

1. Legal status and principal activities

OQ Gas Networks SAOG (“the Company”) was established as a closely held joint stock Company under the Commercial Companies Law of Oman on 23 May 2000. The Company's operations were governed by a Concession Agreement (the “Previous Concession Agreement”) dated 22 August 2000, which was subsequently ratified by the Royal Decree 78/2000 issued on 28 August 2000.

With effect from 1 January 2018, a new revenue and tariff mechanism had been implemented for the Company i.e. Regulatory Asset Base (RAB). This was implemented on a transitional basis by an amendment dated 31 December 2017, to the 22 August 2000 Tariff and Transportation Agreement (“Amended TTA”).

The Company signed the Amended Concession Agreement (fully approved by Ministry of Legal Affairs) with the Government of the Sultanate of Oman (“Government” or “GOSO”) on 9 June 2020 which was then ratified through Royal Decree 122/2020 issued on 28 October 2020. The ratification of the Amended Concession Agreement and associated RAB agreements means that the Amended TTA has been superseded. The Amended Concession Agreement’s terms, with respect to the determination and charging of transportation charges, are consistent with those under the Amended TTA, hence, no change in accounting treatment is required upon the application of Amended Concession Agreement.

The Company’s objective is to acquire, construct, operate, maintain, repair and augment gas transportation pipelines and perform such other activities relating to the gas transportation industry.

At the reporting date, OQ SAOC (the “Parent Company”), which is 100% owned by the Government of the Sultanate of Oman through Oman Investment Authority (“OIA” / “Ultimate Parent Company”), held 51% (2022: 99.71%) of the share capital of the Company. On 24 October 2023, the Company has been listed on Muscat Stock Exchange (MSX), following Parent Company’s decision for a secondary sale of the shares of the Company upto 49% of its total shareholding through Initial Public Offering (IPO).

The Company holds 100% ownership of Gas Transmission Company LLC (“GTC”) registered in the Sultanate of Oman. GTC is non-operational and there have been no accounting numbers recorded therein. Considering its non-operational and immaterial nature, the Company does not consolidate GTC. The Company plans to use GTC to conduct any non-regulated business in the future.

2. Significant agreements

2.1 Concession agreement

Amended Concession Agreement

The Government of Sultanate of Oman, acting through the Ministry of Energy and Minerals (formerly known as Ministry of Oil and Gas) and the Ministry of Finance (the “Government” or “GOSO”), has entered into an Amended Concession Agreement (the “Concession Agreement”) with the Company (acting as an “Operator”) whereby it grants exclusively to the Company the right to own, acquire, finance, design, construct, operate, maintain, repair and augment the Natural Gas Transportation Network (the “Concession” or “Infrastructure”).

The term of the Concession Agreement is 50 years. At the end of the term of the Concession Agreement, the Infrastructure including assets other than Gas Transportation System assets will be transferred to the Government.

2. Significant agreements (continued)

2.1 Concession agreement (continued)

Under the Concession Agreement, the Government controls or regulates what services the Operator must provide using the Infrastructure, to whom, and at what price, and controls any significant residual interests in the Infrastructure at the end of the term of the Concession Arrangement. GOSO, acting through the Ministry of Energy and Minerals (“MEM”) and using the device of price control for gas transportation, controls the level of cash generated and the profit of the Company. As per the terms of the Concession Agreement, the Infrastructure is available to the MEM (the “Shipper”) to transport gas using the Infrastructure to the industrial consumers of the gas in Oman.

In 2023, MEM transferred their rights and obligations under the Concession Agreement to Integrated Gas Company (“IGC”), a state owned company. Following the transfer, IGC will act as the shipper under the Concession Agreement.

Management has evaluated the applicability of IFRIC Interpretation 12 *Service Concession Arrangements* (“IFRIC 12”) to the new RAB arrangement effective from 1 January 2018 and concluded that the Concession Agreement falls within the purview of the "financial assets" model as defined in IFRIC 12. Accordingly, effective from 1 January 2018, the Company recognised financial asset and has derecognised the assets recognised under the old arrangement as property, plant and equipment. Also, IFRIC 12, requires the Company to recognise revenue for the construction and operation phases in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standard 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (“IFRS 15”) (refer to the note 4 and 5 of these financial statements for the accounting policies and judgements applied).

The following key documents form part of the Concession Agreement:

RAB Revenue Rules

These rules describe the Price Control / Tariff Setting process, provide regulatory accounting guidelines and provide the computation mechanism of maximum allowed revenues.

RAB Tariff Rules

These rules focus on cost reflectivity and a stable tariff development and establish gas transportation tariff charges payable by the shippers and connected parties by reference to maximum allowed revenues.

Transportation Framework Agreement (“TFA”)

TFA was entered between the Company (as gas transporter) and the MEM (as the Shipper) and transferred by MEM to IGC in 2023. The purpose of TFA is to establish the contractual framework between the Company and the Shipper making the Transportation Code binding.

Previous Concession Agreement

The Previous Concession Agreement with the Government of the Sultanate of Oman was for a period of 27 years starting from 22 August 2000. Under the Previous Concession Agreement, the Company was granted a concession for the construction, ownership, operation and maintenance of two gas pipelines from Fahud to Sohar and from Saih Rawl to Salalah and the ownership, operation and maintenance of the Government Gas Transportation System. Under the Previous Concession Agreement, the Company was operating as an Agency of the Government. The terms of the Previous Concession Agreement have been amended by the Concession Agreement to implement fully the RAB structure.

2. Significant agreements (continued)**2.2 Asset transfer agreements***Asset transfer agreement entered in 2018*

During 2018, the Company has entered into an asset transfer agreement (the “Asset Transfer Agreement” or “ATA”) with the Government of the Sultanate of Oman dated 13 May 2018, whereby the Company acquired the ownership of gas transportation facilities from the Government with effect from 1 January 2018.

As per the Asset Transfer Agreement purchase price amounting to RO 174,821,600 was settled by issuing the shares to the Company’s shareholders and remaining was settled in cash.

Asset Transfer Agreements (“ATAs”) entered in 2020

During 2019, the Company had entered into two separate ATAs with the Government of the Sultanate of Oman effective from 1 July 2019 and 31 December 2019 for purchase of gas transportation pipeline system and ancillary assets at a purchase price amounting to RO 183,669,552 and RO 42,616,114 respectively. As per the ATAs, 50% of the purchase price was settled by issuing the shares to the Company’s shareholders and remaining was settled in cash (note 20).

3. Application of new and revised International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)**a. New standards or amendments for 2023 and forthcoming requirements**

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for the periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023. Those, which are relevant to the Company, are set out below.

- Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction – Amendments to IAS 12.
- Disclosure of Accounting Policies - Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2
- Definition of Accounting Estimate - Amendments to IAS 8
- Pillar two model rules - Amendments to IAS 12

The above standards and amendments do not have any material impact on the financial statements except as a result of the amendment to IAS 1, only the material accounting policies have been disclosed.

b. New and revised IFRS in issue but not yet effective

The new and amended standards and interpretations that are issued, but not yet effective, up to the date of issuance of the Company’s financial statements are disclosed below. The Company intends to adopt these new and amended standards and interpretations, if applicable, when they become effective.

- Amendments to IAS 1, Classification of liabilities as current or non current and non current liabilities with covenants. Effective date of this amendment is for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024;
- Amendment to IAS 7 and IFRS 7, Supplier Finance Arrangements. Effective date of this amendment is for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024; and
- Amendments to IFRS 16, Lease liability in a sale and leaseback. Effective date of this standard is annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024.

4. Summary of material accounting policies

Statement of compliance and basis of preparation

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by IASB, and the applicable requirements of the Commercial Companies Law of Oman 2019 and Ministerial Decision 146/2021 issuing Commercial Companies' Regulations and the applicable requirements of Capital Market Authority (CMA). These financial statements have been prepared on historical cost basis except for derivatives and employees end of service benefits which are measured at fair value.

Measurement of fair values

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, regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique.

For financial reporting purposes, fair value measurements are categorised into Level 1, 2 or 3 based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements are observable and the significance of the inputs to the fair value measurement in its entirety, which are described as follows:

- (i) Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date;
- (ii) Level 2 inputs are inputs, other than quoted prices included within Level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- (iii) Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

Estimate and judgments

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods. The areas involving higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in the note 5.

Functional and presentation currency

These financial statements are presented in Omani Rials (RO), which is the Company's functional and presentation currency. 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.

Concession arrangement

Infrastructure

As disclosed in note 2 and 5, the Company has applied IFRIC 12 in relation to the Concession Agreement with the Government of Sultanate of Oman.

Infrastructures within the scope of the IFRIC 12 are not recognized as property, plant and equipment of the Company. Under the terms of the Concession Agreement the Company acts as an operator. The Company constructs or upgrades the Infrastructure (construction or upgrade services) used to provide a public service and operates and maintains that infrastructure (operation services) for a specified period of time. In accordance with the requirements of the IFRIC 12, a financial asset has been recognised where the Company constructs or upgrades the infrastructure and is permitted to operate it over the concession period for an agreed revenue to be received during the period of operation. This financial asset covers the costs incurred in relation to the construction of the Gas Transmission Network.

4. Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

Concession arrangement (continued)

Infrastructure (continued)

In the financial asset model, the amount due from the Government or the Shipper meets the definition of a financial asset which is accounted for in line with the accounting policies stated below relating to the financial assets.

Investment properties

Investment properties is initially measured at cost and subsequently in accordance with the cost model i.e. cost less accumulated depreciation and less accumulated impairment losses.

Any gain or loss on disposal of investment property (calculated as the difference between the net proceeds from disposal and the carrying amount of the item) is recognised in profit or loss.

Rental income from investment properties is recognised as other income.

The estimated useful life of investment properties ranges from 3-30 years.

Inventories

Stores and spares, raw materials and chemicals are valued at cost or net reliable value which is less. The cost of stores and spares is based on the weighted average cost principle and includes expenditure incurred in acquiring and bringing the items of inventory to their existing location and condition.

Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price for inventories less all estimated costs of completion and costs necessary to make the sale.

Financial instruments

Initial recognition and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the Company's statement of financial position when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets, unless it is a trade receivable without a significant financing component, or financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities (other than financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss) are added to or deducted from the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are recognised immediately in profit or loss. A trade receivable without significant financing component is initially measured at the transaction price.

4. Summary of material accounting policies (continued)**Financial instruments (continued)****Financial assets***Classification of financial assets*

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as measured at: amortised cost; FVOCI – debt investment; FVOCI – equity investment; or FVTPL.

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Company changes its business model for managing financial assets, in which case all affected financial assets are reclassified on the first day of the first reporting period following the change in the business model.

Financial assets that meet both of the following conditions are measured at amortised cost and is not designated as at FVTPL:

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

A debt investment is measured at FVOCI if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTPL:

- it is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets; and
- its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

On initial recognition of an equity investment that is not held for trading, the Company may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in the investment's fair value in OCI. This election is made on an investment-by-investment basis.

Subsequent measurement and gains and losses

Financial assets at FVTPL	These assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Net gains and losses, including any interest or dividend income, are recognised in profit or loss.
Financial assets at amortised cost	These assets are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The amortised cost is reduced by impairment losses. Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Any gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.
Debt investments at FVOCI	These assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Interest income calculated using the effective interest method, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Other net gains and losses are recognised in OCI. On derecognition, gains and losses accumulated in OCI are reclassified to profit or loss.
Equity investments at FVOCI	These assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Dividends are recognised as income in profit or loss unless the dividend clearly represents a recovery of part of the cost of the investment. Other net gains and losses are recognised in OCI and are never reclassified to profit or loss.

4. Summary of material accounting policies (continued)**Financial instruments (continued)****Financial assets (continued)***Amortised cost and effective interest rate method*

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a debt instrument and of allocating interest income over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) excluding expected credit losses, through the expected life of the debt instrument, or, where appropriate, a shorter period, to the gross carrying amount of the debt instrument on initial recognition.

The amortised cost of a financial asset is the amount at which the financial asset is measured at initial recognition minus the principal repayments, plus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest method of any difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount, adjusted for any loss allowance. The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is the amortised cost of a financial asset before adjusting for any loss allowance.

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method for debt instruments measured subsequently at amortised cost. Interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset, except for financial assets that have subsequently become credit-impaired. For financial assets that have subsequently become credit-impaired, interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate to the amortised cost of the financial asset. If, in subsequent reporting periods, the credit risk on the credit-impaired financial instrument improves so that the financial asset is no longer credit-impaired, interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of the financial asset. Interest income is recognised in profit or loss and is included in the "finance income - interest income" line item.

Business model assessment

The Company makes an assessment of the objective of the business model in which a financial asset is held at a portfolio level because this best reflects the way the business is managed and information is provided to management. The information considered includes:

- the stated policies and objectives for the portfolio and the operation of those policies in practice. These include whether management's strategy focuses on earning contractual interest income, maintaining a particular interest rate profile, matching the duration of the financial assets to the duration of any related liabilities or expected cash outflows or realising cash flows through the sale of the assets;
- how the performance of the portfolio is evaluated and reported to the Company's management;
- the risks that affect the performance of the business model (and the financial assets held within that business model) and how those risks are managed;
- how managers of the business are compensated - e.g. whether compensation is based on the fair value of the assets managed or the contractual cash flows collected; and
- the frequency, volume and timing of sales of financial assets in prior periods, the reasons for such sales and expectations about future sales activity.

Transfers of financial assets to third parties in transactions that do not qualify for derecognition are not considered sales for this purpose, consistent with the Company's continuing recognition of the assets.

Financial assets that are held for trading or are managed and whose performance is evaluated on a fair value basis are measured at FVTPL.

4. Summary of material accounting policies (continued)**Financial instruments (continued)****Financial assets (continued)***Assessment whether contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest*

For the purposes of this assessment, 'principal' is defined as the fair value of the financial asset on initial recognition. 'Interest' is defined as consideration for the time value of money and for the credit risk associated with the principal amount outstanding during a particular period of time and for other basic lending risks and costs (e.g. liquidity risk and administrative costs), as well as a profit margin.

In assessing whether the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest, the Company considers the contractual terms of the instrument. This includes assessing whether the financial asset contains a contractual term that could change the timing or amount of contractual cash flows such that it would not meet this condition. In making this assessment, the Company considers:

- contingent events that would change the amount or timing of cash flows;
- terms that may adjust the contractual coupon rate, including variable-rate features;
- prepayment and extension features; and
- terms that limit the Company's claim to cash flows from specified assets (e.g. non-recourse features).

A prepayment feature is consistent with the solely payments of principal and interest criterion if the prepayment amount substantially represents unpaid amounts of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding, which may include reasonable compensation for early termination of the contract. Additionally, for a financial asset acquired at a discount or premium to its contractual par amount, a feature that permits or requires prepayment at an amount that substantially represents the contractual par amount plus accrued (but unpaid) contractual interest (which may also include reasonable compensation for early termination) is treated as consistent with this criterion if the fair value of the prepayment feature is insignificant at initial recognition.

Impairment of financial assets

The Company applies IFRS 9 Expected Credit Loss (ECL) Model;

Under IFRS 9, loss allowances are measured on either of the following bases:

- General approach (12 month ECL): these are ECLs that result from possible default events within 12 months after the reporting date; and
- Simplified approach (Lifetime ECL): these are ECLs that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument.

Simplified approach

The Company applies simplified approach to measuring credit losses, which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance for trade receivables. To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due.

4. Summary of material accounting policies (continued)**Financial instruments (continued)****Financial assets (continued)***Impairment of financial assets (continued)*

General approach

The Company applies three-stage approach to measuring ECL. Assets migrate through the three stages based on the change in credit quality since initial recognition. Financial assets with significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, but not credit impaired, are transitioned to stage 2 from stage 1 and ECL is recognised based on the probability of default (PD) of the counter party occurring over the life of the asset. All other financial assets are considered to be in stage 1 unless it is credit impaired and an ECL is recognised based on the PD of the customer within next 12 months. Financial assets are assessed as credit impaired when there is a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset. The Company applies general approach to all financial assets except trade receivable without significant financing component.

(i) Significant increase in credit risk

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating ECLs, the company considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, based on the Company's historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward- looking information.

To determine whether a financial instrument has low credit risk, the Company uses internal credit ratings which are mapped to the external credit rating agencies such as Moody's etc. The Company considers that rating within the investment grade are financial instruments with a low risk and have less likelihood of default. Where the external rating of a financial instrument is not available, the Company reviews the ability of the counterparty by reviewing their financial statements and other publicly available information.

The Company considers a financial asset to be in default when the borrower is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Company in full, without recourse by the Company to actions such as realising security (if any is held) or the financial asset is more than 90 days past due. The Company assumes that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly if it is more than 30 days past due.

(ii) Definition of default

The Company considers the following as constituting an event of default for internal credit risk management purposes as historical experience indicates that receivables that meet either of the following criteria are generally not recoverable:

- when there is a breach of financial covenants by the counterparty; or
- information developed internally or obtained from external sources indicates that the debtor is unlikely to pay its creditors, including the Company, in full (without taking into account any collateral held by the Company).

4. Summary of material accounting policies (continued)**Financial instruments (continued)****Financial assets (continued)***Impairment of financial assets (continued)*(ii) Definition of default (continued)

Irrespective of the above analysis, the Company considers that default has occurred when a financial asset is more than 90 days past due unless the Company has reasonable and supportable information to demonstrate that a more lagging default criterion is more appropriate.

(iii) Credit-impaired financial assets

A financial asset is credit-impaired when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of that financial asset have occurred. Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes observable data about the following events:

- (a) significant financial difficulty of the issuer or the borrower;
- (b) a breach of contract, such as a default or past due event (see (ii) above);
- (c) the lender(s) of the borrower, for economic or contractual reasons relating to the borrower's financial difficulty, having granted to the borrower a concession(s) that the lender(s) would not otherwise consider;
- (d) it is becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation;
or
- (e) the disappearance of an active market for that financial asset because of financial difficulties.

(iv) Write-off policy

The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is written off (either partially or in full) to the extent that there is no realistic prospect of recovery. This is generally the case when the Company determines that the debtor does not have assets or sources of income that could generate sufficient cash flows to repay the amounts subject to the write-off. However, financial assets that are written off could still be subject to enforcement activities in order to comply with the Company's procedures for recovery of amounts due.

(v) Measurement of ECLs

ECLs are a probability weighted estimate of credit losses. Credit losses are measured as the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the Company in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Company expects to receive). ECLs are discounted at the effective interest rate of the financial asset. The maximum period considered when estimating ECLs is the maximum contractual period over which the Company is exposed to credit risk.

Derecognition of financial assets

The Company derecognizes a financial asset when:

- the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire; or
- it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows in a transaction in which either:
 - substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred; or
 - the Company neither transfers nor retains substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership and it does not retain control of the financial asset.

The Company enters into transactions whereby it transfers assets recognized in its statement of financial position, but retains either all or substantially all of the risks and rewards of the transferred assets. In these cases, the transferred assets are not derecognized.

4. Summary of material accounting policies (continued)**Financial instruments (continued)****Financial assets (continued)****Classification as debt or equity**

Debt and equity instruments are classified as either financial liabilities or as equity in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangements and the definitions of a financial liability and an equity instrument.

Equity instruments

An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of an entity after deducting all of its liabilities. Equity instruments issued by the Company are recognised at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

Financial liabilities*Subsequent measurement*

All financial liabilities are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the financial liability, or (where appropriate) a shorter period, to the amortised cost of a financial liability.

Classification of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are classified as measured at amortised cost or FVTPL. A financial liability is classified as at FVTPL if it is classified as held-for-trading, it is a derivative or it is designated as such on initial recognition. Financial liabilities at FVTPL are measured at fair value and net gains and losses, including any interest expense, are recognised in profit or loss. Other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Interest expense and foreign exchange gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss. Any gain or loss on derecognition is also recognised in profit or loss.

The Company does not have financial liabilities that are classified as at FVTPL.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

The Company derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, the Company's obligations are discharged, cancelled or have expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognised and the consideration paid and payable is recognised in profit or loss.

The Company derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled, or expire. The Company also derecognises a financial liability when its terms are modified and the cash flows of the modified liability are substantially different, in which case a new financial liability based on the modified terms is recognised at fair value.

On derecognition of a financial liability, the difference between the carrying amount extinguished and the consideration paid (including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed) is recognised in profit or loss.

4. Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

Financial liabilities (continued)

Offsetting

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Company currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and it intends either to settle them on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Interest rate benchmark reform

When the basis for determining the contractual cash flows of a financial asset or financial liability measured at amortised cost changed as a result of interest rate benchmark reform, the Company updated the effective interest rate of the financial asset or financial liability to reflect the change that is required by the reform. A change in the basis for determining the contractual cash flows is required by interest rate benchmark reform if the following conditions are met:

- the change is necessary as a direct consequence of the reform; and
- the new basis for determining the contractual cash flows is economically equivalent to the previous basis- i.e. the basis immediately before the change.

When changes were made to a financial asset or financial liability in addition to changes to the basis for determining the contractual cash flows required by interest rate benchmark reform, the Company first updated the effective interest rate of the financial asset or financial liability to reflect the change that is required by interest rate benchmark reform. After that, the Company applied the policies on accounting for modifications to the additional changes.

Derivative financial instruments and hedging activities

The Company enters into a derivative financial instrument to manage its exposure to interest rate due to market fluctuation. Further details of derivative financial instruments are disclosed in Note 27.

Derivatives are recognised initially at fair value at the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to their fair value at each reporting date.

The resulting gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss immediately unless the derivative is designated and effective as a hedging instrument, in which event the timing of the recognition in profit or loss depends on the nature of the hedge relationship.

A derivative with a positive fair value is recognised as a financial asset whereas a derivative with a negative fair value is recognised as a financial liability. Derivatives are not offset in the financial statements unless the Company has both legal right and intention to offset.

A derivative is presented as a non-current asset or a non-current liability if the remaining maturity of the instrument is more than 12 months and it is not expected to be realised or settled within 12 months. Other derivatives are presented as current assets or current liabilities.

4. Summary of material accounting policies (continued)**Financial instruments (continued)****Derivative financial instruments and hedging activities (continued)****Hedges directly affected by interest rate benchmark reform**

The Company will implement the below policies when it replaces the benchmark interest rate in any of the hedged item or hedging instrument with a new alternative benchmark rate.

When the basis for determining the contractual cash flows of the hedged item or hedging instrument changes as a result of IBOR reform and therefore there is no longer uncertainty arising about the cash flows of the hedged item or the hedging instrument, the Company amends the hedge documentation of that hedging relationship to reflect the change(s) required by IBOR reform. For this purpose, the Company amends the hedge designation only to make one or more of the following changes:

- designating an alternative benchmark rate as the hedged risk;
- updating the description of the hedged item, including the description of the designated portion of the cash flows or fair value being hedged; or
- updating the description of the hedging instrument.

The Company will amend the description of the hedging instrument only if the following conditions are met:

- it makes a change required by IBOR reform by changing the basis for determining the contractual cash flows of the hedging instrument or using another approach that is economically equivalent to changing the basis for determining the contractual cash flows of the original hedging instrument; and
- the original hedging instrument is not derecognised.

The Company amends the formal hedge documentation by the end of the reporting period during which a change required by IBOR reform is made to the hedged risk, hedged item or hedging instrument. These amendments in the formal hedge documentation do not constitute the discontinuation of the hedging relationship or the designation of a new hedging relationship.

If changes are made in addition to those changes required by IBOR reform described above, then the Company first considers whether those additional changes result in the discontinuation of the hedge accounting relationship. If the additional changes do not result in the discontinuation of the hedge accounting relationship, then the Company amends the formal hedge documentation for changes required by IBOR reform as mentioned above.

When the interest rate benchmark on which the hedged future cash flows had been based is changed as required by IBOR reform, for the purpose of determining whether the hedged future cash flows are expected to occur, the Company deems that the hedging reserve recognised in OCI for that hedging relationship is based on the alternative benchmark rate on which the hedged future cash flows will be based.

4. Summary of material accounting policies (continued)**Financial instruments (continued)****Derivative financial instruments and hedging activities (continued)****Hedge accounting**

The Company designates derivatives as hedging instruments in respect of interest rate risk in cash flow hedges and commodity price due to market fluctuation.

At the inception of the hedge relationship, the Company documents the relationship between the hedging instrument and the hedged item, along with its risk management objectives and its strategy for undertaking various hedge transactions. Furthermore, at the inception of the hedge and on an ongoing basis, the Company documents whether the hedging instrument is effective in offsetting changes in fair values or cash flows of the hedged item attributable to the hedged risk, which is when the hedging relationships meet all of the following hedge effectiveness requirements:

- there is an economic relationship between the hedged item and the hedging instrument;
- the effect of credit risk does not dominate the value changes that result from that economic relationship; and
- the hedge ratio of the hedging relationship is the same as that resulting from the quantity of the hedged item that the Company actually hedges and the quantity of the hedging instrument that the Company actually uses to hedge that quantity of hedged item.

If a hedging relationship ceases to meet the hedge effectiveness requirement relating to the hedge ratio but the risk management objective for that designated hedging relationship remains the same, the Company adjusts the hedge ratio of the hedging relationship (i.e. rebalances the hedge) so that it meets the qualifying criteria again.

Note 27 sets out details of the fair values of the derivative instruments used for hedging purposes and the movements in hedging reserve in equity.

Cash flow hedges

The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives and other qualifying hedging instruments that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated under the heading of Cumulative changes in fair values, limited to the cumulative change in fair value of the hedged item from inception of the hedge. The gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity are reclassified to profit or loss in the periods when the hedged item affects profit or loss, in the same line as the recognised hedged item. However, when the hedged forecast transaction results in the recognition of a non-financial asset or a non-financial liability, the gains and losses previously recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity are removed from equity and included in the initial measurement of the cost of the non-financial asset or non-financial liability. This transfer does not affect other comprehensive income. Furthermore, if the Company expects that some or all of the loss accumulated in the cash flow hedging reserve will not be recovered in the future, that amount is immediately reclassified to profit or loss.

The Company discontinues hedge accounting only when the hedging relationship (or a part thereof) ceases to meet the qualifying criteria (after rebalancing, if applicable). This includes instances when the hedging instrument expires or is sold, terminated or exercised. The discontinuation is accounted for prospectively.

4. Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

Derivative financial instruments and hedging activities (continued)

Hedge accounting (continued)

Any gain or loss recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in cash flow hedge reserve at that time remains in equity and is reclassified to profit or loss when the forecast transaction occurs. When a forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur, the gain or loss accumulated in cash flow hedge reserve is reclassified immediately to profit or loss.

Revenue recognition

Revenue is measured based on the consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled in a contract with a customer and excludes amounts collected on behalf of third parties. The Company recognises revenue when it transfers control of a product or service to a customer.

No revenue is recognised if it is not probable that the Company will collect the consideration to which the Company will be entitled in exchange for the goods or services that will be transferred to customers. In evaluating whether collectability of an amount of consideration is probable, the Company considers only the customers' ability and intention to pay that amount of consideration when it is due.

Construction of infrastructure

The Company upgrades or constructs the Gas Transmission Infrastructure (the "Infrastructure") under the Concession Agreement. Under the terms of the Concession Agreement, the infrastructure can only be used by the Shipper, and the Company has an enforceable right to payment for work done. Revenue from construction of the Infrastructure is therefore recognised over time on a surveys of performance completed to date or milestones reached. The Company consider that this output method is an appropriate measure of the progress towards complete satisfaction of these performance obligations under IFRS 15. When it is probable that total contract costs will exceed total contract revenue, the expected loss is recognised as an expense immediately.

The Company becomes entitled to invoice the Shipper for construction of the infrastructure when the infrastructure asset is completed and commissioned. Under the Concession Agreement and RAB Rules, the Company invoices to the Shipper for the revenue allowed under the RAB rules.

The Company considers all relevant facts and circumstances in assessing whether a contract contains a financing component and whether that financing component is significant to the contract. In determining the transaction price, the Company adjusts the promised amount of consideration for the effects of the time value of money if the timing of payments agreed to by the parties to the contract (either explicitly or implicitly) provides the customer or the Company with a significant benefit of financing the transfer of goods or services to the customer.

4. Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

Revenue recognition (continued)

Finance income on concession receivables and contract assets

Finance income on concession receivable and contract assets is recognized using the effective interest method. This finance income is only notional income and does not represent actual interest income received by the Company.

Allowance for expenditures and pass-through cost

Allowance for expenditure and pass-through cost represents the Company's entitlement for allowance for operating and administrative expenses and reimbursement of current tax expense, fuel gas and regulator fees as per the RAB rules. Revenue is recognised when the related costs are incurred satisfying the performance obligations. The Company invoices allowance for expenditures and pass-through cost to the Shipper on monthly basis.

Project management services

Project management services fee has been accrued for providing supervision services on construction of various gas related projects to related and third parties.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised on the statement of financial position when the Company has a legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event and it is probable that it will result in an outflow of economic benefit that can be reliably estimated.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows.

Taxation

Income tax on the results for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax is recognised in the profit or loss except to the extent it relates to items recognised directly in equity, in which case it is recognised in OCI. Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using the tax rates enacted or substantially enacted at the reporting date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

4. Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

Taxation (continued)

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. Deferred tax is not recognised for:

- temporary differences on the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that:
 - is not a business combination; and
 - at the time of the transaction (i) affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss and (ii) does not give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for unused tax losses, unused tax credits and deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be used. Future taxable profits are determined based on the reversal of relevant taxable temporary differences. If the amount of taxable temporary differences is insufficient to recognise a deferred tax asset in full, then future taxable profits, adjusted for reversals of existing temporary differences, are considered, based on the business plans of the Company. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised; such reductions are reversed when the probability of future taxable profits improves.

Foreign currency

Items included in the Company's financial statements are measured in Omani Rial (RO) which is the functional currency, being the economic environment in which the Company operates (the functional currency). These financial statements are presented in Omani Rial (the presentation currency).

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the transaction 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 profit or loss as they arise.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency at the exchange rate at the reporting date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated into the functional currency at the exchange rate when the fair value was determined. Non-monetary items that are measured based on historical cost in a foreign currency are translated at the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency differences are generally recognised in profit or loss and presented within finance costs.

Earnings per share

The Company presents basic earnings per share data for its ordinary shares. Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit or loss attributable to ordinary shareholders of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year, adjusted for own shares held. If the number of shares changes as a result of a stock split or reverse stock split, the earnings per share for all periods presented is adjusted retrospectively as if the new shares had been outstanding during those periods.

4. Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

Cash and cash equivalents

All cash and bank balances, including short term deposits with a maturity of three months or less from the date of placement are considered to be cash equivalents.

Dividend distribution

Dividend distribution is recognised as a liability in the period in which the dividends are approved by the Company's shareholders.

Leases

The Company as a lessee

The Company assesses whether a contract is or contains a lease, at inception of the contract. The Company recognises a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability with respect to all lease arrangements in which it is the lessee, except for short-term leases (defined as leases with a lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low value assets. For these leases, the Company recognises the lease payments 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.

Lease liability

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted by using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, which is generally the case for leases in the Company, the lessee's incremental borrowing rate is used, 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.

To determine the incremental borrowing rate, the Company:

- where possible, uses recent third-party financing received by the individual lessee as a starting point, adjusted to reflect changes in financing conditions since third party financing was received;
- uses a build-up approach that starts with a risk-free interest rate; and
- makes adjustments specific to the lease, e.g. term, country, currency and security.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise:

- fixed lease payments (including in-substance fixed payments), less any lease incentives; and
- variable lease payments that depend on an index or rate, initially measured using the index or rate at the commencement date.

The lease liability is presented as a separate line item in the statement of financial position.

Lease payments are allocated between principal 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 lease liability is subsequently measured by increasing the carrying amount to reflect interest on the lease liability (using the effective interest method) and by reducing the carrying amount to reflect the lease payments made.

4. Summary of material accounting policies (continued)**Leases (continued)**

The Company remeasures the lease liability (and makes a corresponding adjustment to the related right-of-use asset) whenever:

- the lease term has changed or there is a change in the assessment of exercise of a purchase option, in which case the lease liability is remeasured by discounting the revised lease payments using a revised discount rate.
- the lease payments change due to changes in an index or rate or a change in expected payment under a guaranteed residual value, in which cases the lease liability is remeasured by discounting the revised lease payments using the initial discount rate (unless the lease payments change is due to a change in a floating interest rate, in which case a revised discount rate is used).
- a lease contract is modified and the lease modification is not accounted for as a separate lease, in which case the lease liability is remeasured by discounting the revised lease payments using a revised discount rate.

The Company did not make any such adjustments during the periods presented.

Right-of-use asset

The right-of-use assets comprise the initial measurement of the corresponding lease liability, lease payments made at or before the commencement day and any initial direct costs. They are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated over the shorter period of lease term and useful life of the underlying asset. If a lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset or the right-of-use asset reflects that the Company expects to exercise a purchase option, the related right-of-use asset is depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset. The depreciation starts at the commencement date of the lease.

At each reporting date, the Company reviews the carrying value of right of use asset to determine if there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the assets recoverable amount is estimated. If the recoverable amount is less than the carrying value, then an impairment loss is recognized in profit or loss.

Variable rents that do not depend on an index or rate are not included in the measurement of the lease liability and the right-of-use asset. The related payments are recognised as an expense in the period in which the event or condition that triggers those payments occurs and are included in the line "Operating expenses" in the statement of comprehensive income.

Employees' end of service benefits

The Company's obligation for contributions to defined contribution pension plans are recognised as an expense when due. The Company's obligation in respect of defined benefit pension plans is calculated separately for each plan by estimating the amount of future benefit that employees have earned in return for their service in the current and prior periods; that benefit is discounted to determine its present value.

Company makes payment to the Omani Government Social Security scheme under Royal Decree 72/91 for Omani employees, calculated as a percentage of the employees' salary. The Company's obligations are limited to these contributions, which are expensed when due.

4. Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

Employees' end of service benefits (continued)

The Company also provides end-of-service benefits to its expatriate employees. Obligations for contributions to defined contribution plans are expensed as the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in future payments is available. End-of-service benefits are accrued in accordance with the terms of employment of the Company's employees at the reporting date, having regard to the requirements of the Oman Labour Law 2003 and its amendments subject to the completion of a minimum service period. The expected costs of these benefits are accrued over the period of employment. The liability for end of service benefits recognized based on actuarial valuation. Actuarial gains and losses arising from experience-based adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions are recorded in other comprehensive income. Service costs are classified as administrative expenses. Interest costs are charged to the statement of comprehensive income.

Segment information

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision maker. The Company's operating activities are disclosed in note 1 to the financial statements. All the assets of the Company form part of one concession agreement and one regulatory asset base model. The Company's assets and services are managed as one segment. The chief operating decision maker considers the business of the Company as one operating segment and monitors accordingly.

5. Critical judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Critical judgments in applying accounting policies

The following are the critical judgements, apart from those involving estimations, that management has made in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in financial statements:

Concession Arrangement

The analysis on whether the IFRIC 12 applies to an arrangement involves various factors and depends on the interpretation of contractual arrangement. Therefore, the application of IFRIC 12 requires judgment in relation with, amongst other factors, (i) the identification of certain infrastructures in the scope of IFRIC 12, (ii) the understanding of the nature of the payments in order to determine the classification of the infrastructure as a financial asset or as an intangible asset and (iii) the recognition of the revenue from construction and concessionary activity. Changes in one or more of the factors may affect the conclusions as to the appropriateness of the application of IFRIC 12.

5. Critical judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty (continued)

Critical judgments in applying accounting policies (continued)

Concession Arrangement (continued)

As disclosed in note 2 of these financial statements, during 2020, the Government of Sultanate of Oman acting through the MEM/IGC has entered into an Concession Agreement with the Company thereby granting the Company exclusively the concession to develop (or upgrade), operate and maintain the Natural Gas Transportation Network. Under the concession, the Government controls or regulates what services the Operator must provide using the assets, to whom, and at what price, and also controls any significant residual interests in the assets at the end of the term of the arrangement. The Concession Agreement is for the period of 50 years.

Under the arrangement, the Company receives fixed allowances for depreciation of the assets, return on assets and expenditure for operation and maintenance of the assets. MEM is also obligated to purchase the assets at the end of the concession period or upon earlier termination of the concession period along with any liabilities related to the assets. Accordingly, the Company's recovery of investment is not exposed to any demand risk as a consequence of the fixed allowances mentioned above.

Management has evaluated the applicability of IFRIC 12 and concluded that the concession agreement falls within the purview of the "financial assets" model as defined in IFRIC 12, the company has unconditional right to receive the cash for the construction services and there is no demand risk. Therefore, the Company has applied IFRIC 12 and recognised a financial asset. Accordingly, the company recognises revenue for the construction and operation phases in accordance with IFRS 15 along with finance income on the financial asset. If the arrangement had not fallen under IFRIC 12, the Company would have recorded property, plant and equipment and revenue calculated under the RAB rules. Further the cash outflows relating to construction services have been classified under investing activities in the cashflow statement as they reflect cash outflows resulting in the recognition of assets.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The following are the key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the statement of financial position date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year:

Measurement of the expected credit loss allowance

The measurement of the expected credit loss ("ECL") allowance for financial assets measured at amortised cost and FVTOCI is an area that requires the use of complex models and significant assumptions about future economic conditions and credit behavior (e.g. the likelihood of customers defaulting and the resulting losses). Elements of the ECL models that are considered accounting judgments and estimates include:

- Development of ECL models, including the various formulas and choice of inputs
- Determining the criteria if there has been a significant increase in credit risk and so allowances for financial assets should be measured on a lifetime ECL basis and the qualitative assessment;
- The segmentation of financial assets when their ECL is assessed on a collective basis; and
- Determination of associations between macroeconomic scenarios and, economic inputs, and their effect on probability of default (PDs), exposure at default (EADs) and loss given default (LGDs).
- Selection of forward-looking macroeconomic scenarios and their probability weightings, to derive the economic inputs into the ECL models. It has been the Company's policy to regularly review its models in the context of actual loss experience and adjust when necessary.

6. Revenue

	2023 RO	2022 RO
<i>Services transferred over time:</i>		
Construction revenue (note 13)	59,621,210	53,047,850
Allowance for expenditures (note 26(a))	24,403,041	23,562,441
Allowance for pass through cost (note 26(a))	4,817,684	4,528,070
Project management services	71,801	215,337
	<u>88,913,736</u>	<u>81,353,698</u>

All the revenue is generated from the customers within the Sultanate of Oman.

7. Operating expenses

	2023 RO	2022 RO
Depreciation (note 14)	863,335	809,554
Employee costs (note 8.1)	9,710,667	10,467,159
Repair and maintenance expenses	4,374,477	5,137,004
Pass through costs*	4,817,684	4,528,070
Insurance	1,702,629	1,184,139
Provision of obsolete inventories (note 16)	15,316	24,955
Catering and accommodation	762,983	742,604
	<u>22,247,091</u>	<u>22,893,485</u>

* Pass through costs represents fuel gas and regulator fees which are reimbursable on actual incurred basis included in "Allowance for expenditures and pass-through cost" in note 6.

8. Administrative expenses

	2023 RO	2022 RO
Employee costs (note 8.1)	8,079,784	5,699,989
Depreciation (note 15)	149,836	60,240
Training and business travel	672,286	650,769
Legal and professional	671,387	134,745
Utilities and office expenses	354,223	470,513
Repairs and maintenance	1,003,172	293,680
Contract services	35,238	492,522
Cost allocation expenses [note 26(a)]	-	8,893,001
Donations	-	3,188
Other expenses	676,423	215,021
	<u>11,642,349</u>	<u>16,913,668</u>

The total fee for audit and non-audit related services paid to auditors for the year ended 31 December 2023 was RO 45,000.

8. Administrative expenses (continued)**8.1. Employee cost**

Employee related expenses comprise the following:

	2023 RO	2022 RO
Wages and salaries	11,819,122	13,084,386
Current service cost on long term benefits (note 23)	100,688	116,288
Contributions into unfunded defined contribution plan	1,134,568	973,955
Other benefits	4,736,073	1,992,519
	<u>17,790,451</u>	<u>16,167,148</u>

Employee cost is classified as below:

Operating expenses	9,710,667	10,467,159
Administrative expenses	8,079,784	5,699,989
	<u>17,790,451</u>	<u>16,167,148</u>

9. Other income

	2023 RO	2022 RO
Tender income and others	164,165	146,577
Amortization of deferred income (note 22)	24,361	35,741
Income from investment property (note 26(a))	1,739,412	-
Shared costs - income ((note 26(a))	-	4,481,145
Reversal of provisions*	-	4,970,663
Others	-	11,000
	<u>1,927,938</u>	<u>9,645,126</u>

* Reversal of provisions represents provisions related to subcontractors which were no longer required to be paid.

10. Finance income and cost

	2023 RO	2022 RO
Finance income		
Finance income on concession arrangement:		
Concession receivables (note 12)	57,869,671	57,379,754
Contract assets (note 13)	14,859,938	11,082,624
	<u>72,729,609</u>	<u>68,462,378</u>
Transfer from OCI on termination of hedge (note 27)	8,769,328	-
Interest income on short term deposits	1,690,904	974,898
	<u>83,189,841</u>	<u>69,437,276</u>
Finance cost		
Interest on loan from Parent Company [note 26 (c)]	32,151	7,066,272
Amortization of deferred finance cost (note 21)	2,363,966	506,131
Interest on lease liabilities (note 24)	567,490	688,898
Interest on term loan from commercial banks (note 21)	18,849,769	9,988,060
Exchange loss	-	90,107
	<u>21,813,376</u>	<u>18,339,468</u>

10. Finance income and cost (continued)

Finance income on concession arrangement represents the unwinding of discount on concession receivable and contract assets which are being recognized at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

Interest income on short term deposits in Islamic banks is RO 559,590 (2022: RO 414,959) and in conventional banks is RO 1,131,314 (2022: RO 559,939).

11. Taxation

As per Article 4 of the RAB Revenue Rules of the Amended Concession Agreement with the Government of Sultanate of Oman, the Shipper will reimburse all Oman income tax liabilities to the Company. Any current tax expense is recognised and reimbursement of same from the shipper is recognised under allowance for expenditures as revenue.

The Company is subject to income tax in accordance with the Income Tax Law of the Sultanate of Oman at the enacted tax rate of 15% (2022: 15%) of taxable income. For the purpose of determining the taxable results for the year, the accounting profit has been adjusted for tax purposes. Adjustments for tax purposes includes items related to both income and expense. These adjustments are based on the current understanding of the existing tax laws, regulations and practices.

The effective tax rate for the year ended 31 December 2023 is 11% (2022: 14%).

The Company's tax assessments have been completed and agreed with Oman Taxation Authorities for all years up to 31 December 2021. The Company's management is of the opinion that additional taxes, if any, assessed for the open tax years would not be material to the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2023.

a) Tax expense

The taxation charge for the year is comprised of:

	2023 RO	2022 RO
Current tax		
- prior year	<u>(45,431)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>(45,431)</u>	<u>-</u>
Deferred tax		
- in respect of current year	6,974,944	7,768,108
- in respect of prior year	-	(261,926)
	<u>6,974,944</u>	<u>7,506,182</u>
	<u>6,929,513</u>	<u>7,506,182</u>

b) Tax reconciliation

The reconciliation of taxation on the accounting profit at the applicable rate of 15% and the taxation charge in these financial statements is as under:

11. Taxation (continued)**b) Tax reconciliation**

	2023 RO	2022 RO
Profit before tax	62,441,301	53,102,406
Tax on accounting profit @15%	<u>9,366,195</u>	<u>7,965,361</u>
Add / (less) tax effect of:		
Non-deductible expenses	-	20,459
Tax exempt revenues	(2,391,251)	(217,712)
Prior year current tax	(45,431)	-
Prior year deferred tax	-	(261,926)
	<u>6,929,513</u>	<u>7,506,182</u>

c) Current tax liability

Movement in current tax payable during the year is as follows:

	2023 RO	2022 RO
At 1 January	45,431	45,431
Reversal for the year	<u>(45,431)</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 December	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>45,431</u></u>

d) Deferred tax

Deferred income taxes are calculated on all temporary differences under the liability method using a principal tax rate of 15% (31 December 2022 - 15%). The deferred tax liability and deferred tax charge in the profit or loss and other comprehensive income are attributable to the following items:

11. Taxation (continued)**d) Deferred tax (continued)**

	1 January RO	Charge to profit or loss RO	Charged to other comprehensive income RO	Transferred to retained earnings on termination of hedge RO	31 December RO
2023					
<i>Taxable temporary differences</i>					
Effect of accelerated tax depreciation	39,033,452	8,556,979	-	-	47,590,431
Right of use assets	1,295,884	(45,592)	-	-	1,250,292
Derivatives	1,479,555	-	67,973	(1,547,528)	-
Deferred tax liabilities	41,808,891	8,511,387	67,973	(1,547,528)	48,840,723
<i>Deductible temporary differences</i>					
Brought forward losses	(1,430,574)	(1,582,767)	-	-	(3,013,341)
Provision	(5,168)	5,168	-	-	-
Lease liabilities	(1,402,444)	41,156	-	-	(1,361,288)
Deferred tax assets	(2,838,186)	(1,536,443)	-	-	(4,374,629)
2022					
<i>Taxable temporary differences</i>					
Effect of accelerated tax depreciation	30,367,104	8,666,348	-	-	39,033,452
Right of use asset	667,703	628,181	-	-	1,295,884
Derivatives	-	-	1,479,555	-	1,479,555
Deferred tax liabilities	31,034,807	9,294,529	1,479,555	-	41,808,891
<i>Deductible temporary differences</i>					
Brought forward losses	(347,076)	(1,083,498)	-	-	(1,430,574)
Provision	(2,460)	(2,708)	-	-	(5,168)
Lease liability	(700,301)	(702,143)	-	-	(1,402,444)
Deferred tax assets	(1,049,837)	(1,788,349)	-	-	(2,838,186)

At the reporting date, the Company has cumulative tax losses of RO 20,088,940 (2022: RO 9,537,162) available for adjustment from future taxable profits. The management has determined that the cumulative tax losses will expire in 2026 and 2027.

12. Concession receivables

	2023 RO	2022 RO
At 1 January	815,070,529	829,529,017
Acquisition during the year (note 26)*	16,828,427	-
Transferred from contract assets (note 13)	4,174,125	15,737,265
Adjustment for penalties	(1,447,618)	(1,708,077)
Transferred to investment property (note 15)	(3,899,781)	-
Finance income during the year (note 10)	57,869,671	57,379,754
Billed during the year	<u>(86,844,474)</u>	<u>(85,867,430)</u>
At 31 December	<u>801,750,879</u>	<u>815,070,529</u>
Non-current / current:		
Non-current portion	772,021,688	782,487,965
Current portion	<u>29,729,191</u>	<u>32,582,564</u>
	<u>801,750,879</u>	<u>815,070,529</u>

Concession receivables have effective interest rate of 7.43% (2022: 7.23%) per annum and will be settled / recovered over the term of the Concession Agreement. Effective interest rate has increased due to increase in future rate of return on regulatory asset base from 7.3% to 7.79% agreed with the regulator under the RAB rules.

* During the year, the Company acquired infrastructure assets from a related party for RO 16,828,427 (2022: Nil) (note 26).

For the purposes of impairment assessment, the concession receivables are considered to have low credit risk as the counterparty of this receivable is Integrated Gas Company (which is considered as equivalent of the Government of Oman). For the purpose of impairment assessment for these financial assets, the loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to 12 months ECL using general approach.

None of the balances at the end of the reporting period are past due, and taking into account the historical default experience and the current credit ratings, the management of the Company has assessed that ECL is insignificant, and hence have not recorded any loss allowances on these balances.

There has been no change in the estimation techniques or significant assumptions made during the current reporting period in assessing the loss allowance.

13. Contract assets

	Due from Shipper RO	Due from others RO	Total RO
2023			
At 1 January	182,290,147	1,802,283	184,092,430
Additions during the year (note 6)	59,621,210	-	59,621,210
Transferred from / (to) receivable from a related party	1,136,267	(902,333)	233,934
Transferred to concession receivables upon completion (note 12)	(4,174,125)	-	(4,174,125)
Finance income during the year (note 10)	14,859,938	-	14,859,938
Billed during the year	(13,442,703)	-	(13,442,703)
At 31 December	<u>240,290,734</u>	<u>899,950</u>	<u>241,190,684</u>
2022			
At 1 January	145,433,664	1,589,794	147,023,458
Additions during the year (note 6)	53,047,850	212,489	53,260,339
Invoiced and transferred from receivable from a related party	1,134,668	-	1,134,668
Adjustment for penalties	(2,185,960)	-	(2,185,960)
Transferred to concession receivables upon completion (note 12)	(15,737,265)	-	(15,737,265)
Finance income during the year (note 10)	11,082,624	-	11,082,624
Billed during the year	(10,485,434)	-	(10,485,434)
At 31 December	<u>182,290,147</u>	<u>1,802,283</u>	<u>184,092,430</u>

- (a) A contract asset is recognised for the period in which the construction services are performed to represent the Company's right to consideration for the services rendered to date. Under the RAB Revenue rules, the Company receives an allowed rate of return on the work in progress infrastructure asset. Accordingly, contract assets represents balances due from the Shipper under obligation of the Company relating to the construction of the infrastructure under the Concession Agreement and the return on those services under the RAB Revenue rules but not yet invoiced.
- (b) Any amount previously recognised as a contract asset is reclassified to concession receivables at the point at which it is commissioned and becomes operational.
- (c) For the purpose of impairment assessment for these financial assets, the loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to 12 months ECL using the general approach. None of the amounts due from customers at the end of the reporting period is past due.

There has been no change in the estimation techniques or significant assumptions made during the current reporting period in assessing the loss allowance for the amounts due from customers under construction contracts. There were no impairment losses recognised on any contract asset in the reporting period (2022: Nil).

13. Contract assets (continued)

- (a) Due from others include receivable on account of the Pipe rack to be constructed at Salalah Port and Ras Markaz Pipeline project. During the year, Ras Markaz Pipeline project was transferred to a related party as part of settlement of the loan from parent Company.

14. Right of use assets

The Company leases building, land for various infrastructure and vehicles for operations. Vehicle leases run for a period 3 years and infrastructure leases run for periods ranging from 3 to 30 years.

Information about leases for which the Company is a lessee is presented below.

	Leasehold land RO	Motor vehicles RO	Building RO	Total RO
At 1 January 2022	4,108,862	186,479	156,015	4,451,356
Additions (note 24)	4,364,567	439,388	199,479	5,003,434
Depreciation (note 7)	<u>(333,277)</u>	<u>(420,571)</u>	<u>(55,706)</u>	<u>(809,554)</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>8,140,152</u>	<u>205,296</u>	<u>299,788</u>	<u>8,645,236</u>
At 1 January 2023	8,140,152	205,296	299,788	8,645,236
Additions (note 24)	83,183	220,716	249,477	553,376
Depreciation (note 7)	<u>(290,799)</u>	<u>(426,012)</u>	<u>(146,524)</u>	<u>(863,335)</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>7,932,536</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>402,741</u>	<u>8,335,277</u>

15. Investment properties

	2023 RO	2022 RO
<i>Cost</i>		
At 1 January	1,160,359	995,372
Additions	-	164,987
Transfer from concession receivables	3,899,781	-
31 December	<u>5,060,140</u>	<u>1,160,359</u>
<i>Accumulated depreciation</i>		
At 1 January	174,576	114,336
Charge for year (note 8)	149,836	60,240
31 December	<u>324,412</u>	<u>174,576</u>
Carrying amount	<u>4,735,728</u>	<u>985,783</u>

At 31 December 2019, a building was transferred to investment property because it was no longer used by the Company in rendering the services under the concession arrangement. During the year, renovation has been carried out in the building. The fair value of the investment was carried out by management in 2023 resulting in fair value of RO 3.0 million (2022: RO 3.6 million) which is higher than the carrying value.

15. Investment properties (continued)

During the year, an accommodation was transferred to investment property because it was no longer use by the Company in rendering services under the concession arrangement. The accommodation is rented out to a related party and the rent is recorded as other income. The fair value assessment of the investment property was carried out by management in 2023 resulting in fair value of RO 5.5 million which is higher than the carrying value.

Fair value measurement

The fair value measurement of the investment property is a level 3 fair value measurement calculated based on discounted cash flows using significant unobservable inputs.

The following table shows the valuation technique used in measuring the fair value of investment property, as well as the significant unobservable inputs used.

Property description	Valuation technique	Significant unobservable inputs	Inter-relationship between key unobservable inputs and fair value measurement
Five story commercial building with basement floor, Plot No. 4, Al Khuwair area 41, at Wilayat Bausher.	<p>2023 <i>Income capitalization:</i> The valuation model uses the income the property generates to estimate fair value.</p> <p>2022 <i>Discounted cash flows:</i> The valuation Model considers the present value of net future cash flows projected.)</p>	<p>2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent per month at RO 33,096 • Annual yield 10.8% <p>2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent per month at RO 31,536.5 • Discount rate 6.5% • Duration 15.5 years 	<p>The estimated fair value would increase / (decrease) if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly rent was higher / (lower); • Annual yield is higher / (lower);
80 room accommodation in Fahud	<p>2023 <i>Income capitalization:</i> The valuation model uses the income the property generates to estimate fair value.</p> <p>2022 <i>Discounted cash flows:</i> The valuation Model considers the present value of net future cash flows projected.)</p>	<p>2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent per month at RO 69,360 • Annual yield 15% <p>2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent per month at RO 66,464 • Discount rate 6.5% • Duration 29.5 years 	<p>The estimated fair value would increase / (decrease) if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly rent was higher / (lower); • Annual yield is higher / (lower);

16. Inventories

	2023 RO	2022 RO
Stores, spares and consumables	2,758,441	2,161,656
Less: Provision for obsolete inventories	<u>(17,309)</u>	<u>(34,450)</u>
	<u>2,741,132</u>	<u>2,127,206</u>

Movement in provision for obsolete stock is as follows:

At 1 January	34,450	16,399
Charge for the year (note 7)	15,316	24,955
Provision written off	<u>(32,457)</u>	<u>(6,904)</u>
At 31 December	<u>17,309</u>	<u>34,450</u>

17. Trade and other receivables

	2023 RO	2022 RO
Receivables from IGC [note 26 (d)]	11,226,498	-
Receivable from MEM [note 26 (d)]	-	11,350,422
Due from related parties [note 26 (e)]	<u>933,395</u>	<u>11,476,880</u>
	<u>12,159,893</u>	<u>22,827,302</u>
Project management fee receivable from third parties	328,425	482,424
Provision for doubtful debt	<u>(21,010)</u>	-
Advances to contractors	675,238	5,272,132
Advances to employees	74,146	188,336
Accrued revenue	49,700	-
Other receivables	<u>1,518,475</u>	<u>1,765,800</u>
	<u>14,784,867</u>	<u>30,535,994</u>

Receivable from MEM and IGC represents revenue receivable on account of invoices billed to MEM. The average credit period on invoices raised to the customer is 30 days. No interest is charged on outstanding trade receivables.

The Company measures the loss allowance for trade receivables at an amount equal to lifetime ECL using the simplified approach. When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating ECLs, the Company considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, based on the Company's historical experience and informed credit assessment, that includes forward-looking information. There has been no change in the estimation techniques or significant assumptions made during the current reporting period.

As at reporting date, the Company had recognized a provision for doubtful debt of RO 21,010 (RO nil) against other receivables and receivable from third parties for project management fees and others.

During the year, advances to employees of RO 226,627 (2022: nil) and project management fee receivable from third parties of RO 2,200 (2022: nil) were written off.

All trade and other receivables are expected to be realized within one year of the reporting date.

17. Trade and other receivables (continued)

Movement of allowance for expected credit loss is as follows:

	2023	2022
	RO	RO
As at 1 January	-	316,332
Allowance/(reversal) for expected credit loss (note 29)	249,837	(316,332)
Write-off for the year	(228,827)	-
As at 31 December	<u>21,010</u>	<u>-</u>

18. Cash and cash equivalents

	2023	2022
	RO	RO
Cash at bank	23,759,086	48,769,555
Cash in hand	11,877	8,035
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>23,770,963</u>	<u>48,777,590</u>

Cash at bank comprises of cash at Islamic banks of RO 21,824,100 (2022: RO 19,586,180) and cash at conventional banks of RO 1,934,986 (2022: RO 29,183,375).

19. Short term deposits

As at 31 December 2022, short term deposits were placed with financial institutions operating in the Sultanate of Oman with residual maturities of less than one year, having an interest rate of 3.8% to 5.45%. During the year, the Company encashed all the term deposits to repay the loan from Parent Company and term loan.

Balances with banks (note 18) and short-term deposits are assessed to have low credit risk of default since these banks are highly regulated by the central bank. Accordingly, the management of the Company estimates the loss allowance on balances with banks at the end of the reporting period at an amount equal to 12 month ECL. None of the balances with banks at the end of the reporting period are past due, and taking into account the historical default experience and the current credit ratings of the bank, the management of the Company have assessed that there is no significant impairment loss.

20. Share capital and reserves**Share capital**

The Company's authorized share capital is RO 500,000,000 (31 December 2022: RO 336,787,392).

The paid-up share capital comprises of 4,330,623,920 shares of RO 0.100 each (31 December 2022: 336,787,392 shares of RO 1 each).

On 26 June 2023, the shareholders in an ordinary general meeting approved the issue of 96,275,000 bonus shares of RO 1 each through capitalization of retained earnings.

On 19 June 2023, the Board of Directors approved reduction in the par value of the share from RO 1 to RO 0.100 increasing the number of shares by 3,897,561,528 shares.

20. Share capital and reserves (continued)**Share capital (continued)**

Details of shareholders who hold 10% or more of the Company's shares are as follows:

	Number of shares 31 December 2023	% of share holding 31 December 2023	Number of shares 31 December 2022	% of share holding 31 December 2022
OQ SAOC	<u>2,208,618,200</u>	<u>51.00</u>	<u>335,810,932</u>	<u>99.71</u>

Legal reserve

Article 132 of the Commercial Companies Law of Sultanate of Oman 2019 requires that 10% of the Company's profit for the year to be transferred to a non-distributable legal reserve until the amount of the legal reserve equals to one-third of the Company's share capital. This reserve is not available for distribution. During the year, RO 5.55 million (2022: RO 4.56 million) has been transferred to legal reserve.

21. Term loans

	2023 RO	2022 RO
Term loan	333,124,380	252,902,873
Less: unamortized transaction cost	<u>(3,656,025)</u>	<u>(2,108,192)</u>
	<u>329,468,355</u>	<u>250,794,681</u>
<i>Analysed as follows:</i>		
Current	9,275,240	30,869,616
Non-current	<u>320,193,115</u>	<u>219,925,065</u>
	<u>329,468,355</u>	<u>250,794,681</u>
The unamortized transaction cost is as follows:		
At January	2,108,192	2,614,323
Paid during the year	3,911,799	-
Amortised during the year (note 10)	<u>(2,363,966)</u>	<u>(506,131)</u>
At 31 December	<u>3,656,025</u>	<u>2,108,192</u>

Term loan I

On 19 June 2023, the Company entered into two unsecured conventional term financing facilities of RO 60 million, denominated in Omani Rial and RO 86.65 million (USD 225 million), denominated in US Dollars, with a syndicate of financial institutions.

On 19 and 20 June 2023, the Company entered into two Wakala Facility Agreements with local and regional banks, of RO 165 million, denominated in Omani Rial and RO 152.11 million (USD 395 million), denominated in US Dollars.

21. Term loans (continued)**Term loan I (continued)**

During the year, the Company made a drawdown of RO 338 million on these facilities primarily to repay the existing loan facilities and the loan from Parent Company.

Repayments

These facilities are repayable in semi-annual instalments commencing six months after the date of execution of the relevant agreement, with the final instalment repayable on the 10th anniversary of the Omani Rial denominated facilities; and the seventh anniversary of the USD denominated facilities.

Interest

Interest on Omani Rial denominated facilities is payable at the fixed rate of 5.70% per annum until the 4th anniversary and thereafter at the base rate (the monthly "Private Sector OMR Time Deposit" rate as published in the most recent CBO Bulletin) plus 2% per annum, while interest on USD denominated facilities is payable at the compounded SOFR rate, plus the applicable margin, which is set at 1.9% per annum.

Covenants

The Company is not subject to any financial ratio covenant in relation to these facilities.

Term loan II

On 24 February 2020, the Company entered into a seven year USD 800 million (RO 308 million) syndicated loan facility. The term loan was unsecured and was repayable in 14 semi-annual unequal instalments commencing from 24 August 2020 and carried an interest rate of LIBOR rate plus applicable margins. The proceeds from the term loan had been used to partially settle an earlier term loan which was fully repaid in 2021. The Company was not subject to any financial ratio covenant in relation to this facility. This facility was fully repaid in 2023.

22. Deferred income

The Company has received contributions in aid of construction of connection assets. Movement in the liability recognized in the statement of financial position is as follows:

	2023	2022
	RO	RO
At 1 January	4,864,801	4,148,058
Contributions received during the year	98,683	752,484
Contribution reversed during the year	(265,604)	-
Recognized as income during the year (note 9)	(24,361)	(35,741)
At 31 December	<u>4,673,519</u>	<u>4,864,801</u>

23. Employees' end of service benefits

Movements in the liability recognized in the statement of financial position are as follows:

	2023	2022
	RO	RO
At 1 January	556,772	406,990
Paid to related party on transfer of employees (note 26)	(241,061)	-
Received from related party on transfer of employees (note 26)	309,950	-
Charge for the year (note 8.1)	100,688	116,288
Un-realised actuarial loss	(29,343)	210,020
Paid during the year	(184,650)	(176,526)
At 31 December	<u>512,356</u>	<u>556,772</u>

As reporting date, the amount of obligation for expatriate employees is computed by actuarial valuations using the projected unit credit method as per IAS 19. Following are the key assumptions used in the actuarial valuation:

	2023	2022
	RO	RO
Discount rate	6%	6%
Future salary increase	3%	3%
Retirement age in years	60	60

The amount recognised in the statement of profit and loss is as follows:

	2023	2022
	RO	RO
Service cost	<u>100,688</u>	<u>116,288</u>

The amount recognised in the statement of other comprehensive income

Actuarial loss – Experience adjustment	<u>(29,343)</u>	<u>210,020</u>
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Sensitivity analysis

Reasonably possible changes at the reporting date to one of the relevant actuarial assumptions, holding other assumptions constant, would have affected the defined benefit obligation by the amounts shown below.

	2023		2022	
	RO		RO	
	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Discount rate (0.50% points)	(15,351)	16,027	(14,091)	14,513
Projected salary (0.50% points)	<u>16,424</u>	<u>(15,861)</u>	<u>14,688</u>	<u>(14,458)</u>

24. Leases liabilities

The movement in lease liabilities is as follows:

	2023 RO	2022 RO
At 1 January	9,349,629	4,668,677
Additions during the year (note 14)	553,376	5,003,434
Accretion of interest (note 10)	567,490	688,898
Payments	<u>(1,395,239)</u>	<u>(1,011,380)</u>
At 31 December	<u>9,075,256</u>	<u>9,349,629</u>
	2023 RO	2022 RO
<i>Anaylsed as:</i>		
Current	187,831	308,905
Non-current	<u>8,887,425</u>	<u>9,040,724</u>
	<u>9,075,256</u>	<u>9,349,629</u>
Gross lease liabilities	21,459,372	22,268,967
Future finance charges	<u>(12,384,116)</u>	<u>(12,919,338)</u>
	<u>9,075,256</u>	<u>9,349,629</u>
Interest expense recognised in profit or loss (note 10)	<u>567,490</u>	<u>688,898</u>
Total cash flows for leases	<u>1,395,239</u>	<u>1,011,380</u>

The Company does not face a significant liquidity risk with regard to its liabilities. Lease liabilities are monitored within the Company's treasury function. Maturity analysis of the lease liabilities is disclosed in note 31.

25. Trade and other payables

	2023 RO	2022 RO
Payables to contractors for construction contracts	26,648,517	31,634,285
Trade payables	11,220,450	8,005,196
Accrued expenses and provisions	7,637,740	10,457,910
Due to related parties (note 26 (f))	578,795	10,856,208
Interest payable on term loan	803,289	511,561
Contract liability*	12,962,719	4,524,332
Other payables	<u>2,282,213</u>	<u>1,933,584</u>
	<u>62,133,723</u>	<u>67,923,076</u>

*The contract liability primarily relates to the billing in excess of revenue from the IGC for which revenue is recognised over time. This will be recognised as revenue, which is expected to occur in the ensuing year. During the year RO: Nil (31 December 2022: RO Nil) has been recognised as revenue and the Company will adjust the balance by 31 December 2024.

26. Related parties

The Company enters into transactions with companies and entities that fall within the definition of a related party as contained in IAS 24 *Related Party Disclosures*. Related parties comprise the shareholders, directors, key management personnel and business entities that have the ability to control or exercise significant influence over financial and operating decisions of the Company. The Company maintains balances with these related parties which arise in the normal course of business from the commercial transactions at mutually agreed terms. Outstanding balances at year end are unsecured and settlement occurs in cash.

Government of Sultanate of Oman (the Government), indirectly owns the Company. The Company has applied the exemptions in IAS 24 related to transactions with the Government and other entities controlled, jointly controlled or significantly influenced by the Government. In this respect, the Company has disclosed certain information, to meet the disclosure requirements of IAS 24, in this note.

Outstanding balances at year end are unsecured and settlement occurs in cash. No allowance for expected credit loss on amounts owed by related parties is recognized at the reporting date (31 December 2022: RO Nil).

Most of the related party transactions are with the Government / state owned entities (such as IGC and MEM) and with the entities under common control by the Parent Company.

a) Significant related parties transactions:

	2023	2022
	RO	RO
<i>Revenue from MEM/IGC</i>		
Construction revenue (note 6)	59,621,210	53,047,850
Finance income on concession arrangement (note 10)	72,729,609	68,462,378
Allowance for expenditures (note 6)	24,403,041	23,562,441
Allowance for pass-through cost (note 6)	4,817,684	4,528,070
	<u>161,571,544</u>	<u>149,600,739</u>
Rent (note 9)	1,739,412	-
Interest on shareholder loan (note 10)	32,151	7,066,272
Acquisition of concession receivable (note 12)	16,828,427	-
End of service benefits paid to related party on transfer of employees (note 23)	(241,061)	-
End of service benefits received from related party on transfer of employees (note 23)	309,950	-
Fuel gas	4,359,180	4,123,306
Training	217,043	-
IT related services	1,040,039	-

Cost allocation:

Cost allocation represents common costs incurred by group companies and recharged based on the cost allocation mechanism adopted by the Parent Company. The expenses recharged by the group companies are recognised under administrative expenses and expenses charged to the group companies with margin is recognised in other income. From 1 January 2023, the company started operating independently from the parent company and the cost allocation were discontinued. As a part of the Parent Company cost allocation, the following amounts were recognised:

26. Related parties (continued)

Cost allocation expenses - (note 8)	-	(8,893,001)
Cost allocation income - (note 9)	-	4,481,145
	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,411,856)</u>

a) Key management personnel compensation is as follows:

No remuneration was paid to the Board of Directors by the Company before the listing. Remuneration of the Board, following the listing is RO 75,000.

Key management compensation paid during the year is as below:

	2023 RO	2022 RO
Short term benefits (wages and Salaries)	111,287	80,132
Post-employment benefits	34,293	24,692
	<u>145,580</u>	<u>104,824</u>

b) Loan from Parent Company

	2023 RO	2022 RO
At 1 January	137,600,804	137,600,804
Loans repaid during the year	(136,710,500)	-
Transfer to a related party	(890,304)	-
At 31 December	<u>-</u>	<u>137,600,804</u>

During 2017, the Company obtained loan from Parent Company of RO 0.89 million for the funding of Ras Markaz Pipeline project. The loan is unsecured and carries an interest at LIBOR plus an agreed margin. On 30 June 2023, the Company novated the loan to a related party against transfer of contract asset of RO 689,845 (note 13) and cash settlement of RO 200,459.

During 2020 and 2021, the Company obtained loans from Parent Company of RO 136.7 million carrying an interest at LIBOR plus an agreed margin. The shareholder loan agreement was amended during the year and the loan was made interest free from 1 January 2023. On 22 June 2023, the Company repaid the loan to the Parent Company.

c) Receivables from IGC / MEM (note 17)

	2023 RO	2022 RO
Receivables from MEM	-	11,350,422
Receivables from Integrated Gas Company SAOC	<u>11,226,498</u>	<u>-</u>

26. Related parties (continued)**a) Amounts due from related parties under common control (note 17)**

	2023 RO	2022 RO
Parent Company	67,357	-
Subsidiaries of the Parent Company	866,038	11,413,523
Associates of the Parent Company	-	63,357
	<u>933,395</u>	<u>11,476,880</u>

b) Amounts due to related parties under common control (note 25)

Parent Company	375,111	10,690,804
Subsidiaries of the Parent Company	203,684	165,404
	<u>578,795</u>	<u>10,856,208</u>

27. Derivatives

During 2020, the Parent Company entered into interest rate swap agreements with commercial banks, on behalf of the Company at annual interest rates ranging from 0.5030% to 0.5250% to receive interest at LIBOR from the banks. Parent Company then entered into back to back interest rate swap agreement with the Company.

On 15 June 2023, the Parent Company terminated the interest swap agreement with the Company, at nil purchase consideration, after reassessing its risk management strategy following the refinancing of the Company's borrowings. Both parties were relieved of any obligation and liabilities associated with the agreement. The loss on the termination of the interest swap agreement has been recognized within equity as an adjustment to the retained earnings.

	2023 RO	2022 RO
Notional amount hedged	-	127,545,120
Cumulative changes in hedging reserve		
At 1 January	8,384,140	2,612,704
Gain arising on changes in fair value of hedging instruments during the year	453,161	7,250,991
Deferred tax charged to other comprehensive income	(67,973)	(1,479,555)
Gain transferred to statement of profit and loss upon termination of hedge (note 10)	(8,769,328)	-
At 31 December	<u>-</u>	<u>8,384,140</u>
Asset / (liability)		
Non-current portion	-	4,638,938
Current portion	-	5,224,757
	<u>-</u>	<u>9,863,695</u>

Fair value of derivatives is a level 2 fair value measurement using observable market prices obtained from market data providers.

28. Commitments and contingencies

The Company is defending certain actions brought by a contractor in relation to work carried out by them for the Company. The Company is also defending action brought by MEM to indemnify MEM for penalties it incurred due to delays in project delivery. Although liability is not admitted, if the defense against the action is unsuccessful, then the Company may be liable for an amount of RO 19.7 million (31 December 2022: RO 28.9 million). Based on legal advice, the Company's management believes that the defense against the action will be successful.

As at 31 December 2023, the Company had commitments pertaining to the capital projects under construction of RO 42.2 million (31 December 2022: RO 67.0 million).

29. Impairment expense

	2023	2022
	RO	RO
Allowance (reversal) for expected credit loss (note 17)	<u>249,837</u>	<u>(316,332)</u>

30. Earnings per share

Earnings per share are calculated by dividing the profit for the year by number of weighted average shares issued during the year, after adjustment of share split and bonus shares (note 20).

	2023	2022
Profit for the year (RO)	55,511,788	45,596,224
Weighted average number of shares (note 20)	<u>4,330,623,920</u>	<u>4,330,623,920</u>
Basic and diluted earnings per share (Baiza)	<u>12.82</u>	<u>10.53</u>

Weighted average number of shares have been adjusted retrospectively for the share split and bonus shares and are calculated as follows:

Number of shares as at 31 December 2022	336,787,392
Conversion of retained earnings to share capital (note 20)	96,275,000
Additional shares issued due to reduction in par value of shares (note 20)	<u>3,897,561,528</u>
Weighted average number of shares	<u>4,330,623,920</u>

31. Financial instruments

Details of significant policies and methods adopted including the criteria for recognition for the basis of measurement in respect of each class of financial assets and financial liabilities are disclosed in Note 4 to the financial statements.

<i>Categories of financial instruments</i>	2023	2022
	RO	RO
Financial assets (at amortised cost)		
Concession receivables (note 12)	801,750,879	815,070,529
Trade and other receivables excluding advances (note 17)	14,035,483	25,075,526
Short term deposits (note 19)	-	18,600,000
Cash and bank balances (note 18)	23,770,963	48,777,590
Financial assets (at fair value through OCI)		
Cash flow hedges (note 27)	-	9,863,695
	<u>839,557,325</u>	<u>917,387,340</u>
Financial liabilities (at amortised cost)		
Term loans (note 21)	329,468,355	250,794,681
Loan from Parent Company (note 26 (c))	-	137,600,804
Lease liabilities (note 24)	9,075,256	9,349,629
Trade and other payables excluding contract liability (note 25)	49,171,004	63,398,744
	<u>387,714,615</u>	<u>461,143,858</u>

The carrying amounts of financial asset and financial liabilities recognized in the financial statement approximate their fair values unless stated otherwise.

32. Financial risk management

The Company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks including the effects of changes in market risk, (including foreign exchange risk and interest rate risk) liquidity risk and credit risk. The Company's overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Company's financial performance. Risk management is carried out by the management under policies approved by the Board of Directors.

Financial risk factors**Market risk**

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign currency rates and interest rates will affect the Company's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return on risk.

32. Financial risk management (continued)**Financial risk factors (continued)****Market risk (continued)****i) Foreign exchange risk**

Foreign exchange risk arises when future commercial transactions or recognised assets or liabilities are denominated in a currency that is not the entity's functional currency. The Company is exposed to foreign currency risk arising from currency exposures primarily with respect to the US Dollar. The Omani Rial is pegged to the US Dollar. Since most of the foreign currency transactions are in US Dollars, management believes that the currency rate fluctuations would have an insignificant impact on the post-tax profit.

ii) Interest rate risk

The Company is exposed to interest rate risk as it borrows funds at floating interest rates. Further, the Company is exposed to interest rate risk on its interest bearing assets (bank deposits) and loan from related party. The Company manages interest rate risk by placing deposits for short periods to earn interest at market rates. The management monitors the interest rate risk by setting limits on the interest rate gaps for stipulated periods. At the statement of reporting date, the interest rate risk profile of the Company's interest bearing financial instrument was:

	2023	2022
	RO	RO
<i>Fixed rate instruments</i>		
Term loan from commercial banks (note 21)	96,750,000	-
Short term deposits	-	(18,600,000)
	<u>96,750,000</u>	<u>(18,600,000)</u>
<i>Floating rate instruments</i>		
Loan from Parent Company (note 26c)	-	137,600,804
Term loan from commercial banks (note 21)	236,374,380	252,902,873
Notional value of hedge	-	(127,545,120)
	<u>236,374,380</u>	<u>262,958,557</u>

32. Financial risk management (continued)**Financial risk factors (continued)****Market risk (continued)****ii) Interest rate risk (continued)***Sensitivity analysis for fixed rate instruments*

The Company does not account for any fixed rate financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss. Therefore, a change in interest rate at the reporting date would not affect profit or loss.

Sensitivity analysis for floating rate instruments

For floating rate liabilities, the analysis is prepared assuming the amount of the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period was outstanding for the whole year. At 31 December 2023, if interest rates on USD denominated borrowings had been 1% higher/lower with all other variables held constant, profit for the year would have been lower / higher, mainly as a result of higher / lower interest expense on floating rate liabilities as shown below:

	2023	2022
	RO	RO
Loan from Parent Company (note 26c)	-	1,376,008
Term loan from commercial banks (note 21)	2,363,744	2,529,028
Hedge (note 27)	-	(1,275,450)
	<u>2,363,744</u>	<u>2,629,586</u>

Liquidity risk

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

Responsibility for liquidity risk management rests with the Board of Directors. The Board has built an appropriate liquidity risk management framework for the management of the Company's short, medium and long-term funding and liquidity management requirements. The Company manages liquidity risk by maintaining banking facilities and reserve borrowing facilities, by continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows.

The following tables detail the Company's remaining contractual maturity for its financial liabilities with agreed repayment periods. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows. Balances due within 12 months equal their carrying balances as the impact of discounting is not significant.

32. Financial risk management (continued)**Financial risk factors (continued)****Liquidity risk (continued)**

2023	Carrying amount RO	Contractual cash flows RO	Upto 1 year RO	1 to 5 years RO	Over 5 years RO
Term loans	329,468,355	473,597,426	15,905,997	130,969,714	326,721,715
Lease liabilities	9,075,256	21,459,372	620,221	2,273,611	18,565,540
Trade and other payables excluding contract liability	49,171,004	49,171,004	49,171,004	-	-
	<u>387,714,615</u>	<u>544,227,802</u>	<u>65,697,222</u>	<u>133,243,325</u>	<u>345,287,255</u>
2022					
Loans from Parent Company	137,600,804	156,859,204	-	156,859,204	-
Term loans	250,794,681	299,144,240	45,650,441	253,493,799	-
Lease liabilities	9,349,629	22,268,967	820,857	2,363,846	19,084,264
Trade and other payables excluding contract liability	63,398,744	63,398,744	63,398,744	-	-
	<u>461,143,858</u>	<u>541,671,155</u>	<u>109,870,042</u>	<u>412,716,849</u>	<u>19,084,264</u>

Trade payables are interest free and effective interest rates on Loan from Parent Company and term loan from Commercial banks was ranging from 5.7% and 7.88% (2022: 2.41% and 7.00%).

The amounts included above for variable interest rate instruments for financial liabilities (as disclosed in interest rate risk section of this note) is subject to change if changes in variable interest rates differ to those estimates of interest rates determined at the end of the reporting period.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations, and arises principally from the receivables from customers.

As at 31 December 2023, the Company's maximum exposure to credit risk without taking into account any collateral held or other credit enhancements, which will cause a financial loss to the Company due to failure to discharge an obligation by the counterparties arises from the carrying amount of the respective recognised financial assets as stated in the statement of financial position.

The Company has significant concentration of credit risk with the Government of the Sultanate of Oman represented by the Shipper. The management continues to monitor the willingness of the customer to pay the amount receivable and provide for any amounts deemed unrecoverable, therefore the Company considers the credit risk to be minimal.

32. Financial risk management (continued)**Credit risk (continued)**

With respect to credit risk arising from the other financial assets of the Company, including cash and cash equivalents, the Company's exposure to credit risk arises from default of the counterparty, with a maximum exposure equal to the carrying amount of these instruments. The Company limits its credit risk with regard to bank balances by only dealing with banks with a minimum rating of P-2.

In order to minimise credit risk, the management develop and maintain the Company's credit risk gradings to categorise exposures according to their degree of risk of default. The credit rating information is supplied by independent rating agencies where available and, if not available, the Company uses other publicly available financial information and the Company's own trading records to rate its major customers and other debtors. The Company's exposure and the credit ratings of its counterparties are continuously monitored and the aggregate value of transactions concluded is spread amongst approved counterparties.

The Company's current credit risk grading framework comprises the following categories:

Category	Description	Basis for recognising expected credit losses
Performing	The counterparty has a low risk of default and does not have any past-due amounts	12-month ECL
Doubtful	Amount is >30 days past due or there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition	Lifetime ECL – not credit-impaired
In default	Amount is >90 days past due or there is evidence indicating the asset is credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL – credit-impaired
Write-off	There is evidence indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and the Company has no realistic prospect of recovery	Amount is written off

32. Financial risk management (continued)**Credit risk (continued)**

The tables below details the credit quality of the Company's financial assets carried at amortised cost and contract assets, as well as the Company's maximum exposure to credit risk by credit risk rating grades. Based on ECL model, loss allowance on other financial assets are not recognised being not material.

2023	External credit rating	12-month or lifetime ECL	Gross carrying amount RO	ECL %	Loss allowance RO	Net carrying amount RO
Concession receivables	Ba2	12 months	801,750,879	-	-	801,750,879
Cash and bank balances	Ba2	12 months	23,770,963	-	-	23,770,963
Trade and other receivables excluding advances	-	Lifetime	14,056,493	-	21,010	14,035,483
			<u>839,578,335</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,010</u>	<u>839,557,325</u>
2022						
Concession receivables	Ba3	12 months	815,070,529	-	-	815,070,529
Cash and bank balances	Ba3	12 months	48,777,590	-	-	48,777,590
Term deposits	Ba3	12 months	18,600,000	-	-	18,600,000
Trade and other receivables excluding advances	-	Lifetime	25,075,526	-	-	25,075,526
			<u>907,523,645</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>907,523,645</u>

As at 31 December 2023 the status of past due balances of financial assets are as follows:

2023	Carrying amount RO	Not due RO	Past due Up to 30 days RO	Upto 365 days RO	Over 365 days RO
Gross carrying amount:					
Concession receivables	801,750,879	801,750,879	-	-	-
Cash and bank balances	23,770,963	23,770,963	-	-	-
Trade and other receivables excluding advances	14,035,483	13,105,883	2,463	415,926	511,211
	<u>839,557,325</u>	<u>838,627,725</u>	<u>2,463</u>	<u>415,926</u>	<u>511,211</u>

32. Financial risk management (continued)**Credit risk (continued)**

2022	Carrying amount RO	Not due RO	Past due Upto 30 days RO	Upto 365 days RO	Over 365 days RO
Gross carrying amount:					
Concession receivables	815,070,529	815,070,529	-	-	-
Cash and bank balances	48,777,590	48,777,590	-	-	-
Term deposits	18,600,000	18,600,000	-	-	-
Trade and other receivables excluding advances	<u>25,075,526</u>	<u>13,239,848</u>	<u>1,078,347</u>	<u>1,292,233</u>	<u>9,465,098</u>
	<u>907,523,645</u>	<u>895,687,967</u>	<u>1,078,347</u>	<u>1,292,233</u>	<u>9,465,098</u>

Details of basis of ECL allowance on each financial asset is given in note 4 and notes of respective financial asset.

The exposure to credit risk for trade and other receivables at the reporting date relates customers originating from Oman only.

33. Capital risk management

The Company's policy is to maintain an optimum capital base to maintain investor, creditor and market confidence to sustain future growth of business as well as return on capital.

The Board of Directors monitors the return on equity. The Board of Directors also monitors the level of dividends to ordinary shareholders. There were no changes in the Company's approach to capital management during the year.

The capital structure of the Company consists of gearing ratio being net debt (interest bearing borrowings offset by cash and bank balances and term deposits) and equity of the Company (comprising issued capital, reserves and retained earnings). Lease liabilities are excluded from the calculation of net debt. Interest bearing loans from Parent Company are included in net debt.

The Company's management reviews the capital structure of the Company on a semi-annual basis. As part of this review, the management considers the cost of capital and the risks associated with each class of capital. The gearing ratio at 31 December 2023 was 32% (2022: 35%).

33. Capital risk management (continued)**Gearing ratio**

The gearing ratio at year end was as follows:

	2023	2022
	RO	RO
Net debt	305,697,392	321,017,895
Total equity	646,980,227	608,592,564
Total capital employed	952,677,619	929,610,459
Gearing ratio	32%	35%

34. Segment information

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision-maker (“COD”). COD, who is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments, has been identified as the strategic decisions maker. The Company’s operating activities are disclosed in note 1 to these financial statements. The strategic business unit is managed as one segment. For the strategic business unit, COD reviews internal management reports on a monthly basis. Performance is measured based on the profit before income tax, as included in the internal management reports. COD considers the business of the Company as one operating segment and monitors accordingly. The requirements of IFRS 8: Operating Segments - paragraphs 31 to 34 relating to entity wide disclosures have been covered under statements of financial position, profit and loss and other comprehensive income and also in /notes 1 to 5 to these financial statements.

35. Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities

The below table details changes in in the Company’s liabilities arising from financing activities including both cash and non cash changes:

	At 1 January	Financing cash inflow	Financing cash outflow	Non cash items	At 31 December
2023					
Term loan from commercial banks	252,902,873	337,762,000	(257,540,493)	-	333,124,380
Loan issuance cost	(2,108,192)	-	(3,911,799)	2,363,966	(3,656,025)
Loan from Parent Company	137,600,804	-	(136,710,500)	(890,304)	-
Finance lease liability	9,349,629	-	(1,395,239)	1,120,866	9,075,256
	<u>397,745,114</u>	<u>337,762,000</u>	<u>(399,558,031)</u>	<u>2,594,528</u>	<u>338,543,611</u>
2022					
Term loan from commercial banks	281,958,504	-	(29,144,368)	88,737	252,902,873
Loan issuance costs	(2,614,323)	-	-	506,131	(2,108,192)
Loan from Parent Company	137,600,804	-	-	-	137,600,804
Finance lease liability	4,668,677	-	(1,011,380)	5,692,332	9,349,629
	<u>421,613,662</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(30,155,748)</u>	<u>6,287,200</u>	<u>397,745,114</u>

36. Subsequent events

In the Ordinary General Meeting held on 7 January 2024, the shareholders approved to pay a dividend of 7.62 baisa per share amounting to RO 33,000,000 relating to the third quarter ended on 30 September 2023.

In a meeting held on 26 February 2024, the board of directors proposed a final dividend of 2.54 baisa per share relating to the year ended 31 December 2023.