Repairs and maintenance		689,689	924,433
Supplies and other expenses		504,037	594,420
Security expense		369,009	495,606
Insurance		-	157,980
Inventory obsolescence		-	8,434
		<b>9,246,813</b>	<b>9,793,120</b>

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**19. Other income**

	<i>Notes</i>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Gain on legal settlement		<b>2,455,749</b>	-
Late charges		<b>1,769,604</b>	-
Revenue from contribution in aid of construction	14	<b>470,036</b>	451,690
Profit/ (loss) on sale of fixed assets	7	<b>307,770</b>	-
Connection upgrades and other services		-	126,724
Rental and relocation of poles		<b>65,957</b>	59,448
Reconnection fees		<b>28,786</b>	16,600
Reversal of allowance for impairment loss	9	-	3,044,405
Reversal of allowance for inventory obsolescence	8	-	2,297,275
Others		<b>190,168</b>	34,487
		<b>5,288,069</b>	6,030,629

**20. Administrative expenses**

	<i>Notes</i>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Staff costs	22	<b>4,069,461</b>	4,055,309
Credit loss		<b>3,623,607</b>	176,289
Office expenses		<b>2,154,806</b>	2,185,019
Depreciation	7	<b>822,596</b>	787,663
Business license fee	28	<b>750,000</b>	750,000
Insurance		<b>576,694</b>	579,855
Gross revenue tax	28	<b>427,700</b>	385,655
Directors' fees and expenses		<b>360,934</b>	480,175
Professional fees		<b>264,494</b>	268,319
Legal fees		<b>170,694</b>	1,334,546
Consultancy fees		<b>168,915</b>	59,880
Eastern Caribbean Securities Regulatory Company		<b>16,000</b>	16,000
		<b>13,405,901</b>	11,078,710

**21. Consumer services**

	<i>Note</i>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Staff costs	22	<b>447,404</b>	473,426
Temporary and contract services		<b>10,301</b>	3,631
Vehicle licences		<b>5,400</b>	10,800
Other		<b>25,199</b>	16,578
		<b>488,304</b>	504,435

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**22. Staff costs**

	<i>Notes</i>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Transmission and distribution	18	4,239,861	4,344,579
Administrative	20	4,069,461	4,055,309
Generation	17	2,804,305	2,889,636
Consumer services	21	447,404	473,426
		<b>11,561,031</b>	<b>11,762,950</b>

Details of staff costs per nature of expenses are as follow:

	<i>Notes</i>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Salaries, wages and allowances		9,790,754	9,853,740
Overtime		579,921	711,356
Pension expense	23	462,029	423,981
Social security		366,349	369,896
Interim stabilization levy		293,475	284,146
Training		68,503	119,831
		<b>11,561,031</b>	<b>11,762,950</b>

**23. Pension expenses**

The Company uses a defined contribution plan for its employees. This plan is handled and administered by Zurich International. Total contributions made by the Company amounted to EC\$462,029 and EC\$423,981 in 2022 and 2021, respectively.

**24. Finance costs**

	<i>Notes</i>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Interest expense - borrowings	13	660,538	605,668
Charges and Commissions		325,773	315,029
Interest expense - finance lease	31	47,817	10,089
Gain on foreign exchange		(186,914)	(124,169)
		<b>847,214</b>	<b>806,617</b>

**25. Earnings per share**

The calculations of basic loss per share as at 31 December 2022 and 2021 were based on the net profit/(loss) for the year and the total number of capital shares issued and outstanding as at reporting date calculated as follows:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Loss for the year	(431,958)	(3,418,480)
Total number of shares issued as at 31 December	11,636,147	11,636,147
Loss per share	(0.04)	(0.29)

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## 26. Dividends

There were no dividends declared per share by the Board of Directors and sanctioned by the shareholders during the last annual general meeting(s) for both 2022 and 2021.

## 27. Financial instruments

### i. Credit risk

#### *Exposure to credit risk*

The carrying amount of financial assets represents the maximum credit exposure. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is as follows:

	Notes	2022	2021
Trade and other receivables - net	9	13,974,052	15,539,249
Cash in bank - net of bank overdraft	11	6,064,460	(194,579)
		<b>20,038,512</b>	<b>15,344,670</b>

The gross maximum exposure to credit risk for trade and other receivables at the reporting date by type of customer is presented below:

	2022	2021
Government	2,502,972	14,404,171
Hospitality	2,999,429	3,460,242
Residential	7,486,333	3,870,111
Commercial	3,611,763	3,454,849
Other	3,051,621	1,844,340
	<b>19,652,118</b>	<b>27,033,713</b>

#### *Impairment losses*

The Company has a significant trade receivables balance that is required to be subject to impairment testing. For trade receivables, the Company has applied the simplified approach and has calculated ECLs based on the lifetime expected credit losses. The Company has established a provision matrix that is based on its historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the debtors and the economic environment.

Based on the aging report as of 31 December, the past due trade and other receivables were provided for as follows:

	2022		2021	
	Gross	Impairment	Gross	Impairment
Current	11,720,148	1,700,213	11,249,370	1,202,929
Past due 31-60	1,422,176	993,099	645,472	404,987
Past due 61-90	1,888,110	1,802,913	1,148,848	1,119,181
Over 90	4,621,684	1,181,841	13,990,023	8,767,367
Total	<b>19,652,118</b>	<b>5,678,066</b>	<b>27,033,713</b>	<b>11,494,464</b>

The movement in allowance for doubtful accounts in respect of trade receivables during the year is shown in Note 9.

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ii. Liquidity risk

The following are the contractual maturities of financial liabilities including estimated interest payments:

	Carrying amount	Contractual cash flows	Under 1 year	1-2 years	2-5 years	More than 5 years
<b>31 December 2022</b>						
Bank overdraft	851,239	851,239	851,239	-	-	-
Borrowings	11,412,608	14,380,638	2,593,914	2,503,664	3,454,977	5,828,083
Customers deposits	1,964,721	1,964,721	1,964,721	-	-	-
Trade and other payables	20,773,990	20,773,990	18,042,057	2,731,933	-	-
	<b>35,002,558</b>	<b>37,970,588</b>	<b>23,451,931</b>	<b>5,235,597</b>	<b>3,454,977</b>	<b>5,828,083</b>
<b>31 December 2021</b>						
Bank overdraft	2,457,449	2,457,449	2,457,449	-	-	-
Borrowings	13,492,337	17,052,002	2,671,364	3,865,781	3,575,185	6,939,672
Customers deposits	1,615,204	1,615,204	1,615,204	-	-	-
Trade and other payables	10,932,499	10,932,499	8,242,548	2,689,951	-	-
	<b>28,497,489</b>	<b>32,057,154</b>	<b>14,986,565</b>	<b>6,555,732</b>	<b>3,575,185</b>	<b>6,939,672</b>

iii. Market risk

Interest rate risk

			2022		2021
	Interest	Interest rate	Carrying amount	Interest rate	Carrying amount
Cash in bank	Fixed	0%	6,912,499	0%	2,259,170
Overdraft	Fixed	7.50%	(851,239)	7.50%	(2,457,449)
Leases	Fixed	0.74% - 2.29%	(2,202,268)	0.74% - 2.29%	(2,199,085)
Borrowings	Variable	4.75%-5.75%	(11,412,608)	3.30%-4.30%	(13,492,337)

Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

Cash flow interest rate risk arises from borrowings with variable interest rate. The Company has borrowings carrying interest rates based on LIBOR. The cash flow interest rate risk sensitivity which is consistent with prior year is shown below in case there is a 10% increase/decrease in interest rate.

	2022			2021		
	At required rate	+10% increase	-10% decrease	At required rate	+10% increase	-10% decrease
CDB - 8OR/ANG	331,740	364,915	298,566	211,542	232,696	190,388
CDB - 6OR/ANG	323,999	356,399	291,599	314,654	346,119	283,189
	<b>655,740</b>	<b>721,313</b>	<b>590,166</b>	<b>526,196</b>	<b>578,815</b>	<b>473,577</b>

Price risk

Price risk is the possibility that equity prices will fluctuate affecting the fair value of equity investments. The Company is not exposed to price risk as it does not have equity investments.

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27. Financial instruments (continued)

iv. Fair value

The table below sets out fair values of the Company's financial assets and liabilities as at the reporting date.

	2022		2021	
	Carrying amount	Fair values	Carrying amount	Fair values
Trade and other receivables	13,974,052	13,974,052	15,539,249	15,539,249
Cash	6,915,699	6,915,699	2,259,170	2,259,170
	<b>20,889,751</b>	<b>20,889,751</b>	<b>17,798,419</b>	<b>17,798,419</b>
Overdraft	851,239	851,239	2,457,449	2,457,449
Borrowings	11,412,608	14,380,638	13,492,337	17,052,002
Consumers' deposits	1,964,721	1,964,721	1,615,204	1,615,204
Trade and other payables	20,773,990	20,773,990	10,932,499	10,932,499
	<b>35,002,558</b>	<b>37,970,588</b>	<b>28,497,489</b>	<b>32,057,154</b>

The basis for the determination of the fair values is discussed in detail in Note 5 to the financial statements.

28. Related party transactions

*Identification of related party*

A party is related to the Company if:

- (i) Directly or indirectly the party:
  - Controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Company;
  - Has interest in the Company that gives it significant influence over the Company; or;
  - Has joint control over the Company.
- (ii) The party is a member of the key management personnel of the Company. These include the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, the Systems Control Engineer, the Network Operations Engineer, the Information Technology Manager, the Human Resource Manager, the Internal Audit Manager, the Accountant and the Corporate Secretary.
- (iii) The party is a close member of the family of any individual referred to in (i) or (ii)
- (iv) The party is a postemployment benefit plan for the benefit of employees of the Company or any entity that is a related party of the Company.

*Related party transactions and balances*

The Company has entered into a number of transactions with related parties in the normal course of business as at 31 December 2022 and 2021. These transactions were conducted at market rates, or commercial terms and conditions. Details are as follows:

i. Key management personnel and directors

	2022	2021
Short-term benefits to executive officers	1,699,576	1,768,146
Loans and advances to staff	168,422	77,078
Director fees and related activities	360,934	480,175

The Company provides interest free loans and advances to members of staff. These outstanding amounts may exceed twelve months.



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**28. Related party transactions (continued)**

***Related party transactions and balances (continued)***

ii. Government of Anguilla (GOA) - significant shareholder

Balance sheet	Note	2022	2021
Accounts receivable -Gov't only		411,208	139,677
Legal Settlement WCA		7,414,219	-
Accounts Receivable - Statutory bodies		2,091,764	14,264,494
Allowance for credit losses		(831,018)	(7,631,558)
Lease payable	31	(2,202,268)	(2,199,085)
Environmental levy/GST payable	15	(6,550,813)	(767,904)
Gross revenue tax payable	20	(427,700)	(385,655)
Interim stabilization levy payable		(46,118)	(47,853)
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Income statement	Note	2022	2021
Revenues from GOA		12,887,000	7,661,000
Credit (loss)/recovery for the year		(831,018)	99,679
License fee	20	750,000	750,000
Import duties and other fees and services		5,029,083	5,339,987
Gross revenue tax	20	427,700	385,655
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Others		2022	2021
Environmental levy/Goods and Services Tax		9,043,399	3,941,147
Dividends paid		-	-

- a. The Government of Anguilla imposed an environmental levy of 7% of revenues, excluding Government's usage, on the Company effective 15 April 2010. This is being passed on directly to the customer. On July 1, 2022, the Government implemented a Goods and Services Tax, which replaced the Environmental Levy. The rate was increased to 13% and includes Government's usage.
- b. License fee during the year is EC\$750,000 (2021: EC\$750,000).
- c. In accordance with the Electricity Supply (Amendment) Regulations, 2017, the Company shall pay to the Government a gross revenue tax which is equivalent to a variable portion in the amount of .65% of the audited gross revenue of the Company from the previous year's audited financial statements and payable in the last quarter in the year in which it is due.
- d. The Company leases various crown lands of the Government of Anguilla for terms ranging from 50 to 99 years. (see Note 31)

iii. Anguilla Social Security Board - significant shareholder

The Company pays social security contributions for its employees to Anguilla Social Security Board in compliance with the Anguilla Social Security Act. Total employer and employee contributions incurred during the year amounted to EC\$732,698 (2021: EC\$739,793) of which EC\$69,234 (2021: EC\$71, 222) was outstanding at 31 December 2022.

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**28. Related party transactions (continued)**

*Related party transactions and balances (continued)*

iv. National Commercial Bank of Anguilla Limited - significant shareholder

The Company maintains a savings deposit and has an overdraft facility with a limit of EC\$3.2 million with the National Commercial Bank of Anguilla Limited, with an interest rate of 7.5% per annum, which is currently in use. Details are as follow:

	Note	2022	2021
Current account		5,237,901	1,728,608
Bank overdraft	13	(851,239)	(2,457,449)

**29. Commitments**

The Company entered a settlement, release and discharge agreement with Delta Petroleum (Anguilla) Limited regarding claim AXAHCV2022/0030. Delta then alleged that Anglec was in breach of the second tender based on the Procurement Committee which was different to the tender that the Company first provided. As a result, Delta filed a claim on March 16, 2022, and an application for an injunction to prohibit the second tender from proceeding. A third tender was issued on June 2, 2022. On July 26, 2022, a hearing on the interim injunction was heard and the Court denied the application. As such, Delta discontinued the claim on August 12, 2022.

**30. Insurance policy on Transmission and Distribution Assets**

The Company obtained insurance through the Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility (CCRIF) to cover Transmission and Distribution assets. The policy coverage full loss limit is US\$9,315,070 (EC\$24,964,388) but might still be inadequate to cover the risk to an acceptable level depending on the severity of a hurricane. The Company has an overdraft facility in place to assist in the event of natural disasters or similar catastrophic events.

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**31. Leases**

The Company leases the premises of the satellite office which it occupies. A new lease agreement was signed on December 15, 2021 with lease term commencing on January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023, and with the option to renew the contract. The lease agreement does not provide for any escalation of rent during the lease term. The lease charges a monthly rate of US\$6,000 (EC\$16,009).

Right-of-Use Assets

	2022	2021
As at 1 January		-
Additions	349,534	174,767
Amortization	(174,767)	(174,767)
	<b>174,767</b>	<b>-</b>

Lease Liabilities

	2022	2021
As at 1 January	-	183,462
Additions	349,534	-
Interest Expense	27,479	10,089
Lease payments	(193,551)	(193,551)
	<b>183,462</b>	<b>-</b>

Details of lease payments follow:

	2022	2021
Finance lease liabilities	166,072	183,462
Finance lease interest	27,479	10,089
	<b>193,551</b>	<b>193,551</b>

The Company has elected not to recognize a right-of-use asset and lease liability for low value and short-term leases. Payments made under such leases are expensed over a straight-line basis.

**a. Main Building**

On 6 November 2009, the Company renewed its lease with the lessee for another two years with an option to renew for another year. Monthly rent is EC\$8,500 commencing November 2009. The lease contract has not been renewed since. However, the Company is paying based on the old terms of the contract. Total rent expense in 2022 included in “administrative expenses” in the statement of comprehensive income is EC\$102,000 (2021: EC\$102,000). The lease agreement does not provide for any escalation of rent during the lease term.

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31. Leases (continued)

b. Crown Land

I. Solar power plant

On 19 of February 2016, the Company signed a ninety-nine-year crown land lease agreement with the Government of Anguilla for the solar energy farm commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2013 and expiring on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 2112.

The annual sum of EC\$13,441 will be paid to the lessor for the first 5 years. Thereafter, for the following five years of the lease, the rent will increase annually by five percent (5%). Total expected lease payments including the initial direct cost amounted to EC\$2,221,499. The total expected payment as mentioned in the preceding paragraph approximates the fair value of the land subject to lease. Also, the rent shall be continually reviewed at the end of every fifth year of the lease. In no event shall the reviewed rent be less than the rent payable prior to the review.

II. Administration Building

On 19 April 2017 the Company signed a ninety-nine-year crown land lease agreement with the Government of Anguilla for the purpose of constructing the Company's administrative building. The lease has an effective commencement date of June 6, 2002 and will expire on June 5, 2102.

The Company agreed to pay the total sum of EC\$715,061 which is equivalent to the total fair value of the land plus incremental stamp duty taxes at the beginning of the lease plus an annual peppercorn rent of EC\$100.00 for ninety-nine (99) years.

III. Corito Power Plant

The Company occupies several parcels of Crown land as part of the Corito Power Plant and Corito Substation with proposed lease terms from the Government of Anguilla. Despite various attempt to secure a lease for the occupied parcels over several years, the Company was unsuccessful in doing so. The proposed annual cash payment for these leases is expected to be EC\$13,090 and EC\$1,271,496 over the lease term of 99 years including initial direct costs. The total expected payment as mentioned in the preceding paragraph approximates the fair value of the land subject to lease.

IV. West End Transmission

The Company occupies Crown land housing its West End Substation with proposed lease terms from the Government of Anguilla. Despite various attempts to secure a lease for the occupied parcels over the years, the Company was not successful in doing so. The annual sum of EC\$8,000 is expected to be paid to the lessor for the first 5 years, thereafter, for the following five years of the lease, the rent will increase annually by five percent (5%). Total expected lease payments including the initial direct cost amounted to EC\$519,245. The total expected payment as mentioned in the preceding paragraph approximates the fair value of the land subject to lease.

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**31. Leases (continued)**

**c. Crown Land (continued)**

Details of the recognized lease assets and liabilities based on the present value of the minimum lease payment using the interest rate implicit in the lease follow:

	<b>2022</b>			
	Total land value	Paid to date	Finance charge to date	Lease payable balance
Solar power plant	1,108,546	(100,471)	9,456	1,017,531
Administration building	721,539	(715,061)	177	6,655
Corito power plant	863,966	-	12,672	876,638
West end transmission	284,949	-	16,495	301,444
	<b>2,979,000</b>	<b>(815,532)</b>	<b>38,800</b>	<b>2,202,268</b>

	<b>2021</b>			
	Total land value	Paid to date	Finance charge to date	Lease payable balance
Solar power plant	1,108,546	(100,471)	7,747	1,015,822
Administration building	721,539	(715,061)	161	6,639
Corito power plant	863,966	-	11,214	875,180
West end transmission	284,949	-	16,495	301,444
	<b>2,979,000</b>	<b>(815,532)</b>	<b>35,617</b>	<b>2,199,085</b>

Details of future minimum lease payments follows:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Past due	406,973	386,524
Less than one year	35,382	35,382
Between one and five years	141,530	141,530
More than five years	3,337,684	3,358,133
	<b>3,921,569</b>	<b>3,921,569</b>

**32. Contingencies**

**Pending or threatened litigation**

**(a) Employee**

On August 24, 2022, a claim was brought by an employee for constructive dismissal while seeking damages and/or exemplary damages, costs and legal fees amongst other reliefs amounting to over US\$2,656,290. A hearing was held before the Tribunal on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022; however, the hearing was aborted the following day due to covid lockdowns. The matter was heard fully on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022. On September 20<sup>th</sup> 2022, the Company filed its application for reconsideration and on September 26<sup>th</sup> 2022, the employee filed an affidavit to await for the Judge's decision. A response is awaited from the Tribunal and/or determination of the Court. No provision is made as at December 31, 2022 as to date the likely outcome is uncertain.

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### 33. Contingencies (continued)

#### Pending or threatened litigation (continued)

##### (b) Employee

A former employee has an ongoing case of action Claim No AXAHCVAP2023/0001. The claimant is seeking damages in the sum of US\$375,000 as a result of appealing the court's decision (AXAHCV2022/0021). The claimant is also claiming costs if awarded. No provision is made as at December 31, 2022 as to date the likely outcome is uncertain. A decision of the court is pending.

##### (c) Employee

A former employee submits that Anglec acted in breach of contract by removing and revoking the use of the Company vehicle unilaterally. Her attorneys have therefore demanded payment of backpay of the difference in travel allowance for the period between July 2012 to October 2020 in the sum of EC\$60,600 as well as motor vehicle allowance of EC\$6,000. Additionally, she claims an award for exemplary damages pursuant to section 19 of the Labour Relations Act (2019). A hearing has not yet been scheduled by the Labour Commission. No provision is made as at December 31, 2022 as to date the likely outcome is uncertain.

##### (d) Water Corporation of Anguilla

On October 14, 2022, Claim No. AXAHCV2022/00033 was filed against the Water Corporation of Anguilla for breach of contract for the payment of electricity. Anglec is claiming a debt of EC\$14,392,762.39. Anglec awaits a ruling as the case management held in this matter on March 27th, 2023 has been sent to Mediation as agreed by both parties. The defendant made a proposal for settlement which was accepted by the Board. On March 22, 2024, judgement in the sum of EC\$10,000,000 was entered in favour of Anglec to be paid by monthly instalments of EC\$100,000 commencing March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024. On April 1, 2024 the Water Corporation of Anguilla was dissolved and replaced by the Department of Water Services under MICUH&T. As this is now a debt of the Government of Anguilla no further provisions were made.

##### (e) Attorney General of Anguilla

On October 28, 2022, Anglec filed a claim against the Attorney General of Anguilla in his representative capacity seeking to recover reimbursement of EC\$28,349,774 paid in customs duties on the diesel fuel imported by its fuel suppliers on its behalf. Pursuant to Anglec Exemption Regulations, Anglec is exempted from liability to pay customs duties on any goods, howsoever described, imported to Anguilla by or on behalf of Anglec solely or for its use directly in connection with the operation, generation, transmission, distribution and supply of electricity. The claim was tried in the High Court on October 26 and 27, 2023.

On March 28, 2024 the learned judge ruled that the Company remains exempted from liability to pay customs duties. The judge has given Anglec until May 20, 2024 to file an affidavit explaining the sum that can be proven to have been paid for customs duties and has set the matter down for further submissions as to the amount of reimbursement that should be ordered to be made.

##### (f) Delta Petroleum

Delta Petroleum (Anguilla) Ltd. filed an application for judicial review of the decision to initiate a fresh tender process for a fuel supply contract following the award of contract to Sol St. Lucia Ltd. as a result of an inadvertent error in the SOL claim. The claim was withdrawn by Delta on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.

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**34. Significant event during the financial year and subsequent to the end of the reporting period**

**Liquidity Concerns**

In 2021, due to rising fuel costs the Company has found difficulty in managing cash reserves. Fuel prices have increased, but the Company chose not to fully pass on these rising costs in the surcharge being charged to customers. In 2022, the Company increased the fuel surcharge from 25 cents to 45 cents and then 70 cents in response to the high fuel costs. The Company continues to absorb these rising costs which has affected their cash reserves and profitability.

**Fuel Supplier**

The fuel supply contract was awarded to Sol St. Lucia Ltd on March 17, 2023, for a period of three (3) years.