NORDIC GROUP LIMITED (Registration No: 201007399N)

Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements

For the half year ended 30 June 2023

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Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income Half Year Ended 30 June 2023

	<u>Group</u>				
	Notes	1H2023	1H2022	Variance	
		\$'000	\$'000	%	
Revenue	4	89,413	79,763	12	
Cost of sales		(67,318)	(56,716)	19	
Gross profit	_	22,095	23,047	(4)	
Other income and gains Distribution costs	5	1,046	2,003	(48)	
		(1,176)	(765)	54	
Administrative expenses	c	(8,649)	(10,457)	(17)	
Finance costs	6	(1,637)	(725)	126	
Other losses	5	(197)	(49)	302	
Profit before tax	7	11,482	13,054	(12)	
Income tax expense	8	(1,382)	(1,438)	(4)	
		10,100	11,616	(13)	
Other comprehensive loss: Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss: Exchange differences on translating foreign operations, net of tax		(945)	105	nm	
Other comprehensive income for		(040)	100	,,,,,	
the year, net of tax:		(945)	105_	nm	
Total comprehensive income for the		0.455	44.704	(00)	
period		9,155	11,721	(22)	
Profit attributable to owners of the parent, net of tax Profit attributable to non-controlling		10,100	11,553	(13)	
interests, net of tax Profit net of tax			63	(100)	
Profit net of tax		10,100	11,616	(13)	
Total comprehensive income attributable to owners of the parent Total comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling		9,155	11,658	(21)	
interests			63	(100)	
Total comprehensive income		9,155	11,721	(22)	
Earnings per share					
Earnings per share currency unit		<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>		
Basic and diluted	9	2.5	3.0	(17)	

Condensed Interim Statements of Financial Position

		Gro	oup	Comp	any
		30/06/2023	31/12/2022	30/06/2023	31/12/2022
	<u>Notes</u>	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
ASSETS					
Non-current assets					
Property, plant and equipment	11	45,742	47,601	5,630	5,757
Right-of-use assets		5,384	5,514	1,528	1,557
Goodwill	12	40,421	40,421	_	_
Intangible assets	13	3,249	3,487	_	_
Investments in subsidiaries		_	_	1,350	1,350
Deferred tax assets	_	1,337	1,703	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total non-current assets		96,133	98,726	8,508	8,664
Current assets	_			·	
Inventories		20,160	19,440	_	_
Trade and other receivables	14	37,103	39,389	25,589	18,652
Other assets	15	39,966	24,339	1,632	685
Cash and cash equivalents		56,472	55,915	17,786	22,502
Total current assets		153,701	139,083	45,007	41,839
Total assets	_	249,834	237,809	53,515	50,503
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EQUITY AND LIABILITIES					
Equity attributable to owners of the	<u>)</u>				
parent					
Share capital	16	24,864	24,864	24,864	24,864
Treasury shares	16	(112)	(112)	(112)	(112)
Retained earnings		91,423	84,945	5,118	8,900
Other reserves	17	(626)	319		<u> </u>
Total equity	18	115,549	110,016	29,870	33,652
Non-current liabilities				·	
Provisions	19	_	_	_	_
Deferred tax liabilities		2,691	2,818	43	43
Loans and borrowings	20	5,488	16,781	2,988	3,803
Financial liabilities – lease liabilities	_	5,598	5,657	1,587	1,607
Total non-current liabilities		13,777	25,256	4,618	5,453
Current liabilities	_				
Provisions	19	1,107	1,232	_	_
Income tax payable		2,669	2,388	101	147
Loans and borrowings	20	76,428	55,326	16,856	8,256
Financial liabilities – lease liabilities		158	219	37	36
Trade and other payables	21	34,214	35,465	2,033	2,959
Other non-financial liabilities	22	5,932	7,907		_
Total current liabilities	-	120,508	102,537	19,027	11,398
Total liabilities	-	134,285	127,793	23,645	16,851
Total equity and liabilities	-	249,834	237,809	53,515	50,503
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Condensed Interim Statements of Changes in Equity Half Year Ended 30 June 2023

	<u>Total</u>	Attributable to	<u>Share</u>	<u>Treasury</u> shares	Retained	Other	<u>Non-</u> Controlling
	<u>Equity</u>	parent sub-total	<u>Capital</u>	<u>oriaroo</u>	<u>earnings</u>	reserves	interests
Group:	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Previous period:							
Opening balance at 1 January 2022	97,635	97,635	22,439	(2,614)	76,994	816	_
Changes in equity:							
Total comprehensive income for the period	11,721	11,658	_	_	11,553	105	63
Transfer from retained earnings	_	_	_	_	(347)	347	
Acquisition of subsidiaries (Note 25(a))	13,435	_	_	_	_	_	13,435
Acquisition of additional interest in subsidiaries (Note 25(b))	(17,946)	_	_	_	_	_	(17,946)
Acquisition of non-controlling interest without a							
change in control (Note 25(b))	_	(4,448)	_	_	(4,448)	_	4,448
Dividends paid (Note 10)	(2,949)	(2,949)	_	_	(2,949)	_	_
Purchase of treasury shares (Note 16)	(112)	(112)	_	(112)	_	_	
Closing balance at 30 June 2022	101,784	101,784	22,439	(2,726)	80,803	1,268	_
Current period:							
Opening balance at 1 January 2023	110,016	110,016	24,864	(112)	84,945	319	_
Changes in equity:				, ,			
Total comprehensive income for the period	9,155	9,155	_	_	10,100	(945)	_
Dividends paid (Note 10)	(3,622)	(3,622)		_	(3,622)	<u> </u>	
Closing balance at 30 June 2023	115,549	115,549	24,864	(112)	91,423	(626)	

Condensed Interim Statements of Changes in Equity Half Year Ended 30 June 2023

	Total <u>equity</u>	Share <u>capital</u>	Treasury <u>shares</u>	Retained <u>earnings</u>
Company:	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Previous period:				
Opening balance at 1 January 2022	35,611	22,439	(2,614)	15,786
Changes in equity:				
Total comprehensive income for the period	679	_	_	679
Dividends paid (Note 10)	(2,949)	_	_	(2,949)
Purchase of treasury shares (Note 16)	(112)	<u> </u>	(112)	_
Closing balance at 30 June 2022	33,229	22,439	(2,726)	13,516
Current period:				
Opening balance at 1 January 2023	33,652	24,864	(112)	8,900
Changes in equity:				
Total comprehensive loss for the period	(160)	_	_	(160)
Dividends paid (Note 10)	(3,622)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	(3,622)
Closing balance at 30 June 2023	29,870	24,864	(112)	5,118

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows Half Year Ended 30 June 2023

	1H2023 \$'000	1H2022 \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities	ΨΟΟΟ	ΨΟΟΟ
Profit before tax	11,482	13,054
Adjustments for:	11,402	10,004
Interest expense	1,637	725
Interest income	(390)	(27)
(Gain)/Loss on disposal of plant and equipment	` (9)	`49
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	1,916	2,006
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	130	85
Amortisation of intangible assets	238	1,300
Foreign exchange adjustment unrealised gain	(71)_	(622)
Operating cash flows before changes in working capital	14,933	16,570
Inventories	(720)	(2,236)
Trade and other receivables	2,286	(2,928)
Other assets	(15,627)	504 (675)
Provisions Trade and other payables	(125) (1,251)	(675) 7,506
Other non-financial liabilities	(1,231)	1,632
Net cash flows from operations	(2,479)	20,373
Income taxes paid	(862)	(913)
Net cash flows (used in) from operating activities	(3,341)	19,460
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Cash flows from investing activities		
Acquisition of a subsidiary, net of cash acquired	_	(50,969)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(343)	(331)
Disposal of property, plant and equipment	37	2
Interest received	390	27
Net cash flows from (used in) investing activities	84	(51,271)
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Cash flows from financing activities		
Dividends paid to equity owners	(3,622)	(2,949)
Increase in loans and borrowings	9,809	16,500
Interest paid	(1,558)	(642)
Lease liabilities – principal portion and interest paid	` (199)	(238)
Repayment of loans and borrowings	` _	(13,962)
Purchase of treasury shares		(112)
Net cash flows from (used in) financing activities	4,430	(1,403)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,173	(33,214)
Effects of exchange rate changes on the balance of cash held in foreign	(616)	802
currencies	, ,	
Cash and cash equivalents, statement of cash flows, beginning balance	55,915	75,337
Cash and cash equivalents, statement of cash flows, ending balance	56,472	42,925

Notes to the condensed interim consolidated financial statements 30 June 2023

1. General

The company is incorporated in Singapore with limited liability. The condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the half year ended 30 June 2023 ("1H2023") are presented in Singapore dollar and they cover the company and the subsidiaries (collectively, the "group")

The principal activities of the company are those of an investment holding company and providing management and administrative support to its subsidiaries. The company is listed on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited. The group is a diversified group of companies providing solutions in areas of automation and systems integration; maintenance, repair, overhaul and trading; precision engineering; scaffolding; insulation services; petrochemical and environmental engineering services; cleanroom, air and water engineering services and structural engineering and construction services.

2. Basis of preparation of the financial statements

The condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the half year ended 30 June 2023 have been prepared in accordance with SFRS(I) 1-34 Interim Financial Reporting issued by the Accounting Standards Council Singapore. The condensed interim financial statements do not include all the information required for a complete set of financial statements. However, selected explanatory notes are included to explain events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in the group's financial position and performance of the group since the last annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year which were prepared in accordance with SFRS(I)s, except for the adoption of new and amended standards as set out in Note 2.1. The condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in Singapore dollar which is the company's functional currency.

2.1 New and amended standards adopted by group

A number of amendments to Standards have become applicable for the current reporting period. The group did not have to change its accounting policies or make retrospective adjustments as a result of adopting those standards.

2.2 Use of judgements and estimates

In preparing the condensed interim consolidated financial statements, management has made judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expense. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The significant judgements made by management in applying the group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those that applied to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

3. Seasonal operations

The group's businesses are not affected significantly by seasonal or cyclical factors during the financial period.

4. Financial information by operating segments

4A. Information about reportable segment profit or loss, assets and liabilities

Disclosure of information about operating segments, products and services, the geographical areas, and the major customers are made as required by the financial reporting standard on operating segments. This disclosure standard has no impact on the reported financial performance or financial position of the reporting entity.

For management purposes the reporting entity is organised into the following major strategic operating segments that offer different products and services: (1) Project services, (2) Maintenance services and (3) Others. The results of all other activities, mainly investment holding which are not included within the two primary segments, are included in the "Others" segment. Such a structural organisation is determined by the nature of risks and returns associated with each business segment and it defines the management structure as well as the internal reporting system. It represents the basis on which the management reports the primary segment information that is available and that is evaluated regularly by the chief operating decision maker in deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing the performance. They are managed separately because each business requires different strategies.

The segments and the types of products and services are as follows:

- (1) The Project services segment includes projects that requires engineering, design, procurement, construction, machining, scaffolding works, insulation services and passive fireproofing services.
- (2) The Maintenance services segment includes maintenance and repair services, including trading and supply of material, spare parts and components.
- (3) The Others segment relates to other revenue streams.

Inter-segment sales are measured on the basis of the amount that the entity actually used to price the transfers. Internal transfer pricing policies of the reporting entity are as far as practicable based on market prices. The accounting policies of the operating segments are the same as those described in the significant accounting policies. The management reporting system evaluates performances based on a number of factors. However, the primary measurement to evaluate segment's operating results is the earnings from operations before depreciation and amortisation, interests and income taxes (called "EBITDA").

The following tables illustrate the information about the reportable segment profit or loss, assets and liabilities.

4. Financial information by operating segments (cont'd)

4B. Profit or loss from continuing operations and reconciliations Project Maintenance

3	Project	Maintenance			
	services	services	<u>Others</u>	Elimination	<u>Group</u>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1H2022					
Revenue by segment					
Total revenue by segment	53,357	29,859	_	(3,453)	79,763
Inter-segment sales	(2,461)	(992)	_	3,453	_
Total revenue	50,896	28,867	_		79,763
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Recurring EBITDA	8,056	5,788	1,472	1,827	17,143
Inter-segment expenses	962	865	-, –	(1,827)	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Adjusted EBITDA	9,018	6,653	1,472	(', = ' /	17,143
Finance costs	(226)	(349)	(150)	_	(725)
Amortisation of intangible	(220)	(0.0)	(100)		(. 20)
assets	(904)	(396)	_	_	(1,300)
	7,888	5,908	1,322		15,118
Unallocated:	,	,	,		, -
Interest income					27
Depreciation of property, plant					
and equipment					(2,006)
Depreciation of right-of-use					(, ,
assets					(85)
Income tax expenses					(1,438)
Profit for the period				-	11,616
				=	
1H2023					
Revenue by segment					
Total revenue by segment	56,532	34,806	_	(1,925)	89,413
Inter-segment sales	(832)	(1,093)	_	1,925	_
Total revenue	55,700	33,713	_		89,413
Recurring EBITDA	7,835	6,274	144	760	15,013
Inter-segment expenses	398	362	_	(760)	_
Adjusted EBITDA	8,233	6,636	144	_	15,013
Finance costs	(443)	(814)	(380)	_	(1,637)
Amortisation of intangible	(1.0)	(0)	(000)		(1,001)
assets	(147)	(91)	_	_	(238)
	7,643	5,731	(236)	_	13,138
Unallocated:		•	(/		
Interest income					390
Depreciation of property, plant					000
and equipment					(1,916)
Depreciation of right-of-use					(,)
assets					(130)
Income tax expenses					(1,382)
Profit for the period				-	10,100
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4. Financial information by operating segments (cont'd)

4C. Assets and reconciliations

As at 30 June 2023 Reportable segment assets Unallocated: Cash and cash equivalents Inventories Trade and other receivables, and other assets Property, plant and equipment Other non-current assets	Project services \$'000 30,047	Maintenance services \$'000 9,365	<u>Others</u> \$'000	Group \$'000 39,412 56,472 20,160 37,657 45,742 50,391
Total group assets				249,834
As at 31 December 2022 Reportable segment assets	13,737	4,063		17,800
Unallocated: Cash and cash equivalents Inventories Trade and other receivables, and other assets Property, plant and equipment Other non-current assets Total group assets				55,915 19,440 45,928 47,601 51,125 237,809
Liabilities and reconciliations	Project	Maintenance		
	services \$'000	services \$'000	Others \$'000	<u>Group</u> \$'000
As at 30 June 2023 Reportable segment liabilities	655	5,277		5,932
Unallocated: Provisions Trade and other payables Loans and borrowings Financial liabilities – lease liabilities Income tax payable and deferred tax liabilities Total group liabilities				1,107 34,214 81,916 5,756 5,360 134,285

4. Financial information by operating segments (cont'd)

4D. Liabilities and reconciliations (cont'd)

	Project <u>Services</u> \$'000	Maintenance <u>services</u> \$'000	Others \$'000	<u>Group</u> \$'000
As at 31 December 2022				
Reportable segment liabilities	1,949	5,958		7,907
Unallocated: Provisions Trade and other payables Loans and borrowings Financial liabilities – lease liabilities Income tax payable and deferred tax				1,232 35,465 72,107 5,876
liabilities				5,206
Total group liabilities				127,793

4E. Geographical information

	Revenue		Revenue Non-cur		Non-curre	ent assets
	1H2023	1H2022	30/06/2023	31/12/2022		
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000		
<u>Group</u>						
China	12,375	22,613	2,709	3,076		
Singapore	50,768	43,185	92,007	93,863		
United States	2,891	_	_	_		
Malaysia	20,013	8,872	80	84		
Middle East	3,366	5,093	_	_		
	89,413	79,763	94,796	97,023		

Revenues are attributed to countries on the basis of the customer's location, irrespective of the origin of the goods and services. The non-current assets are analysed by the geographical area in which the assets are located. The non-current assets exclude any financial instruments and deferred tax assets.

4F. Other material items and reconciliations

Capital expenditures of \$343,000 (30 June 2022: \$331,000) are recognised in respect of property, plant and equipment. Segment information is not available for capital expenditures as the information is not available and the cost to allocate to the segment would be excessive.

4G. Disaggregation of revenue

Revenue classified by type of goods or service:

	<u>Group</u>		
	<u>1H2023</u>	<u>1H2022</u>	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Services	37,420	53,995	
Sale of goods	18,808	14,446	
Construction contracts	33,185	11,322	
Total revenue	89,413	79,763	
Revenue classified by timing of revenue recognition: Point in time Over time Total revenue	18,808 70,605 89,413	14,446 65,317 79,763	

5. Other income and gains and (other losses)

	<u>Group</u>		
	1H2023	1H2022	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Reversal for impairment on other receivables – gain	_	11	
Foreign exchange adjustment (loss) / gains	(197)	1,235	
Gain / (Loss) on disposal of plant and equipment	9	(49)	
Government grant	416	494	
Interest income	390	27	
Reversal of inventories written down	_	24	
Other income	231	212	
Net	849	1,954	
Presented in profit or loss as:			
Other income and gains	1,046	2,003	
Other losses	(197)	(49)	
Net	849	1,954	

6. Finance costs

	<u>Group</u>		
	1H2023	1H2022	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Interest expense	1,557	642	
Interest on lease liabilities	80	83	
Total finance costs	1,637	725	

7. Additional information on the condensed interim consolidated statement of profit or loss

	<u>Group</u>	
	1H2023	<u>1H2022</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
Amortisation of intangible asset	238	1,300
Depreciation of right-of-use asset	130	85
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	1,916	2,006
Job Support Scheme and Foreign Workers Levy Rebate included		
in cost of sales		1,447

8. Income tax expense

The group calculates the period income tax expense using the tax rate that would be applicable to the expected total annual earnings. The major components of income tax expense in the condensed interim consolidated statement of profit or loss are:

	<u>Group</u>		
	<u>1H2023</u>	<u>1H2022</u>	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Current tax expense:			
Current tax expense	1,143	1,510	
<u>Deferred tax income</u>			
Deferred tax income (expense)	239	(72)	
Total income tax expense	1,382	1,438	

9. Earnings per share

The following table illustrates the numerators and denominators used to calculate basic and diluted earnings per share of no-par value:

	<u>Group</u>		
	<u>1H2023</u>	1H2022	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Numerators: earnings attributable to equity:			
Profit attributable to equity holders	10,100	11,616	
	'000	'000	
Denominators: weighted average number of equity shares			
Basic and diluted	399,736	387,954	

The weighted average number of ordinary shares refers to shares in issue outstanding during the reporting period.

The basic amount per share ratio is based on the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during each reporting year. It is after the neutralisation by the treasury shares.

Both basic and diluted earnings per share are the same as there are no diluted ordinary share equivalents outstanding during the reporting years.

10. Dividends on equity shares

	Rate pe	Group and	<u>Company</u>	
	1H2023 cents	1H2022 cents	1H2023 \$'000	1H2022 \$'000
Final tax exempt (one-tier) dividend paid Special tax exempt (one-tier) dividend	0.906	0.608	3,622	2,359
paid	_	0.152	_	590
Total dividends paid in the year	0.906	0.760	3,622	2,949

11. Property, plant and equipment

During the half year ended 30 June 2023, the group acquired assets amounting to \$331,000 (30 June 2022: \$323,000) and disposed of assets with net book value amounting to \$28,000 (30 June 2022: \$51,000).

12. Goodwill

	<u>Group</u>		
	30/06/2023	31/12/2022	
	\$'000	\$'000	
04			
Cost:			
At beginning of the period/year	40,421	29,552	
Acquisition of subsidiaries		10,869	
At end of the period/year	40,421	40,421	

Goodwill is allocated to cash-generating units for the purpose of impairment testing. Each of those cash-generating units represents the group's investment by each subsidiary as follows:

	<u>Group</u>		
	30/06/2023	31/12/2022	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Name of subsidiary:			
Multiheight Scaffolding Pte Ltd	12,292	12,292	
Austin Energy (Asia) Pte Ltd	10,159	10,159	
Ensure Engineering Pte Ltd	7,101	7,101	
Starburst Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries (Note 24)	10,869	10,869	
Net book value at end of the period/year	40,421	40,421	

During the financial period ended 30 June 2022, the group acquired Starburst Holdings Limited, and its wholly owned subsidiaries, Starburst Engineering Pte Ltd, Starburst Risk Consulting Pte. Ltd., and Starburst Engineering Sdn. Bhd. As a result of the acquisition, a goodwill of \$10.9 million was recognised during the financial period. Detail of the acquisition of subsidiaries is disclosed in Note 25.

The goodwill was tested for impairment at the end of the reporting year 31 December 2022. No impairment allowance was required because the carrying amounts of all cash-generating units were lower than their estimated recoverable amounts. The recoverable amounts of cash-generating units have been measured based on the value in use method. The value in use was measured by management. The value in use is a recurring fair value measurement (Level 3).

The quantitative information about the value in use measurement using significant unobservable inputs for the cash-generating unit ("CGU") are consistent with those used for the measurement last performed and are as follows:

		<u>Group</u> <u>31/12/2022</u> \$'000
	Valuation technique and Unobservable inputs Discounted cash flow method:	·
1.	Estimated discount rates using pre-tax rates that reflect current market assessments at the risks specific to the CGUs. Multiheight Scaffolding Pte Ltd	13%
	Austin Energy (Asia) Pte Ltd Ensure Engineering Pte Ltd	13% 13% 13%
	Starburst Holdings Limited and subsidiaries	13%
2.	Cash flow forecasts derived from the most recent financial budgets and plans approved by management.	5 years
3.	Growth rates based on industry growth forecasts and not exceeding the average long-term growth rate for the relevant markets.	1.4%

12. Goodwill (cont'd)

Actual outcomes could vary from these estimates. If the revised estimated revenue had been 10% less favourable than management's estimates, if the revised estimated gross margin had been 10% less favourable than management's estimates or if the revised estimated pre-tax discount rate applied to the discounted cash flows had been 1 percent point higher than management's estimates, there would still not be a need to impair the carrying amount of goodwill.

Management's calculation of value in use took into account projects on hand and the effect of the projects that were delayed due to Covid-19.

13. Intangible assets

	Customer	Order	
	<u>relationship</u>	<u>backlog</u>	<u>Total</u>
Group	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Cost:			
At 1 January 2022	_	720	720
Arising from acquisition of subsidiaries (Note 25)	1,164	5,319	6,483
At 31 December 2022	1,164	6,039	7,203
Written off	_	(1,059)	(1,059)
At 30 June 2023	1,164	4,980	6,144
Accumulated amortisation:			
At 31 January 2022	_	665	665
Amortisation for the year	166	2,885	3,051
At 31 December 2022	166	3,550	3,716
Amortisation for the period	83	155	238
Written off	_	(1,059)	(1,059)
At 30 June 2023	249	2,646	2,895
Coming value			
Carrying value:		EE	55
At 1 January 2022		55	55
At 31 December 2022	998	2,489	3,487
At 30 June 2023	915	2,334	3,249

The amortisation is charged to administrative expenses.

14. Trade and other receivables

	<u>Gro</u>	<u>oup</u>	<u>Com</u>	<u>pany</u>
	30/06/2023	31/12/2022	30/06/2023	31/12/2022
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Trade receivables:				
Outside parties	32,742	34,872	_	_
Less allowance for impairment	(126)	(130)	_	_
Subsidiaries	_	_	25,589	18,652
Retention receivables	4,487	4,647		
Total trade and other receivables	37,103	39,389	25,589	18,652

14. Trade and other receivables (cont'd)

	<u>(</u>	<u>Group</u>	Com	pan <u>y</u>
	30/06/2023	31/12/2022	30/06/2023	31/12/2022
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Movements in above allowance on trade receivables:				
At beginning of the period/year	130	195	_	_
Charge for trade receivables to profit				
or loss included in other losses	_	1	_	_
Utilisation	(4)	(66)_		
At end of the period/year	126	130		
Movements in above allowance on other receivables:				
At beginning of the period/year	_	7	_	_
Reversal for other receivables to profit or loss included in other losses	: —	(7)	_	_
At end of the period/year				

The expected credit losses (ECL) on the above trade receivables are based on the simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses (ECL) which uses a lifetime ECL allowance approach for all trade receivables recognised from initial recognition of these assets. These assets are grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due for measuring the ECL. The allowance matrix is based on the historical observed default rates (over a period of 36 months) over the expected life of the trade receivables and is adjusted for forward-looking estimates including the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. At every reporting date the historical observed default rates are updated and changes in the forward-looking estimates are analysed.

There are no collateral held as security and other credit enhancements for the trade receivables. As part of the process of setting customer credit limits, different credit terms are used. The average credit period generally granted to trade receivable customers is about 30 to 90 days (2022: 30 to 90 days). But some customers take a longer period to settle the amounts.

Concentration of trade receivable customers as at the end of reporting period/year:

	<u>Group</u>		
	<u>30/06/2023</u>	31/12/2022	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Top 1 customer	2,314	3,081	
Top 2 customers	4,381	5,100	
Top 3 customers	<u>6,165</u>	7,068	

15. Other assets

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Company</u>	
	30/06/2023	31/12/2022	30/06/2023	31/12/2022
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Contract assets	19,812	9,957	_	_
Unbilled revenue	15,113	7,843	1,559	628
Prepayments	601	989	61	53
Advances to suppliers	2,480	2,469	_	_
Deposits to secure services	1,960	3,081	12	4
	39,966	24,339	1,632	685

16. Share capital

·	Number of			
	shares	Share	Treasury	
	<u>issued</u>	<u>capital</u>	<u>shares</u>	<u>Total</u>
Current period:	'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Group and Company				
Ordinary shares of no par value:				
Opening balance at 1 January 2023	399,736	24,864	(112)	24,752
Treasury shares purchased (a)				
At end of the period 30 June 2023	399,736	24,864	(112)	24,752
Previous period:				
Group and Company				
Ordinary shares of no par value:				
Opening balance at 1 January 2022	388,000	22,439	(2,614)	19,825
Treasury shares purchased (a)	(264)	_	(112)	(112)
Treasury shares sold	12,000	2,425	2,614	5,039
At end of the period 31 December 2022				
and 30 June 2023	399,736	24,864	(112)	24,752

Pursuant to the share purchase mandate approved at the extraordinary general meeting on 29 April 2015 and renewed at the annual general meeting on 24 April 2023, and during the reporting period 2023, the company acquired nil ordinary shares (2022: 263,900 ordinary shares) on the Singapore Stock Exchange and held them as treasury shares. The total number of treasury shares as at 30 June 2023 is 263,900, representing 0.07% of the total number of issued shares (30 June 2022: 12,263,900, 3.07%). There was no sale, transfer, disposal, cancellation and/or use of treasury shares during the half year ended 30 June 2023.

On 8 July 2022, the company sold 12,000,000 treasury shares at the price of \$0.42 for each share to Edward Lim Chin Wah and Yap Tin Foo for an aggregate consideration of \$5,039,000. They were the Chairman and Executive Director and Managing and Executive Director of Starburst Holdings Limited (Note 25) respectively prior to Nordic's acquisition.

There were no outstanding convertibles issued by the Company and no subsidiary holdings as at 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022.

17. Other reserves

	<u>Gro</u>	<u>up</u>
	30/06/2023	31/12/2022
	\$'000	\$'000
Foreign currency translation reserve (Note 17A)	(1,504)	(559)
Statutory reserve (Note 17B)	878	878
Total at the end of the period/year	(626)	319

17A. Foreign currency translation reserve

	<u>Group</u>		
	30/06/2023	31/12/2022	
	\$'000	\$'000	
At beginning of the period/year	(559)	581	
Exchange differences on translating foreign operations	(945)	(1,140)_	
At end of the period/year	(1,504)	(559)	

The currency translation reserve accumulates all foreign exchange differences.

17. Other reserves (cont'd)

17B. Statutory reserve

·	<u>Gro</u>	<u>Group</u>		
	30/06/2023	31/12/2022		
	\$'000	\$'000		
At beginning of the period/year	878	235		
Transferred from retained earnings	_	542		
Foreign exchange adjustments	<u> </u>	101		
At end of the period/year	878	878		

The subsidiaries in the People's Republic of China are required by local regulation to appropriate 10% of the profits each year to a non-distributable statutory reserve. Contribution to this reserve is no longer mandatory when the reserve reaches 50% of the registered share capital. The use of the funds in the non-distributable statutory reserve is subject to approval by the relevant authorities in the People's Republic of China.

18. Net asset value per share

The following table illustrates the numerators and denominators used to calculate net asset value per share of no par value:

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Company</u>	
	30/06/2023	31/12/2022	30/06/2023	31/12/2022
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Numerators: net asset value	115,549	110,016	29,870	33,652
Denominators: number of ordinary	'000	'000	'000	'000
equity shares (excluding treasury shares)	399,736	399,736	399,736	399,736
Net asset value per share (cents)	28.9	27.5	7.5	8.4

19. Provisions

	<u>Grou</u>	<u>Group</u>		
	30/06/2023	31/12/2022		
	\$'000	\$'000		
Current:				
Warranties	1,107	1,232		

Certain products are covered by product warranty plans of varying periods. If the customer has the option to purchase a warranty separately or is negotiated separately, the warranty is accounted as a performance obligation and a portion of the transaction price is allocated to that performance obligation and recognised as revenue over the period the warranty services are provided. The warranty obligations are affected by actual product failure rates and by material usage and service delivery costs incurred in correcting a product failure.

20.	Loans	and	borro	wings
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Loans and borrowings				
		<u>oup</u>	<u>Company</u>	
	30/06/2023	31/12/2022	30/06/2023	31/12/2022
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Nian armont.				
Non-current:				
Financial instruments with floating				
interest rates:				
Bank loans (Note 20A)	5,488	7,137	2,988	3,803
Financial instruments with fixed				
<u>interest rates</u>				
Bank loan (secured) Note 20A)		9,644		
Total non-current portion	5,488	16,781	2,988	3,803
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<u>Current:</u>				
Financial instruments with floating				
<u>interest rates:</u>				
Bank loans (secured) (Note 20A)	37,000	15,600	10,200	6,600
Bank loans (Note 20B)	31,773	35,823	6,656	1,656
Invoice financing (Note 20B)	7,655	3,191	_	_
<u>Financial instruments with fixed</u> interest rates:				
Bank loans (secured) (Note 20A)	_	712	_	_
Total current portion	76,428	55,326	16,856	8,256
Total non-current and current	81,916	72,107	19,844	12,059
Presented as:				
Secured	37,000	25,956	10,200	6,600
Unsecured	44,916	46,151	9,644	5,459
Total loans and borrowings	81,916	72,107	19,844	12,059
Total loans and borrowings	01,910		19,044	12,039
The non-current portion is repayable a	e follows:			
The non-current portion is repayable a		<u>oup</u>	Com	<u>npany</u>
	30/06/2023	31/12/2022	30/06/2023	31/12/2022
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
	\$ 000	φ 000	\$ 000	\$ 000
Due within 2 to 5 years	5,488	10,131	2,988	3,803
Due in more than 5 years	-	6,650	2,000	-
2 de in mere unan e yeare				
The range of floating interest rates pa	id was as follo	ws:		
3				
	<u>Gr</u>	<u>oup</u>	Com	<u>ipany</u>
	30/06/2023	31/12/2022	30/06/2023	31/12/2022
	%	%	%	%
	4.23 -	1.07 to	4.27 –	1.07 to
Bank loans and invoice financing	5.45	4.85	5.00	4.68
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The range of fixed interest rates paid was as follows:

	Group		<u>Group</u> <u>Compar</u>	
	30/06/2023 %	31/12/2022 %	30/06/2023 %	31/12/2022 %
Bank loans		1.98		

20. Loans and borrowings (cont'd)

20A. Loans and borrowings (secured)

The bank agreements for certain of the bank loans and other credit facilities provide among other matters for the following:

- 1. Corporate guarantee from the company.
- Legal mortgage over leasehold properties.
- Subject to certain financial covenants.
- 4. The bank loans comprise:
 - a. Short term borrowings with an average maturity period of 1 to 3 months and are settled at the end of maturity period.
 - b. Loan repayable in 16 semi-annual instalments of \$1,000,000 from June 2017. This loan was fully repaid in 2022.
 - c. Loan repayable in 30 quarterly instalments of \$200,000 from June 2018. Although the loan is for a period of 7.5 years from June 2018, it has been classified as "current" because the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the end of the reporting period/year.
 - d. Loan repayable over 2 years from September 2020 with quarterly instalments of \$633,467. The weighted average interest rate is 1.35% per annum. The loan has been fully repaid in June 2022.
 - e. Loan repayable on demand. Loan is subject to 28 quarterly reductions of \$350,000 each or by any such reductions as may be specified or fixed by the bank from time to time until the limit is reduced to \$4 million and secured by a subsidiary's leasehold property. This loan was renegotiated and arose from the acquisition of Starburst Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries and was secured by a leasehold property, legal assignment of proceeds from certain projects, charge on cash in current account, fixed deposit of not less than \$2.1 million and a first legal assignment of all the rights, title, interest and benefits under and arising out of the life insurance policies taken out on the lives of certain ex-employees of the company and a corporate guarantee from a subsidiary. Loan was previously repayable over 240 months from May 2015 with monthly instalment of approximately \$62,500 with a fixed interest rate.

20B. Bank loans and invoice financing

The bank agreements for certain of the bank loans and other credit facilities provide among other matters for the following:

- 1. Corporate guarantee from the company.
- Subject to certain financial covenants.
- 3. Short term borrowings (invoice financing and money market loans) with an average maturity period of 1 to 3 months and are settled at the end of maturity period.
- 4. Loan repayable over 4 years from January 2022 with monthly instalment of about \$145,000.
- 5. Loan repayable over 36 months from January 2022 with monthly instalment of about \$138,888.

20. Loans and borrowings (cont'd)

20C Bank facilities

	<u>Group</u>		
	30/06/2023	31/12/2022	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Undrawn borrowings and trade lines	63,759	59,584	
Undrawn foreign exchange lines and interest rate swap	31,900	34,100	
Total undrawn borrowing facilities	95,659	93,684	

The undrawn borrowing facilities are available for operating activities and to settle other commitments. Borrowing facilities are maintained to ensure funds are available for the operations. A schedule showing the maturity of financial liabilities and unused bank facilities is provided regularly to management to assist in monitoring the liquidity risk.

21. Trade and other payables

	Group		Com	pan <u>y</u>
	30/06/2023	31/12/2022	30/06/2023	31/12/2022
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Trade payables: Outside parties and accrued liabilities	34,214	32,465	2,033	2,959
Other payables: Outside parties – previous shareholders of Eratech Pte Ltd		2,000		
		3,000		
Total trade and other payables	34,214	35,465	2,033	2,959

22. Other non-financial liabilities

	<u>Group</u>		
	30/06/2023 31/12/2022		
	\$'000	\$'000	
Deferred revenue	1,052	803	
Advances from customers	4,880	5,764	
Contract liabilities	_	1,340	
Total other non-financial liabilities	5,932	7,907	

23. Financial instruments

The following table categorises the carrying amount of financial assets and liabilities recorded at the end of the reporting period/year:

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Company</u>	
	30/06/2023 31/12/2022		30/06/2023	31/12/2022
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial assets:				
Financial assets at amortised cost	93,575	95,304	43,375	41,154
Financial liabilities:				
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	121,886	113,448	23,501	16,661

24. Commitments

	Company	
	30/06/2023 \$'000	31/12/2022 \$'000
Corporate guarantee in favour of subsidiaries	63,934	61,848
	Gro	<u>oup</u>
	30/06/2023 \$'000	31/12/2022 \$'000
Total commitments on short-term leases at period / year end date	2,759	500

25. Acquisition of subsidiaries

(a) Acquisition of subsidiaries

On 7 January 2022, the group made a voluntary general acquisition offer to acquire all the issued and paid-up ordinary shares of Starburst Holdings Limited ("Starburst") at a consideration of S\$0.238 for each share. On 24 January 2022, the group received valid acceptances in respect of 173,061,556 shares, constituting 69.70% of the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) of Starburst, and the offer was declared unconditional in all respects. As such, the group obtained controlling interest in Starburst through a wholly owned subsidiary, Nordic Flow Control Pte Ltd on 24 January 2022 and subsequent acceptances were treated as acquisition of noncontrolling interests without a change in control (Note 25(b)).

On 25 August 2022 the group acquired 100% of the issued share capital of Eratech Pte Ltd ("Eratech") and from that date the group gained control. It became a subsidiary.

The above transactions were accounted for by the acquisition method of accounting.

The fair values of identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed are set out below. An external valuer was engaged to assist in the purchase price allocation ("PPA") for the Starburst acquisition and the PPA for the Eratech acquisition was performed by management. Both PPA exercises have been finalised as at the date of this report.

25. Acquisition of subsidiaries (cont'd)

	Pre-acquisition book value <u>under SFRS(I)</u> \$'000	At <u>fair value</u> \$'000
2022: Starburst Group and Eratech Pte Ltd		4.404
Intangible assets – customer relationship	_	1,164
Intangible assets – order backlog	- 00 470	5,319
Property, plant and equipment	22,178	21,666
Right-of-use asset	2,544	2,544
Inventories	1,843	1,843
Trade and other receivables	4,600	4,600
Other assets	4,063	4,063
Contract asset	19,737	19,737
Cash and cash equivalents (unrestricted)	10,984	10,984
Cash pledged for bank facilities (restricted)	2,881	2,881
Trade and other payables	(5,847)	(5,847)
Lease liabilities	(2,691)	(2,691)
Loans and borrowings	(11,377)	(11,377)
Income tax payable	(267)	(267)
Net assets	48,648	54,619
The goodwill arising on acquisition is as follows:		
Consideration transferred		51,188
Non-controlling interest at fair value		13,180
Fair value of identifiable net assets acquired		(54,619)
Goodwill arising on acquisition		9,749
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Goodwill (Note 15)		10,869
Negative goodwill (Note 6)		(1,120)
,		9,749

The contributions from the acquired subsidiaries for the period between the date of acquisition and the end of the reporting year were as follows:

	From date of	For the
	acquisition in	reporting year
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue	31,836	38,594
Profit before income tax	9,094	10,423

(b) Acquisition of additional interest in subsidiaries

On 20 April 2022, the group had received acceptances in respect of an aggregate of 248,300,050 shares at S\$0.238 for each share, constituting 100% of the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) of Starburst for an aggregate cash consideration of \$59.1 million.

The consideration paid for the acquisition of additional interest of 30.3% in Starburst amounted to \$17.9 million and the fair value of the non-controlling interests in Starburst was approximately \$13.4 million.

As a result of the acquisition of additional interest, the group derecognised non-controlling interests of \$13.4 million (including non-controlling interest share of profits of \$0.2 million) and recorded a decrease in equity attributable to owner of the parent of \$4.6 million. The effect of changes in changes in equity during the financial period is summarised as follows:

25. Acquisition of subsidiaries (cont'd)

	\$'000
Non-controlling interest at fair value	13,180
Consideration paid to non-controlling interest	(17,946)
Non-controlling interest share of profits	180
Excess of consideration paid recognised in parent's equity	4,586

The group incurred acquisition related costs of approximately \$245,000 relating to external legal fees and compliance costs and these have been charged to administrative expenses.

(c) Effect of cash flows of the group

	\$'000
Fair value of purchase consideration Amount payable to vendor (Note 21) Less: cash and cash equivalents (unrestricted) in subsidiaries acquired Net cash outflow on acquisition	51,188 (3,000) (10,984) 37,204
Acquisition of non-controlling interest	17,946

26. Subsequent events

There is no significant subsequent event for the reporting period.

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Other Information Required by Listing Rule Appendix 7.2

OTHER INFORMATION

1. Review

The condensed interim consolidated financial statements for period ended 30 June 2023 and certain explanatory notes have not been audited or reviewed.

2. Review of performance of the group

Review of performance for half-year ended 30 June 2023 ("1H2023")

Revenue

The group's revenue increased by approximately \$9.6 million or 12%, from approximately \$79.8 million in 1H2022 to approximately \$89.4 million in 1H2023. This increase was attributable to higher revenue from Project and Maintenance Services.

Business segment	1H2023	1H2022	Change	Change
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
Project services	55,700	50,896	4,804	9
Maintenance services	33,713	28,867	4,846	17
Total	89,413	79,763	9,650	12

Gross profit and gross profit margin

Gross profit for 1H2023 decreased by approximately \$1.0 million or 4% from \$23.0 million in 1H2022 to approximately \$22.1 million in 1H2023. Gross profit margin decreased from 29% in 1H2022 to approximately 25% in 1H2023. The decrease in gross profit margin is mainly due to increase in costs such as foreign worker levy and dormitories.

Other income and gains

Other income and gains decreased approximately \$1.0 million or 48% from approximately \$2.0 million in 1H2022 to \$1.0 million in 1H2023 mainly due to unrealised foreign exchange adjustment gain in 1H2022 of \$1.2m as compared to unrealised foreign exchange loss of \$0.2 million in 1H2023. This was due to weakening of Malaysia Ringgit (RM) and Chinese Reminbi (RMB) against Singapore Dollars (SGD).

Distribution costs

Distribution costs increased approximately \$0.4 million or 54% from \$0.8 million in 1H2022 to approximately \$1.2 million in 1H2023 mainly due to higher contribution from Starburst Group.

Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses decreased approximately \$1.8 million or 17% from \$10.5 million in 1H2022 to approximately \$8.6 million in 1H2023 mainly due to lower amortisation expense of intangibles.

Finance costs

Interest expenses increased \$0.9 million or 126% from \$0.7 million in 1H2022 to approximately \$1.6 million in 1H2023 mainly due to higher interest rates during the period under review.

Other losses

Other losses of approximately \$0.2 million for 1H2023 comprised foreign exchange loss due to weakening of RM and RMB against SGD while \$49,000 for 1H2022 was for loss on disposal of plant and equipment.

Income tax expenses

Effective income tax rates were at approximately 12% for 1H2023 and 11% for 1H2022. The effective tax rate is lower than the statutory rate of 17% mainly due to the utilization of merger & acquisition allowance, unutilised capital allowances and tax losses carried forward.

2. Review of performance of the group (cont'd)

Statement of Financial Position Review (as at 30 June 2023 compared to 30 December 2022)

Non-current assets

Non-current asset decreased by approximately \$2.6 million or 3% from approximately \$98.7 million as at 31 December 2022 to approximately \$96.1 million as at 30 June 2023. The decrease was mainly attributable to the depreciation of property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets and amortisation of intangible assets.

Current assets

Current asset increased approximately \$14.6 million or 11% from approximately \$139.1 million as at 31 December 2022 to \$153.7 million as at 30 June 2023. This increase was mainly attributable to higher inventories of \$20.2 million (2022: \$19.4 million), higher other assets comprising unbilled revenue of \$15.1 million (2022:\$7.8 million), contract assets of \$19.8 million (2022:\$10.0 million), and higher cash and cash equivalents of \$56.5 million (2022:\$55.9 million). These increases were mainly due to higher revenue. These increases were offset by a decrease in trade and other receivables with collections from customers and lower deposits to secure services.

Equity

Our capital and reserves increased approximately \$5.5 million or 5% as at 31 December 2022. The increase was mainly due to retention of net profit from 1H2023 of approximately \$10.1 million. This was offset by dividend payment of \$3.6 million.

Non-current liabilities

Non-current liabilities decreased by approximately \$11.5 million or 45% from approximately \$25.3 million as at 31 December 2022 to approximately \$13.8 million as at 30 June 2023. The decrease was mainly due to the change of the term loan to a loan repayable on demand as described in note 20A(e) above.

Current liabilities

Current liabilities increased approximately \$18.0 million or 18%, from approximately \$102.5 million as at 31 December 2022 to \$120.5 million as at 30 June 2023. The increase was mainly due to the higher loans and borrowings due to the change of the term loan to a loan repayable on demand as described in note 20A(e) above. This increase was offset by lower other non-financial liabilities of \$2.0 million and trade payable of \$1.3 million.

Statement of Cash Flows Review

1H2023

In 1H2023, operating cash flows before changes in working capital was approximately \$14.9 million. Working capital changes cash outflow was approximately \$17.4 million. This was mainly due to increase in other assets with higher contract asset and unbilled revenue. These increases were in line with the increase in revenue and milestone billings for projects were slower than project progress as of 30 June 2023. Decrease in trade and other payables and other non-financial liabilities were offset by a decrease in trade and other receivable due to collections from customers. Operating cash flow used in operations was \$3.3 million after income tax payments of approximately \$0.9 million.

Net cash of approximately \$84,000 from investing activities was mainly from interest received offset by purchase of property, plant and equipment.

Net cash of approximately \$4.4 million was from financing activities. This was mainly due to more loans and borrowings of approximately \$9.8 million offset by dividend payment of approximately \$3.6 million, repayment of lease liabilities of \$0.2 million and interest repayment of approximately \$1.6 million.

3. Where a forecast, or a prospect statement, has been previously disclosed to shareholders, any variance between it and the actual results

There is no variance between the prospect statement previously announced and the actual results of the current financial reporting period.

4. A commentary at the date of the announcement of the significant trends and competitive conditions of the industry in which the group operates and any known factors or events that may affect the group in the next operating period and the next 12 months

Our group has outstanding orders amounting to approximately \$202.4 million comprising \$53.1 million from Projects Services segment and \$149.3 million from Maintenance Services segment as at 30 June 2023.

Certain maintenance contracts are based on unit rates and do not have a contract value upfront. These contract values are estimated based on historical revenue trends and included in our order book reporting. The deliveries for these orders will spread mainly within the next 36 months. These confirmed orders are however, subject to possible cancellation, deferral, rescheduling or variations by customers.

The group has undertaken a strategic approach to acquire more maintenance services. This strengthens Nordic's business fundamentals with more stable recurring maintenance income of about 40% yearly. The existing maintenance contracts and new projects from acquisitions support its compounded growth and mitigate cyclical risks going forward.

The high interest rates, geopolitical tensions and inflationary pressures globally and higher labour and labour related costs such as dormitories and levies posed some near-term headwinds to the group's operations. However, the group remains positive over the long-term prospects in the marine, offshore oil and gas industries, petrochemical sectors, pharmaceutical, infrastructure and semiconductor and security services sectors.

The group is optimistic with the contract wins secured to date, the prudent cost and risk management initiatives undertaken and opportunities for further M&A. The group will continue to deliver greater value to shareholders in the long run.

5. Dividends

In appreciation of the continual support and faith of the group's shareholders, along with the group's improved profitability and strong cashflow, the Board of Directors has declared an interim dividend of 1.001 cents per ordinary share.

The interim dividends will be paid on 4 September 2023.

(i) 30 June 2023

Name of Dividend	Dividend type	Dividend per ordinary shares	Tax rate	Date payable	Record date
Interim	Cash	1.001 cents	Tax exempt (One tier)	4 September 2023	21 August 2023

Duly completed registrable transfers received by Company's Registrar, Tricor Barbinder Share Registration Services (A division of Tricor Singapore Pte Ltd), at 80 Robinson Road, #02-00 Singapore 068898 up to 5.00 pm on 21 August 2023 will be registered to determine shareholders' entitlement to the dividend.

5. Dividends (cont'd)

(ii) 30 June 2022

Name of Dividend	Dividend type	Dividend per ordinary shares	Tax rate
Interim	Cash	1.162 cents	Tax exempt (One tier)

(iii) Breakdown of the total interim dividend (in dollar value)

	<u>1H2023</u>	<u>1H2022</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
Interim dividend of 1.001 (2022:1.162) cents per share	4,001 *	4,645
Total interim dividend	4,001	4,645

^{*}Based on 399,736,000 ordinary shares being total issued share capital excluding treasury shares as at 30 June 2023

6. Interested person transactions

The company has not obtained a general mandate from shareholders for interested person transactions. The company did not have any interested person transactions during the period under review (excluding transactions less than \$100,000).

7. Confirmation that the issuer has procured undertaking from all its directors and executive officers (in the format set out in Appendix 7.7) under Rule 720(1)

The company has procured undertakings from all its directors and executive officers (in the format set out in Appendix 7.7) under Rule 720(1).

8. Confirmation by the Board pursuant to Rule 705(5) of the Listing Manual

The Board of Directors ("the Board") hereby confirms that, to the best of their knowledge, nothing has come to the attention of the Board which may render the condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the financial period ended 30 June 2023 to be false or misleading in any material aspect.

9. Disclosure of acquisitions and realisations pursuant to Rule 706A

Nil

By Order Of The Board

Chang Yeh Hong Executive Chairman 7 August 2023