

Financial Statements 30 September 2023

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Independent auditor's report

To the Members of Cargo Handlers Limited

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Our opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Cargo Handlers Limited (the Company) as at 30 September 2023, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and with the requirements of the Jamaican Companies Act.

What we have audited

The Company's financial statements comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at 30 September 2023;
- the statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended;
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

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 Company in accordance with the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA Code). We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code.

Our audit approach

Audit scope

As part of designing our audit, we determined materiality and assessed the risks of material misstatement in the financial statements. In particular, we considered where management made subjective judgements; for example, in respect of significant accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. As in all of our audits, we also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including, among other matters, consideration of whether there was evidence of bias that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

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We tailored the scope of our audit in order to perform sufficient work to enable us to provide an opinion on the financial statements as a whole, taking into account the structure of the Company, the accounting processes and controls, and the industry in which the Company operates.

Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These 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.

Key audit matter

Impairment assessment of investment in associate

Refer to notes 2(g), 5 and 14 to the financial statements for disclosures of related accounting policies, judgments, estimates and balances.

The Company holds a 30% stake in Buying House Cement Limited (BHC) which is accounted for as an investment in associate using the equity method of accounting. The carrying value of the investment in associate in the statement of financial position as at 30 September 2023 is \$295.7 million or 26.7% of total assets.

In accordance with IAS 36, the Company tests annually whether the investment in the associate is impaired. The Company calculates the amount of impairment as the difference between the recoverable value of BHC and its carrying value. As a result of the assessment, management determined there was no impairment as at 30 September 2023.

We focused on this area as the impairment assessment requires significant judgement and estimation and is sensitive to changes in key assumptions. The key assumptions were assessed as being profitability margin, liquidity discount and company and other specific risk. How our audit addressed the key audit matter

With the assistance of our valuation experts, we performed the following procedures, amongst others:

- Obtained an understanding and evaluated the method used by management to perform their annual impairment assessment. This included the process by which management's key assumptions and methodologies were developed and assessing their appropriateness.
- Agreed the historical information used in the analysis of the financial performance of BHC to supporting source documentation and information.
- Evaluated management's profitability margin, liquidity discount and company and other specific risk assumptions against similar companies within the industry.
- Tested the calculations for mathematical accuracy and agreed the results to the accounting records and financial statements.

The results of our procedures indicated that management's determination that the investment in associate was not impaired at the reporting date was not unreasonable.



Other information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Annual Report (but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon), which is expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditor's report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above when it becomes available 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.

When we read the Annual Report, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matter to those charged with governance.

Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with IFRS and with the requirements of the Jamaican Companies Act, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.



As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional 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 Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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

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 of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes 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.



Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

As required by the Jamaican Companies Act, we have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purposes of our audit.

In our opinion, proper accounting records have been kept, so far as appears from our examination of those records, and the accompanying financial statements are in agreement therewith and give the information required by the Jamaican Companies Act, in the manner so required.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Paul Williams.

Chartered Accountants

22 December 2023 Kingston, Jamaica

Statement of Comprehensive Income Year ended 30 September 2023

(expressed in Jamaican dollars unless otherwise indicated)

	Note	2023	2022
		\$	\$
Revenue		514,783,532	472,339,890
Direct costs	7	(2,579,881)	
Gross profit		512,203,651	472,339,890
Other income	6	23,721,953	18,300,747
Administrative expenses	7	(31,134,105)	(27,275,318)
Other operating expenses	7	(256,849,074)	(196,242,624)
Operating Profit		247,942,425	267,122,695
Interest income		22,737,029	14,185,243
Finance costs	9	(2,641,995)	(1,343,592)
Share of profit of associate	14	104,497,095	57,477,027
Profit before Taxation		372,534,554	337,441,373
Taxation	10	(49,892,235)	(48,275,618)
Net Profit, being Total Comprehensive Income for the Year		322,642,319	289,165,755
EARNINGS PER STOCK UNIT	11	0.86	0.77

Statement of Financial Position

30 September 2023

(expressed in Jamaican dollars unless otherwise indicated)

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	12	107,593,302	114,835,616
Related companies	13	16,765,910	2,911,467
Investment in associate	14	295,721,977	191,224,882
		420,081,189	308,971,965
Current Assets			
Receivables	16	87,761,916	66,157,384
Taxation recoverable		29,463,470	267,251
Short-term deposits	17	445,987,882	426,214,140
Cash and cash equivalents	18	146,538,526	82,478,233
		709,751,794	575,117,008
Current Liabilities			
Payables	19	49,169,811	27,136,243
Income tax payable		-	14,034,543
Borrowings	20	1,169,460	-
		50,339,271	41,170,786
Net Current Assets		659,412,523	533,946,222
		1,079,493,712	842,918,187
Shareholders' Equity			
Share capital	21	43,175,494	43,175,494
Capital reserve	22	172,311	172,311
Retained earnings		951,712,697	745,214,454
		995,060,502	788,562,259
Non-Current Liabilities			
Related companies	13	61,273,613	43,451,819
Deferred tax liabilities	15	10,904,109	10,904,109
Borrowings	20	12,255,488	-
		84,433,210	54,355,928
		1,079,493,712	842,918,187

Approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 22 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Director

Andrew McCarthy

Director

Antony Mark Hart

Statement of Changes in Equity Year ended 30 September 2023

(expressed in Jamaican dollars unless otherwise indicated)

	Note	Number of Stock Units	Share Capital	Capital Reserve	Retained Earnings	Total
			\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 30 September 2021		374,658,300	43,175,494	172,311	549,713,274	593,061,079
Net profit, being total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	-	289,165,755	289,165,755
Transactions with owners:						
Dividends paid	23	-	-	-	(93,664,575)	(93,664,575)
Balance at 30 September 2022		374,658,300	43,175,494	172,311	745,214,454	788,562,259
Net profit, being total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	-	322,642,319	322,642,319
Transactions with owners:						
Dividends paid	23	-	-	-	(116,144,076)	(116,144,076)
Balance at 30 September 2023		374,658,300	43,175,494	172,311	951,712,697	995,060,502

Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 30 September 2023

(expressed in Jamaican dollars unless otherwise indicated)

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Net profit	322,642,319	289,165,755
Items not affecting cash:		
Unrealised foreign exchange (gain)/loss	(7,574,501)	782,055
Depreciation	23,240,937	22,823,996
Provision for bad debt	6,452,610	(71,878)
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(8,609,031)	(1,797,350)
Interest income	(22,737,029)	(14,185,243)
Share of profits of associate	(104,497,095)	(57,477,027)
Interest expense	2,641,995	1,343,592
Taxation	49,892,235	48,275,618
	261,452,440	288,859,518
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Receivables	(28,022,189)	(29,873,986)
Payables	21,943,016	(5,671,150)
Cash provided by operating activities	255,373,267	253,314,382
Tax deducted at source	(7,821,219)	(13,983)
Income tax paid	(85,301,778)	(62,482,462)
Net cash provided by operating activities	162,250,270	190,817,937
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(16,589,593)	-
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	9,200,000	2,300,000
Short-term deposits	(23,435,845)	(414,560,523)
Interest received	32,365,191	3,075,399
Cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	1,539,753	(409,185,124)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		<u> </u>
Dividends paid	(116,144,076)	(93,664,575)
Related companies	3,967,350	44,589,643
Proceeds from borrowings	14,700,000	-
Repayment of borrowings	(1,275,052)	-
Interest paid	(2,551,443)	(1,468,511)
Cash used in financing activities	(101,303,221)	(50,543,443)
Increase/(decrease) in net cash and cash equivalents	62,486,802	(268,910,630)
Effect of exchange rate on cash and cash equivalents	1,573,491	(333,724)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	82,478,233	351,722,587
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR (Note 18)	146,538,526	82,478,233

1. Identification and Principal Activities

Cargo Handlers Limited (the Company) is incorporated and domiciled in Jamaica and has its registered office at Montego Freeport Shopping Centre, Montego Bay. The Company's principal activities are the provision of stevedoring services, equipment leasing and the provision of management services.

The Company is listed on the Junior Market of the Jamaica Stock Exchange.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

(a) Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and interpretations issued by the IFRS Interpretations Committee (IFRS IC) applicable to companies reporting under IFRS. The financial statements comply with IFRS as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and 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 judgment in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies. Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results could differ from those estimates. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in Note 5.

(b) Changes in accounting policies and disclosures

Standards, interpretations and amendments to existing standards effective during the year.

Certain new standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards have been published that became effective during the financial year. The company has assessed the relevance of the new standards, interpretations and amendments and has affected the following, which are immediately relevant to its operations.

Amendments to IFRS 3, IAS 16, IAS 17 and some annual improvements on IFRS 1, IFRS 9, and IFRS 16, (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022). 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. 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. 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. Annual improvements make minor amendments to IFRS 1, 'First-time Adoption of IFRS', IFRS 9, 'Financial instruments', and the illustrative examples accompanying IFRS 16, 'Leases.

- 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)
 - (b) Changes in accounting policies and disclosures (Continued)

Standards, interpretations and amendments to existing standards that are not yet effective and have not been early adopted by the Company.

The Company has concluded that the following standards which are published but not yet effective are relevant to its operations and will impact the Company's accounting policies and financial disclosures as discussed below. These standards and amendments to existing standards are mandatory for the Company's accounting periods beginning after 1 October 2023 or later periods, but the Company has not early adopted them:

- Amendments to IAS 1, Non-current liabilities with covenants, (deferred until accounting periods starting not earlier than 1 January 2024). These amendments clarify how conditions with which an entity must comply within twelve months after the reporting period affect the classification of a liability. The amendments also aim to improve information an entity provides related to liabilities subject to these conditions.
- Narrow scope amendments to IAS 1, Practice statement 2 and IAS 8, (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023). 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 for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023). 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.
- Amendment to IFRS 16 Leases on sale and leaseback, (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024). 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.

There are no other standards, interpretations or amendments to existing standards that are not yet effective that would be expected to have a material impact on the operations of the Company.

(c) Foreign currency translation

- (i) Functional and presentation currency items included in the financial statements of the Company are measured using the currency of the economic environment in which the Company operates ('the functional currency'). The financial statements are presented in Jamaican dollars, which is the Company's functional and presentation currency.
- (ii) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the statement of financial position date. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(d) Revenue and income recognition

Revenue is recognised as performance obligations are satisfied, that is, over time or at a point in time. Revenue is shown net of General Consumption Tax. The Company recognises revenue when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured, it is possible that future economic benefits will flow to the entity and when the specific criteria have been met for each of the Company's activities as described below:

Sales of services

Sales of stevedoring and baggage handling, leasing and management services are recognised in the accounting period in which the services are rendered by reference to completion of the specific transaction, assessed on the basis of the actual service provided.

Management fees

Income from management fees is recognised in the accounting period in which the services are rendered by reference to contractually agreed amounts.

Interest income

Interest income is recognised on a time-proportionate basis using the effective interest method.

Other income

Other income primarily comprising foreign exchange gains and other miscellaneous items.

(e) Leases

As Lessee

The Company leases a commercial space for the operation of changing room of stevedore employees. The Company assesses whether a contract is or contains a lease, at inception of contract. The Company recognises a right-of-use asset and a corresponding liability with respect to all arrangements in which it is the lessee, except for short term leases (defined as leases with a lease term 12 months or less) and lease of low value assets. For these leases, the Company recognises the lease as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease unless another systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leased assets are consumed.

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 receivables
- Payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the lessee exercising that option

Lease payments to be made under reasonably certain extension are also included in the measurement of liability. The lease payments are discounted using the rates implicit in the lease agreements or the lessee's incremental borrowing rates, being the rate that the individual lessee would have to pay to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of similar value to the right-of-use asset in a similar economic environment with similar terms, security and conditions.

As Lessor

The Company recognises lease income over the term of the lease to reflect a constant periodic rate of return. The leased assets are included in property, plant and equipment as trailers and forklift.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(f) Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items. Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or are recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Company and the cost can be reliably measured. Depreciation is provided on the straight-line basis at rates which are expected to write off the carrying value of the assets over their expected useful lives.

The rates used are:

Buildings	21⁄2%
Trailers, boomlift and forklift	10%
Furniture, equipment and golf carts	10% - 20%
Motor vehicles	20%

No depreciation is considered necessary for operating assets.

Property, plant and equipment are periodically reviewed for impairment. When 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 comparing proceeds with carrying amounts and are included in operating profit. Repairs and maintenance are charged to the statement of comprehensive income during the financial period in which they are incurred. The cost of major renovations is included in the carrying amount of the asset when it is probable that future economic benefits in excess of the originally assessed standard of performance of the existing asset will flow to the Company. Major renovations are depreciated over the remaining useful life of the related asset.

(g) Investment in associate

Associates are all entities over which the Company has influence but not control or joint control. This is generally the case where the Company holds between 20% and 50% of the voting rights. Investment in associate is accounted for using the equity method of accounting. Under this method of accounting, the investment is initially recognised at cost. The Company's investment in associate includes notional goodwill identified on acquisition. This notional goodwill is not amortised and is not required to be tested for impairment.

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

Where the Company's share of losses in an equity-accounted investment equals or exceeds its interest in the entity, including any other unsecured long-term receivables, the Company does not recognise further losses, unless it has incurred obligations or made payments on behalf of the other entity.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(g) Investment in associate (Continued)

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

The Company determines at each reporting date whether there is any objective evidence that the investment in the associate is impaired. If this is the case, the Company calculates the amount of impairment as the difference between the recoverable amount of the entity and its carrying value and recognises the amount adjacent to 'share of results of associates' in the income statement.

(h) Impairment of non-financial assets

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to 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 amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating units). Non-financial assets other than goodwill that suffered an impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

(i) Trade receivables

Trade receivables are amounts due from customers for services performed in the ordinary course of business. If collection is expected in one year or less, they are classified as current assets. If not, they are presented as non-current assets.

Trade receivables are recognised initially at the amount of consideration that is unconditional, unless they contain significant financing components when they are recognised at fair value. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less loss allowance.

(j) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is carried in the statement of financial position at cost. For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and in hand, net of bank overdraft. Bank overdraft is shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

(k) Current and deferred income tax

Taxation expense in the statement of comprehensive income comprises current and deferred tax charges.

Current tax charges are based on the taxable profit for the year, which differs from the profit before tax reported because it excludes items that are taxable or deductible in other years, and items that are never taxable or deductible. The Company's liability for current tax is calculated at tax rates applicable at the statement of financial position date.

Notes to the Financial Statements **30 September 2023** (expressed in Jamaican dollars unless otherwise indicated)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(k) Current and deferred income tax (Continued)

Deferred income tax is the tax that is expected to be paid or recovered on differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities and the corresponding tax bases. Deferred income tax is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. Currently enacted tax rates are used in the determination of deferred income tax.

Deferred income 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.

Current and deferred income tax is charged or credited to profit or loss, except where it relates to items charged or credited to other comprehensive income, in which case deferred income tax is also dealt with in other comprehensive income.

Current and deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when they arise from the same taxable entity, relate to the same tax authority and when the legal right of offset exists.

(I) Payables

Payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Payables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

(m) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Company has a legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate of the amount can be made. Where the Company expects a provision to be reimbursed, for example under an insurance contract, the reimbursement is recognised as a separate asset but only when the reimbursement is virtually certain.

(n) Employee benefits

Equity compensation benefits

The Company grants equity compensation to certain employees and key management from time to time. The fair value of the employee services received in exchange for the grant of the equity compensation is recognised as an expense.

Annual leave entitlements

Employee entitlements to annual leave are recognised when they accrue to employees. A provision is made for the estimated liability for these entitlements as a result of services rendered by employees up to the statement of financial position date.

Notes to the Financial Statements **30 September 2023** (expressed in Jamaican dollars unless otherwise indicated)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(o) Financial instruments

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to both a financial asset in one entity and a financial liability or equity of another entity.

Financial assets

The Company's financial assets comprise related party balances, receivables, short-term deposits and cash and cash equivalents.

Classification

The Company considers the following measurement categories in classifying its financial assets:

- those to be measured subsequently at fair value (either through other comprehensive income (OCI), or through profit or loss); and
- those to be measured at amortised cost.

The classification depends on the business model used for managing the financial assets and the contractual terms of each cash flows. The Company's assets measured at fair value, gains and losses will neither be recorded in profit or loss or OCI.

Measurement

Debt instruments

Measurement financial instruments depends on the Company's business model for managing the assets and the cash flow characteristics of the assets. The Company considers three measurement categories when classifying its financial instruments.

- Amortised cost: Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows, where those cash flows
 represent sole payments of principal and interest, are measured at amortised cost. Interest income from
 financial assets is included in profit or loss using the effective interest rate method. Any gain or loss arising
 on derecognition is recognised directly in profit or loss. Impairment losses are presented as a separate
 line item in the statement of comprehensive income.
- FVOCI: Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows and for selling the financial assets, where the assets' cash flow represent solely payments of principal and interest, are measured at FVOCI. Changes in fair value are taken through OCI. The recognition of interest income and impairment gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss. When financial asset is derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in OCI is reclassified from equity to profit or loss. Interest income from these financial assets is included in profit or loss using the effective interest rate method. Impairment losses are presented as a separate line item in the statement of comprehensive income.
- FVPL: Assets that do not meet the criteria for amortised cost or FVOCI are measured at FVPL. A gain or loss on financial asset that is measured at FVPL is recognised in profit or loss in the period in which it arises.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(o) Financial instruments (Continued)

Impairment

The Company assesses impairment on a forward-looking basis for the expected credit losses (ECL) associated with its financial assets classified at amortised cost.

Application of Simplified Approach

For trade receivables, the Company applies the simplified approach permitted by IFRS 9, which requires that the impairment provision is measured at initial recognition and throughout the life of the receivables using the lifetime ECL. As a practical expedient, a provision matrix is utilised in determining the lifetime ECL for these receivables. The lifetime ECL is determined by taking into consideration historical rates of default for each segment of aged receivables as well as the estimated impact of forward-looking information.

Financial liabilities

The Company's financial liabilities comprise payables, borrowings and related party balances. They are initially measured at fair value, net of transaction cost, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

(p) Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of ordinary shares are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

Where the Company's employee trust purchases the Company's, equity share capital (treasury shares), the consideration paid, including any directly attributable incremental costs (net of income taxes), is deducted from equity attributable to the Company's owners until the shares are cancelled or reissued. Where such shares are subsequently reissued, any consideration received (net of any directly attributable incremental transaction costs and the related income tax effects) is included in equity attributable to the Company's owners.

(q) Related party transactions and balances

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial and operating decisions. Related party transactions and balances are recognised and disclosed for the following:

- (i) Enterprises and individuals owning directly or indirectly an interest in the voting power of the Company that gives them significant influence over the Company's affairs and close members of the families of these individuals.
- (ii) Key management personnel, that is, those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company, including directors and officers and close members of the families of these individuals.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(r) Dividends

Dividends are recorded as a deduction from equity in the period in which they are approved.

(s) Segment reporting

An operating segment is a component of the Company that engages in business activities from which it may earn revenues and incur expenses; whose operating results are regularly reviewed by the entity's Chief Operating Decision Maker (CODM) to make decisions about resources to be allocated to the segment and assess its performance; and for which discrete financial information is available.

The CODM has been identified as the Board of Directors who make strategic decisions. The operating segments identified are disclosed in Note 24.

(t) Borrowings

Borrowings are recognised initially at cost, being their issue proceeds, net of transaction costs incurred. Subsequently, borrowings are stated at amortised cost and any difference between net proceeds and the redemption value is recognised in profit or loss in the statement of comprehensive income over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

3. Financial Risk Management

The Company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: credit risk, liquidity risk, and market risk (including currency risk and interest rate risk). These activities require the analysis, evaluation, control and/or acceptance of some degree of risk or combination of risks. The Company's aim is therefore to achieve an appropriate balance between risk and return and minimise potential adverse effects on the Company's financial performance.

The Company's risk management policies are designed to identify and analyse these risks, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor the risks and adherence to limits by means of reliable and up-to-date information systems. The Company periodically reviews its risk management policies and systems to reflect changes in market conditions which might affect its activities.

The Board of Directors is ultimately responsible for the establishment and oversight of the Company's risk management framework. The Board provides principles for overall risk management, as well as policies covering specific areas, such as foreign exchange risk, interest rate risk, credit risk, and investment of excess liquidity.

(a) Credit risk

The Company takes on exposure to credit risk, which is the risk that its customers, clients or counterparties will cause a financial loss for the Company by failing to discharge their contractual obligations. Credit risk is an important risk for the Company's business; management therefore carefully manages its exposure to credit risk. Credit exposures arise principally from the Company's receivables from customers and banking activities. The Company structures the levels of credit risk it undertakes by placing limits on the amount of risk accepted in relation to a single counterparty or groups of related counterparties.

(a) Credit risk (Continued)

Credit review process

Management performs ongoing analyses of the ability of customers and other counterparties to meet repayment obligations.

(i) Trade and other receivables

The Company's exposure to credit risk is influenced mainly by the individual characteristics of each customer. The Company has established a credit policy under which each customer is analysed individually for creditworthiness prior to it offering them a credit facility. The Company has procedures in place to restrict customer credit if the customer has exceeded its credit limit. Customers that fail to meet the Company's benchmark creditworthiness may transact with the Company on a cash basis.

(ii) Cash

Cash is maintained at high credit quality financial institutions. Accordingly, management does not expect any counterparty to fail to meet their obligations.

Maximum exposure to credit risk

For items on the statement of financial position, the exposures are based on net carrying amounts as reported in the statement of financial position.

Exposure to credit risk for trade and other receivables by customer sector

The following table summarises the Company's credit exposure for trade and other receivables at their carrying amounts, as categorised by the customer sector:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Stevedoring	40,456,604	52,420,528
Management fee	-	690,000
Equipment rental	1,560,272	226,828
Other receivables	823,155	1,382,960
	42,840,031	54,720,316
Less: Impairment provision	(6,596,366)	(71,878)
	36,243,665	54,648,438

(a) Credit risk (Continued)

Impairment of trade receivables

The Company applies the IFRS 9 simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses, which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance for these assets. To measure the expected losses, trade receivables are grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due. The expected loss rates are based on payment profiles of sales and the corresponding historical credit losses experienced. 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 Company has identified inflation and the exchange rate applicable to its customers to be the most relevant factor and accordingly adjusts the historical loss rates based on expected changes in these factors.

On that basis, the loss allowance as at 30 September was determined as follows for trade receivables.

-	Current	31 to 60 days \$	61 to 90 days \$	Over 90 days \$	Total \$
30 September 2023					
Expected loss rate	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	69.78%	
Gross carrying amount trade receivables	27,129,938	4,210,480	1,223,962	9,452,495	42,016,875
Loss allowance	-	-	-	6,596,366	6,596,366

-	Current	31 to 60 days	61 to 90 days	Over 90 days	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
30 September 2022					
Expected loss rate	0.02%	0.05%	0.23%	0.47%	
Gross carrying amount trade receivables	32,543,242	6,657,252	432,485	13,014,377	52,647,356
Loss allowance	6,531	3,132	1,012	60,871	71,546

Movement analysis of provision for impairment of trade and other receivables

The movement on the provision for impairment of trade and other receivables was as follows:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
At beginning of year	71,878	71,878
Movement on loss allowance recognised in the profit or loss	6,448,600	-
Recoveries of loss allowance during the year	(71,878)	-
Translation	147,766	
At end of year	6,596,366	71,878

(a) Credit risk (Continued)

Movement analysis of provision for impairment of trade and other receivables (continued)

The creation and release of provisions for impaired receivables have been included in expenses in the statement of comprehensive income. Amounts charged to the allowance account are generally written off when there is no expectation of recovering additional cash.

(b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company is unable to meet its payment obligations associated with its financial liabilities when they fall due. Prudent liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash and marketable securities, the availability of funding through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities and the ability to close out market positions.

Liquidity risk management process

The Company's liquidity management process includes:

- (i) Monitoring future cash flows and liquidity regularly. This incorporates an assessment of expected cash flows and the availability of high-grade collateral which could be used to secure funding if required.
- (ii) Maintaining a portfolio of bank balances that can easily be liquidated as protection against any unforeseen interruption to cash flow;
- (iii) Maintaining committed lines of credit.

Undiscounted cash flows of financial liabilities

The maturity profile of the Company's financial liabilities at year end based on contractual undiscounted payments were as follows:

	Within 1 Month	1 to 3 Months	3 to 12 Months	1 to 5 Years	Over 5 Years	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
			20)23		
Borrowings	174,314	348,628	1,568,826	8,367,072	9,412,956	19,871,796
Payables	39,850,010	-	-	-	-	39,850,010
Related companies	3,676,417	-	-	61,273,612	-	64,950,029
	43,700,741	348,628	1,568,826	69,640,684	9,412,956	124,671,835
			20	022		
Borrowings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payables	25,434,990	-	-	-	-	25,434,990
Related companies	2,607,109	-	-	43,451,819	-	46,058,928
	28,042,099	-	-	43,451,819	-	71,493,918

3. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(c) Market risk

The Company takes on exposure to market risk, which is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk mainly arises from changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. Market risk is monitored by the Board of Directors. Market risk exposures are measured using sensitivity analysis.

There has been no change to the Company's exposure to market risk or the manner in which it manages and measures the risk.

Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. The Company is exposed to foreign exchange risk arising from currency exposures, primarily with respect to the US dollar. Foreign exchange risk arises from future commercial transactions and recognised assets and liabilities.

The Company manages its foreign exchange risk by ensuring that the net exposure in foreign assets and liabilities is kept to an acceptable level by monitoring currency positions. At 30 September 2023, the Company's net foreign exchange exposure amounted to a net asset of \$596,012,577 (2022 - \$543,707,793).

The following table indicates the effect on profit arising from changes in foreign currency rates, primarily with respect to the US dollar. There is no direct impact on equity resulting from changes in the foreign currency rates. The sensitivity analysis represents outstanding foreign currency denominated monetary items and adjusts their translation at the year end for depreciation or appreciation of the Jamaican dollar against the US dollar, which represents management's assessment of a reasonably possible change in foreign exchange rates. The sensitivity was primarily as a result of foreign exchange gains and losses on translation of US dollar-denominated bank balances, short-term deposits, receivables and other payables.

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Effect on profit -	v	Ŷ
Depreciation 4% (2022 – 4%)	23,840,503	21,748,312
Appreciation 1% (2022 – 1%)	(5,960,126)	(5,437,078)

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Floating rate instruments expose the Company to cash flow interest rate risk, whereas fixed interest rate instruments expose the Company to fair value interest risk.

The Company's interest rate risk arises from its related party and bank balances.

The Company manages interest rate risk by maintaining fixed rate instruments. It also manages the maturities of interest-bearing financial assets and interest-bearing financial liabilities. At 30 September 2023 and 2022 the Company had no significant exposure to variable rate interest rate risk.

(d) Capital management

The Company's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Company's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide benefits for its stakeholders and to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital. The Company met the capital requirement of at least \$50,000,000 for listing on the Junior Market of the Jamaica Stock Exchange. There was no other externally imposed capital requirement.

There were no changes to the Company's approach to capital management during the year, and this is monitored by the Board of Directors.

4. Fair Value Estimation

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (an exit price).

Market price is used to determine fair value where an active market exists, as it is the best evidence of the fair value of a financial instrument. However, market prices are not available for a number of financial assets and liabilities held and issued by the Company. Therefore, for financial instruments where no market price is available, the fair values presented have been estimated using present value or other estimation and valuation techniques based on market conditions existing at the statement of financial position date.

The values derived from applying these techniques are significantly affected by the underlying assumptions used concerning both the amounts and the timing of future cash flows and the discount rates. The following methods and assumptions have been used:

- (i) The carrying amounts, less any estimated credit adjustments, for financial assets and liabilities with a maturity of less than one year are estimated to approximate their fair values. These financial assets and liabilities are cash and cash equivalents, short-term deposits, receivables, payables and current borrowings.
- (ii) The fair value of the investment in associate approximates its carrying value based on the underlying assets of the investee.
- (iii) The fair value of the related party balances cannot be reasonably determined as these instruments were granted under special terms and are not likely to be traded in a fair market exchange.
- (iv) The fair value of long-term borrowings approximates its fair value as the loan is carried at amortised cost reflecting its contractual obligation and the interest rate is reflective of current market rate for a similar transaction.

5. Critical Accounting Judgments and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

Judgements and estimates used in preparing the financial statements of the Company are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable.

The Company 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 is discussed below.

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5. Critical Accounting Judgments and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty (Continued)

Impairment assessment of the investment in associate

The Company tests annually whether the investment in associate has suffered any impairment, in accordance with the accounting policy stated in Note 2(g). The Company calculates the amount of impairment as the difference between the recoverable value of the entity and its carrying value. Management made certain assumptions in determining the recoverable value. Key assumptions assessed were assessed as being profitability margin, liquidity discount and company and other specific risk factors.

6. Other Income

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Foreign exchange gains	15,112,922	16,503,397
Gain on sale of property, plant and equipment	8,609,031	1,797,350
	23,721,953	18,300,747

7. Expenses by Nature

Total administrative and other operating expenses:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Accounting fees	4,843,800	4,498,800
Advertising and promotion	1,548,837	284,701
Auditor's remuneration -		
Current year	4,600,000	2,713,253
Prior year – underaccrual	-	663,250
Bad debt	6,376,722	91,878
Baggage handling costs	2,579,881	-
Depreciation	23,240,937	22,823,996
Directors' emoluments -		
Directors' fees	1,050,000	1,135,000
Management fees	4,200,000	3,150,000
Damaged cargo claims	177,010	90,000
Donations	3,061,688	6,725,081
Insurance	8,613,501	7,568,479
Legal and professional fees	4,416,322	3,166,780
Loss on exchange	45,710	80,000
Other	6,808,325	3,879,284
Registration fees	3,630,986	3,143,687
Repairs and maintenance	9,519,891	6,703,299
Staff costs (Note 8)	203,843,681	155,207,848
Utililties	2,005,769	1,592,606
	290,563,060	223,517,942

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8. Staff Costs

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Salaries and wages	159,885,361	118,254,398
Redundancy costs	4,390,640	-
Statutory contributions	18,849,137	15,681,340
Other	20,718,543	21,272,110
	203,843,681	155,207,848
9. Finance Costs		
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Interest expense	2,641,995	1,343,592

10. Taxation

Taxation is based on the profit for the year adjusted for tax purposes and represents income tax charged at 25%:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Current tax	49,892,235	48,275,618
Deferred tax (Note 15)		-
	49,892,235	48,275,618

Reconciliation of applicable tax charge to effective tax charge:

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Profit before tax	372,534,554	337,441,373
Tax calculated at 25% Adjusted for the effects of:	93,133,639	84,360,343
Income not subject to tax	(34,300,535)	(17,872,357)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	6,319,250	4,679,803
Tax credits	(18,485,021)	(20,886,745)
Net effect of other charges and allowances	3,224,902	(2,005,426)
Taxation	49,892,235	48,275,618

11. Earnings per Stock Unit

The calculation of the earnings per stock unit is based on the profit after taxation and the weighted average number of stock units in issue during the year.

	2023	2022
Net profit attributable to stockholders (\$)	322,642,319	289,165,755
Weighted average number of stock units in issue	374,658,300	374,658,300
Earnings per stock unit (\$)	0.86	0.77

12. Property, Plant and Equipment

	Buildings	Trailers, Boomlift & Forklift	Furniture, Equipment & Golf Carts	Motor Vehicles	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cost -					
1 October 2022	2,318,815	185,390,628	17,219,008	24,608,587	229,537,038
Addition	-	-	1,874,593	14,715,000	16,589,593
Disposal	-	(5,647,835)	(52,598)	-	(5,700,433)
30 September 2023	2,318,815	179,742,793	19,041,003	39,323,587	240,426,198
Depreciation -					
1 October 2022	995,158	81,692,611	9,625,069	22,388,584	114,701,422
Charge for the year	57,971	18,130,241	1,361,725	3,691,000	23,240,937
Disposal	-	(5,073,961)	(35,502)	-	(5,109,463)
30 September 2023	1,053,129	94,748,891	10,951,292	26,079,584	132,832,896
Net book value -					
30 September 2023	1,265,686	84,993,902	8,089,711	13,244,003	107,593,302

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12. Property, Plant and Equipment (Continued)

	Buildings	Trailers, Boomlift & Forklift	Furniture, Equipment & Golf Carts	Motor Vehicles	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cost -					
1 October 2021	2,318,815	188,159,175	17,219,008	24,608,587	232,305,585
Disposal	-	(2,768,547)		-	(2,768,547)
30 September 2022	2,318,815	185,390,628	17,219,008	24,608,587	229,537,038
Depreciation -					
1 October 2021	937,187	65,287,478	8,490,074	19,428,584	94,143,323
Charge for the year	57,971	18,671,030	1,134,995	2,960,000	22,823,996
Disposal	-	(2,265,897)	-	-	(2,265,897)
30 September 2022	995,158	81,692,611	9,625,069	22,388,584	114,701,422
Net book value -					
30 September 2022	1,323,657	103,698,017	7,593,939	2,220,003	114,835,616

13. Related Party Transactions and Balances

(a) Net advances (paid)/received during the year

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
AMD Limited	(14,324,100)	19,110,937
Advisors Limited	10,274,855	8,115,920
Good Hope (Holdings) Limited	(3,437,708)	10,925,156
Hart Investments Limited	502,466	439,277
Montego Place Limited	55,505	(1,464)
Saffack Limited	(373,313)	1,199,926
Port Handlers Limited	4,851,422	(152,757)
Samuel Hart & Son Limited	6,418,223	4,952,648
	3,967,350	44,589,643

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13. Related Party Transactions and Balances (Continued)

(b) Key management compensation

(c)

(d)

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Salaries and other short-term employee benefits	14,517,977	13,035,677
Statutory contributions	1,474,041	1,334,270
	15,992,018	14,369,947
Directors' emoluments -		
Directors' fees	1,050,000	1,135,000
Management remuneration	15,992,018	14,369,947
Management fees	4,200,000	3,150,000
Transactions in the normal course of business		
	2023 \$	2022 \$
Stevedoring services rendered to a related party	194,913,312	195,535,786
Professional services rendered by related parties	4,843,800	4,498.800
Interest earned on balances due from related parties	1,114,238	2,340,732
Interest paid on balances due to related parties	2,133,260	1,335,669
Lease income earned from a related party	24,076,800	23,944,800
Management fees earned from a related party	24,150,000	5,850,000
Purchase of goods from a related party	2,487,456	291,295
Year-end balances arising from transactions with related companies		
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Non-current		
Due from:		
AMD Limited	11,033,067	8,967
Advisors Limited	487,669	-
Good Hope (Holdings) Limited	5,045,699	2,902,500
Port Handlers Limited	144,702	-
Saffack Limited	18,168	-
Samuel Hart & Son Limited	36,605	
	16,765,910	2,911,467

13. Related Party Transactions and Balances (Continued)

(d) Year-end balances arising from transactions with related companies (Continued)

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Due to:		
AMD Limited	-	3,300,000
Advisors Limited	23,549,841	12,787,316
Montego Place Limited	55,505	-
Hart Investments Limited	13,466,082	12,963,617
Good Hope (Holdings) Limited	-	1,294,509
Port Handlers Limited	5,039,478	43,354
Saffack Limited	4,003,945	4,359,090
Samuel Hart & Son Limited	15,158,762	8,703,933
	61,273,613	43,451,819
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Current		
Due from (Note 16):		
Buying House Cement Limited	11,223,147	12,990,663
Bulk Liquid Carriers Petroleum Transport Limited	-	690,000
	11,223,147	13,680,663

The Company is related to the above companies by having similar ownership and/or management control. With the exception of the amounts included in current receivables, balances due to and/or from these companies have no set repayment terms and are not due for payment within the next twelve months.

The weighted average effective interest rate on transfers between related party bank accounts for working capital purposes is 6% (2022 – 6%).

(e) Directors' current accounts

The directors' balances are unsecured, interest free and have no set repayment terms.

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14. Investment in Associate

The Company has a 30% stake in the ordinary shares of Buying House Cement Limited. The principal activity of Buying House Cement Limited is the sale of wholesale cement to its customers. Buying House Cement Limited is a private company and there is no quoted price available for the shares.

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Opening balance	191,224,882	133,747,855
Share of net profits	104,497,095	57,477,027
Closing balance	295,721,977	191,224,882

Summarised financial information for investment in associate

The tables below provide summarised financial information for the associate that was accounted for using the equity method. They reflect the balances of the associate and not the Company's share of those amounts.

Summarised statement of financial position

\$\$	2022
	\$
Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents 739,185,257 288,583,984	33,984
Other current assets (excluding cash) 443,759,280 383,298,971	98,971
1,182,944,537 671,882,955	32,955
Current liabilities	
Trade and other payables (417,937,982) (259,761,162)	61,162)
765,006,555 412,121,793	21,793
Non-current assets 22,984,855 27,545,967	15,967
Net Assets 787,991,410 439,667,760	37,760

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14. Investment in Associate (Continued)

Summarised statement of comprehensive income

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Operating income	3,412,030,574	3,254,483,772
Operating cost and expenses	(2,910,772,856)	(2,975,821,109)
Operating profit	501,257,718	278,662,663
Finance income	2,088,658	73,583
Profit before tax	503,346,376	278,736,246
Income tax	(155,022,726)	(62,075,750)
Net Profit	348,323,650	216,660,496

Reconciliation of summarised financial information

Reconciliation of the summarised financial information presented to the carrying amount of its interest in the associate.

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Net assets of the associate (100%)	787,991,410	439,667,760
Cargo's share of the adjusted net assets (30%)	228,876,301	124,379,206
Notional goodwill recognised on acquisition	76,736,599	76,736,599
Reversal of fair value adjustment on net assets acquired	(9,890,923)	(9,890,923)
Carrying amount	295,721,977	191,224,882

15. Deferred Taxation

Deferred income taxes are calculated in full on temporary differences under the liability method using a principal tax rate of 25%.

The movement on the deferred taxation account is as follows:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Liability at beginning of year	(10,904,109)	(10,904,109)
Charged during the year (Note 10)		
Liability at end of year	(10,904,109)	(10,904,109)

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15. Deferred Taxation (Continued)

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are due to the following items:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Deferred income tax assets:		
Accelerated depreciation	26,716	26,716
Accrued vacation	472,686	472,686
Unrealised foreign exchange loss	346,734	346,734
	846,136	846,136
Deferred income tax liabilities:		
Unrealised foreign exchange gain	(402,048)	(402,048)
Accelerated depreciation	(11,348,197)	(11,348,197)
	(11,750,245)	(11,750,245)
	(10,904,109)	(10,904,109)

The deferred tax charge in the statement of comprehensive income comprises the following temporary differences:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Accrued vacation	-	-
Unrealised foreign exchange gain	-	-
Unrealised foreign exchange loss	-	-
Accelerated depreciation	<u> </u>	-
	-	-

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred income taxes related to the same fiscal authority.

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15. Deferred Taxation (Continued)

The offset amount shown in the statement of financial position includes the following:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Deferred income tax asset to be recovered -		
Within 12 months	819,420	819,420
After more than 12 months	26,716	26,716
	846,136	846,136
Deferred income tax liability to be settled -		
Within 12 months	(402,048)	(402,048)
After more than 12 months	(11,348,197)	(11,348,197)
	(11,750,245)	(11,750,245)
	(10,904,109)	(10,904,109)
16. Receivables		
	2023	2022

	\$	\$
Trade	40,456,604	52,420,528
Less: bad debt provision	(6,596,366)	(71,878)
	33,860,238	52,348,650
Related parties (Note 13)	11,223,147	13,680,663
Other receivables and prepayments	42,678,531	128,071
	87,761,916	66,157,384

17. Short-Term Deposits

This represents term deposits denominated in United States dollars that are held with Jamaica Money Market Brokers Limited and matures within one year. The weighted average interest rate on these short-term deposits at statement of financial position date was 5%.

18. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash at bank and in hand	2023 \$ 146,538,526	2022 \$ 82,478,233
The weighted average effective interest rate for cash is 0.025% (2022 – 0.025%	5%).	
For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comp	orise the following:	
	2023 \$	2022 \$
Cash and bank balances	146,538,526	82,478,233
19. Payables		
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Trade	2,141,190	409,302
Accruals	36,979,715	24,266,267
Other	10,048,906	2,460,674
	49,169,811	27,136,243
20. Borrowings		
Composition of borrowings		
	2023	2022
Current	\$	\$
Jamaica Money Market Brokers Limited – Motor vehicle loan (i)	1,169,460	
Non-current		
Jamaica Money Market Brokers Limited - Motor vehicle loan (i)	12,255,488	

- (i) In April 2023, the Company obtained a loan from Jamaica Money Market Brokers Limited for J\$14,700,000 to purchase a 2023 Audi Q5. The loan is repayable over a ten (10) year period, inclusive of an initial two (2) months payment holiday, and thereafter is to be repaid by consecutive monthly payments of \$174,134. The loan is secured by the motor vehicle and assignment of insurance over it.
- (ii) The Company has an overdraft facility of \$15,000,000 with The Bank of Nova Scotia Jamaica Limited. Interest is charged at a rate of 17.25% when overdrawn, and the facility is secured by unlimited guarantees of Bilton Limited.

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21. Share Capital

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Total authorised ordinary shares 466,200,000		
Issued and fully paid -		
416,250,000	47,334,664	47,334,664
41,591,700 treasury shares	(4,159,170)	(4,159,170)
	43,175,494	43,175,494
22. Capital Reserves		
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Realised gains on sale of property, plant and equipment	172,311	172,311

23. Dividends

By resolutions dated 20 February 2023 and 10 August 2023, the Board of Directors approved the payment of interim dividends in the amounts of \$0.155 and \$0.155 per share, respectively. In the prior year, resolutions dated 10 February 2022 and 16 August 2022 resulted in the approval of interim dividend payments of \$0.12 and \$0.13 per share, respectively.

24. Segment Information

The Company is organised into the following business segments:

- (a) Stevedoring This incorporates the provision of stevedoring and baggage handling services to companies.
- (b) Leasing The Company earns lease income from the leasing of trailers.
- (c) Management services This incorporates fees charged for managing and operating a related company.

The Company's operations are located in Jamaica and all revenue is earned externally from customers located in Jamaica. The Company's major customers are Seaboard Freight & Shipping Jamaica Limited, Lannaman & Morris (Shipping) Limited, Bulk Liquid Carriers Petroleum Transport Limited, Buying House Cement Limited and CMA CGM Jamaica Limited.

Direct allocated and unallocated income and expenses

Income and expenses incurred by the reportable business segments and the corporate office are reported to the Board of Directors based on certain criteria determined by management. These criteria include the nature of the service provided and the activity supported by the cost incurred. Direct allocated income and expenses include revenue, other income, interest income, depreciation and other expenses in respect of the identified business segments. Unallocated income and expenses include corporate office results.

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24. Segment Information (Continued)

Unallocated assets and liabilities

Unallocated assets and liabilities comprise taxation recoverable, income tax payable, deferred tax liabilities, related party balances and assets and liabilities that are not directly attributable to any specific business segment.

The segment information provided to management for the reportable segments is as follows:

			2023		
	Stevedoring	Looping	Management	Unallocated	Total
	stevedoring	Leasing د	Services \$	Supervisional States	10tai \$
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Revenue	459,232,578	24,076,800	24,150,000	7,324,154	514,783,532
Other income	8,660,522	-	-	15,061,431	23,721,953
Interest income	26,604	-	-	22,710,425	22,737,029
Direct costs	(2,579,881)	-	-	-	(2,579,881)
Share of net profits of associate	-	-	-	104,497,095	104,497,095
Depreciation	(3,190,059)	(16,359,878)	-	(3,691,000)	(23,240,937)
Other expenses	(214,053,499)	(3,424,757)	-	(47,263,986)	(264,742,242)
Finance costs	-	-	-	(2,641,995)	(2,641,995)
Profit before taxation	248,096,265	4,292,165	24,150,000	95,996,124	372,534,554
Taxation	-	-	-	(49,892,235)	(49,892,235)
Net profit	248,096,265	4,292,165	24,150,000	46,103,889	322,642,319
Segment assets	75,286,302	75,470,877		979,075,804	1,129,832,983
Segment liabilities	22,711,948			112,060,533	134,772,481
Capital expenditure	1,874,593			14,715,000	16,589,593

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24. Segment Information (Continued)

	_		2022		
	Stevedoring	Leasing	Management Services	Unallocated	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue	441,547,970	23,944,800	5,850,000	997,120	472,339,890
Other income	12,182,111	-	-	6,118,636	18,300,747
Interest income	13,924	-	-	14,171,319	14,185,243
Share of net profits of associate	-	-	-	57,477,027	57,477,027
Depreciation	(2,963,328)	(16,900,668)	-	(2,960,000)	(22,823,996)
Other expenses	(150,611,006)	(511,286)	-	(49,571,654)	(200,693,946)
Finance costs		-	-	(1,343,592)	(1,343,592)
Profit before taxation	300,169,671	6,532,846	5,850,000	24,888,856	337,441,373
Taxation		-	-	(48,275,618)	(48,275,618)
Net profit/(loss)	300,169,671	6,532,846	5,850,000	(23,386,762)	289,165,755
Segment assets	69,954,141	92,404,630	-	721,730,202	884,088,973
Segment liabilities	13,734,979	<u> </u>		81,791,735	95,526,714
Capital expenditure	-			-	

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24. Segment Information (Continued)

The profit or loss, assets and liabilities for the reportable segments are reconciled to the totals for profit or loss, assets and liabilities as follows:

	Profit before taxation		Assets		Liabilities	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total for business segments	276,538,430	312,552,517	150,757,179	162,358,771	22,711,948	13,734,979
Unallocated amounts:						
Corporate office results	(28,569,401)	(45,415,898)	-	-	-	-
Interest income	22,710,425	14,171,319	-	-	-	-
Share of net profits of associate	104,497,095	57,477,027	-	-	-	-
Finance costs	(2,641,995)	(1,343,592)	-	-	-	-
Property, plant and equipment	-	-	9,523,026	11,293,388	-	-
Related companies	-	-	16,765,910	2,911,467	61,273,612	43,451,819
Receivables	-	-	46,482,155	12,353,897	-	-
Taxation recoverable	-	-	29,463,470	267,251	-	-
Short-term deposits	-	-	445,987,882	426,214,140	-	-
Cash	-	-	135,131,384	77,465,177	-	-
Payables	-	-	-	-	26,457,864	13,401,264
Income tax payable	-	-	-	-	-	14,034,543
Borrowings	-	-	-	-	13,424,948	-
Investment in associate	-	-	295,721,977	191,224,882	-	-
Deferred tax liabilities		-	-	-	10,904,109	10,904,109
Total unallocated amounts	95,996,124	24,888,856	979,075,804	721,730,202	112,060,533	81,791,735
Total per financial statements	372,534,554	337,441,373	1,129,832,983	884,088,973	134,772,481	95,526,714

25. Operating Lease Commitments

- (a) The Company entered into an agreement with The Port Authority of Jamaica on 3 October 2014 to lease commercial space for the operation of a changing room for stevedores. The lease is renewed annually by the parties. The lease has expired and the new contract is yet to be finalised. The Company continues to lease the space based on the last expired lease.
- (b) On 1 July 2021, the Company leased six equipment. Three of the equipment were leased for the period 1 July 2021 to December 2021 while the other three equipment were leased from 1 October 2021 to December 2021. The leased expired and was renewed for a further 3 years to December 2024 at the existing monthly lease payments. The lease payments are to be made in United States dollars or Jamaican dollars translated at the prevailing rate of exchange at the date of payment.

The future minimum lease payments receivable are as follows:

	2023	2022
	US\$	US\$
Not later than 1 year	158,400	158,400
Later than 1 year but not later than 5 years	39,600	198,000
	198,000	356,400