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# BRIEF PROFILE OF STEAMSHIPS GROUP

With over 105 years of operations in Papua New Guinea, Steamships Trading Company Limited (Steamships) is a committed investor in Papua New Guinea. The Group is a well-established business conglomerate with diverse commercial interests and listings on both the Australian and PNG's National Stock Exchanges.

Steamships has a vision to build a valuable and profitable business that is widely respected as being the best group to work for and with which to do business.

Integral to this vision are the following business strategies:

- The long-term development of a diversified range of businesses in which shareholder value can be created,
- Employment of staff who we believe will further our strategic objectives and will be committed to the group for the long term and providing them with rewarding careers,
- Operational excellence in the way we conduct our business,
- Doing business in a sustainable manner, and
- Commitment to the highest standards of corporate governance.

The Group employs over 3,100 PNG citizens and non-citizens in diverse divisions grouped under the operating categories of Logistics, Property and Hospitality and Commercial and Investments. Steamships core values include the following:

- Safety – We prioritise safety awareness and compliance to ensure our business operations are conducted safely.
- Integrity – Taking the more ethical and honest path; honouring our commitments and delivering on our promises; creating a bond of trust that sustains relationships with our staff, customers, shareholders, business partners and the communities in which we do business.
- Excellence – Our customers and colleagues expect us to deliver high quality goods and services. If something is to be done, we believe it should be done in the best possible way.

- Customer Focus – Our customers are the final judges of our success or failure. We understand and respond to the needs of our customers.
- People Development – We value a working environment that fosters innovation and encourages personal development and learning.
- Humility – We believe in the need to respect and to learn from others. To do this we must be aware of our own limitations and to seek to understand other perspectives.
- Continuity – We take a long term view. We grow our business sustainably and create enduring value that earns the respect of our customers, our staff, our communities and our shareholders.

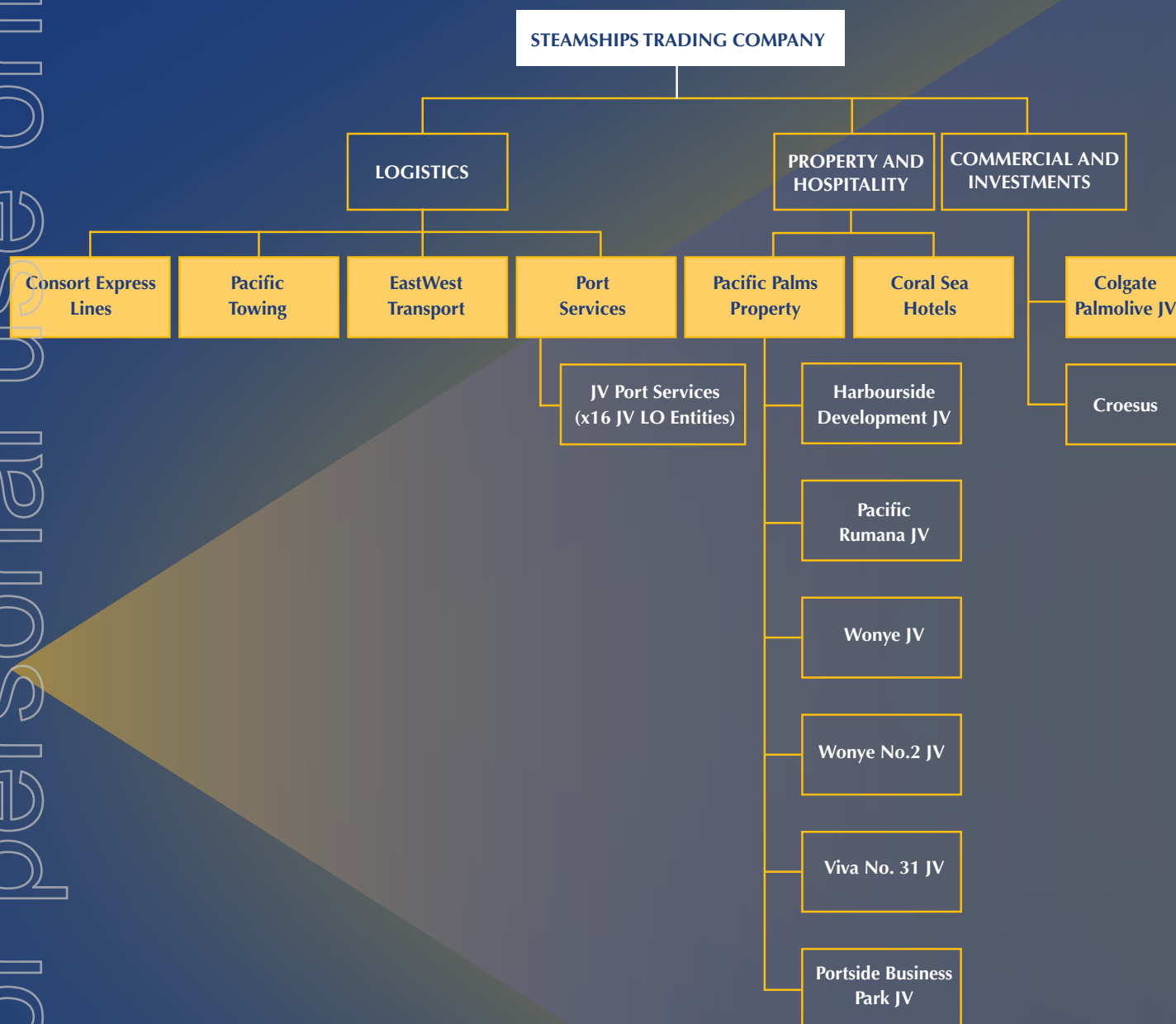
Steamships is aware of its prominent position in the community and its responsibility to serve that community. The Group continues to be one of PNG's largest private sector employers and one of the largest supporters of community initiatives in education, health and social welfare. Steamships ensures that core sustainability concepts are embedded in its business models and systems. The Group is wholly aware that its business goals cannot be achieved unless this is the case. Steamships cannot succeed without the engagement and support of the people it employs, the loyalty and satisfaction of its customers, the local communities and the environment in which it operates.

Over a century after it was founded, Steamships is still showing it has the resources and capacity, vision and capability to meet the dynamic needs of a growing country.



# BRIEF PROFILE OF STEAMSHIPS GROUP

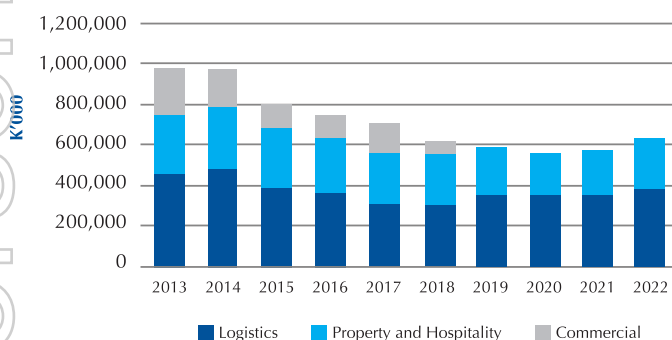
## STEAMSHIPS' ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



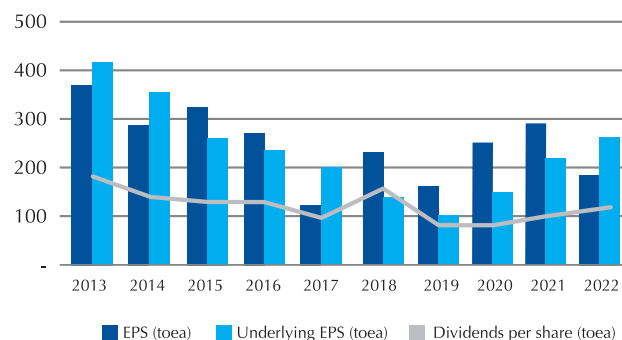
# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

2022 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (including discontinued operations)	2022 K'000	2021 K'000	Change %
Revenue (including discontinued operations)	631,262	563,929	12%
Profit attributable to shareholders	57,985	90,550	(36%)
Cash generated from operations	183,519	187,261	(2%)
Net cash inflow before financing	30,096	9,386	221%
Shareholders' funds	1,027,010	1,004,684	2%
External Borrowings	263,084	266,065	(1%)
Earnings per share (toea)	187	292	(36%)
Dividends per share (toea)	120	100	20%
Shareholders' funds per share	33.12	32.40	2%
Underlying profit attributable to shareholders (Refer page 8)	76,075	67,681	12%
Underlying earnings per share	245	218	12%
Gearing ratio	16.7%	16.5%	1%
Interest cover	53.8	23.0	134%
Dividend cover	1.6	2.5	(36%)

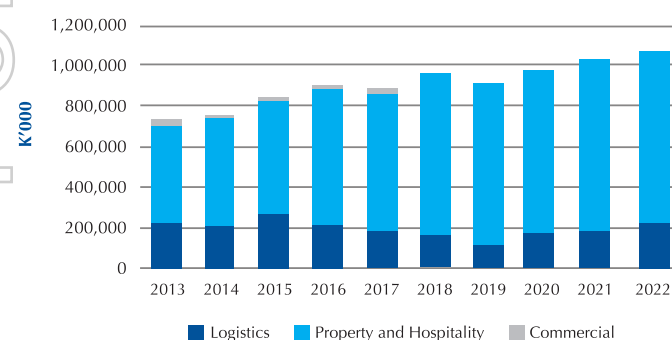
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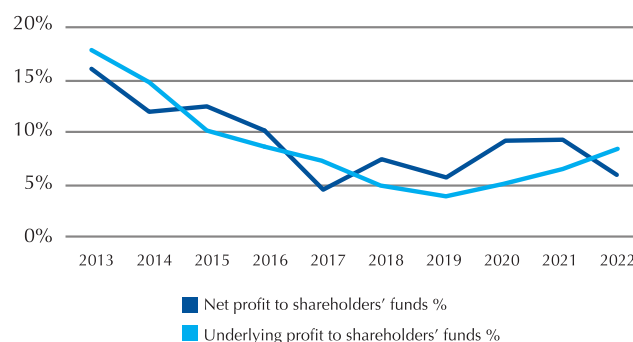
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Net Assets Employed K'000



Return to Shareholders





# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

## SUMMARY OF PAST PERFORMANCE

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
	K'000	K'000	K'000	K'000	K'000	K'000	K'000	K'000	K'000	K'000
<b>INCOME STATEMENT (including discontinued operations)</b>										
Revenue	930,934	941,708	773,535	732,701	705,687	648,106	585,168	540,406	563,929	631,262
Profit before tax	79,747	134,789	136,042	118,686	62,686	112,493	61,284	63,813	88,248	79,786
Share of associates profit	9,697	3,843	3,062	5,865	7,525	5,628	5,010	4,026	5,062	6,288
Income tax expense	(14,042)	(38,487)	(37,710)	(35,677)	(32,621)	(54,420)	(18,928)	11,198	(1,694)	(26,633)
Minority interests	38,609	(11,490)	(2,415)	(4,664)	3,926	5,828	2,629	(182)	(1,066)	(1,456)
<b>Net profit attributable to shareholders</b>	<b>114,011</b>	<b>88,655</b>	<b>98,979</b>	<b>84,210</b>	<b>41,516</b>	<b>69,529</b>	<b>49,995</b>	<b>78,855</b>	<b>90,550</b>	<b>57,985</b>
Equity adjustment	(8,994)	-	2,206	-	-	-	-	-	2,950	-
Dividends paid or provided for the year	(57,365)	(43,411)	(48,062)	(40,291)	(32,559)	(26,357)	(44,962)	(17,055)	(35,659)	(35,659)
<b>Earnings retained this year</b>	<b>47,652</b>	<b>45,244</b>	<b>53,123</b>	<b>43,919</b>	<b>8,957</b>	<b>43,172</b>	<b>5,033</b>	<b>61,800</b>	<b>57,841</b>	<b>22,326</b>

## Underlying profit attributable to shareholders

(adjusted for significant items)	128,367	108,808	80,651	71,721	61,775	43,304	31,505	36,927	67,081	76,075
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## BALANCE SHEET

### SHARE CAPITAL & RESERVES

Issued Capital	24,200	24,200	24,200	24,200	24,200	24,200	24,200	24,200	24,200	24,200
Retained Earnings	689,777	711,764	764,887	808,806	817,764	896,105	860,843	922,643	980,484	1,002,810
<b>Shareholders' funds</b>	<b>713,977</b>	<b>735,964</b>	<b>789,087</b>	<b>833,006</b>	<b>841,964</b>	<b>920,305</b>	<b>885,043</b>	<b>946,843</b>	<b>1,004,684</b>	<b>1,027,010</b>
Non-controlling interests	22,907	30,773	47,515	48,831	36,190	19,723	17,747	16,983	16,245	17,059
<b>EQUITY</b>	<b>736,884</b>	<b>766,737</b>	<b>836,602</b>	<b>881,837</b>	<b>878,154</b>	<b>940,028</b>	<b>902,790</b>	<b>963,826</b>	<b>1,020,929</b>	<b>1,044,069</b>

Fixed Assets / Investment Properties	1,066,393	1,115,123	1,072,955	1,068,892	997,125	890,576	970,928	945,075	933,983	947,451
Investments in Associated Companies	31,471	33,193	36,458	66,445	67,196	65,276	41,586	36,992	39,367	45,458
Future Income Tax Benefit	21,081	33,521	36,914	36,680	30,250	1,683	2,311	1,010	2,571	2,020
Goodwill	93,617	80,491	80,491	80,491	80,002	76,433	76,433	76,433	76,433	76,433
Other assets	352,549	366,479	400,480	284,200	294,800	470,810	360,385	428,703	464,635	444,331
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,565,111</b>	<b>1,628,807</b>	<b>1,627,298</b>	<b>1,536,708</b>	<b>1,469,373</b>	<b>1,504,778</b>	<b>1,451,643</b>	<b>1,488,213</b>	<b>1,516,989</b>	<b>1,515,693</b>

Current Liabilities	230,390	190,621	541,292	184,646	221,560	352,541	148,286	229,779	198,688	359,424
Non-Current Liabilities	597,837	671,449	249,404	470,225	369,659	212,209	400,567	294,608	297,372	112,200
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>828,227</b>	<b>862,070</b>	<b>790,696</b>	<b>654,871</b>	<b>591,219</b>	<b>564,750</b>	<b>548,853</b>	<b>524,387</b>	<b>496,060</b>	<b>471,624</b>

<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>736,884</b>	<b>766,737</b>	<b>836,602</b>	<b>881,837</b>	<b>878,154</b>	<b>940,028</b>	<b>902,790</b>	<b>963,826</b>	<b>1,020,929</b>	<b>1,044,069</b>
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## RATIOS

Current assets to current liabilities	1.53	1.92	0.74	1.16	1.00	1.15	1.83	1.40	1.42	0.68
Borrowings to shareholders funds	89.7%	95.2%	81.7%	57.0%	50.2%	39.7%	35.4%	32.1%	26.1%	25.2%
Gearing	46.5%	47.8%	43.1%	34.6%	33.1%	28.2%	19.5%	13.7%	16.5%	16.7%
Tangible net asset backing per share (Kina)	20.75	22.13	24.38	25.84	25.74	27.85	26.65	28.62	30.46	31.21
Net profit to revenue %	12.2%	9.4%	12.8%	11.5%	5.9%	11.1%	8.5%	14.6%	16.0%	9.2%
Net profit to shareholders' funds %	16.0%	12.0%	12.5%	10.1%	4.9%	7.6%	5.6%	8.3%	9.0%	5.6%
Underlying profit to shareholders' funds %	18.0%	14.8%	10.2%	8.6%	7.3%	4.7%	3.6%	3.9%	6.7%	7.4%
Dividends per share (toea)	185	140	155	130	110	165	80	80	100	120
EPS (toea)	368	286	319	272	134	224	161	254	292	187
Underlying EPS (toea)	414	351	260	231	199	140	102	119	218	245
Earnings retained %	41.8%	51.0%	53.7%	52.2%	21.6%	62.1%	10.1%	78.4%	63.8%	38.5%

## Notes

Earnings per share = profit attributable to shareholders / average shares in issue

Gearing = debt / debt plus equity

Interest cover = earnings before interest and tax / net finance charge

Dividend cover = profit attributable to shareholders / total dividend paid and provided

# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

"As the effects of COVID-19 receded, businesses and the economy in Papua New Guinea slowly recovered during 2022. Demand for goods and services increased throughout the year with an anticipated post-COVID downturn not materialising. Steamships performance in 2022 was solid. Profit attributable to shareholders declined primarily due to property impairments during the year. A strong underlying performance means the Group is in a good position to benefit from Papua New Guinea's encouraging economic growth prospects". Geoff Cundle, Chairman.



The organisational restructuring undertaken in response to the COVID disruption positioned Steamships to take advantage of improving economic conditions in 2022. Demand for shipping and property rental improved and both sectors finished the year strongly. Steamships' hospitality group, Coral Sea Hotels, which was deeply impacted by border closures and restrictions on domestic travel in 2020 and 2021 saw a return to normality in 2022 and outperformed expectations. The hospitality and property sectors will continue to contend with excess supply, primarily in Port Moresby, until absorbed by stronger economic growth.

Group revenue grew by 12% in 2022, attributable to Coral Sea Hotels and Consort's improved performance combined with modest growth in other logistics businesses.

Profit attributable to shareholders decreased 36% to K58.0 million primarily due to property impairments during the year. Underlying profit (before exceptional items) showed a 12% improvement over 2021 increasing to K76.1 million. Tax payments increased on improved operating profits.

Pacific Palms Properties experienced stronger demand for residential units in the second half of the year and a consequent rise in rental reversions. Coral Sea Hotels outperformed expectation with a post-COVID recovery in the domestic market. The national election did have the anticipated negative impact upon mid-year activity. Food and beverage margins were compressed by rising input inflation.

Coastal shipping continued to be a highly competitive market, however the strong global and domestic shipping market benefitted Consort and Joint Venture Port Services. Improved schedule reliability and customer service strengthened Consort's market position. Project and charter activity was subdued and prospects for 2023 depend upon progress with the major resource projects. Increased harbour towage and salvage work improved the Pacific Towing result. EastWest Transport experienced lower aviation fuel cartage and warehousing activity.

Pacific Palms Property's new development, Harbourside South, continued construction and is scheduled for phased completion in 2023.



# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Steamships improved underlying result reflected the resilient growth of the non-resource sector of the Papua New Guinea economy which is forecast for improved growth of 4.6% in 2023 - an important indicator as Papua New Guinea strives to support its growing population. There is growing optimism that early-works activity for the Papua LNG project and broader infrastructure investment should gain traction in 2023. Steamships is well positioned to benefit from the improving economic conditions. It remains committed to continuous improvement in productivity and vigilant in identifying opportunities for growth.

Papua New Guinea is our home and principal place of business, and we will continue to actively contribute to its economic and social development. I thank all our staff for their commitment and personal sacrifices during what has been a challenging few years for the entire country.





# DIRECTORS' REVIEW

2022 was a stronger than expected year for Steamships as the PNG economy recovered well from the constraints imposed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020-21. Demand for the Group's products and services was robust throughout the year.

The Company however was not immune to the supply chain constraints and inflationary pressure that prevailed globally and these limited the progress of various property projects and new investments.

Steamships' sales revenue, on a continuing basis, increased 12% to K631.3 million against last year's K563.9 million, with improved revenue across the various businesses.

Depreciation in 2022 was K95.3 million against K93.8 million in 2021, and interest on net borrowings (excluding capitalised interest) was K1.2 million against K4.0 million in 2021. Capital expenditure for the year was K129.2 million against K89.7 million in 2021.

The group's net operating cash flow generation decreased by 2% to K183.5 million against K187.3 million in 2021. The cash balance at year end is K52.9 million.

A final dividend of 70 toea per share has been proposed and will be paid after the Annual General meeting on 15th June 2023, subject to Steamships' ability to secure foreign exchange for non-PNG shareholders. As there was an interim dividend paid during the year of 50 toea per share, the total dividend for the year is 120 toea per share (2021: 100 toea per share). The dividend is unfranked and there is no conduit foreign income.

	2022 K000's	2021 K000's	Change
Net Profit attributable to shareholders	57,985	90,550	(36%)
Add back/(less) impact of significant items (post tax and minority interests)			
Impairment of properties	18,090	-	
Recognition of tax losses previously not recognised, net of deferred tax movements	-	(22,869)	
Total impact of significant items	18,090	(22,869)	
Underlying profit attributable to shareholders	76,075	67,681	12%





# DIRECTORS' REVIEW

## Significant items

In 2018 the Company entered into a lease to build and operate the Cassowary Hotel in Kiunga. Although demand for rooms at the hotel has seen periods of strength (notably COVID-19 related quarantine), the current environment (and outlook) is weak and the hotel is operating at a loss. Discussion with the relevant Parties to provide support, whilst initially promising, have failed to reach a mutually satisfactory agreement, resulting in the Company making an impairment.

The Blaikie Apartments in Lae suffered damage as a result of the earthquake in September 2022, resulting in the Company making an impairment. The Company has lodged a claim with its insurer and will record the insurance proceeds upon finalisation of the claim.

The details are as follow:

	PGK'000
Impairment of Cassowary Hotel	21,832
Impairment of Blaikie Apartments	4,010
Less Tax Effect	(7,752)
Total	18,090

## Coral Sea Hotels

Coral Sea Hotels (CSH) was successful in attracting guests in greater numbers, post COVID-19, as international and domestic travel restrictions were lifted early in the year. The national election did have the anticipated negative impact upon mid-year activity. Food and beverage margins were compressed by rising input inflation. CSH continues to expand the food and beverage offering with the opening of new outlets (Enzo's Pizzas) and new menu offerings. CSH will continue to expand the Enzo's brand in the coming years with more outlets nationwide.

## Pacific Palms Property

Pacific Palms Property's (PPP) also experienced stronger demand, notably in residential units, in 2022 with overall occupancy increasing across the portfolio, with increasing rents seen later in the year. The new development in Port Moresby, Harbourside South, continued construction and is scheduled for phased completion in 2023.

## Logistics

The integration of the logistics businesses, comprising Consort Express Lines shipping (CEL), EastWest Transport (EWT), Joint Venture Port Services (JVPS) and Pacific Towing, continued throughout the year with the aim of offering an improved service for customers. Additional shipping, towing

and trucking capacity was added to meet the demand for services together with more investment in IT systems.

The general cartage activity of EWT, together with depot operations, however remained disappointing. Fuel transport recovered, especially with the increased air traffic following the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions. The plan for 2023 is to strive for improved door-to-door business integrated with CEL.

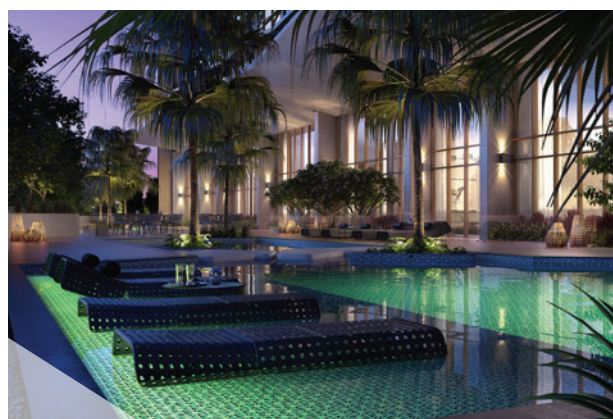
Pacific Towing provided a consistently reliable harbour towage service throughout the year. Returns were bolstered by salvage operations early in the year.

## Commercial

The results of Colgate-Palmolive (PNG) Limited, a PNG incorporated joint venture, also improved following the lifting of the various COVID-19 restrictions. Inflationary pressure and supply chain disruptions however proved challenging. Volume sales in the Home Care category were adversely impacted. Overall, sales revenue grew year-on-year, albeit at a lower margin.

## Trading Outlook

There is growing optimism that early-works activity for the Papua LNG project and broader infrastructure investment should gain traction in 2023. Steamships is well positioned to benefit from the improving economic conditions. It remains committed to continuous improvement in productivity and vigilant in identifying opportunities for growth.



# REVIEW OF OPERATIONS - LOGISTICS

## CONSORT EXPRESS LINES

Consort operates a fleet of 10 coastal vessels, all of which are PNG flagged, and is PNG's only domestic operator that is ISO accredited for safety, environment and quality.

### LINER SERVICES

Consort connects 13 ports around PNG to the main international gateway ports of Lae and Port Moresby. The Company has scheduled services to the North Coast, South Coast, New Guinea Islands, Bougainville and Western Province. Consort proudly serves the people of PNG by providing an important supply link to many of the communities on its routes. The Company carries a range of cargoes including containerised, break-bulk, reefer, LCL and project cargo. Consort transports cargo for a diverse customer base from domestic manufacturers and wholesalers to international liner carriers transshipping cargo. In addition to owning and operating ships, Consort manages PNG's largest fleet of containers offering customers easy access to a wide range of container types.

### PROJECT CHARTERS

Consort provides short and long-term vessel charters specialising in shallow water river shipping, and develops, implements, and supports intermodal logistics solutions linked to land-based services such as road transport, cargo handling, storage, customs clearance, lay down areas and warehousing.

Consort's liner performance in 2022 was broadly in line with the expectations laid out at the start of the year with improved volumes compared to 2021. Consort's project and charter business again performed in line with expectation. The impact of COVID-19 on the domestic shipping market remained minimal throughout 2022, with demand consistent throughout the 12-month period.

There is renewed optimism within the logistics market that resource projects will materialise in 2023, pushing domestic shipping volumes upwards. Several oil and gas tenders have been circulated which are expected to come online in mid-to-late 2023. Consort continues to further differentiate itself through improved systems and customer service and plans to invest in additional container and vessel assets in 2023.





# REVIEW OF OPERATIONS - LOGISTICS

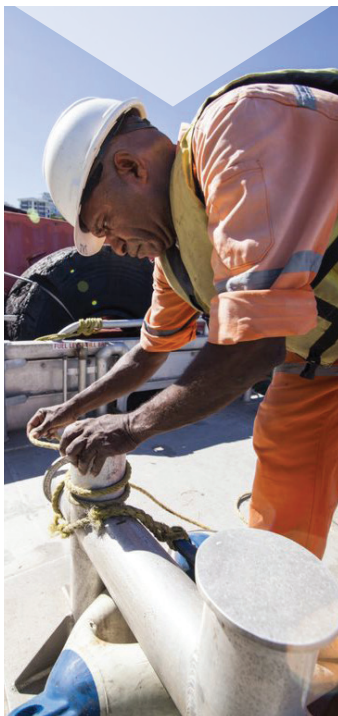
## PACIFIC TOWING

Pacific Towing is PNG's leader in the provision of a diverse range of marine services, enjoying a reputation for excellence and reliability across the region. The company is a full member of the International Salvage Union and the International Spill Control Organisation. Core services include towage, mooring, salvage and commercial diving. Although primarily operating in PNG waters, Pacific Towing also services broader Oceania. The company operates a fleet of 25 vessels (15 tugs and 10 associated support vessels) and has fast responder salvage capability. Vessels are located in five ports across PNG (being Port Moresby, Lae, Rabaul, Kimbe and Madang) and in Honiara, Solomon Islands. Pacific Towing is the only marine services and towage company in PNG to be ISO accredited for Quality, Safety and Environment.

The volume of harbour towage was steady throughout 2022 and remained consistent with 2021 figures. Non-harbour operations had a quiet year, with a lack of salvage opportunities of note reflecting a generally quieter salvage market worldwide.

Pacific Towing continues its strategy of developing local talent, recruiting cadets graduating from the Maritime Academy of Fiji. These deck and engine cadets are now at work on tugs aiming to eventually progress into masters and chief engineers. The Maritime Cadetship Programme continues to produce high quality female cadets who are now proudly joining the Pacific Towing fleet.

Pacific Towing has committed to a re-fleeting programme that will phase out older tugs over the next five years. The newer tugs offer greater power and manoeuvrability, and, by the end of the five-year re-fleeting plan, all ports will be serviced by tugs with azimuth stern drive propulsion. Pacific Towing purchased two new tugs in 2022 with increased tonnage to follow in 2024/25.





# REVIEW OF OPERATIONS - LOGISTICS

## JOINT VENTURE PORT SERVICES

Joint Venture Port Services (JVPS) operate 16 businesses throughout the country including in the principal ports of Port Moresby and Lae, secondary ports elsewhere on the mainland and on Bougainville, New Ireland and New Britain. The core port businesses offer a full range of stevedoring and handling facilities. With a fleet of specialist equipment, the businesses handle all types of containers, as well as project cargo, break-bulk, RO-RO, LO-LO, grains, and cement. The stevedoring companies are joint ventures between Steamships and local landowner groups at the respective ports around the country. Each joint venture employs a local workforce and is structured in a manner so that a significant share of earnings is returned to the community in which the joint ventures operate. JVPS is the only group of stevedoring and handling companies in PNG to be ISO accredited for Quality, Safety and Environment. The business continues to work hard to provide a seamless logistics solution for customers in PNG.

JVPS performed in line with expectation and continued to focus on offering a safe, reliable, and cost-effective service to all customers. Security continues to be a strong focus and technology has been deployed as a solution where possible including biometric payroll, increased levels of surveillance, and improved cargo tracking.

Joint Venture Hire Company, which hires out heavy machinery on wet and dry leases, continued to provide a reliable service to all ports and to external customers. In 2023, the focus will be on ensuring that JVPS provides an efficient and cost-effective service as part of Steamships Logistics. A key aspect of this will be to ensure CargoWise is effectively used to control and track cargo movements.





# REVIEW OF OPERATIONS - LOGISTICS

## EASTWEST TRANSPORT

East West Transport (EWT) is one of Papua New Guinea's largest trucking companies, providing a range of transport related activities. It is ISO accredited for Environmental Management, Occupational Health & Safety and Quality. Based in Port Moresby, EWT has operations in Lae, Kimbe, Rabaul, Madang, Wewak, Alotau, and Kavieng. The company has a sizable fleet of prime movers, heavy and light trucks, forklifts and reach stackers ranging from 2.5 to 80 tons in capacity. All equipment is supported by localised workshop facilities, safety teams, recovery vehicles, and emergency response teams. EWT's activities include bulk fuel, containerised cargo, break-bulk cargo, and depot services such as equipment hire, warehousing and bonded or unbonded yard storage. EWT also offers a licensed customs cargo clearance service in Lae and Port Moresby with the ability to clear cargo in any location where EWT has a presence. The division capitalises on its close relationships with sister companies in shipping and stevedoring by offering specialised end-to-end and door-to-door logistics and project solutions for the mining, oil and gas sectors and new or existing commercial sectors.

Following trends in 2021, this was another challenging year for EWT. General transport did however see a slight pickup in revenue throughout 2022. Fuel cartage regained some ground with aviation fuel volumes increasing as travel restrictions eased in Papua New Guinea both locally and internationally.

EWT has continued to focus on cost savings and ways to improve customer service. There has been a particular focus on improving operations in Lae and more effectively integrating EWT's operations with Consort to provide 'door-to-door' delivery across the network. This has been enabled through systems integration using CargoWise, a transport platform that has now been rolled out at EWT following its use in Consort. Pressure on rates is expected to remain intense. EWT is focused on defending its market share and modest growth is expected by more effectively providing a 'door-to-door' service as part of Steamships Logistics.



# REVIEW OF OPERATIONS - PROPERTY AND HOSPITALITY

## CORAL SEA HOTELS

Coral Sea Hotels (CSH) remains the largest hotel group in Papua New Guinea, managing seven hotels throughout the country. The group comprises of the Grand Papua Hotel, Gateway Hotel and Apartments, Ela Beach Hotel and Apartments in Port Moresby, Huon Gulf Hotel in Lae, Highlander Hotel and Apartments in Mount Hagen, Bird of Paradise Hotel in Goroka and Cassowary Hotel in Kiunga. The group also operates several food and beverage (F&B) outlets including ENZO's Pizza, Ela Beach Bakery, and Harbourside Bakery.

The hotel industry within PNG was severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in the past couple of years, with many hotels closing down temporarily or permanently due to travel restrictions and decreased demand. However, with the ongoing vaccine rollout and the easing of travel restrictions both locally and internationally, CSH saw a strong bounce back in room occupancy and demand in Food & Beverage outlets throughout 2022.

The Grand Papua Hotel (GPH) was once again the recipient of the 'World Luxury Hotel Award' and for the first time the 'World Travel Award', cementing GPH as the leading business hotel in Papua New Guinea. The hotel will be undergoing significant refurbishment over the next two years during which public areas, guestrooms, and restaurants will all be comprehensively upgraded. The Grand Papua Hotel is now officially an affiliate franchise of the Radisson Hotel Group. Customers benefit from access to Radisson's global loyalty programme and brand presence. This ongoing affiliation is testament to the high level of service the hotel offers its guests.



Targeted investment into training and Food & Beverage continues as part of CSH's overall strategy. The new precinct at Ela Beach Hotel, offering a bakery, ENZO's, SALT Restaurant and Beachside Bar continues to perform well. The expansion of the ENZO's chain continues with a new store opened at Courts in September 2022. Several new outlets are planned across Port Moresby in 2023.

Despite the hospitality industry being significantly oversupplied with hotel rooms in Port Moresby, Coral Sea Hotels remain confident that the resource projects will drive demand later in 2023 and beyond. The focus for CSH continues to be delivering a consistent, high-quality, and affordable service across all hotels and restaurants. In line with this, Coral Sea Hotels continues to invest in upgrading all its hotels throughout Papua New Guinea and exploring future business opportunities.





# REVIEW OF OPERATIONS - PROPERTY AND HOSPITALITY

## PACIFIC PALMS PROPERTY

With a portfolio of over 200 properties across Residential, Commercial, Retail, and Industrial asset classes in Port Moresby, Lae, Madang, Wewak, Goroka, Mount Hagen, and Rabaul, Pacific Palms Property (PPP) is one of the premier property developers and managers in PNG.

The division continues to develop and operate Residential, Commercial, Retail, and Industrial properties located in Port Moresby, Lae, Madang, Wewak, Goroka, Mt. Hagen and Rabaul. PPP's strategy of making investments of scale and quality in diversified real estate asset classes and quality in both established and upcoming locations results in stable revenues, net operating income, and cashflow.

In 2021, the global pandemic caused both occupancy and rents to drop particularly in Port Moresby residential and upmarket properties in general. By the end of 2022, occupancy had improved across all asset classes. PPP's joint-venture projects in Mount Hagen, Madang and Port Moresby are performing to expectation. PPP's flagship development, the Harbourside East and West precinct in Port Moresby, finished the year at full commercial occupancy, anchored by the tenancies of Santos (Oil Search) and Westpac, and the mix of food and beverage offerings has been well received. The construction of Harbourside South continues to progress despite challenges presented by COVID-19 and global supply chains. Upon completion, the fully integrated Harbourside precinct will offer a range of premium commercial, retail and residential units for lease. The Harbourside Precinct has demonstrated the capabilities of PPP's Property Development team to offer end-to-end project management of large-scale projects from feasibility studies to handover. PPP has shown it has the ability to operate market-leading properties. Steamships, Pacific Palms Properties and Coral Sea Hotels have now moved into the newly renovated @345 on Stanley Esplanade as of October 2022.



The three-story building has become the long-term home for Steamships (corporate head office and shared services), Coral Sea Hotels and PPP. Both Harbourside South and @345 were built to industry leading green building standards and will be amongst the first buildings in PNG and in the Pacific Islands to be EDGE certified. EDGE ("Excellence in Design for Greater Efficiencies") is an IFC initiative to recognise energy efficiencies and quantify financial benefits delivered to tenants. The second half of 2022 has seen a pick-up in rates as COVID wanes globally and the PNG economy opens up again. With its existing portfolio of ready for occupancy properties and its land bank of properties with clean titles, PPP is well positioned to benefit from an uptick in demand for real estate once resource projects ramp up.



# SUSTAINABILITY

Steamships' ambition is to be a responsible private sector partner for sustainable development (SD) within Papua New Guinea. In September 2022, the Steamships Board approved the adoption of a five pillar approach to our sustainability strategy with the focus areas as People, Communities, Climate, Waste, and Water. Steamships' commitment to the principles of Sustainable Development is essential to delivering value and social impact to Papua New Guinea.

Our people are our most important asset, and the health, safety, and wellbeing of our staff is a top priority for the company. Our annual workplace culture survey identified our strong performance across key pillars including opportunity, wellbeing, and leadership, and was used to inform recommendations for management to make continued improvements.

With zero fatalities recorded across our operating businesses in 2022, the company is focused on maintaining this safety standard whilst working towards "Target 2", which would see each operating division halve its incident rate each year. Each business unit is developing its own Target 2 action plan with central Steamships support. Our annual Safety Day was held in September with the theme of Target 2, and had a special focus on Vehicular Safety and Moving Objects. The Safety Day was attended by the Steamships executive and safety teams and senior management from all divisions. External parties, including three key clients, were also invited to share their knowledge and observations.

We continue to run health-related training and support voluntary health initiatives aimed at improving the health awareness and practices of our staff and of local communities. With gender-based violence unfortunately a serious and pervasive problem in Papua New Guinean society, we maintain our support of Bel Isi PNG, a family violence support NGO, to provide support services for our staff, and other charities working to provide safe spaces for survivors of family and sexual violence.

Steamships' Community Grants Program remains a cornerstone of our approach to sustainable development. In 2022, we continued to support longstanding partnerships with organisations including Buk Bilong Pikinini, Femili PNG, Sago Network and the Salvation Army. These ongoing funding commitments are based on continued successful project delivery on the part of our partner organisations, which are carrying out valuable work across our community engagement focus areas – social welfare (prioritising women, children and the most marginalised), health and education. We are also delighted to have contributed funding to impactful new projects by Sea Women of Melanesia, the Conflict Islands Conservation Initiative and Gateway Children's Fund.

Steamships is proud to engage with cross-sector external partners on projects that bring community benefit and support sustainable development within Papua New Guinea. One valuable new initiative in 2022 was the Company's engagement with the PNG Biodiversity and Climate Fund, a new fund currently incubated within UNDP and which aims



to promote conservation and climate action in protected areas across the country. Steamships is a representative of the private sector stakeholder group on the Fund's steering committee and has contributed to the Fund's governance framework and grant-making process.

The appointment of an in-house sustainability team has enabled us to increase our focus on the environmental sustainability of our business activities. We continue to keep an eye on the future, and in particular for opportunities to support Papua New Guinea's national sustainable development goals relating to electrification and clean energy transition. Waste reduction, segregation, and diversion has been another focus area in late 2022 and moving into 2023. Five of our six operating businesses are ISO accredited for Safety, Quality, and Environment, with the remaining business targeting certification in 2023. A focus for 2022 and 2023 is expanding the scope of our environmental data collection, establishing a solid baseline with a view to setting science-based targets for emissions reduction in the near- to medium-term. It is the intention of the Board of Directors to pass a net zero resolution in 2023. Our focus remains on outcome-orientated actions. Responsible and sustainable energy consumption continues to be encouraged through the regular monitoring and reporting of energy use, water use, and environmental emissions at an operational level.

*Steamships publishes an Annual SD report to complement this Annual Report. The Annual SD Report is prepared with reference to the updated standards of the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), a worldwide corporate transparency initiative. The report is available on the Steamships website at [www.steamships.com.pg](http://www.steamships.com.pg).*



# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Steamships and its Board are committed to achieving and demonstrating the highest standards of corporate governance and ethical behaviour, and they expect these standards from all employees. The Group believes that the maximisation of long term returns to shareholders is best achieved by acting in a socially responsible manner that recognises the interests of community stakeholders.



Steamships is committed to:

- Providing high-quality products and services to meet customers' needs;
- Maintaining high standards of business ethics and corporate governance;
- Ensuring the safety and wellbeing of employees and others with whom the Group has contact; and
- Promoting sustainable business practice.

Steamships reports against the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX) recommendations by addressing each key principle in the order it is listed in the ASX guidelines. Each section addressing a key principle includes references to relevant information that appears elsewhere in the 2022 Annual Report or on the Steamships' website. Steamships believes it complied with the Australian Stock Exchange Corporate Governance Principles (the fourth edition) during the twelve months ended 31 December 2022, except where noted in the Corporate Governance Report.

Steamships' Corporate Governance Report can be found at <https://www.steamships.com.pg/about-us/corporate-governance>





# STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Steamships Trading Company Limited Year Ended 31 December 2022 (Amounts in Kina 000's)

	Note	Consolidated		Parent Entity	
		2022	2021	2022	2021
Continuing Operations					
Revenue	3(a)	631,262	563,929	1,032	7,323
Other income	3(a)	-	-	2,036	38,305
Operating expenses	3(b)	(550,301)	(476,543)	(4,831)	(1,226)
OPERATING PROFIT		80,961	87,386	(1,763)	44,402
Finance income	3(e)	13,537	9,817	85	98
Finance costs	3(e)	(14,712)	(13,835)	-	-
Share of profit of associates and joint ventures	4(b)	6,288	5,062	-	-
PROFIT BEFORE INCOME TAX		86,074	88,430	(1,678)	44,500
Income tax (expense) / credit	5(a)	(26,633)	(1,694)	815	(276)
PROFIT FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS		59,441	86,736	(863)	44,224
PROFIT FROM DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS	25	-	4,880	-	-
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		59,441	91,616	(863)	44,224
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR		59,441	91,616	(863)	44,224
attributable to:					
Non-controlling interests		1,456	1,066	-	-
Shareholders		57,985	90,550	(863)	44,224
		59,441	91,616	(863)	44,224
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR					
attributable to owners arises from:					
Continuing operations		57,985	85,670	(863)	44,224
Discontinued operations		-	4,880	-	-
		57,985	90,550	(863)	44,224
Basic and Diluted Earnings per share					
Continuing & discontinued (toea)	3(f)	187t	292t		
Continuing (toea)	3(f)	187t	276t		
Discontinued (toea)	3(f)	-	16t		

These Statements of Comprehensive Income are to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Steamships Trading Company Limited Year Ended 31 December 2022 (Amounts in Kina 000's)

Consolidated	Share Capital	Retained Earnings	Other Reserves	Total Capital and Reserves	Non-Controlling Interest	Total Equity
BALANCE AT 1 JANUARY 2021	24,200	962,938	(40,295)	946,843	16,983	963,826
Profit for the year	-	90,550	-	90,550	1,066	91,616
Other	-	2,950	-	2,950	-	2,950
Dividends paid 2021	-	(35,659)	-	(35,659)	(1,804)	(37,463)
BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2021	24,200	1,020,779	(40,295)	1,004,684	16,245	1,020,929
Profit for the year	-	57,985	-	57,985	1,456	59,441
Dividends paid 2022	-	(35,659)	-	(35,659)	(642)	(36,301)
BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2022	24,200	1,043,105	(40,295)	1,027,010	17,059	1,044,069

Parent Entity	Share Capital	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
BALANCE AT 1 JANUARY 2021	24,200	62,260	86,460
Profit for the year	-	44,224	44,224
Dividends paid 2021	-	(35,659)	(35,659)
BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2021	24,200	70,825	95,025
Profit for the year	-	(863)	(863)
Dividends paid 2022	-	(35,659)	(35,659)
BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2022	24,200	34,303	58,503

These Statements of Changes in Equity is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

There is no other comprehensive income.

# STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

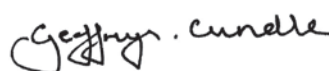
Steamships Trading Company Limited As At 31 December 2022 (Amounts in Kina 000's)

	Note	Consolidated 2022	Consolidated 2021 (Restated)	Parent Entity 2022	Parent Entity 2021
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	6	53,436	63,788	-	-
Trade and other receivables	7	147,620	178,295	35,908	39,514
Inventories	8	28,463	23,009	-	-
Income tax receivable	5(e)	12,088	10,000	38	64
Asset held for sale	10	3,001	8,234	-	-
		244,608	283,326	35,946	39,578
<b>Non-current assets</b>					
Property, plant and equipment	10	558,555	558,568	25,068	23,592
Investment properties	11	388,896	375,415	-	-
Investments in related companies	4(a)	45,458	39,367	51,752	51,752
Due from related companies	9	199,723	167,682	8,909	9,399
Income tax receivable	5(e)	-	13,627	-	-
Intangible assets	12	76,433	76,433	-	-
Deferred tax assets	5(c)	2,020	2,571	1,657	661
		1,271,085	1,233,663	87,386	85,404
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>1,515,693</b>	<b>1,516,989</b>	<b>123,332</b>	<b>124,982</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Trade and other payables	13	108,038	91,804	1,677	-
Lease liabilities	14	2,667	2,080	-	-
Provisions for other liabilities and charges	15	5,635	48,239	-	-
Due to related companies	9	2,902	2,787	63,152	29,957
Due to minority shareholder	16	160	160	-	-
Borrowings	16	240,022	53,618	-	-
		359,424	198,688	64,829	29,957
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>					
Lease liabilities	14	57,245	59,474	-	-
Deferred tax liabilities	5(c)	24,379	18,470	-	-
Provisions for other liabilities and charges	15	10,576	9,928	-	-
Borrowings	16	20,000	209,500	-	-
		112,200	297,372	-	-
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>471,624</b>	<b>496,060</b>	<b>64,829</b>	<b>29,957</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>1,044,069</b>	<b>1,020,929</b>	<b>58,503</b>	<b>95,025</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>					
Issued capital	17	24,200	24,200	24,200	24,200
Reserves		1,002,810	980,484	34,303	70,825
Capital and reserves attributable to the Company's shareholders		1,027,010	1,004,684	58,503	95,025
Non-controlling interests		17,059	16,245	-	-
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>1,044,069</b>	<b>1,020,929</b>	<b>58,503</b>	<b>95,025</b>

These Statements of Financial Position are to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

For and on behalf of the Board:

31 March 2023



G.L. Cundle  
Chairman



R.P.N. Bray  
Managing Director

Comparative period amounts have been restated to conform to presentations in the current year.



# STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Steamships Trading Company Limited Year Ended 31 December 2022 (Amounts in Kina 000's)

		Consolidated		Parent Entity	
	Note	2022	2021	2022	2021
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>					
Receipts from customers		628,260	549,665	4,552	4,626
Payments to suppliers and employees		(437,595)	(357,467)	-	-
Interest received		13,526	9,817	85	98
Interest and other finance costs paid		(14,712)	(13,835)	-	-
Income tax paid		(5,960)	(919)	(117)	(164)
Net cash from operating activities	19(a)	183,519	187,261	4,520	4,560
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>					
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(129,152)	(89,743)	(3,578)	(578)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		6,338	-	-	-
Proceeds from disposal of subsidiaries, net of disposed cash		-	(44,056)	-	-
Investment in term deposits		-	8,063	-	-
Loans issued to associated companies		(33,307)	(52,327)	-	-
Dividends received		2,698	188	1,032	4,823
Net cash (used in) / from investing activities		(153,423)	(177,875)	(2,546)	4,245
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>					
Proceeds from borrowings		30,000	-	-	-
Repayments of borrowings		(30,000)	(42,523)	-	-
Loans received from subsidiaries		-	-	33,685	26,854
Loans from / (repaid) to associated companies		115	(2,077)	-	-
Lease repayments		(2,250)	(5,987)	-	-
Dividends paid		(36,301)	(37,463)	(35,659)	(35,659)
Net cash used in financing activities		(38,436)	(88,050)	(1,974)	(8,805)
NET DECREASE IN CASH HELD		(8,340)	(78,664)	-	-
NET CASH AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR		61,254	139,918	-	-
NET CASH AT END OF THE YEAR		52,914	61,254	-	-
<b>CASH COMPRISES:</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	6	53,436	63,788	-	-
Bank overdrafts	16	(522)	(2,534)	-	-
		52,914	61,254	-	-

These Statements of Cash Flows are to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Steamships Trading Company Limited Year Ended 31 December 2022 (Amounts in Kina 000's unless otherwise stated)

## 1. Summary of significant accounting policies

The Company is a company limited by shares and is incorporated and domiciled in Papua New Guinea. These Group consolidated financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 31 March 2023.

The Board of Directors has the power to amend the financial statements after their issue.

### (a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Papua New Guinea Companies Act 1997 (as amended) and comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and IFRS Interpretations Committee (IFRS IC) interpretations applicable to companies reporting under IFRS and other generally accepted accounting practice in Papua New Guinea. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in Note 1(z).

#### (i) Standards, amendment and interpretations effective in the year ended 31 December 2022

The following standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards became applicable for the first time during the accounting period beginning 31 December 2022:

- A number of narrow-scope amendments to IFRS 3, IAS 16, IAS 37 and some annual improvements on IFRS 1, IFRS 9, IAS 41 and IFRS 16 (effective 1.1.22).
  - o Amendments to IFRS 3, 'Business combinations' update a reference in IFRS 3 to the Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting without changing the accounting requirements for business combinations.
  - o Amendments to IAS 16, 'Property, plant and equipment' prohibit a company from deducting from the cost of property, plant and equipment amounts received from selling items produced while the company is preparing the asset for its intended use. Instead, a company will recognise such sales proceeds and related cost in profit or loss.
  - o Amendments to IAS 37, 'Provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets' specify which costs a company includes when assessing whether a contract will be loss-making.

- o Annual improvements make minor amendments to IFRS 1, 'First-time Adoption of IFRS', IFRS 9, 'Financial instruments', IAS 41, 'Agriculture' and the Illustrative Examples accompanying IFRS 16, 'Leases'.

- Amendment to IFRS 16, 'Leases' – COVID-19 related rent concessions (effective 1.4.21). On 31 March 2021, the IASB published an additional amendment to extend the date of the practical expedient from 30 June 2021 to 30 June 2022.
- IFRIC Agenda Decision - Lessor forgiveness of lease payments (IFRS 9 and IFRS 16). In October 2022 the IASB finalised the IFRIC agenda decision on lessor forgiveness of lease payments. The agenda decision addresses the accounting from the perspective of the lessor, and in particular:
  - o how the expected credit loss ('ECL') model in IFRS 9 should be applied to the operating lease receivable when the lessor expects to forgive payments due from the lessee under the lease contract before the rent concession is granted.
  - o whether to apply the derecognition requirements in IFRS 9 or the lease modification requirements in IFRS 16 when accounting for the rent concession.

The above changes did not have any material impact on the Group.

#### (ii) Standards, amendments and interpretations issued but not yet effective for the year ended 31 December 2022 or adopted early.

The following standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards have been published and are mandatory for the entity's accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023 or later periods, but the entity has not early adopted them:

- Narrow scope amendments to IAS 1, Practice statement 2 and IAS 8 (effective 1.1.23). The amendments aim to improve accounting policy disclosures and to help users of the financial statements to distinguish between changes in accounting estimates and changes in accounting policies.
- Amendment to IAS 12 – Deferred tax related to assets and liabilities arising from a single transaction (effective 1.1.23). These amendments require companies to recognise deferred tax on transactions that, on initial recognition, give rise to equal amounts of taxable and deductible temporary differences.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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- Amendment to IFRS 16 - Leases on sale and leaseback (effective 1.1.24). These amendments include requirements for sale and leaseback transactions in IFRS 16 to explain how an entity accounts for a sale and leaseback after the date of the transaction. Sale and leaseback transactions where some or all the lease payments are variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or rate are most likely to be impacted.
- Amendment to IAS 1 - Non current liabilities with covenants (effective 1.1.24). These amendments clarify how conditions with which an entity must comply within twelve months after the reporting period affect the classification of a liability. They also add new disclosure requirements in relation to covenants.
- IFRS 17 'Insurance contracts' (effective 1.1.23) replaces IFRS 4. IFRS 17 will fundamentally change the accounting by all entities that issue insurance contracts and investment contracts with discretionary participation features.

#### (iii) Comparative information

Where necessary comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation in the current year and comparative purposes.

#### (b) Foreign currency

The Company's functional and presentation currency is the Papua New Guinea Kina. Transactions in foreign currencies have been translated into the functional currency at rates ruling at the date of the transaction. Amounts payable to and by the Group in foreign currencies have been translated to the functional currency at rates of exchange ruling at the year end. Gains and losses arising from movements in foreign exchange rates are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when they arise.

#### (c) Principles of consolidation

##### (i) Subsidiaries

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets and liabilities of all subsidiaries of Steamships Trading Company Limited as at 31 December 2022 and the results of all subsidiaries for the year then ended. Steamships Trading Company Limited and its subsidiaries together are referred to as the Group or the consolidated entity.

Subsidiaries are all entities over which the Group has control, that is when the Group is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity.

Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group. They are de-consolidated from the date that control ceases.

The acquisition method of accounting is used to account for business combinations by the Group (refer to note 1(d)).

Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between group companies are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of the impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

Non-controlling interests in the results and equity of subsidiaries are shown separately in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and balance sheet respectively.

##### (ii) Associates

Associates are all entities over which the Group has significant influence but not control generally accompanying a shareholding of between 20% and 50% of the voting rights. Investments in associates are accounted for using the equity method of accounting, after initially being recognised at cost. The Group's investment in associates includes goodwill identified on acquisition.

The Group's share of its associates' post-acquisition profits or losses is recognised in profit or loss, and its share of post-acquisition other comprehensive income is recognised in other comprehensive income. The cumulative post-acquisition movements are adjusted against the carrying amount of the investment. Dividends receivable from associates are recognised as a reduction in the carrying amount of the investment.

When the Group's share of losses in an associate equal or exceeds its interest in the associate, including any other unsecured long-term receivables, the Group does not recognise further losses, unless it has incurred obligations or made payments on behalf of the associate.

Unrealised gains on transactions between the Group and its associates are eliminated to the extent of the Group's interest in the associates. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of associates have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

##### (iii) Joint ventures

Joint venture entities

Interests in joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method after initially being recognised at cost as for associates.



# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Steamships Trading Company Limited Year Ended 31 December 2022 (Amounts in Kina 000's unless otherwise stated)

## *(iv) Changes in ownership interests*

The Group treats transactions with non-controlling interests that do not result in a loss of control as transactions with equity owners of the Group. A change in ownership interest results in an adjustment between the carrying amounts of the controlling and non-controlling interests to reflect their relative interests in the subsidiary. Any difference between the amount of the adjustment to non-controlling interests and any consideration paid or received is recognised in a separate reserve within equity attributable to shareholders.

When the Group ceases to have control or significant influence, any retained interest in the entity is re-measured to its fair value with the change in carrying amount recognised in profit or loss. This fair value becomes the initial carrying amount for the purposes of subsequently accounting for the retained interest as an associate or financial asset. In addition, any amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income in respect of that entity are accounted for as if the Group had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities. This may mean that amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss.

If the ownership interest in a jointly controlled entity or an associate is reduced but significant influence is retained, only a proportionate share of the amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss where appropriate.

## **(d) Business combinations**

The acquisition method of accounting is used to account for all business combinations, regardless of whether equity instruments or other assets are acquired. The consideration transferred for the acquisition of a subsidiary comprises the fair values of the assets transferred, the liabilities incurred and the equity interests issued by the Group. The consideration transferred also includes the fair value of any asset or liability resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement and the fair value of any pre-existing equity interest in the subsidiary. Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date. On an acquisition-by-acquisition basis, the Group recognises any non-controlling interest in the acquiree either at fair value or at the non-controlling interest's proportionate share of the acquiree's net identifiable assets.

The excess of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree and the acquisition date fair value of any previous equity interest in the acquiree over the fair value of the Group's share of the net identifiable assets acquired is recorded as goodwill. If those amounts are less than the fair value of the net identifiable assets of the subsidiary acquired and the measurement of all amounts has been reviewed, the difference is recognised directly in determining profit or loss as a bargain purchase.

Where settlement of any part of cash consideration is deferred, the amounts payable in the future are discounted to their present value as at the date of exchange. The discount rate used is the entity's incremental borrowing rate, being the rate at which a similar borrowing could be obtained from an independent financier under comparable terms and conditions.

Contingent consideration is classified either as equity or a financial liability. Amounts classified as a financial liability are subsequently re-measured to fair value with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss.

Predecessor accounting is applied for business combinations among entities under common control, including acquisitions of entities and amalgamations of entities under common control. Under this method, the financial statements of the combined entity are presented as if the businesses had been combined from the date when the combining entities were amalgamated. Assets and liabilities of the acquired or amalgamated entity are stated at predecessor carrying values. Fair value measurement is not required and no new goodwill arises in predecessor accounting. Any difference between the consideration given and the aggregate book value of the assets and liabilities of the acquired or amalgamated entity at the date of the transaction is included in equity in retained earnings.

## **(e) Revenue recognition**

Revenue which represents income arising in the course of the Group's ordinary activities is recognised by reference to each distinct performance obligation promised in the contract with the customer when or as the Group transfers the control of the goods or services promised in a contract to the customer. Depending on the substance of the respective contract with the customer, the control of the promised goods or services may transfer over time or at a point in

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time. A contract with a customer exists when the contract has commercial substance, the Group and its customer have approved the contract and intend to perform their respective obligations, the Group's and the customer's rights regarding the goods or services to be transferred and the payment terms can be identified, and it is probable that the Group will collect the consideration to which it will be entitled to in exchange of those goods or services. At the inception of each contract with a customer, the Group assesses the contract to identify distinct performance obligations, being the units of account that determine when and how revenue from the contract with the customer is recognised. A performance obligation is a promise to transfer a distinct good or service (or a series of distinct goods or services that are substantially the same and that have the same pattern of transfer) to the customer that is explicitly stated in the contract and implied in the Group's customary business practices. A good or service is distinct if:

- the customer can either benefit from the good or service on its own or together with other readily available resources; and
- the good or service is separately identifiable from other promises in the contract (e.g. the good or service is not integrated with, or highly interrelated with, other goods or services promised in the contract)

If a good or service is not distinct, the Group combines it with other promised goods or services until the Group identifies a distinct performance obligation consisting of a distinct bundle of goods or services.

As disclosed in Note 26, revenue from external customers comes from the logistics business, property and hospitality business, and commercial business.

Revenue from the logistics business includes revenue from providing the following services: freight and shipping activities, land transport activities, towage and salvage activities, and sale of goods.

Revenue from freight and shipping services, land transport services and towage services is recognised over time as the performance obligation (in this case transport or towage activity) is performed taking into consideration the days of shipment. In case of sale of goods (such as containers), revenue is recognised at a point of time.

Payment terms for freight and shipping services and land transport services are typically 30 days;

payment terms for towage services are typically within 30 days after completion of service delivery.

Salvage revenue is recognised over time as the performance obligation (in this case salvaging activity) is performed, based on the days of provision of service, or at a point of time (upon completion of the salvage job), depending on the nature of the salvage activity and the contractual terms. The Group recognises salvage revenue over time if the customer simultaneously receives and consume the benefits provided by the Group's performance as the Group performs. In such cases, the Group typically has a right to payment based on work performed until the reporting date. The Group recognises salvage revenue at a point in time when the customer does not simultaneously receive and consume the benefits provided by the Group's performance as the Group performs and has no enforceable right to payment for performance completed to date.

Payment terms for salvage work vary between one and three months. Where salvage work is completed but the amount of proceeds is not known at the reporting date, revenue is determined on the basis of expected proceeds taking into account estimation uncertainty. The estimated amount of consideration will be recognised as revenue only to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognised will not occur when the uncertainty associated with the consideration is subsequently resolved.

The Company incurs costs needed to fulfil salvage contracts and defers these costs incurred directly related to salvage work, if their recovery is considered probable based on management's assessment. If management's assessment suggests the expenses is not expected to be recovered, the estimated unrecoverable portion is expensed when incurred. Probability of recoverability of initially recognised deferred salvage costs is assessed at the end of each reporting period. In the reporting period when management's assessment suggests that these expenses will not likely be recovered by revenues i.e. the related contract asset is deemed impaired, the estimated unrecoverable portion is expensed. Deferred salvage costs are amortised in profit or loss on a systematic basis consistent with the pattern of recognition of the associated revenue.

Revenue from the hotels business from provision of services is recognised over time based on the days of provision of service; payments for provided



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services are made upon service delivery. Revenue from sale of goods in hotels business is recognised at a point in time upon delivery of goods under typical credit term of 30 days or in cash. Lease income from the property business is recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Revenue from the commercial business relates to sale of goods and is recognised when the goods are accepted by the customers, under typical payment terms of 30 days after the delivery of goods.

The following other income is recognised across the Group as follows:

## **Interest income**

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method.

## **Dividend income**

Dividends are recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

## **(f) Income tax**

The income tax expense or benefit for the period is the tax payable on the current period's taxable income based on the notional income tax rate adjusted by changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities attributable to temporary differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements, and to unused tax losses.

Deferred income tax is provided on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. Deferred tax is not recognised if it arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction which is not a business combination and at the time of the transaction, affects neither accounting profit nor taxable profit (tax loss). Currently enacted tax rates are used in the determination of deferred income tax.

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available, against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

## **(g) Cash and cash equivalents**

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks and Treasury Bills with an original maturity of up to 3 months. Bank overdrafts are shown in current liabilities in the statement of financial position.

## **(h) Receivables**

Trade receivables are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services provided in the ordinary course of business. There are classified as current assets if collection is expected within one year. Receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment.

## **(i) Inventories**

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. In general, cost is determined on the weighted average basis and, where appropriate, includes a proportion of variable overhead expenditure.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less applicable variable selling costs.

## **(j) Non-current assets held for resale**

Non-current assets (or disposal groups) are classified as held for sale if their carrying amount will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use and a sale is considered highly probable. They are measured at the lower of their carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell, except for assets such as deferred tax assets, assets arising from employee benefits, financial assets and contractual rights under insurance contracts, which are specifically exempt from this requirement.

An impairment loss is recognised for any initial or subsequent write down of the asset (or disposal group) to fair value less costs to sell. A gain is recognised for any subsequent increases in fair value less costs to sell of an asset (or disposal group), but not in excess of any cumulative impairment loss previously recognised. A gain or loss not previously recognised by the date of the sale of the non-current asset (or disposal group) is recognised at the date of derecognition.

Non-current assets (including those that are part of a disposal group) are not depreciated or amortised while they are classified as held for sale. Interest and other expenses attributable to the liabilities of a disposal group classified as held for sale continue to be recognised.

Non-current assets classified as held for sale and the assets of a disposal group classified as held for sale are presented separately from the other

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assets in the statement of financial position. The liabilities of a disposal group classified as held for sale are presented separately from other liabilities in the statement of financial position.

A discontinued operation is a component of the entity that has been disposed of or is classified as held for sale and that represents a separate major line of business or geographical area of operations, is part of a single coordinated plan to dispose of such a line of business or area of operations, or is a subsidiary acquired exclusively with a view to resale. The results of discontinued operations are presented separately in the statement of comprehensive income.

## (k) Financial assets

The Group classifies all of its financial assets in the measurement category 'Financial assets at amortised cost'.

The Group classifies its financial assets at amortised cost when the asset is held within a business model whose objective is to collect the contractual cash flows and the contractual terms give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest ("SPPI"). Financial assets of the Group that fall under this category are trade and other receivables, bank balances, deposits and cash, and loans to related companies.

At initial recognition, the Group measures a financial asset at its fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset. Interest income from these financial assets is included in finance income using the effective interest rate method. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition is recognised directly in profit or loss and presented in other gains and losses together with foreign exchange gains and losses.

As of 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021, the Group had no financial instruments classified as financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") - Equity instruments or financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL").

Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on trade-date, the date on which the Group commits to purchase or sell the asset. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or have been transferred and the Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

Financial assets are classified as current assets for those having maturity dates of not more than 12 months after the end of the reporting period, and the balance is classified as non-current.

### *Impairment of financial assets*

The Group recognises an allowance for expected credit losses ("ECLs") for all debt instruments and financial guarantee contracts issued. ECLs are based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Group expects to receive, discounted at an approximation of the original effective interest rate. The expected cash flows will include cash flows from the sale of collateral held or other credit enhancements that are integral to the contractual terms. For financial guarantee contracts, the ECL is the difference between expected payments to reimburse the holder of the guarantee debt instruments less any amounts the company expects to recover from the other party.

ECL is measured based on either the general 3-stage approach or the simplified approach.

The general 3-stage approach is applied for loans to related parties and financial guarantee contracts issued.

For credit exposures for which there has not been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, ECLs are provided for credit losses that result from default events that are possible within the next 12-months (a 12-month ECL). For those credit exposures for which there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, a loss allowance is required for credit losses expected over the remaining life of the exposure, irrespective of the timing of the default (a lifetime ECL).

For trade receivables, the Group applies a simplified approach in calculating ECLs. The Group does not track changes in credit risk, but instead recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date. The Group 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.

### *Collective assessment*

To measure ECL, trade receivables and other receivables have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics, such as days past due.



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## *Individual assessment*

Trade receivables, other receivables and amounts due from related parties which are in default or credit-impaired are assessed individually.

### **(l) Property, plant and equipment**

All property, plant and equipment are initially recorded at cost. Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition or construction of qualifying assets are added to the cost of those assets until the assets are ready for their intended use. Land is not depreciated. Depreciation on other items of property, plant and equipment is calculated on the straight-line method to write off the cost of each asset to their residual values using the below rates which is reflective of their estimated useful life as follows:

Buildings	2 – 4%
Ships	5 - 10%
Plant and fittings	10 - 33%
Motor vehicles	20 - 33%

Where the carrying amount of an asset is greater than its estimated recoverable amount, it is written down immediately to its recoverable amount. Gains and losses on disposal of property, plant and equipment are determined by reference to their carrying amount and are taken into account in determining operating profit.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the statements of comprehensive income during the financial period in which they are incurred.

### **(m) Investment properties**

Investment properties include land held for long-term capital appreciation and buildings leased out under operating leases. Properties that comprise a portion held to earn rentals and a portion for own use or occupation will only be classified as investment property if an insignificant portion is held for own use or occupation. Investment properties are recognised when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the property will flow to the Group and the cost of the investment property can be reliably measured. Investment properties are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Transaction costs are included

on initial measurement. Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition or construction of qualifying assets are added to the cost of those assets until the assets are ready for their intended use. The fair values of investment properties are disclosed in the Note 11. These are assessed using internationally accepted valuation methods, such as taking comparable properties as a guide to current market prices or by applying the discounted cash flow method. Like property, plant and equipment, investment properties are normally depreciated using the straight-line method over similar useful lives.

### **(n) Goodwill**

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of an acquisition over the fair value of the Group's share of the net identifiable assets of the acquired business at the date of acquisition.

Goodwill is capitalised and assessed for impairment annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate a potential for impairment and is carried at cost less impairment losses. Any impairment is recognised immediately as an expense and is not subsequently reversed.

Gains and losses on the disposal of an entity include the carrying amount of goodwill relating to the entity sold. Goodwill is allocated to cash-generating units for the purpose of impairment testing.

### **(o) Trade and other payables**

These amounts represent obligations to pay for goods and services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. They are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. Trade payables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

### **(p) Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events; it is probable that an outflow of resource embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation; and a reliable estimate of the amount of the obligation can be made.

A liability for annual leave is recognised and measured at the amount of unpaid leave at amounts expected to be paid to settle the present

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entitlements. A liability for long service leave is recognised taking into consideration expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service, discounted to present values.

A provision for estimated ship dry docking costs is only recognised where the Group has a contractual obligation under a Bare Boat charter agreement from a third party. Dry docking costs relating to ships not under third-party long-term charter agreements are only recognised as incurred and are capitalised to the extent that the previously assessed economic benefits associated with the asset are restored.

## (q) Employee benefits

### (i) Short term obligations

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and accumulating sick leave expected to be settled within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service are recognised in respect of employees' services up to the end of the reporting period and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. The liability for annual leave and accumulating sick leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits. All other short term employee benefit obligations are presented as payables.

### (ii) Other long-term employee benefit obligations

The liability for long service leave and annual leave which is not expected to be settled within 12 months after the end of period in which the employees render the related service is recognised in the provision for the employee benefits and measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the end of the reporting period using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using the market yields at the end of the reporting period on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

### (iii) Termination benefits

Termination benefits are payable when employment is terminated by the Group before the normal retirement date, or whenever an employee accepts voluntary redundancy in exchange for these benefits. The Group recognises termination

benefits at the earlier of the following dates: (a) when the Group can no longer withdraw the offer of those benefits; and (b) when the entity recognises costs for a restructuring that is within the scope of IAS 37 and involves the payment of termination benefits. In the case of an offer made to encourage voluntary redundancy, the termination benefits are measured based on the number of employees expected to accept the offer. Benefits falling due more than 12 months after the end of the reporting period are discounted to their present value.

## (r) Borrowings

Borrowings are recognised initially at fair value, net of any transaction costs incurred, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Group has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period.

## (s) Impairment of assets

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to depreciation or amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying value exceeds its recoverable amount, which is determined as the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. For the purpose of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash generating units).

## (t) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs incurred for the construction of qualifying assets, which are assets that take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are capitalised during the period of time that is required to complete and prepare the asset for its intended use or sale. Other borrowing costs are expensed.

The capitalisation rate used to determine the amount of borrowing costs to be capitalised is the weighted average interest rate applicable to the entity's outstanding borrowings during the year, in this case 3.92% (2021 – 4.13%).

## (u) Segment reporting

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided



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to the chief operating decision maker. The chief operating decision maker, who is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments, has been identified as the Strategic Steering Committee.

## (v) Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to equity holders of the Group, by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the financial year. There are no potential ordinary shares on issue and hence the diluted earnings per share is equal to the basic earnings per share.

## (w) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST. Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST. The amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the Taxation authority is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

## (x) Leases

Leases are recognised as a right-of-use asset and a corresponding liability at the date at which the leased asset is available for use by the Group. Each lease payment is allocated between the liability and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to profit or loss over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period. The right-of-use asset is depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term on a straight-line basis.

Assets and liabilities arising from a lease are initially measured on a present value basis. Lease liabilities include the net present value of the following lease payments:

- fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments), less any lease incentives receivable;
- variable lease payments that are based on an index or a rate;
- amounts expected to be payable by the lessee under residual value guarantees;
- the exercise price of a purchase option if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise that option, and
- payments of penalties for terminating the

lease, if the lease term reflects the lessee exercising that option.

The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease, if that rate can be determined, or the group's incremental borrowing rate.

Right-of-use assets are measured at cost comprising the following:

- the amount of the initial measurement of lease liability;
- any lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received;
- any initial direct costs, and
- restoration costs.

Payments associated with short-term leases and leases of low-value assets are recognised on a straight-line basis as an expense in profit or loss. Short-term leases are leases with a lease term of 12 months or less. Low-value assets comprise IT-equipment and small items of office furniture.

Extension and termination options are included in a number of property and equipment leases across the Group. These terms are used to maximise operational flexibility in terms of managing contracts. The majority of extension and termination options held are exercisable only by the Group and not by the respective lessor.

In determining the lease term, management considers all facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive to exercise an extension option, or not exercise a termination option. Extension options (or periods after termination options) are only included in the lease term if the lease is reasonably certain to be extended (or not terminated). The assessment is reviewed if a significant event or a significant change in circumstances occurs which affects this assessment and that is within the control of the lessee.

## (y) Rounding of amounts

Amounts in the financial statements have been rounded off to the nearest thousand Kina.

## (z) Critical accounting estimates and judgments

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events

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that may have a financial impact on the entity and that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The Group makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below:

*(i) Estimated impairment of goodwill*

The Group tests annually whether goodwill has suffered any impairment. The recoverable amounts of cash-generating units have been determined based on value-in-use calculations. These calculations require the use of estimates as further detailed in Note 12.

*(ii) Estimated impairment of property, plant and equipment*

The Group tests the recoverable amount of property, plant and equipment when impairment indicators are identified. Where an indicator of impairment is identified, the recoverable amount is determined using the higher of fair value less cost to sell and its value in use. Fair value is determined using market-based information, while value in use is determined using a pre-tax cashflow projections and discount rate. Refer to Note 10.

*(iii) Deferred tax assets relating to carry forward tax losses*

The analysis of the recognition and recoverability of the deferred tax assets relating to carry forward tax losses is complex and judgmental and estimating future taxable income is based on assumptions that are affected by expected future market or economic conditions. For management's judgments in relation to recoverability of deferred tax assets, refer to Note 5.

*(iv) Incremental borrowing rate relating to lease liabilities*

As disclosed in Note 14, management assessed that the weighted average interest rate on collateralized borrowings obtained from financial institutions during 2022 and previous years of

4.5% approximates the incremental borrowing rate at the date of initial adoption of IFRS 16 and at 31 December 2022. Therefore, this rate has been used for discounting lease payments arising from state land leases and property leases. In making this judgment, management considered the period of leases (including extension and termination options), the quality of leased assets compared to assets used as collateral for relevant borrowings and made an assessment whether any adjustments to the weighted average rate on borrowings are needed to reflect differences in secured assets, lease periods compared to maturity of borrowings, and other factors affecting the incremental borrowing rate. Based on assessment performed, management concluded that the average weighted interest rate on borrowings of approximately 4.5% p.a. approximates the rate that the Group would expect to borrow to acquire the right-of-use assets in relation to land leases and property leases. If the incremental borrowing rate were 1% higher/(lower), lease liabilities as of 31 December 2022 would be K4.5 million lower and K9.3 million higher, respectively (2021: K5.0 million lower and K9.4 million higher).

*(v) Net current liabilities*

The financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 have been prepared on a going concern basis which contemplates the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities in the normal course of business as they become due.

As at 31st December 2022 the Company has a Net Current Liability position of K114.8 million. This arises due to the maturity of the Company's loan facilities with Westpac PNG Limited and ANZ Banking Group (PNG) Limited in August and November 2023, respectively. The drawn balances are therefore re-classified from non-current liabilities to current liabilities. The Company is confident that these loan facilities will be renewed on or before maturity. Alternatively, the Company will use a combination of operating cash flows and facilities with other banks to meet all its current liabilities.

## 2. Financial risk management

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks including market risk (including currency, and

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interest rate risk), credit risk, liquidity risk and capital risk. The Group's overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of the Group. Risk management is carried out under policies approved by the Board of Directors.

## (a) Market risk

### (i) Foreign exchange risk

The Group engages in international purchase transactions and is exposed to foreign exchange risk arising from various currency exposures, primarily with respect to the Australian dollar. Foreign exchange risk arises from recognised assets and liabilities.

The Group's foreign currency purchases do not represent a significant proportion of the Group's costs and as such exposure to foreign currency risk is minimal. It is not the Group's policy to hedge foreign currency risk. As the foreign currency exposure is minimal no sensitivity analysis is provided.

### (ii) Price risk

The Group is not significantly exposed to equity securities or commodities price risk.

### (iii) Cash flow interest rate risk

The Group's interest rate risk arises from long-term borrowings. Borrowings issued at variable rates expose the Group to cash flow interest rate risk. Borrowings issued at fixed rates expose the Group to fair value interest rate risk. Long term borrowings are a mix of fixed and variable rate interest. It is not the Group's policy to hedge cash flow and interest rate risk.

At 31 December 2022, if interest rates on PNG Kina-denominated borrowings had been 1% higher/lower with all other variables held constant, post-tax profit for the year would have been K3.6 million (2021: K3.6 million) lower/higher, mainly as a result of higher/lower interest expense on floating rate borrowings.

## (b) Credit risk

The Group has no significant concentration

of credit risk and it is not the Group's policy to hedge credit risk. The Group has policies in place to ensure that sales of products and services are made to customers with an appropriate credit history and has policies that limit the amount of credit exposure to any one customer. Where credit limits were exceeded during the reporting period management has made provision for amounts considered uncollectible.

The Group has the following types of financial assets that are subject to the expected credit loss model: trade receivables, other receivables (including intercompany receivables) and loans to related parties. While cash and cash equivalents are also subject to the impairment requirements of IFRS 9, impairment loss is immaterial.

The Group applies the IFRS 9 simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses, for all financial assets, other than loans to related parties and other receivables. To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due. The expected loss rates are based on the payment profiles of sales over a period of 36 months before 31 December 2022 or 31 December 2021 respectively and the corresponding historical credit losses experienced within this period. The historical loss rates are adjusted to reflect current and forward-looking information on macroeconomic factors affecting the ability of the customers to settle the receivables. The Group has analysed GDP and employment rate of PNG to be the most relevant factors, and accordingly adjusts the historical loss rates based on expected changes in these factors. Management concluded that the impairment provision for trade receivables is not materially affected by changes in GDP and employment rate.

For loans to related parties and other receivables, the Group applies a 'three-stage' model for impairment based on changes in credit quality since initial recognition, as summarised below:

- A financial instrument that is not credit-impaired on initial recognition is classified in 'Stage 1' and has its credit risk continuously monitored by the Group.
- If a significant increase in credit risk ('SICR')



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since initial recognition is identified, the financial instrument is moved to 'Stage 2' but is not yet deemed to be credit impaired.

- If the financial instrument is credit-impaired, the financial instrument is then moved to 'Stage 3'.
- Financial instruments in Stage 1 have their ECL measured at an amount equal to the portion of lifetime expected credit losses that result from default events possible within the next 12 months. Loans in Stages 2 or 3 have their ECL measured based on expected credit losses on a lifetime basis.

Forward- looking information incorporated in the model includes GDP Growth (%) of Papua New Guinea economy.

The Group considers a loan or other receivable to have experienced a significant increase in credit risk when one or more of the following quantitative and qualitative criteria have been met: delay in payment of over 30 days, early signs of cash flow/ liquidity problems, significant adverse changes in business, financial and/or economic conditions in which related party operates, actual or expected forbearance or restructuring, significant change in collateral value (for collateralised loans).

The Group defines a financial instrument as in default, which is fully aligned with the definition of credit- impaired, when it meets one or more of the following criteria: delay in payment of over 90 days, significant financial difficulty of related party (such as long-term forbearance, insolvency, or probability of bankruptcy). A loan or other receivable is considered to no longer be in default (i.e. to have cured) when it no longer meets any of the default criteria at the reporting date.

The Expected Credit Loss (ECL) is measured on either a 12-month (12M) or Lifetime basis depending on whether a significant increase in credit risk has occurred since initial recognition or whether an asset is considered to be credit-impaired.

All of the Group's loans to related parties as at 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021 are classified in 'Stage 1'. Further, management assessed that no material impairment provision on loans to related parties is necessary given the following:

- Loans to related parties are repayable on demand and the Group expects to be able to recover the outstanding balance of related loans, if demanded;
- Loans to related parties have not had significant increase in credit risk since the loans were first recognised;
- There are no historic losses or write offs on these loans;
- As a result, impairment provision is based on 12-month expected credit losses, which results in immaterial impairment provision.

Similarly, the Group's other receivables as at 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021 are classified in 'Stage 1', as they are either current or overdue up to 30 days, and the Group has not noted a significant increase in credit risk.

## (c) Liquidity risk

Prudent liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash and the availability of funding through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities. The Group manages liquidity risk by maintaining sufficient bank balances to fund its operations and the availability of funding through committed credit facilities.

Management monitors rolling forecasts of the Group's liquidity reserve on the basis of expected cash flows.

Undrawn finance facilities as of 31 December were as follows:

	2022 K'000	2021 K'000
Undrawn Facilities	274,900	273,000

The table on top of page 34 analyses the Group's financial liabilities which will be settled on a net basis into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the balance sheet date to the contractual maturity date. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

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	Less than 1 year K'000	Between 1 & 2 years K'000	Between 2 & 5 years K'000	Over 5 years K'000	Total K'000	Carrying amount K'000
<b>At 31 December 2022</b>						
Borrowings	(248,073)	(990)	(20,814)	-	(269,877)	(260,022)
Borrowings from minority shareholders	(160)	-	-	-	(160)	(160)
Borrowings from related parties	(2,960)	-	-	-	(2,960)	(2,902)
Trade and other payables	(108,038)	-	-	-	(108,038)	(108,038)
Lease liabilities	(5,296)	(5,296)	(12,125)	(115,725)	(138,442)	(59,912)
	(364,527)	(6,286)	(32,939)	(115,725)	(519,477)	(431,034)
<b>At 31 December 2021</b>						
Borrowings	(56,031)	(217,976)	-	-	(274,007)	(263,118)
Borrowings from minority shareholders	(160)	-	-	-	(160)	(160)
Borrowings from related parties	(2,843)	-	-	-	(2,843)	(2,787)
Trade and other payables	(91,804)	-	-	-	(91,804)	(91,804)
Lease liabilities	(4,809)	(4,809)	(13,258)	(117,891)	(140,767)	(61,554)
	(155,647)	(222,785)	(13,258)	(117,891)	(509,581)	(419,423)

The Group does not hold derivative financial instruments.

## (d) Capital risk management

The Group's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Group's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns to shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital.

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

The Group monitors capital on the basis of the gearing ratio. This ratio is calculated as net debt divided by total capital. Net debt is calculated as external borrowings and unsecured loans less cash and cash equivalents. Net debt for the purposes of the gearing ratio does not include lease liabilities, trade and other payables and provisions for other liabilities and charges. Total capital is calculated as capital and reserves attributable to the Company's shareholders plus net debt. The gearing ratios at each balance date were as follows:

	2022 K'000	2021 K'000
Total external borrowing and unsecured loans	263,084	266,065
Less: Cash & Cash equivalents	53,436	63,788
Net debt	209,648	202,277
Total equity	1,044,069	1,020,929
Total capital	1,253,717	1,223,206
Gearing ratio	17%	17%

The Group is subject to certain covenants related primarily to its external borrowings. Non-compliance with such covenants may result in negative consequences for the Group including declaration of default. The Group was in compliance with covenants as at 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021, as well as during respective years.

## (e) Fair value estimation

IFRS 7 "Financial Instruments: Disclosures" requires disclosure of fair value measurements by level of the following fair value measurement hierarchy:

Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1).

Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices) (level 2).

Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (level 3).

If one or more of the significant inputs is not based on observable market data, the instrument is included in level 3.

The Group does not hold any financial assets at fair value.

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## 3. Operating results

	Consolidated		Parent Entity	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
<b>(a) Revenue and other income comprises:</b>				
Revenue from contracts with customers				
- Revenue from sale of goods	63,334	53,578	-	-
- Revenue from provision of services	459,154	404,464	-	-
Lease income	108,774	105,887	-	-
Dividend income	-	-	1,032	7,323
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>631,262</b>	<b>563,929</b>	<b>1,032</b>	<b>7,323</b>
Other income (net)*	-	-	2,036	38,305

\* Other income includes royalties, management fees and gain on sale of a subsidiary.

The Group's revenue from contracts with customers are recognised at a point in time and over time. Most of the revenue from the provision of services is recognised over time, while revenue from sale of goods is recognised at a point in time. Further disaggregation of revenue by segment is provided at Note 26.

The aggregate amount of the transaction price allocated to the performance obligations that are unsatisfied (or partially unsatisfied) as of 31 December 2022 that relates mostly to shipping and freight services which commenced in late 2022 and will be finalised within January 2023 is K2.8million (2021: K1.8 million).

### (b) Expenses comprise:

Cost of sales	113,327	113,742	-	-
Staff costs (note 3c)	148,887	132,189	-	-
Depreciation and amortisation	95,279	93,774	2,102	2,088
Impairment of properties	25,842	-	-	-
Impairment / (Reversal of impairment) of vessels	767	(4,370)	-	-
Fixed Assets write off	-	100	-	-
Electricity and fuel	51,869	34,680	-	-
Insurance	7,405	6,639	-	-
Security cost	13,017	12,063	-	-
Motor vehicle expenses	29,669	18,536	-	-
Other operating expenses/ (income) -net	64,239	69,190	2,729	(862)
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>550,301</b>	<b>476,543</b>	<b>4,831</b>	<b>1,226</b>

### (c) Staff costs:

Wages and salaries	114,375	110,209	-	-
Retirement benefit contributions	5,175	5,062	-	-
Accommodation and other benefits	29,337	16,918	-	-
	148,887	132,189	-	-

Number of staff employed by the Group at year end:

Full Time	2,705	2,507	-	-
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## 3. Operating results (continued)

	Consolidated		Parent Entity	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
(d) The operating profit before income tax is arrived at after charging and crediting the following specific items:				
<b>After charging:</b>				
Audit fees	1,141	1,046	-	-
Fees for non-audit services to Auditors	489	1,083	-	-
Bad and doubtful debts provided	1,461	5,379	-	-
Impairment of properties	25,842	-	-	-
Donations	1,353	1,103	-	-
<b>After crediting:</b>				
Gain on sale of property, plant and equipment	(534)	(2,063)	-	-
Bad and doubtful debts released	(968)	(1,484)	-	-
<b>(e) Cost of financing – net:</b>				
Interest expense*	14,712	13,835	-	-
Interest income	(13,537)	(9,817)	(85)	(98)
Net finance costs	1,175	4,018	(85)	(98)

\*The interest expense excludes capitalised interest which is Knil in 2022 (2021: Knil).

### (f) Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share are calculated by dividing the net profit attributable to shareholders by the average number of ordinary shares on issue during the year. There is no difference between the basic and diluted earnings per share.

	Consolidated	
	2022	2021
Net profit attributable to shareholders	57,985	90,550
Average number of ordinary shares on issue (thousands)	31,008	31,008
Basic earnings per share (continuing and discontinued)	187 toea	292 toea
Basic earnings per share (continuing)	187 toea	276 toea
Basic earnings per share (discontinued)	-	16 toea

## 4. Investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures

	Consolidated		Parent Entity	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
<b>(a) Investments are accounted for in accordance with the policy set out in Note 1(c) and relate to:</b>				
Investments in subsidiary companies (note 21)	-	-	51,752	51,752
Investments in associates (note 22)	5,593	5,541	-	-
Investments in joint ventures (note 23)	39,865	33,826	-	-
	45,458	39,367	51,752	51,752
<b>(b) Share of after tax profit in associates and joint ventures</b>				
Share of profit in associates	249	199	-	-
Share of profit in joint ventures	6,039	4,863	-	-
	6,288	5,062	-	-

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## 5. Income tax

	Consolidated		Parent Entity	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
<b>(a) Income tax expense / (credit)</b>				
Current tax	30,710	25,128	166	257
Deferred tax	(6,549)	178	(979)	(149)
Adjustments for current and deferred tax of prior periods	3,654	14,488	(2)	168
Tax losses utilised in current year - previously unrecognised	(1,182)	(25,600)	-	-
Recognition of deferred tax asset for previously unrecognised tax losses	-	(12,500)	-	-
	26,633	1,694	(815)	276

**(b) The income tax in the Statement of Comprehensive Income is determined in accordance with the policy set out in note 1(f). The effective rate of tax charged differs from the statutory rate of 30% for the following reasons.**

Prima facie tax on profit before income tax	25,822	26,529	(503)	13,350
Non-taxable income - dividends	-	-	(310)	(2,197)
Expenses not deductible for tax	185	146	-	-
Tax losses utilised in current year – previously unrecognised	(1,182)	(25,600)	-	-
Income not assessable for tax	(1,846)	(1,966)	-	(11,045)
Adjustments for current and deferred tax of prior periods	3,654	14,488	(2)	168
Recognition of deferred tax asset for previously unrecognised tax losses	-	(12,500)	-	-
Others	-	597	-	-
	26,633	1,694	(815)	276

**(c) The deferred tax (liability)/asset comprises:**

Provisions	14,754	13,301	934	-
Tax losses	-	12,500	-	-
Lease liabilities	17,972	18,466	-	-
Prepayments and consumables	(11,800)	(8,147)	-	-
Property, plant and equipment	(33,158)	(34,582)	723	661
Right-of-use assets	(10,127)	(17,437)	-	-
	(22,359)	(15,899)	1,657	661
Deferred tax asset	2,020	2,571	1,657	661
Deferred tax liability	(24,379)	(18,470)	-	-
	(22,359)	(15,899)	1,657	661

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## 5. Income tax (continued)

	Beginning Balance	Charge to profit	Ending Balance
(d) The gross movement on the deferred tax account is as follows:			
<b>Consolidated</b>			
Provisions and accruals	13,301	1,453	14,754
Tax losses	12,500	(12,500)	-
Lease liabilities	18,466	(494)	17,972
Prepayments & consumables	(8,147)	(3,653)	(11,800)
Property, plant and equipment	(34,582)	1,424	(33,158)
Right-of-use assets	(17,437)	7,310	(10,127)
Total	(15,899)	(6,460)	(22,359)
<b>Parent Company</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	661	62	723
Loan receivable	-	934	934
Total	661	996	1,657

(e) Income tax (receivable)/ payable is represented as by:

	Consolidated		Parent Entity	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
<b>At 1 January</b>	(23,627)	(23,923)	(64)	(325)
Income tax provision	30,710	25,128	166	257
Prior year under/(over) provisions	2,000	-	15	168
Utilisation of previously unrecognised tax losses - Note 5(b)	(1,182)	(25,600)	-	-
Utilisation of previously recognised tax losses	(11,355)	-	-	-
Utilisation of interest withholding tax	(1,822)	-	(13)	-
Others	(852)	1,687	(25)	-
Tax payments made	(5,960)	(919)	(117)	(164)
	(12,088)	(23,627)	(38)	(64)
<b>Classified as:</b>				
- Current	(12,088)	(10,000)	(38)	(64)
- Non-current	-	(13,627)	-	-
	(12,088)	(23,627)	(38)	(64)

## 6. Cash and cash equivalents

	Consolidated		Parent Entity	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Cash and short-term deposits	53,436	63,788	-	-
	53,436	63,788	-	-

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the fair value of cash and cash equivalents on the balance sheet. Cash and short-term deposits are held with the banks resident in Papua New Guinea who have appropriate long term credit ratings.



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## 7. Trade and other receivables

	Consolidated		Parent Entity	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Trade receivables	73,373	80,908	-	-
Trade receivables related parties (Note 18)	42,192	42,214	35,905	39,489
Provision for impairment	(11,163)	(12,736)	-	-
	104,402	110,386	35,905	39,489
Other receivables	28,772	51,315	3	25
Prepayments	14,446	16,594	-	-
	147,620	178,295	35,908	39,514

### (i) Credit losses

As at 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021, loss allowance was determined as follows for trade receivables:

31 December 2022	Current	More than 30 days past due	More than 60 days past due	More than 90 days past due	Total
Expected credit loss rate	0.01%-0.05%	0.05%-0.15%	0.15%-2%	2%-80%	9.95%
Gross carrying amount - trade receivables	57,507	30,170	9,812	14,704	112,193
Loss allowance	17	26	63	11,057	11,163

31 December 2021	Current	More than 30 days past due	More than 60 days past due	More than 90 days past due	Total
Expected credit loss rate	0.1%-1%	1-5%	5-20%	20-80%	10.6%
Gross carrying amount - trade receivables	84,718	13,925	5,675	15,698	120,016
Loss allowance	353	304	431	11,648	12,736

Movement in the provision for impairment of trade receivables is as follows:

	Consolidated		Parent Entity	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Opening balance	12,736	11,359	-	-
Impairments recognised during the year	1,461	5,379	-	-
Provision released	(2,947)	(1,484)	-	-
Write off	(87)	(2,518)	-	-
Total	11,163	12,736	-	-

The creation and release of the provision for impaired receivables is included in operating expenses in the statement of comprehensive income. Amounts charged to the provision account are generally written off when there is no expectation of recovering the balance outstanding.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the fair value of each class of receivable mentioned above. The Group does not hold any collateral as security in relation to these receivables.

### (ii) Other receivables and prepayments

Other receivables generally arise from transactions outside the usual operating activities of the Group. These mostly include receivables for rental bonds, re-insurance receivables and other tax receivables (such as GST receivables) and other non-financial assets. These receivables are not interest bearing. Collateral is not normally obtained.

As at 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021, most of the Group's other receivables are current and classified as Stage 1 for impairment provisioning purposes. The amount of other receivables overdue more than 30 days is not material, and the impairment provision based on expected loss model is immaterial.

Prepayments relate to advance payments for expenses not yet incurred.

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## 8. Inventories

	Consolidated		Parent Entity	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Finished goods	28,607	23,153	-	-
Provision for obsolescence	(144)	(144)	-	-
	28,463	23,009	-	-

Inventories recognised as an expense during the year ended 31 December 2022 and included in cost of sales and cost of providing services amounted to K21.0 million (2021: K20.1 million). The provision for obsolescence of inventories during the year increased by KNil (2021: by K1.4 million decrease).

## 9. Loans to/(from) related companies

	Consolidated		Parent Entity	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
<b>Non-Current</b>				
John Swire & Sons Limited	8,409	8,899	8,409	8,899
Colgate Palmolive (PNG) Limited	500	500	500	500
Huhu Rural LLG	1,035	955	-	-
Pacific Rumana Limited	26,930	28,930	-	-
Harbourside Development Limited	160,833	123,333	-	-
Viva No.31 Limited	2,000	2,000	-	-
Wonye Limited	-	2,851	-	-
Wakang Inc.	16	16	-	-
Croesus Re PCC Limited	-	198	-	-
	199,723	167,682	8,909	9,399
Loans to subsidiaries	-	-	-	-
	199,723	167,682	8,909	9,399
<b>Loans from associates and joint ventures:</b>				
Stevedoring associates	(2,902)	(2,787)	-	-
Loans from subsidiaries	-	-	(63,152)	(29,957)
	(2,902)	(2,787)	(63,152)	(29,957)

The loans to Harbourside Development Limited and Harbourside South are secured and earn interest at 6.5%. The loan to Pacific Rumana Limited is unsecured and earns interest at 9%. The loan from stevedoring associates is unsecured and incurs interest at 2%.

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## 10. Property, plant and equipment

	Property	Ships	Plant and Vehicles	Right-of-use Assets	Total
<b>Consolidated</b>					
<b>2022</b>					
Cost	539,613	295,993	347,635	42,417	1,225,658
Accumulated depreciation (including impairment losses)	(234,091)	(156,083)	(243,179)	(33,750)	(667,103)
Net book value	305,522	139,910	104,456	8,667	558,555
Opening value	332,662	108,415	84,940	32,551	558,568
Additions	2,274	58,883	43,164	826	105,147
Disposals	(120)	(140)	(136)	(142)	(538)
Impairments	(4,010)	(767)	-	(21,832)	(26,609)
Depreciation	(25,284)	(26,481)	(23,512)	(2,736)	(78,013)
Closing value	305,522	139,910	104,456	8,667	558,555
<b>2021</b>					
Cost	537,534	237,250	311,994	41,733	1,128,511
Accumulated depreciation (including impairment losses)	(204,872)	(128,835)	(227,054)	(9,182)	(569,943)
Net book value	332,662	108,415	84,940	32,551	558,568
Opening value	306,491	121,554	91,255	44,439	563,739
Additions	44,633	12,232	22,363	-	79,228
Lease agreements made during the year	-	-	-	530	530
Disposals	-	-	-	(8,820)	(8,820)
Impairment	-	4,370	-	-	4,370
Asset held for sale	-	(3,247)	-	-	(3,247)
Depreciation	(18,462)	(26,494)	(28,678)	(3,598)	(77,232)
Closing value	332,662	108,415	84,940	32,551	558,568

The Group is committed to its plan to sell cargo vessels within 12 months from the reporting date. As the sales are considered highly probable, the vessels are available for immediate sale and actions were taken to locate potential buyers (including active marketing of the vessel for sale) prior to 31 December 2022 and 2021 respectively, these vessels are classified within line 'Assets held for sale' as at 31 December 2022 and 2021.



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## 10. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

	Property	Plant and Vehicles	Total
<b>Parent Entity</b>			
<b>2022</b>			
Cost	81,987	7,313	89,300
Accumulated depreciation (including impairment losses)	(58,608)	(5,624)	(64,232)
Net book value	23,379	1,689	25,068
Opening value	22,240	1,352	23,592
Additions	2,882	696	3,578
Disposals	-	-	-
Transfers	(6)	6	-
Depreciation	(1,737)	(365)	(2,102)
Closing value	23,379	1,689	25,068
<b>2021</b>			
Cost	79,104	6,617	85,721
Accumulated depreciation (including impairment losses)	(56,864)	(5,265)	(62,129)
Net book value	22,240	1,352	23,592
Opening value	23,875	1,227	25,102
Additions	125	453	578
Impairments	-	-	-
Depreciation	(1,760)	(328)	(2,088)
Closing value	22,240	1,352	23,592

### (a) Assets in the course of construction

The carrying amounts of the assets disclosed above include the following expenditure recognised in relation to property, plant and equipment and investment properties which are in the course of construction:

	Consolidated		Parent Entity	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Property	34,103	13,240	-	-
Ships and plant and vehicles	6,812	59,750	-	-
Total assets in the course of construction	40,915	72,990	-	-

The cost of additions in 2022 did not include any capitalised borrowing costs (2021: nil) in relation to qualifying assets. The Group used capitalization rate of 3.92% (2021: 4.13%) p.a. to determine the amount of borrowing costs eligible for capitalisation.

### (b) Impairment losses

During the year the Directors performed an impairment review on certain assets with impairment indicators. As a result of this assessment, impairments of K25.8 million and K0.8 million were recognised in relation to certain properties and an individual vessel respectively (2021: K4.4 million impairment reversal on vessels).

The property impairments comprised of:

- K21.8 million impairment of the Cassowary Hotel right of use asset. The recoverable amount was determined based on value-in-use calculations. The calculations use pre-tax cashflow projections based on financial budgets approved by management covering a three year period. Beyond the three year period, revenue and cost growth is set at 4% for the remainder of the lease period. A discount rate of 13.5% has been adopted.
- K4.0 million impairment of a building reflecting earthquake damage to a building. The Group has lodged a claim with its insurer with any insurance proceeds being recognised upon finalisation of the claim.

Apart from the impairment provided for vessels and properties, there are no other further conditions that indicate impairment of property, plant and equipment as at 31 December 2022 in other businesses of the Group.

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## 10. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

### (c) Right-of-use assets

The recognised right-of-use assets relate to properties leased by the Group for its use (i.e. leased buildings). The movement of right-of-use assets classified under property, plant and equipment is provided below:

	Properties PGK'000	Total PGK'000
<b>As at 31 December 2022</b>		
Opening net book amount	32,551	32,551
Lease agreements made during the year	826	826
Disposal	(142)	(142)
Depreciation	(2,736)	(2,736)
Impairment	(21,832)	(21,832)
Closing net book amount	8,667	8,667
At cost	42,417	42,417
Accumulated depreciation and impairment losses	(33,750)	(33,750)
	8,667	8,667
<b>As at 31 December 2021</b>		
Opening net book amount	44,439	44,439
Lease agreements made during the year	530	530
Disposal	(8,820)	(8,820)
Depreciation	(3,598)	(3,598)
Closing net book amount	32,551	32,551
At cost	41,733	41,733
Accumulated depreciation	(9,182)	(9,182)
	32,551	32,551

## 11. Investment properties

Investment properties represent the Group's residential and commercial properties that are available for external lease rather than internal use. Properties used by the Group are shown in 'Property' within note 10.

	Consolidated		Parent Entity	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Cost	580,814	550,067	-	-
Accumulated depreciation	(191,918)	(174,652)	-	-
Net book value	388,896	375,415	-	-
Opening value	375,415	381,336	-	-
Additions	30,780	10,515	-	-
Disposal	(33)	-	-	-
Right of use of assets movement	-	106	-	-
Depreciation	(17,266)	(16,542)	-	-
Closing value	388,896	375,415	-	-

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## 11. Investment properties (continued)

### (a) Right-of-use assets

The recognised right-of-use assets relate state land leases related to properties owned by the Group (including investment properties). The breakdown of right-of-use assets classified under investment properties is provided below:

	State Land Leases	Total
<b>As at 31 December 2022</b>		
Opening net book amount	25,663	25,663
Terminated	(142)	(142)
Depreciation	(435)	(435)
Closing net book amount	25,086	25,086
<b>At cost</b>	26,781	26,781
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>	(1,695)	(1,695)
	25,086	25,086
<b>As at 31 December 2021</b>		
Opening net book amount	25,987	25,987
Lease agreements made during the year	107	107
Terminated	-	-
Depreciation	(431)	(431)
Closing net book amount	25,663	25,663
<b>At cost</b>	26,923	26,923
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>	(1,260)	(1,260)
	25,663	25,663
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>

### (b) Amounts recognised in profit/loss for investment properties

Rental income	108,774	105,887
Repairs and maintenance attributable to rental properties under non-cancellable leases	(2,516)	(2,970)
Operating expenses directly attributable to rental properties under non-cancellable leases	(21,035)	(10,431)

### (c) Valuation basis

Properties include commercial and residential properties occupied by Group businesses together with commercial and residential investment properties which are available for external lease. An analysis of the carrying amount and estimated range of fair values for each category of property is shown below. Fair values have been estimated internally, based on market evidence of property values, supported by independent professional valuations from previous years, adjusted by observable market trends related to PNG residential and commercial properties, as well as land values, on an annual basis.

Included in properties are the following:

	NBV	Valuation Range	
		Lower	Higher
Investment properties	388,896	1,395,683	1,737,527
Other properties (note 10)	305,522	419,168	523,960
<b>Total</b>	<b>694,418</b>	<b>1,814,851</b>	<b>2,261,487</b>

The management has utilised certain historical facts and available relevant market data in reaching their opinion as to the valuation of the properties up to the date of valuation, including use of comparable sales and capitalisation rates.

### (d) Non-current assets pledged as security

Refer to note 16 for information on non-current assets pledged as security by the Group.



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## 11. Investment properties (continued)

### (e) Contractual receivables

Minimum lease receivables under non-cancellable operating leases of investment properties not recognised in the financial statements are receivable as follows:

	Consolidated		Parent Entity	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Within one year	69,326	85,706	-	-
Later than one year but not later than five years	75,838	88,094	-	-
Later than five years	17,185	18,290	-	-
	162,349	192,090	-	-

## 12. Intangible assets

	Consolidated		Parent Entity	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Opening balance	76,433	76,433	-	-
Disposal of Subsidiary	-	-	-	-
Closing balance	76,433	76,433	-	-

Goodwill is allocated to the Group's cash-generating units (CGUs) identified according to operating segment. The goodwill balance of K76.4 million (2021: K76.4 million) is attributable to various business acquisitions in the logistics segments including Pacific Towing (K67.4 million) and New Britain Shipping (K9 million). The recoverable amount of a CGU is determined based on value-in-use calculations. These calculations use pre-tax cash flow projections based on financial budgets approved by management covering a three-year period. Growth beyond year three for the purpose of the impairment testing is set at 5% for New Britain Shipping and 5% for Pacific Towing (2021: 3% for New Britain Shipping and 5% for Pacific Towing). A pre-tax discount rate of 13.4% per annum (2021: 12.0% per annum) has been used and reflects specific risks relating to the operating segment. The recoverable amount of the Pacific Towing CGU and New Britain Shipping CGU exceed their carrying amounts by K23.2 million (2021: K23.1 million) and K9.1 million (2021: K12.1 million), respectively. Management believes that growth rate of revenue of 5% p.a. for the CGUs is appropriate, as approved three-year financial budgets are based on conservative assumptions.

Management determined the budgeted gross margin based on past performance and its market expectations. If the revised growth rate beyond three years had been 1% lower than management's estimates the Group would need to reduce the carrying value of goodwill of Pacific Towing by K0.5 million and the carrying value goodwill of New Britain Shipping by KNil. The CGUs' carrying amount would exceed the value in use at a growth rate lower than 4.03% p.a. for Pacific Towing and 2.7% p.a. for New Britain Shipping.

The discount rates used are pre-tax and reflect specific risks relating to the relevant CGUs. If the revised estimated pre-tax discount rate applied to the discounted cash flows of the Pacific Towing CGU and New Britain Shipping CGU had been 1% higher than management's estimates, the recoverable amounts of goodwill of Pacific Towing and New Britain Shipping would exceed their carrying amounts by K4.6 million and K6.8 million, respectively. The CGUs' carrying amount would be equal to value in use at a discount rate of approximately 17.1% p.a. and 24% p.a. respectively.

## 13. Trade and other payables

	Consolidated		Parent Entity	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Trade payables	32,979	23,287	-	-
Trade payables - related parties (Note 18)	6,323	488	-	-
Accruals	51,520	51,330	1,677	-
Other payables	17,216	16,699	-	-
	108,038	91,804	1,677	-

All trade and other payables are due and payable within 12 months and are recorded at their fair value.

## 14. Lease Liabilities

As disclosed in Note 10 and 11, the right-of-use assets and related lease liabilities are recognised in relation to the following types of assets: state land leases related to properties owned by the Group (including its investment properties) and properties (i.e. buildings leased by the Group for its use).

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## 14. Lease Liabilities (continued)

	2022	2021
State land leases	26,155	26,464
Properties	33,757	35,090
Total lease liabilities	59,912	61,554

Total lease liabilities as of 31 December 2022 include current liabilities of K2.7 million (31 December 2021: K2.1 million) and non-current liabilities of K57.2 million (31 December 2021: K59.4 million).

Minimum lease payments:

Not later than 1 year	5,296	4,869
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	17,421	18,067
Later than 5 years	115,725	117,831
Total	138,442	140,767
Less: Unexpired finance charges	(78,530)	(79,213)
	59,912	61,554

Present value of lease liabilities:

Not later than 1 year	2,667	2,080
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	13,967	13,127
Later than 5 years	43,278	46,347
Total	59,912	61,554

Interest on lease liabilities recognised in profit or loss by the Group amounts to PGK2.7M (2021: PGK3.3M).

Movement in net lease liabilities as per below:

Opening	61,554	73,090
Lease agreements made during the year	826	655
Disposal during the year	(218)	(9,371)
Finance costs	2,693	3,167
Repayment	(4,943)	(5,987)
	59,912	61,554

The weighted average lessee's incremental borrowing rate applied to the lease liabilities on 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2022 was 4.5% p.a. Management assessed that weighted average interest rate on borrowings obtained from financial institutions during 2022 and previous years approximates incremental borrowing rate at the date of initial adoption of IFRS 16 and at 31 December 2022. For related management's judgments refer to Note 1(z).

The Group recognised expenses relating to short-term leases and expenses relating to leases of low-value assets that are not short-term leases of K5.3M and KNil for the year ended 31 December 2022 (K7.5 million and K9.8 million), respectively. These expenses are included in operating expenses.

The Group's leases have no variable payments.

## 15. Provisions for other liabilities and charges

	Employee	Insurance Claims	2022 Total	2021 Total
Opening value	15,157	43,010	58,167	65,335
Charged to profit and loss	8,362	(4,107)	4,255	8,443
Utilised during year	(7,824)	(38,387)	(46,211)	(15,611)
Closing value	15,695	516	16,211	58,167
Current	5,119	516	5,635	48,239
Non-current	10,576	-	10,576	9,928
	15,695	516	16,211	58,167

A description of employee provisions is disclosed in note 1(p). During the year the disputed insurance claim was settled resulting in the utilisation / reversal of the associated provision and reinsurance receivable.

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## 16. Borrowings

	Consolidated		Parent Entity	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Current:				
Bank overdrafts (secured)	522	2,534	-	-
Bank loans	239,500	51,084	-	-
Other loans (unsecured)	160	160	-	-
	240,182	53,778	-	-
Non-current:				
Bank loans (secured)	20,000	209,500	-	-
	20,000	209,500	-	-
Total Borrowings	260,182	263,278	-	-

Mortgages over certain of the Group's properties and a registered equitable charge over the remainder of the Group's assets, undertakings and uncalled capital are held by the Group's bankers as security for the bank overdrafts and secured loans.

Interest is paid on all loans at commercial rates at a discount to Indicator Lending Rates. The effective interest rate on bank facilities at the balance sheet date was 3.92% (2021: 4.13%). Bank overdrafts are interest-only with no agreed repayment schedule. Bank loans are secured loans with varying 1 to 3 year terms. The effective interest rate on other loans is 2% (2021: 2%).

The fair value of borrowings approximates their carrying amounts. Borrowing terms, margins and credit risk factors approximate currently obtainable levels for similar facilities.

## 17. Issued capital

	Consolidated		Parent Entity	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
(a) Issued and paid up capital				
Ordinary shares	24,200	24,200	24,200	24,200
(b) Number of shares				
Number of shares (000's)				
Ordinary shares	31,008	31,008	31,008	31,008

In accordance with the Papua New Guinea Companies Act 1997 the shares have no par value.

The Company's securities consist of ordinary shares which have equal participation and voting rights.

### (c) Dividends

The Directors advise that a dividend of 70 toea per share will be paid immediately after the Annual General Meeting on 15th June 2023. Dividends payable to shareholders resident outside of Papua New Guinea will be converted to Australian Dollars at the prevailing rate which the Company is able to secure. During the year the Company paid dividends totalling 115 toea per share which relate to the final dividend of 2021 at 65t per share amounting to K20.15 million, and interim dividend for 2022 financial year of K15.5 million at 50t per share.



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## 18. Related party disclosures

### (a) Loss of control:

In September 2021 Steamships sold its wholly-owned subsidiary Croesus Holdings Ltd, and indirect wholly-owned subsidiary, Croesus Re PCC Ltd, both incorporated in the Isle of Man, to its ultimate parent company, John Swire & Sons Ltd. at the net book value of the two entities.

### (b) Interest in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures:

These are set out in notes 21, 22 and 23 respectively.

### (c) Remuneration:

Income received or due and receivable both by Directors and general managers in connection with the management of the Group companies is shown in the Directors' Report.

	Consolidated		Parent Entity	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
<b>Key management personnel disclosure</b>				
Salary and wages	14,651	13,112	-	-
Other short-term benefits	932	958	-	-
<b>(d) Material transactions:</b>				
Sales of goods and services				
- Associates and joint ventures	277	159	-	-
- Key management	158	10	-	-
- Associated groups	7,700	5,948	-	-
- Other shareholders	313	-	-	-
Lease and rental income				
- Associates and joint ventures	-	-	-	-
- Associated groups	2,503	1,715	-	-
- Other Shareholders	-	-	-	-
Dividend received				
- Associates and joint ventures	226	2,688	-	-
Management fee received				
- Associates and joint ventures	3,436	2	-	-
- Associated groups	-	-	-	-
- Other shareholders	377	-	-	-
Interest received				
- Associates and joint ventures	12,368	8,411	-	-
Royalties received				
- Associates and joint ventures	2,036	1,811	2,036	1,811
Shipping and towage services				
- Associates and joint ventures	-	-	-	-
- Associated groups	44,867	26,825	-	-
Cartage and storage services				
- Associates and joint ventures	-	-	-	-
- Associated groups	7,438	8,539	-	-
Purchase of goods and services				
- Associates and joint ventures	-	(59)	-	-
- Associated groups	(341)	(603)	-	-
- Key management	-	-	-	-
Management fees and recharges				
- Associated groups	(12,072)	(41,045)	-	-

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## 18. Related party disclosures (continued)

	Consolidated		Parent Entity	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Purchase of assets				
- Associated groups	(13,348)	(15,214)	-	-
Lease rental expense				
- Associates and Joint ventures	-	(330)	-	-
- Associated groups	-	-	-	-
Finance Cost				
- Associates and joint ventures	-	-	-	-
Dividends paid				
- Other shareholders (minority interest)	(642)	(1,804)	-	-
- Controlling shareholder	(25,717)	(25,717)	(25,717)	(25,717)
- Significant shareholder	(9,942)	(9,942)	(9,942)	(9,942)
Loans to/(from) related companies				
- Associates and joint ventures	35,580	61,226	-	-
All transactions with related parties are made on normal commercial terms and conditions.				
<b>Balances with related companies:</b>				
Associates and joint ventures:				
Stevedoring associates (note 9)	(2,902)	(2,787)	-	-
Basiloc Limited (note 16)	(160)	(160)	-	-
<b>Due from related Companies:</b>				
Colgate Palmolive Limited (note 9)	500	500	500	500
Harbourside Development Limited (note 9)	160,833	123,333	-	-
Subsidiary Companies (note 9)	-	-	-	-
Pacific Rumana Limited (note 9)	26,930	28,930	-	-
Huhu Rural LLG (note 9)	1,035	955	-	-
Viva No. 31 Limited (note 9)	2,000	2,000	-	-
Wonye Limited (note 9)	-	2,851	-	-
Wakang Inc. (note 9)	16	16	-	-
John Swire & Sons Limited (note 9)	8,409	8,899	8,409	8,899
Croesus Re PCC Limited (note 9)	-	198	-	-
Total due from related companies (note 9)	199,723	167,682	8,909	9,399
<b>Balances receivable / (payable) from / to related companies:</b>				
Receivables				
Colgate Palmolive Limited	2,035	2,995	2,035	2,995
John Swire & Sons Limited (note 7)	33,870	36,494	33,870	36,494
Harbourside Development Limited (note 7)	908	100	-	-
Wonye Limited (note 7)	429	11	-	-
Swire Shipping (note 7)	4,950	2,614	-	-
Total trade receivables from related companies (Note 7)	42,192	42,214	35,905	39,489
Payables				
John Swire & Sons Limited (note 13)	(6,064)	(272)	-	-
Swire Shipping (note 13)	(259)	(216)	-	-
Total trade payables from related companies (Note 13)	(6,323)	(488)	-	-

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## 19. Reconciliation of cash flows

	Consolidated		Parent Entity	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
<b>(a) Cash generated from operations</b>				
Profit / (Loss) from continuing operations after tax	59,441	91,616	(863)	44,224
Depreciation and impairment	95,279	93,774	2,102	2,088
Dividend and interest income	-	-	(1,032)	(7,323)
Net gain on sale of fixed assets	(534)	(2,063)	-	-
Impairment of properties and vessels	26,609	-	-	-
Gain on disposal of a subsidiary	-	-	-	(36,494)
Share of profit of associates and joint ventures	(6,288)	(5,062)	-	-
Adjustment on dividend	(173)	-	-	-
Lease Disposals	(103)	-	-	-
Loan write-off	777	-	-	-
Change in operating assets and liabilities				
(Increase)/decrease in trade debtors and other receivables	29,017	(14,854)	-	-
Increase in inventory	(5,454)	(5,727)	-	-
(Increase)/decrease in deferred tax asset	551	(1,561)	(996)	(149)
Decrease in operating assets	-	-	3,606	1,953
Increase in trade creditors and other payables	9,989	30,115	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in other operating liabilities	(43,040)	(3,000)	1,677	-
Decrease in income tax receivable	11,539	296	26	261
Increase in deferred tax liability	5,909	3,727	-	-
Net cash inflow from operating activities	183,519	187,261	4,520	4,560

## (b) Net debt reconciliation

	Lease liabilities	Bank Loans	Other Loans	Total
Net debt as at 31 December 2020	(73,090)	(302,000)	(5,024)	(380,114)
Repayments	-	42,523	2,077	44,600
Lease agreements made during the year	(655)	-	-	(655)
Disposal during the year	9,371	-	-	9,371
Finance costs	(3,167)	(1,107)	-	(4,274)
Payment of lease liabilities	5,987	-	-	5,987
Net debt as at 31 December 2021	(61,554)	(260,584)	(2,947)	(325,085)
Proceeds from borrowings	-	(30,000)	(115)	(30,115)
Repayments	-	30,000	-	30,000
Lease agreements made during the year	(826)	-	-	(826)
Disposal during the year	218	-	-	218
Finance costs	(2,693)	1,084	-	(1,609)
Lease payments	4,943	-	-	4,943
Net debt as at 31 December 2022	(59,912)	(259,500)	(3,062)	(322,474)

## 20. Retirement benefit plans

The total cost of retirement benefits of the Group in 2022 was K5.2 million (2021: K5.1 million). The Group participates in the National Superannuation Fund of Papua New Guinea, a multi-employer defined contribution fund, on behalf of all citizen employees with minimum employer and employee contribution rates established by legislation.

The parent entity does not employ staff directly; consequently, there was no charge during the year.



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## 21. Subsidiaries and transactions with non-controlling interests

### Significant investments in subsidiaries

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets, liabilities and results of the following subsidiaries in accordance with the accounting policy described in Note 1 (c):

Name of Entity	Country of Incorporation	Class of Shares	Equity Holdings <sup>(1)</sup>	Equity Holdings <sup>(1)</sup>
			2022	2021
Croesus Limited	Papua New Guinea	Ordinary	100	100
Kavieng Port Services Limited	Papua New Guinea	Ordinary	60	60
Kiunga Stevedoring Company Limited	Papua New Guinea	Ordinary	100	100
Lae Port Services Limited <sup>(5)</sup>	Papua New Guinea	Ordinary	51.5	51.5
Madang Port Services Limited	Papua New Guinea	Ordinary	60	60
Morobe Terminals Limited <sup>(4)</sup>	Papua New Guinea	Ordinary	50.5	50.5
Motukea United Limited	Papua New Guinea	Ordinary	64.1	64.1
New Britain Shipping Limited <sup>(2)</sup>	Papua New Guinea	Ordinary	50	50
Oro Port Services Limited	Papua New Guinea	Ordinary	100	100
Palm Stevedoring & Transport Limited	Papua New Guinea	Ordinary	66.7	66.7
Port Services PNG Limited <sup>(5)</sup>	Papua New Guinea	Ordinary	54	54
Steamships Limited	Papua New Guinea	Ordinary	100	100
United Stevedoring Limited <sup>(3)</sup>	Papua New Guinea	Ordinary	70	70
Windward Apartments Limited	Papua New Guinea	Ordinary	100	100
Pacific Towing SI Limited	Solomon Islands	Ordinary	100	100
Sandaun Agency & Stevedoring Limited <sup>(6)</sup>	Papua New Guinea	Ordinary	100	100
Gazelle Port Services Limited <sup>(7)</sup>	Papua New Guinea	Ordinary	100	100
Portside Business Park Limited <sup>(8)</sup>	Papua New Guinea	Ordinary	100	100
Wonye No. 2 Limited <sup>(9)</sup>	Papua New Guinea	Ordinary	100	100

<sup>(1)</sup> The portion of ownership is equal to the proportion of voting power held.

<sup>(2)</sup> Consolidated by virtue of control over the operating decisions and returns. As at 31 December 2022, Steamships Trading Company Limited still has control over this entity.

<sup>(3)</sup> United Stevedoring Limited became a subsidiary in May 2019.

<sup>(4)</sup> Morobe Terminals Limited became a subsidiary in May 2019 and is in liquidation.

<sup>(5)</sup> Lae Port Services and Port Services PNG Limited are in liquidation.

<sup>(6)</sup> Incorporated since 9 March 2012 and is 100% owned by Steamships Limited. This Company is operating as an agency of Consort JV Port Services will assume control of the management in 2022 with its 3-year Stevedoring license validity.

<sup>(7)</sup> Incorporated on 21 July 2021 and is domiciled in Rabaul. The company is still under start-up phase.

<sup>(8)</sup> Previously known as Motukea Industrial Park Limited, this company was incorporated on 30 April 2020 and is still under start-up phase.

<sup>(9)</sup> Incorporated on 8 October 2021 and is still under start-up phase.

Shares in subsidiary companies have been stated at cost or fair value on acquisition less dividends received from pre-acquisition profits.

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## 21. Subsidiaries and transactions with non-controlling interests (continued)

The summarised financial information of the Group's largest subsidiaries with non-controlling interest as at 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021 is as follows:

2022	Ownership Interest %	Assets	Liabilities	Carrying Value	Revenue	Profit
Madang Port Services Limited	60	5,974	975	4,999	5,654	294
New Britain Shipping Limited	50	19,996	1,297	18,699	12,668	1,397
Motukea United Limited	64.1	2,810	1,129	1,681	9,344	502
Kavieng Port Services Limited	60	4,552	868	3,684	5,813	598
United Stevedoring Limited	70	3,308	2,307	1,001	17,687	117
<b>2021</b>						
Madang Port Services Limited	60	5,439	508	4,931	4,764	274
New Britain Shipping Limited	50	19,456	1,690	17,766	12,017	1,602
Motukea United Limited	64.1	2,906	1,050	1,856	7,674	15
Kavieng Port Services Limited	60	3,989	919	3,070	4,787	338
United Stevedoring Limited	70	2,908	2,398	510	15,898	440

## 22. Investment in associates

### (a) Movement in carrying amounts

	Consolidated		Parent Entity	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Opening value	5,541	5,529	-	-
Share of profits before tax	366	285	-	-
Income tax expense	(117)	(86)	-	-
Dividends received	(197)	(187)	-	-
Closing value	5,593	5,541	-	-

The equity method is used to account for all interests in associates on a consolidated basis.

### (b) Summarised financial information of equity accounted associates.

The Group's share of the results of its principal associates and its aggregated assets (including goodwill) and liabilities are as follows:

2022	Ownership Interest %	Assets	Liabilities	Carrying Value	Revenue	Profit
Makerio Stevedoring Limited	45	2,501	1,132	1,369	2,100	117
Nikana Stevedoring Limited	45	3,314	1,591	1,723	2,355	157
Riback Stevedoring Limited	49	2,501	-	2,501	-	(25)
		8,316	2,723	5,593	4,455	249
<b>2021</b>						
Makerio Stevedoring Limited	45	1,499	161	1,338	840	183
Nikana Stevedoring Limited	45	1,841	139	1,702	781	138
Riback Stevedoring Limited	49	2,501	-	2,501	-	(122)
		5,841	300	5,541	1,621	199

The associates provide stevedoring services to various external and Group shipping entities.

All associated companies are incorporated and operate in Papua New Guinea.

There are no contingent liabilities relating to the Group's interest in the associates.

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## 23. Investment in joint ventures

### (a) Movement in carrying amounts

	2022	2021
Opening value	33,826	31,463
Share of profits before tax	8,627	6,947
Income tax expense	(2,588)	(2,084)
Dividends received	-	(2,500)
Closing value	39,865	33,826

The interest in joint ventures is accounted for in the financial statements using the equity method of accounting.

### (b) Information relating to the joint ventures is set out below.

	Ownership Interest %	Assets	Liabilities	Carrying Value	Revenue	Profit /Loss
<b>2022</b>						
Colgate Palmolive (PNG) Limited	50	24,133	5,756	18,377	34,545	4,421
Harbourside Development Limited	50	415,015	381,068	-	10,706	358
Pacific Rumana Limited	50	5,259	1,262	3,997	2,180	421
Viva No. 31 Limited	50	10,490	7,160	3,330	84	(98)
Wonye Limited	50	51,516	37,355	14,161	3,258	937
		506,413	432,601	39,865	50,773	6,039

	Ownership Interest %	Assets	Liabilities	Carrying Value	Revenue	Profit
<b>2021</b>						
Colgate Palmolive (PNG) Limited	50	24,133	10,177	13,956	36,236	4,351
Harbourside Development Limited	50	159,022	159,380	(358)	10,705	218
Pacific Rumana Limited	50	3,663	87	3,576	2,180	254
Viva No. 31 Limited	50	10,490	7,062	3,428	862	(187)
Wonye Limited	50	28,559	15,335	13,224	3,258	227
		225,867	192,041	33,826	53,241	4,863

The Group's share of the capital commitments of joint ventures at 31 December 2022 is K37.0 million (2021: K74.5 million).

Other than those disclosed in note 27, there are no contingent liabilities arising from the Group's interests in the joint ventures.

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## 24. Business Combinations and Transactions with Non-Controlling Interests

On 7 April 2021, the Registrar of Companies approved the amalgamation of Pacific Towing (PNG) Limited with Steamships Ltd. The effective date of amalgamation was 31 December 2020. Pacific Towing (PNG) Limited was amalgamated into the Company using the short-form amalgamation process under section 235 of the Companies Act 1997. The name of the amalgamated company is Steamships Ltd. Under the amalgamation, the Company took control of all the assets of Pacific Towing (PNG) Limited and assumed the responsibility for their liabilities.

The amalgamations were accounted in the 2021 financial year based on predecessor accounting with book value accounting used for the purposes of the transaction. Amalgamation had no impact on the Group's assets, liabilities, equity, and profit or loss account, as amalgamated entities have been fully controlled by the Group and consolidated prior to the amalgamation and after the amalgamation. Further, amalgamation had no impact on the Group's cash flows.

## 25. Discontinuing Activities

On 28 September 2021, the Group disposed of its 100% interest in Croesus Holdings Ltd, and its indirect wholly owned subsidiary, Croesus Re PCC Limited. The 31 December 2021 results (K'000) from the discontinued activities are derived from:

### (a) Profit for the period:

	2021
Revenue	746
Other operating income / (expenses) - net	4,134
Profit before tax	4,880
Profit after tax	4,880

### (b) An analysis of the cash flows of discontinued operations is as follows:

	2021
Operating cash flows	(7,340)
Investing cash flows	5,406
Financing cash flows	-
Net cash flows	(1,934)
Opening balance	45,990
Cash disposed on sale of Croesus Re and Croesus Holdings Ltd	44,056
Closing cash flow balance	-

### (c) Details of the sale of subsidiary are as follows:

	2021
Total disposal consideration receivable (Note 18)	36,494
Carrying amount of net assets sold	36,494
Gain on sale before income tax	-
Gain on sale after income tax	-

The parent company has recognised gain of K36.5M on the sale of subsidiary in 2021 (Note 3).



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## 25. Discontinuing Activities (continued)

(d) Assets and liabilities of disposed subsidiary on the transaction date are presented below:

	2021
Cash and cash equivalents	44,056
Prepayments and other receivables	5,152
Total assets	49,208
Accounts payable and accruals	189
Insurance reserves	3,395
Borrowings	9,130
Total liabilities	12,714
Net assets	36,494

## 26. Segmental reporting

(a) Description of segments

The Board monitors the business from a product perspective and has identified three reportable segments. A brief description of each segment is outlined below:

- Property and hospitality – consist of the hotels owned and operated by the Group and also its property leasing division. The assets are stated at historical cost net of accumulated depreciation and include new assets in the course of construction.
- Logistics – consists of shipping and land-based freight transport and related services divisions.
- Commercial and investment – consists of commercial, head office administration function and insurance activities.

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## 26. Segmental reporting (continued)

### (b) Segment information

The segment information provided to the Board for the reportable segments for the year ended 31 December 2022 is as follows:

	Property and Hospitality	Logistics	Commercial and Investments (and eliminations)	Total
<b>2022</b>				
External revenue	248,595	380,337	2,330	631,262
Interest revenue	705	199	12,633	13,537
Interest expense	2,185	(4,414)	(12,483)	(14,712)
Segment results	54,537	41,612	(16,363)	79,786
Share of joint ventures and associates profit	-	-	6,288	6,288
Total tax (expense) / benefit	(16,361)	(12,484)	2,212	(26,633)
Profit from continuing operations	38,176	29,128	(7,863)	59,441
Segment assets	696,098	423,173	396,422	1,515,693
Segment liabilities	(1,367)	(217,099)	(253,158)	(471,624)
Net assets	694,731	206,074	143,264	1,044,069
Total assets include investments in joint ventures and associates	21,488	5,593	18,377	45,458
Capital expenditure	33,453	94,517	1,182	129,152
Depreciation	44,237	47,669	3,373	95,279
<b>2021</b>				
External revenue				
- from continued operations	240,286	321,168	2,475	563,929
- from discontinued operations	-	-	746	746
Interest revenue	494	371	8,952	9,817
Interest expense	(2,276)	(5,010)	(6,549)	(13,835)
Segment results	81,739	23,520	(21,891)	83,368
Share of joint ventures and associates profit	-	-	5,062	5,062
Income tax (expense) / credit	(14,433)	(5,633)	18,372	(1,694)
Profit from continuing operations	67,306	17,887	1,543	86,736
Profit from discontinued operations	-	-	4,880	4,880
Segment assets	697,144	351,345	468,500	1,516,989
Segment liabilities	(101,584)	(173,189)	(221,287)	(496,060)
Net assets	595,560	178,156	247,213	1,020,929
Total assets include investments in joint ventures and associates	19,870	5,541	13,956	39,367
Capital expenditure	41,419	47,672	652	89,743
Depreciation	45,908	43,193	4,673	93,774

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## 26. Segmental reporting (continued)

These figures include non-controlling interests share of operating profits and assets.

Revenue from the hotels and property business mostly relates to the provision of services and is recognised over time. A minor portion represents revenue from the sale of goods and is recognised at a point in time. Similarly, revenue from the logistics business mostly relates to the provision of services and is recognised over time. Revenue from the commercial segment relates to sale of goods and is recognised at a point in time.

### (c) Geography

The Group operates almost wholly in Papua New Guinea. It is not practical to provide a segment analysis by geographical region within Papua New Guinea. The Group has two insignificant business operations in the Solomon Islands and Fiji.

## 27. Contingent liabilities

There were contingent liabilities at the Balance Sheet date as follows:

- (a) Steamships Trading Company Limited holds a 50% interest in an associated company, Colgate Palmolive (PNG) Ltd, ("CP (PNG) Ltd"). In 2022 CP (PNG) Ltd received a notice from PNG Customs seeking to reassess the historic rate of import duty applied to a specific product, known as soap noodles, resulting in an additional duty of K11.1 million and an intention to apply the higher rate on future imports. CP (PNG) Ltd has disputed the interpretation of the product characteristics by PNG Customs and formally appealed against this higher assessed rate of duty. The appeal process remains in progress.

To the extent that any of the additional duty is deemed payable by CP (PNG) Ltd following the appeal process, the Group's share of profits from associates and the equity accounted investment in CP (PNG) Ltd will be reduced by 50% of the amount payable, net of any tax effect.

- (b) The parent entity has given a secured guarantee in respect of the bank overdrafts and loans of certain subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures.

The parent entity has given letters of comfort of continuing financial support in respect of certain subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures.

No losses are anticipated in respect of these guarantees.

- (c) An appropriate provision has been made for ongoing legal proceedings at 31 December 2022 where a loss is considered probable. Based on information available at 31 December 2022, other than matters noted above, the Group estimates there were no material contingent liabilities at period end.

## 28. Commitments

### (a) Capital commitments

	Consolidated		Parent Entity	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Contracts outstanding for capital expenditure:				
- less than 12 months	135	9,842	-	-
- 1-5 years	-	-	-	-
	135	9,842	-	-

## 29. Subsequent events

On 9th February 2023 the Company entered into a revolving credit facility agreement with Kina Bank Limited for K60 million for three years. Security for the facility is provided by the existing Common Terms Deed, which provides security for financial obligations with the Company's banks.

The Directors advised that a dividend of 70 toea per share will be paid immediately after the Annual General Meeting on 15th June 2023. Dividends payable to shareholders resident outside of Papua New Guinea will be converted to Australian Dollars at the prevailing rate which the Company is able to secure.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Shareholders of Steamships Trading Company Limited



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## Report on the audit of the financial statements of the Company and the Group

### *Our opinion*

We have audited the financial statements of Steamships Trading Company Limited (the Company), which comprise the statements of financial position as at 31 December 2022, and the statements of comprehensive income, statements of changes in equity and statements of cash flows for the year then ended, and the notes to the financial statements which include a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information for both the Company and the Group. The Group comprises the Company and the entities it controlled at 31 December 2022 or from time to time during the financial year.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements:

- comply with International Financial Reporting Standards and other generally accepted accounting practice in Papua New Guinea; and
- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company and the Group as at 31 December 2022, and their financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended.

### *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 believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### *Independence*

We are independent of the Group in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code)*, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

Our firm carries out other services for the Group in the areas of taxation and other non-audit services. The provision of these other services has not impaired our independence as auditor of the Company and the Group.

### *Our audit approach*

An audit is designed to provide reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. Misstatements may arise due to fraud or error. They are considered material if individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

We tailored the scope of our audit to ensure that we performed enough work to be able to give an opinion on the financial statements as a whole, taking into account the management structure of the Company and the Group, their accounting processes and controls and the industries in which they operate.

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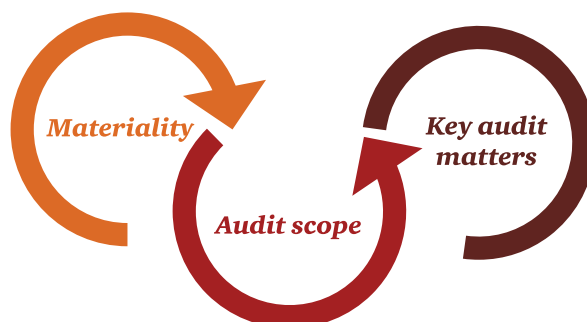


# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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<i>Materiality</i>	<i>Audit scope</i>	<i>Key audit matters</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of our audit of the Group we used overall group materiality of approximately 5% of the Group's profit before tax and property impairments for the year ended 31 December 2022.</li> <li>We applied this threshold, together with qualitative considerations, to determine the scope of our audit and the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures and to evaluate the effect of misstatements on the financial statements as a whole.</li> <li>We chose Group profit before tax and property impairments because, in our view, it is the metric against which the performance of the Group is most commonly measured and is a generally accepted benchmark.</li> <li>We selected 5% based on our professional judgement noting that it is also within the range of commonly acceptable related thresholds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We (PwC Papua New Guinea) conducted audit work over the Group's significant operations including the significant subsidiaries included in the Group consolidation sufficient to express an opinion on the financial statements as a whole.</li> <li>All subsidiaries of the Group at the year end are incorporated and operating in Papua New Guinea with the exception of one subsidiary which has operations in the Solomon Islands.</li> <li>All significant associates of the Group are incorporated and operating in Papua New Guinea and audited by PwC Papua New Guinea.</li> <li>Our audit focused on where the directors made subjective judgements; for example, significant accounting estimates involving assumptions and inherently uncertain future events.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amongst other relevant topics, we communicated the following key audit matter to the Audit and Risk Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Goodwill impairment assessment</li> </ul> </li> <li>This matter is further described in the <i>Key audit matter</i> section of our report.</li> </ul>

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## Key audit matter

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements for the current period. The key audit matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

We have determined the matter described below to be a key matter to be communicated in our report. Further, commentary on the outcomes of the particular audit procedures is made in that context.

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the key matter
<p><b>Goodwill impairment assessment</b></p> <p><i>(Refer to note 12 of the financial statements)</i></p> <p>The Group has goodwill totalling K76.4 million at 31 December 2022. In accordance with the accounting policy in note 1(n) of the financial statements, the Group has assessed the goodwill balance for impairment at 31 December 2022.</p> <p>The Group has calculated the value of the respective cash generating units which the goodwill relates to based on financial models comprising cash flow projections. The cash flow projections use a number of forward looking assumptions, including revenue and cost growth, and the value calculation is sensitive to these.</p> <p>We considered this a key audit matter because of the significant judgements around future revenues and costs, and the discount rate to be applied in determining the recoverable amount of the cash generating units.</p>	<p>We have considered and tested the financial models used by the Group to determine the values of the cash generating units. We compared the models with the previous year's models and found them to be consistently structured and consistent with the basis of preparation required by accounting standards. Together with our valuation expert we reviewed the financial models methodology used in determining the value of the respective cash generating units.</p> <p>We compared the forecast revenues and expenditures in the financial models to approved budgets and obtained an understanding of the Group's budgeting procedures upon which forecasts are based. We also evaluated the reliability of estimates made by comparing forecasts made in prior years to actual outcomes.</p> <p>We benchmarked certain assumptions with external forecasts, and the discount rate with our expectation based on the overall Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC) of the Group. Together with our valuation expert we reviewed the methodology used in determining the discount rate applied in the financial models.</p> <p>We performed sensitivity analysis on assumptions to ascertain the extent of change that would be required in key assumptions for the respective goodwill balances to be impaired. We determined that the calculations were more sensitive to inflation assumptions and discount rates and focused our testing on these assumptions.</p>

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## ***Information other than the financial statements and auditor's report***

The directors are responsible for the annual report which includes other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information included in the annual report and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion on the other information.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## ***Responsibilities of the directors for the financial statements***

The directors are responsible, on behalf of the company for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and other generally accepted accounting practice in Papua New Guinea and the Companies Act 1997 and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the ability of the Group to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## ***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 the 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 the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism 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.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.

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## *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)*

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group'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 Group 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.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with 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.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements for the current period and are therefore the key audit matters.

We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulations preclude public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.



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## *Report on other legal and regulatory requirements*

The Companies Act 1997 requires that in carrying out our audit we consider and report on the following matters. We confirm in relation to our audit of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022:

- We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required;
- In our opinion, proper accounting records have been kept by the Company as far as appears from an examination of those records.

## *Who we report to*

This report is made solely to the Company's shareholders, as a body, in accordance with the Companies Act 1997. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's shareholders those matters which we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. We do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's shareholders, as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.

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31 March 2023

# DIRECTORS' REPORT

Steamships Trading Company Limited Year ended 31 December 2022

## Steamships Trading Company Limited and Subsidiary Companies

The Directors submit their Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022 for the Company and its subsidiaries.

### Principal Activities and Review of Operations

Full details of the Group's activities are given in the Directors' Review on page 8. The Group continues to operate in the segments of Hotels and Property, Logistics and Commercial & Investments.

The Directors believe that there will be no significant changes in the Group's activities for the foreseeable future.

### Changes in Accounting Policies

There are no changes in Accounting Policies in the year.

### Result

The Group operating profit for the year attributable to shareholders was K57,985,000 (2021: K90,550,000).

### Dividend

The Directors advise that a dividend of 70 toea per share will be paid after the Annual General Meeting on 15th June 2023. Dividends payable to shareholders resident outside of Papua New Guinea will be converted to Australian Dollars at the prevailing rate which the Company is able to secure.

### Rounding Off

Amounts in the Directors' Report and accounts have been rounded off to the nearest thousand Kina.

# DIRECTORS' REPORT

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## Experience & Interests Register

Directors serving at the date of this report have disclosed the following experience and interests in shares in the Company and provided general disclosure of companies in which the Director is to be regarded as interested as set out below:

### G.L. Cundle

Chairman since 2015

Managing Director 2013 to 2015

Member of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee

Member of the Strategic Planning Committee Director since 2013

Mr Cundle joined the Swire Group in 1979 and has extensive corporate experience having worked with the Group in various divisions in Hong Kong, Australia, Korea, Japan, and Papua New Guinea. He was a Non-Executive Director of Steamships in 2006-2007 and General Manager of Steamships Shipping & Transport from 1989-1992. He was the Managing Director of Steamships Trading Company Limited from 1st January 2013 to 12th January 2015. He is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of John Swire and Sons (Australia) Pty Limited.

### P. J. Aitsi MBE

Director from 1st July 2021

Director 2014 to 2018

Peter Aitsi is a senior Papua New Guinean business leader with over 30 years of experience from having led and managed a number of PNG's leading companies. He was appointed by the Bank of Papua New Guinea as a Statutory Manager for Comrade Trustee Services Limited in February 2022 and was also Deputy Chair of the Superannuation & Life Insurance Review Committee from 2021 to 2023. Peter has a long-standing involvement with community organisations such as Transparency International PNG, Badili Club of PNG, and Leadership PNG. He continues to serve on several boards of both listed and unlisted companies; Steamships Trading Company, Chair of MiBank PNG, Chair of PNG Property Developers Association and Chair of media company PNGFM Ltd. He studied Banking and Finance at the PNG Institute of Banking and Finance in Port Moresby (now IBBM), he is a member of the Australian Institute of Directors and a member of the PNG Institute of Directors (PNGID) and was awarded the Male Director of the Year in 2018. In 2004 he was accorded a Queens award as a Member of the British Empire (MBE) in recognition for his contributions to the development of PNG media and his long standing voluntary service to various community organisations.

### R.P.N. Bray

Managing Director from 20th September 2020

Member of the Strategic Planning Committee

Member of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee

Director since 2018

Appointed Chief Operating Officer on 27th August 2018, Mr Bray was previously Marine Services Director of Singapore based Swire Pacific Offshore Pte Ltd. He was responsible for Swire Pacific Offshore's subsea, renewables, logistics, seismic, salvage and oil spill divisions. He was formally Chief Operating Officer of Swire Oilfield Services and held various senior operational and commercial positions in Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd in his earlier career. He holds directorship of various Steamships Trading Company subsidiaries, joint ventures, and associated companies. He sits on a number of charitable advisory boards and a number of PNG business groupings, including the PNG Property Developers Association, the United Nations Biodiversity & Climate Fund for PNG, and the Business Council's Energy Working Group. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science from Bristol University (UK) and holds a Master of Marine Sciences from Nanyang Technical University (Singapore).

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## **L.M. Bromley**

Chairperson of the Audit and Risk Committee since July 2021

Member of the Strategic Planning Committee since July 2021

Member of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee since July 2021

Director since 2019

Ms Bromley has been a Senior Executive of the Bromley Group of Companies for over 12 years. She is currently a Director of the Bromley Group's various commercial operating Companies some of which include Heli Niugini Ltd, Maps Tuna Ltd, Hoia Investments Ltd and Western Drilling Ltd in Papua New Guinea, PT Sayap Garuda Indah and PT Air Bali in Indonesia, Allway Logistics Limited and Merit Logistic Services Limited in Hong Kong, Aerolift (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. in Singapore and AAB Holdings Pty Ltd Group of Companies in Australia and is responsible for the aviation operation, logistic support and group investment functions. She is the Managing Director of Merit Finance Limited which serves as the Bromley Group's treasury arm. Ms Bromley also consults on the Bromley Group's property development and property management Companies through advisory roles in Papua New Guinea and Australia. She is a Director of Viva No 31 Ltd, a Steamships Trading Company joint venture Company, and has previously held positions on the Divisional Boards of EastWest Transport and Steamships shipping. She graduated from Bond University in Australia and holds a Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Laws.

## **D.H. Cox OL, OBE**

Managing Director 2004 to 2012

Member of the Audit and Risk Committee

Member of the Strategic Planning Committee

Director since 2003

Mr Cox joined Steamships as a Manager in 1992, rising to become Managing Director from 2004-2012. He has extensive experience in the Asia-Pacific business environment and holds an MBA in International Hospitality & BSc (Hons) in Accounting & Business Management.

## **Lady W.T. Kamit CBE**

Member of the Audit and Risk Committee

Director since 2005

Lady Winifred Kamit is a senior partner at Dentons PNG. Lady Kamit is a Director of Bunowen Services Ltd, Kamchild Limited, Dentons Administration Services Ltd, Post Courier Limited and its subsidiaries and Brian Bell Group. Lady Kamit also serves on a number of non-government and charitable organisations, including Anglicare PNG Inc.



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## **J.B. Rae-Smith**

Director since 2019

Mr Rae-Smith is Chairman of Swire Energy Services and United States Cold Storage, a Director and Chairman of the Audit and Risk Committee of Swire Shipping Co Pte Ltd and Swire Bulk Pte Ltd and Vice President of the United Kingdom Chamber of Shipping. He joined the Swire Group in 1985 and has worked with the Group in Australia, Papua New Guinea, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, the United States, Singapore, and the United Kingdom. He was a Director of Swire Pacific Limited, a company listed in Hong Kong, from January 2013 to August 2016 and was the Executive Director of the Marine Services Division from 2005 to 2016, the Trading & Industrial Division between 2008 and 2016 and Chairman of the Swire Group Charitable Trust. In addition, he has also been a Director of the Standard P&I Club, Deputy Chairman of the Hong Kong Ship Owners Association, Chairman of the Lloyds Asian Ship Owners Committee, and a Director of the Singapore Environmental Council.

## **M.R. Scantlebury**

Managing Director from September 2018 to September 2020

Finance Director & Company Secretary from June 2016 to September 2018 and from September 2020 to present

Mr Scantlebury is a chartered accountant and was previously Director of the Office for Financial Planning at Swire Pacific Ltd in Hong Kong and he has held various senior finance and commercial positions in the Swire group in his career. He holds Directorship of various Steamships Trading Company subsidiaries, joint ventures, and associated companies.

# DIRECTORS' REPORT

Steamships Trading Company Limited Year ended 31 December 2022

## Remuneration of Directors

Directors remuneration received or receivable from the Company as directors during the year, is as follows:

	2022 K'000	2021 K'000
GL Cundle (Chairman)	223	243
LM Bromley	249	201
DH Cox	224	244
Lady WT Kamit	174	189
JB Rae Smith	126	133
PJ Aitsi	124	40
JH Woodrow	63	133
GJ Dunlop	-	139
Sir MR Bromley	-	125
G Aopi	-	70
	1,183	1,517

The directors fees vary in accordance with the required duties on various sub-committees of the board.

\* Executive Directors receive no fees for their service as Directors during the year.

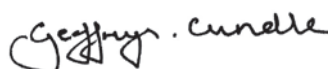
## Remuneration of Employees

The number of employees whose remuneration and other benefits was within the specified bands are as follows:

Remuneration K'000	2022 No.	2021 No.	Remuneration K'000	2022 No.	2021 No.	Remuneration K'000	2022 No.	2021 No.
100-110	11	5	290-300	1	1	570-580	7	-
110-120	4	10	300-310	2	2	600-610	6	7
120-130	9	5	310-340	4	1	620-630	-	-
130-140	7	7	340-360	3	1	650-660	-	-
140-150	5	7	360-370	2	1	660-670	-	-
150-160	6	4	370-380	2	2	710-720	2	4
160-170	6	4	380-390	-	1	720-730	-	-
170-180	1	3	390-400	-	-	770-780	-	-
180-190	4	5	410-420	5	1	810-820	-	3
190-200	2	4	420-430	-	1	820-830	-	-
200-210	5	4	430-440	-	2	840-850	-	1
210-220	2	3	440-450	-	1	850-860	-	1
220-230	3	2	460-470	-	-	910-1000	3	3
230-240	3	4	480-490	-	-	1,000-1,100	1	2
240-250	3	4	500-510	-	1	1,100-2,000	4	1
250-270	4	5	530-540	-	2	2,000-2,900	2	2
270-280	5	1	540-550	-	1			
280-290	1	1	560-570	-	-			

For and on behalf of the Board:

Port Moresby  
31 March 2023



G.L. Cundle  
Chairman



R.P.N. Bray  
Managing Director

# STOCK EXCHANGE INFORMATION

Steamships Trading Company Limited Year ended 31 December 2022

Shares are listed on the Australian Securities Exchange and the Port Moresby Stock Exchange. All shares carry equal voting rights.

## Shareholdings

At 28 February 2023, there were 361 shareholders.

271	Holding	1	-	1,000 units
68	Holding	1,001	-	5,000 units
18	Holding	5,001	-	10,000 units
11	Holding	10,001	-	100,000 units
4	Holding	100,000	-	over

The number of shareholders holding less than a marketable parcel was 48.

The 20 largest shareholders were:	Number of shares	%
JS&S (PNG) LIMITED	22,362,651	72.12
BERNE NO 132 NOMINEES PTY LTD <722124 A/C>	5,760,000	18.58
NATIONAL SUPERANNUATION FUND LIMITED	1,859,446	6.00
BERNE NO 132 NOMINEES PTY LTD <657243 A/C>	446,494	1.44
JOHN E GILL OPERATIONS PTY LIMITED	54,727	0.18
HYLEC INVESTMENTS PTY LIMITED <HYLEC CONTROLS P/L S/F A/C>	32,500	0.10
BOND STREET CUSTODIANS LIMITED <JONJAM - V41401 A/C>	23,067	0.07
MR RAMESH MAHTANI	21,700	0.07
BNP PARIBAS NOMINEES PTY LTD <IB AU NOMS RETAILCLIENT DRP>	19,348	0.06
CITICORP NOMINEES PTY LIMITED	18,606	0.06
BUDLEAF PTY LTD <BUDLEAF SUPER FUND A/C>	16,470	0.05
INTERCONTINENTAL ASSETS PTY LIMITED	15,000	0.05
PRAFUL PATEL INVESTMENTS PTY LTD PRAFUL & ANITA PATEL S/ A/C	12,048	0.04
HSBC CUSTODY NOMINEES (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED	10,767	0.03
MRS LUCY ANN KING	10,348	0.03
MS JENNIFER MAY FORBES	10,000	0.03
CUSTODIAL SERVICES LIMITED <BENEFICIARIES HOLDING A/C>	8,768	0.03
MRS JUDITH SCOTTHOLLAND	8,161	0.03
MRS MARY PATRICIA HAUGHTON	8,161	0.03
MR PETER JAMES HAYMAN	7,500	0.02
	30,705,762	99.02

## Applicable Legislation

The Company is incorporated in Papua New Guinea and is not generally subject to Australian Corporations Law including, in particular, Chapter 6 of the Australian Corporations Law dealing with the acquisition of shares (including substantial shareholdings and takeovers). The Company is subject to the requirements of the Papua New Guinea Companies Act 1997, Securities Act 1997 and the Takeovers Code. The Companies Act and the Securities Act regulate the issue and buy-back of shares and contain provisions as to the trading in securities, provisions as to financial benefits to related parties, substantial shareholders provisions, remedies in cases of oppression or injustice and actions by, and access to, records by shareholders.

The Takeovers Code regulates offers where a person already holds more than 20% of the voting rights in a company or where a person becomes the holder of more than 20% of the voting rights in a manner permitted by the Code.

A code offer, which can either be a full offer or a partial offer, must be extended to all holders of voting securities in the Company. The Code also contains compulsory purchase and sale provisions if more than 90% of the shares are acquired under an offer.

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**CHAIRMAN**

G. L. Cundle §&

**MANAGING DIRECTOR**

R.P.N. Bray §&

**FINANCE DIRECTOR**

M. R. Scantlebury

**NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

P. J. Aitsi MBE

L.M. Bromley +§&

D. Cox OL, OBE +&

Lady W.T. Kamit, CBE +

J.B. Rae Smith

+ Member of the Audit and Risk Committee

§ Member of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee

& Member of the Strategic Planning Committee

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M.R. Scantlebury

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