

OMAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY SAOG
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1 Legal information and activities

Oman Telecommunications Company SAOG (the “Parent Company” or the “Company”) is an Omani joint stock company registered under the Commercial Companies Law of the Sultanate of Oman. The Company’s principal place of business is located at Al Mawaleh, Muscat Sultanate of Oman. The company’s shares are listed at Muscat Securities Market.

The principal activities of the Company are the establishment, operation, maintenance and development of telecommunication services in the Sultanate of Oman.

The principal activities of the subsidiaries and associated companies of the Group, are set out below.

Name	Place of incorporation	Principal activities		Shareholding directly held by parent (%)	Shareholding directly held by the group (%)
Worldcall Telecom Limited	Pakistan	Engaged in the provision of Wireless Local loop, long distance international services (LDI), Payphones and cable television services	Subsidiary	56.8	56.8
Oman Data Park LLC	Sultanate of Oman	Engaged in the provision of data services	Subsidiary	60	60
Omania e-commerce LLC	Sultanate of Oman	Engaged in the provision of e-commerce services	Subsidiary	-	100
Internet of Things LLC	Sultanate of Oman	Will be engaged in developments of app and services for smart and M2M communication	Subsidiary	55	55
Omantel France SAS	France	Will be engaged in provision of wholesale services	Subsidiary	100	100
First Issue SAOC	Sultanate of Oman	Special purpose vehicle	Subsidiary	100	100
Oman Fiber Optic Company SAOG	Sultanate of Oman	Engaged in the manufacture and design of optical fibre and cables	Associate	40.96	40.96
Infoline LLC	Sultanate of Oman	Engaged in the provision of IT enabled services	Associate	45	45

2 Summary of significant accounting policies

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

2.1 Basis of preparation

(a) Statement of compliance and basis of measurement

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis except as disclosed in the accounting policies below. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) and the requirements set out in the Rules for Disclosure and Proformas issued by the Capital Market Authority and comply with the requirements of the Commercial Companies Law of 1974, as amended.

These financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 comprise the Parent Company and its subsidiaries (together “the Group”) and the Group’s interest in an associate. The separate financial statements represent the financial statements of the Parent Company on a standalone basis. The consolidated and separate financial statements are collectively referred to as “the financial statements”.

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2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.1 Basis of preparation (continued)

(b) Use of estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgments about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. 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 a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in note 4.

(c) Standards, amendments and interpretation effective in 2016

For the year ended 31 December 2016, the Parent Company and the Group has adopted all of the following new and revised standards and interpretations issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) of the IASB that are relevant to its operations and effective for periods beginning on 1 January 2016.

- IFRS 14 Regulatory Deferral Accounts
- Amendments to IFRS 11 Joint Arrangements: Accounting for Acquisitions of Interests
- Amendments to IAS 16 and IAS 38: Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortisation
- Amendments to IAS 16 and IAS 41 Agriculture: Bearer Plants
- Amendments to IAS 27: Equity Method in Separate Financial Statements
- Annual Improvements 2012-2014
- IFRS 5 Non- Current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations
- IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures
- IAS 19 Employee Benefits
- IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting
- Amendments to IAS 1 Disclosure Initiative
- Amendments to IFRS 10, IFRS 12 and IAS 28 Investment Entities: Applying consolidation exception

The adoption of these standards and interpretations has not resulted in any significant changes to the Parent Company's and Group's accounting policies and has not affected the amounts reported for the current year.

(d) Standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards that are not yet effective and have not been early adopted by the Parent Company and Group

The following new standards and amendments have been issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) which may impact the financial statements of the Parent Company and Group but are not yet mandatory for the year ended 31 December 2016:

IFRS 9 Financial Instruments: In July 2014, the IASB issued the final version of IFRS 9 Financial Instruments which reflects all phases of the financial instruments project and replaces IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement and all previous versions of IFRS 9. The standard introduces new requirements for classification and measurement, impairment, and hedge accounting. IFRS 9 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018, with early application permitted. Except for hedge accounting, retrospective application is required but comparative information is not compulsory. The Group has performed a high-level impact assessment of all three aspects of IFRS 9 and expects no significant impact on its balance sheet and equity. The Group plans to adopt the new standard on the required effective date.

IFRS 15 Revenue from contracts with customers: IFRS 15 was issued in May 2014 and establishes a new five-step model that will apply to revenue arising from contracts with customers. Under IFRS 15 revenue is recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which an entity expects to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to a customer. The principles in IFRS 15 provide a more structured approach to measuring and recognising revenue. The new revenue standard is applicable to all entities and will supersede all current revenue recognition requirements under IFRS. Either a full or modified retrospective application is required for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018 with early adoption permitted. The Group is currently assessing the impact of IFRS 15 and plan to adopt the new standard on the required effective date. The Group is considering the clarifications issued by the IASB in an exposure draft in July 2015 and will monitor any further developments.

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2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.1 Basis of preparation (continued)

(d) Standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards that are not yet effective and have not been early adopted by the Parent Company and Group (continued)

IFRS 16 Leases: The IASB issued IFRS 16 Leases (IFRS 16), which requires lessees to recognise assets and liabilities for most leases. For lessors, there is little change to the existing accounting in IAS 17 Leases. The Group will perform a detailed assessment in the future to determine the extent. The new standard will be effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. Early application is permitted, provided the new revenue standard, IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers, has been applied, or is applied at the same date as IFRS 16.

2.2.1 Subsidiary companies

The financial statements comprise the financial statements of the Parent Company and its subsidiaries as at 31 December 2016. Control is achieved when the Group is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee. Specifically, the Group controls an investee if and only if the Group has:

- Power over the investee (i.e. existing rights that give it the current ability to direct the relevant activities of the investee)
- Exposure, or rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee, and
- The ability to use its power over the investee to affect its returns

When the Group has less than a majority of the voting or similar rights of an investee, the Group considers all relevant facts and circumstances in assessing whether it has power over an investee, including:

- The contractual arrangement with the other vote holders of the investee.
- Rights arising from other contractual arrangements.
- The Group's voting rights and potential voting rights.

The Group re-assesses whether or not it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control. Consolidation of subsidiaries begins when the Group obtains control over the subsidiaries and ceases when the Group loses control of the subsidiaries. Assets, liabilities, income and expenses of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the statement of income from the date the Group gains control until the date the Group ceases to control the subsidiaries.

Profit or loss and each component of other comprehensive income are attributed to the equity holders of the parent of the Group and to the non-controlling interests, even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance. When necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies into line with the Group's accounting policies. All intra-group assets and liabilities, equity, income, expenses and cash flows relating to transactions between members of the Group are eliminated in full on consolidation.

A change in the ownership interest of subsidiaries, without a loss of control, is accounted for as an equity transaction. If the Group loses control over subsidiaries, it:

- derecognises the assets (including goodwill) and liabilities of the subsidiaries
- derecognises the carrying amount of any non-controlling interests
- derecognises the cumulative translation differences recorded in equity
- recognises the fair value of the consideration received
- recognises the fair value of any investment retained
- recognises any surplus or deficit in profit or loss
- reclassifies the parent's share of components previously recognised in other comprehensive income to profit or loss or retained earnings, as appropriate, as would be required if the Group had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities.

In the Parent Company's separate financial statements, the investment in the subsidiaries are carried at cost less impairment, if any.

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2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.2.2 Transactions with non-controlling interests

The Group treats transactions with non-controlling interests as transactions with equity owners of the group. For purchases from non-controlling interests, the difference between any consideration paid and the relevant share acquired of the carrying value of net assets of the subsidiary is recorded in equity. Gains or losses on disposals to non-controlling interests are also recorded in equity.

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

2.2.3 Investment in associates

An associate is an entity over which the Group has significant influence. Significant influence is the power to participate in the financial and operating policy decisions of the investee, but is not control or joint control over those policies.

The considerations made in determining significant influence or joint control is similar to those necessary to determine control over subsidiaries. The Group's investments in its associates are accounted for using the equity method.

Under the equity method, the investment in an associate is initially recognised at cost. The carrying amount of the investment is adjusted to recognise changes in the Group's share of net assets of the associate since the acquisition date. Goodwill relating to the associate is included in the carrying amount of the investment and is neither amortised nor individually tested for impairment.

The statement of profit or loss reflects the Group's share of the results of operations of the associate. Any change in other comprehensive income of those investees is presented as part of the Group's other comprehensive income. In addition, when there has been a change recognised directly in the equity of the associate, the Group recognises its share of any changes, when applicable, in the statement of changes in equity. Unrealised gains and losses resulting from transactions between the Group and the associate are eliminated to the extent of the interest in the associate.

The aggregate of the Group's share of profit or loss of an associate is shown on the face of the statement of income outside operating profit and represents profit or loss after tax and non-controlling interests in the subsidiaries of the associate.

The financial statements of associates are prepared for the same reporting period as the Group. When necessary, adjustments are made to bring the accounting policies in line with those of the Group.

After application of the equity method, the Group determines whether it is necessary to recognise an impairment loss on its investment in its associate. At each reporting date, the Group determines whether there is objective evidence that the investment in the associate is impaired. If there is such evidence, the Group calculates the amount of impairment as the difference between the recoverable amount of the associate and its carrying value, then recognises the loss as 'Share of results of associates in the statement of profit or loss.

Upon loss of significant influence over the associate, the Group measures and recognises any retained investment at its fair value. Any difference between the carrying amount of the associate upon loss of significant influence and the fair value of the retained investment and proceeds from disposal is recognised in profit or loss.

In the Parent Company's separate financial statements, the investment in the associates are carried at cost less impairment, if any.

2.2.4 Business combinations and Goodwill

Business combinations are accounted for using the acquisition method. The cost of an acquisition is measured as the aggregate of the consideration transferred measured at acquisition date fair value and the amount of any non-controlling interests in the acquiree. For each business combination, the Group elects whether to measure the non-controlling interests in the acquiree at fair value or at the proportionate share of the acquiree's identifiable net assets. Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred and included in administrative expenses.

When the Group acquires a business, it assesses the financial assets and liabilities assumed for appropriate classification and designation in accordance with the contractual terms, economic circumstances and pertinent conditions as at the acquisition date. This includes the separation of embedded derivatives in host contracts by the acquiree.

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2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.2.4 Business combinations and Goodwill (continued)

If the business combination is achieved in stages, any previously held equity interest is re-measured at its acquisition date fair value and any resulting gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss. It is then considered in the determination of goodwill.

Any contingent consideration to be transferred by the acquirer will be recognised at fair value at the acquisition date. Contingent consideration classified as an asset or liability that is a financial instrument and within the scope of IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement, is measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised either in profit or loss or as a change to OCI. If the contingent consideration is not within the scope of IAS 39, it is measured in accordance with the appropriate IFRS. Contingent consideration that is classified as equity is not re-measured and subsequent settlement is accounted for within equity.

Goodwill is initially measured at cost, being the excess of the aggregate of the consideration transferred and the amount recognised for non-controlling interests, and any previous interest held, over the net identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed. If the fair value of the net assets acquired is in excess of the aggregate consideration transferred, the Group re-assesses whether it has correctly identified all of the assets acquired and all of the liabilities assumed and reviews the procedures used to measure the amounts to be recognised at the acquisition date. If the re-assessment still results in an excess of the fair value of net assets acquired over the aggregate consideration transferred, then the gain is recognised in profit or loss.

After initial recognition, goodwill is measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the Group's cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the acquiree are assigned to those units.

Where goodwill has been allocated to a cash-generating unit and part of the operation within that unit is disposed of, the goodwill associated with the disposed operation is included in the carrying amount of the operation when determining the gain or loss on disposal. Goodwill disposed in these circumstances is measured based on the relative values of the disposed operation and the portion of the cash-generating unit retained.

2.3 Segment reporting

An operating segment is a component of an entity that engages in business activities from which it may earn revenues and incur expenses including revenues and expenses relating to transactions with other components of the same entity, whose operating results are regularly reviewed by the entity's chief operating decision maker to make decisions about resources to be allocated to the segment and assess its performance and for which discrete financial information is available. The accounting policies of the reportable segments are the same as the Group's accounting policies described under note 2. Identification of segments and reporting are disclosed in note 6.

2.4 Service revenue

Revenue comprises fixed telephone, Global System for Mobile Communication (GSM), internet, telex and telegram revenue, equipment rentals and amounts derived from the sale of telecommunication equipment and other associated services falling within the Group's ordinary activities. Revenue from fixed lines, GSM and internet services is recognised when the services are provided, and is net of discounts and rebates allowed.

Revenue from rentals and installations is based on a time proportion basis and on actual installation of telecommunication equipment, respectively. Sales of payphone and prepaid cards are recognised as revenue based on the actual utilisation of the payphone and prepaid cards sold.

Sales relating to unutilised payphone and prepaid cards are accounted for as deferred income. Interconnection income and expenses are recognised when services are performed. Subscription revenue from Cable TV, Internet over cable and channels subscription is recognised on provision of services.

Incentives are provided to customers in various forms and are usually offered on signing a new contract or as part of a promotional offering. Where such incentives are provided on connection of a new customer or the upgrade of an existing customer, revenue representing the fair value of the incentive, relative to other deliverables provided to the customer as part of the same arrangement, is deferred and recognised in line with the Group's performance of its obligations relating to the incentive.

In revenue arrangements including more than one deliverable, the arrangement consideration is allocated to each deliverable based on the fair value of the individual element. The Group generally determines the fair value of individual elements based on prices at which the deliverable is regularly sold on a standalone basis.

Dividend income is accounted for when the right to receive is established.

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2.5 Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

The Group as lessor

Revenue from granting of IRU on submarine cables classified as a finance lease is recognised at the time of delivery and acceptance by the customer. The cost of IRU is recognised at the amount of the Group's net investment in leases. Amounts due from lessees under other finance leases are recorded as receivables at the amount of the Group's net investment in the leases. Finance lease income is allocated to accounting periods so as to reflect a constant periodic rate of return on the Group's net investment outstanding in respect of the leases.

Revenues from the sale of transmission capacity on terrestrial and submarine cables classified as operating lease are recognised on a straight-line basis over the life of the contract.

Rental income from operating leases is recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease. Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the leased asset and recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

The Group as lessee

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the statement of income on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease. Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to enter into an operating lease are also spread on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

2.6 Finance income / costs

Interest income and expense are recognised using the effective interest rate (EIR). The EIR is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The EIR is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments through the expected life of the borrowings.

2.7 Factoring, collection and distribution fees

Factoring, collection and distribution fees comprise fees payable to factoring and collection agents and agents that sell prepaid cards. Fees payable to factoring agents are accounted for at the time of the assignment of receivables. Fees payable to collection agents are accounted for at the time of collection of the bills. Fees payable to selling agents are accounted for at the time of the sale of cards to the agents.

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2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.8 Foreign currency

- (i) Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into Rial Omani at exchange rates ruling at the value dates of the transactions.
- (ii) Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Rial Omani at exchange rates ruling at the reporting date. The foreign currency gain or loss on monetary items is the difference between amortised costs in the Rial Omani at the beginning of the period, adjusted for effective interest and payments during the period and the amortised costs in foreign currency translated at the exchange rate at the end of the period. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income, except when deferred in other comprehensive income as qualifying cash flow hedges and qualifying net investment hedges.
- (iii) Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at fair value are translated to Rial Omani at the exchange rate at the date that the fair value was determined. Translation differences on non-monetary financial assets and liabilities such as equities held at fair value through profit or loss are recognised in profit or loss as part of the fair value gain or loss. Translation differences on non-monetary financial assets, such as equities classified as available-for-sale, are included in other comprehensive income.
- (iv) On consolidation, the assets and liabilities of foreign operations are translated into Rial Omani at the rate of exchange prevailing at the reporting date and their income statements are translated at exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. The exchange differences arising on translation for consolidation are recognised in other comprehensive income. Any goodwill arising on the acquisition of a foreign operation and any fair value adjustments to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities arising on the acquisition are treated as assets and liabilities of the foreign operations and translated at closing rate.

On disposal of a foreign entity, the deferred cumulative amount recognised in equity relating to that particular foreign operation is recognised in the profit or loss in other operating expenses or other operating income. A Group may dispose or partially dispose of its interest in a foreign operation through sale, liquidation, repayment of capital or abandonment of all, or part of, that entity.

2.9 Property, plant and equipment

Items of property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and identified impairment losses, if any. Expenditure incurred to replace a component of an item of property, plant and equipment that is accounted for separately, including major inspection and overhaul expenditure, is capitalised. Subsequent expenditure is capitalised only when it increases the future economic benefits embodied in the item of property, plant and equipment and can be measured reliably. All other expenditure is recognised in the statement of income as an expense as incurred.

The cost of property, plant and equipment is written off in equal instalments over the expected useful lives of the assets. The estimated useful lives are:

	Years
Buildings	3-20
Cables and transmission equipment	3-30
Telephone exchanges, power equipment and related software	2-20
Telephone, telex and related equipment	1-5
Satellite communication equipment	5-14
Furniture and office equipment	3-5
Motor vehicles and equipment	3-5

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at each reporting date.

Freehold land is not depreciated as it is deemed to have an indefinite life.

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2.9 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Assets held under finance leases are depreciated over their expected useful lives on the same basis as owned assets or where shorter, the term of the relevant lease.

Capital work-in-progress (CWIP) is not depreciated until it is taken to fixed assets when the asset is available for use. CWIP is tested for impairment, if any.

Where the carrying amount of an asset is greater than its estimated recoverable amount it is written down immediately to its recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals of property, plant and equipment are determined by reference to their carrying amounts and are taken into account in determining profit before taxation.

2.10 Intangible assets

Intangible assets acquired separately are measured on initial recognition at cost. The cost of intangible assets acquired in a business combination is their fair value at the date of acquisition. Following initial recognition, intangible assets are carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Internally generated intangibles, excluding capitalised development costs, are not capitalised and the related expenditure is reflected in profit or loss in the period in which the expenditure is incurred.

The useful lives of intangible assets are assessed as either finite or indefinite.

Intangible assets with finite lives are amortised over the useful economic life and assessed for impairment whenever there is an indication that the intangible asset may be impaired. The amortisation period and the amortisation method for an intangible asset with a finite useful life are reviewed at least at the end of each reporting period. Changes in the expected useful life or the expected pattern of consumption of future economic benefits embodied in the asset are considered to modify the amortisation period or method, as appropriate, and are treated as changes in accounting estimates. The amortisation expense on intangible assets with finite lives is recognised in the statement of profit or loss in the expense category that is consistent with the function of the intangible assets.

Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives are not amortised, but are tested for impairment annually, either individually or at the cash-generating unit level. The assessment of indefinite life is reviewed annually to determine whether the indefinite life continues to be supportable. If not, the change in useful life from indefinite to finite is made on a prospective basis.

Gains or losses arising from derecognition of an intangible asset are measured as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and are recognised in the statement of profit or loss when the asset is derecognised.

Amortisation

The estimated useful lives for the current and comparative years are as follows:

Licences	4 to 25 years
Software	3-5 years

2.11 Investment property

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and / or for capital appreciation, is measured initially at its cost, including transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, investment property is measured at fair value. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of investment property are included in statement of income in the period in which they arise.

When the use of a property changes such that it is reclassified as property, plant and equipment, its fair value at the date of reclassification becomes its cost for subsequent accounting.

2.12 Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined on the first-in, first-out principle and includes expenditure incurred in purchasing stock and bringing it to its existing location and condition. Net realisable value is the price at which stock can be sold in the normal course of business after allowing for the costs of realisation. Provision is made where necessary for obsolete, slow-moving and defective items.

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2.13 Financial instruments

(a) Non-derivative financial assets

The group initially recognises loans and receivables on the date they are originated. All other financial assets (including assets designated as at fair value through profit or loss) are recognised initially on the trade date, which is the date that the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

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

- The rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired
- The Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a 'pass-through' arrangement; and either:
 - The Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset; or
 - The Group has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset

When the Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from an asset or has entered into a pass-through arrangement, and has neither transferred nor retained substantially all of the risks and rewards of the asset nor transferred control of the asset, the asset is recognised to the extent of the Group's continuing involvement in the asset. In that case, the Group also recognises an associated liability. The transferred asset and the associated liability are measured on a basis that reflects the rights and obligations that the group has retained. Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Group could be required to repay

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when and only when the Group has a legal right to offset the amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

The Group classifies non-derivative financial assets into the following categories:

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets and financial liabilities classified in this category are those that have been designated by management upon initial recognition. Management may only designate an instrument at fair value through profit or loss upon initial recognition when the following criteria are met, and designation is determined on an instrument-by-instrument basis:

- i) The designation eliminates or significantly reduces the inconsistent treatment that would otherwise arise from measuring the assets or liabilities or recognising gains or losses on them on a different basis.
- ii) The assets and liabilities are part of a group of financial assets, financial liabilities or both, which are managed and their performance evaluated on a fair value basis, in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy.
- iii) The financial instrument contains one or more embedded derivatives, which significantly modify the cash flows that would otherwise be required by the contract.

Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are recorded in the statement of financial position at fair value. Changes in fair value are recorded in other operating income. Interest earned or incurred is accrued in interest income or interest expense, respectively, using the EIR, while dividend income is recorded in other operating income when the right to the payment has been established.

Held-to-maturity investments

Investments with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturity dates that the Group has the positive intent and ability to hold to maturity are classified as held to maturity investments. Held-to-maturity investments are recorded at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less any impairment, with revenue recognised on an effective yield basis. Held to maturity financial assets comprises debt securities.

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2.13 Financial instruments (continued)

(a) Non-derivative financial assets (continued)

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Such assets are initially recognised at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to the initial recognition, loans and receivables are recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses. Loans and receivables comprise cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances and call deposits with maturities of three months or less from the acquisition date that are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in their fair value, and are used by the Group in the management of its short term commitments.

Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale investments include equity and debt securities. Equity investments classified as available-for-sale are those which are neither classified as held for trading nor designated at fair value through profit or loss. Debt securities in this category are intended to be held for an indefinite period of time and may be sold in response to needs for liquidity or in response to changes in the market conditions.

After initial measurement, available-for-sale financial investments are subsequently measured at fair value.

Unrealised gains and losses are recognised directly in equity (other comprehensive income) in the change in fair value of investments available-for-sale. When the investment is disposed of, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in equity is recognised in the profit or loss in other operating income. Interest earned whilst holding available-for-sale financial investments is reported as interest income using the EIR. Dividends earned whilst holding available-for-sale financial investments are recognised in the profit or loss as other operating income when the right of the payment has been established. The losses arising from impairment of such investments are recognised in the profit or loss in impairment for investments and removed from the change in fair value of investments available-for-sale.

(b) Non derivative financial liabilities

Borrowings

Borrowings are recognised initially at fair value, being their issue proceeds (fair value of consideration received) net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently stated at amortised cost; any difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the redemption value is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

Trade and other payables

Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Group, at amortised cost.

(c) Derivative financial instruments

Derivatives are initially recognised 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 the statement of income immediately unless the derivative is designated and effective as a hedging instrument, in which event the timing of the recognition in the statement of income depends on the nature of the hedge relationship.

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.

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2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.13 Financial instruments (continued)

(c) Derivative financial instruments (continued)

Hedge accounting

At the inception of the hedge relationship, the entity 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 Group documents whether the hedging instrument that is used in a hedging relationship is highly effective in offsetting changes in cash flows of the hedged item.

The effective portion of the changes in the fair value of the interest rate swap that is designated and qualifies as a cash flow hedge is deferred in equity. The gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion is recognised immediately in the statement of income.

Amounts deferred in equity are recycled in profit or loss in the periods when the hedged item is recognised in the statement of income.

Hedge accounting is discontinued when the Group revokes the hedging relationship, the hedging instrument expires or is sold, terminated or exercised, or no longer qualifies for hedge accounting. Any cumulative gain or loss deferred in equity at that time remains in equity and is recognised when the forecast transaction is ultimately recognised in profit or loss. When a forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur, the cumulative gain or loss that was deferred in equity is recognised immediately in the statement of income.

2.14 Non-current assets held for sale

The Group classifies non-current assets and disposal groups as held for sale if their carrying amounts will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use. Such non-current assets and disposal groups classified as held for sale are measured at the lower of their carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell. Costs to sell are the incremental costs directly attributable to the sale, excluding the finance costs and income tax expense.

The criteria for held for sale classification is regarded as met only when the sale is highly probable and the asset or disposal group is available for immediate sale in its present condition. Actions required to complete the sale should indicate that it is unlikely that significant changes to the sale will be made or that the decision to sale will be withdrawn. Management must be committed to the sale expected within one year from the date of the classification.

Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets are not depreciated or amortised once classified as held for sale.

Assets and liabilities classified as held for sale are presented separately as current items in the statement of financial position.

A disposal group qualifies as discontinued operation if it is a component of an entity that either has been disposed of, or is classified as held for sale, and:

- Represents a separate major line of business or geographical area of operations
- Is part of a single co-ordinated plan to dispose of a separate major line of business or geographical area of operations or,
- Is a subsidiary acquired exclusively with a view to resale

Discontinued operations are excluded from the results of continuing operations and are presented as a single amount as profit or loss after tax from discontinued operations in the statement of income.

Additional disclosures are provided in Note 5. All other notes to the financial statements include amounts for continuing operations, unless otherwise mentioned.

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2.15 Impairment

(a) Non-financial assets

An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount of an asset or cash generating unit is higher than its recoverable amount. Recoverable amount is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. In assessing the value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specified to the asset.

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

(b) Financial assets

A financial asset not classified at fair value through profit or loss is assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any objective evidence that it is impaired. A financial asset is impaired if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset, and that loss events had an impact on the estimated future cash flows of that asset that can be estimated.

Objective evidence that financial assets are impaired include default or delinquency by a debtor, adverse change in the payment status etc. In addition for an investment in equity security, a significant or prolonged decline in its fair value below its cost is objective evidence of impairment.

2.16 Retirement benefits

End of service benefits are accrued in accordance with the terms of employment of the Group's employees in Oman at the reporting date, having regard to the requirements of the Oman Labour Law. Employee entitlements to annual leave and leave passage are recognised when they accrue to employees and an accrual is made for the estimated liability arising as a result of services rendered by employees up to the reporting date. These accruals are included in current liabilities, while those relating to end of service benefits are disclosed as non-current liabilities.

Contributions to a defined contribution retirement plan and occupational hazard insurance for Omani employees in accordance with the Omani Social Insurances Law of 1991 are recognised as an expense in the statement of income as incurred.

A subsidiary of the Group operates an unfunded defined benefit gratuity plan for all permanent employees. Provisions are made in the financial statements to cover obligations on the basis of actuarial valuations carried out annually under the projected unit credit method.

All actuarial gains and losses are recognised in other comprehensive income as and when they occur.

2.17 Voluntary end of service benefits

Voluntary end of service benefits are recognised as expense when the Group is demonstrably committed, without realistic possibility of withdrawal, to a formal detailed plan to either terminate employment before the normal retirement date, or to provide termination benefits as a result of an offer made to encourage voluntary redundancy. Termination benefits for voluntary redundancies are recognised as an expense if it is probable that the offer made by the Group will be accepted, and the number of acceptances can be estimated reliably.

2.18 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that the Group will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount to settle the obligation. Provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risk specific to the liability.

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2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.19 Taxation

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Taxation is provided in accordance with relevant fiscal regulations of the countries, in which the Group operates. Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date and any adjustments to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Income tax is recognised in the profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity, in which case it is recognised in equity.

Deferred tax assets/liabilities are calculated using the balance sheet method, providing for temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. The amount of deferred tax provided is based on the expected manner of realisation or settlement of the carrying amount of assets and liabilities, using tax rates enacted or substantially enacted at the reporting date.

The carrying amount of deferred income tax assets/liabilities is reviewed at each reporting date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred income tax asset to be utilised.

2.20 Directors' remuneration

Directors' remuneration is computed in accordance with the provisions of the Commercial Companies Law of 1974, as amended and the requirements of the Capital Market Authority in Oman and, in case of subsidiaries, in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations.

2.21 Dividend distribution

The Board of directors adopts a prudent dividend policy, which complies with regulatory requirements applicable in the Sultanate of Oman. Dividends are distributed in accordance with the Parent Company's Memorandum of Association and are subject to the approval of shareholders. Dividend distribution to the Parent Company's shareholders is recognised as a liability in the Parent Company's financial statements only in the period in which the dividends are approved by the Parent Company's shareholders.

2.22 Loyalty programme

The Group has a customer loyalty programme whereby customers are awarded credits ("Points") based on the usage of products and services, entitling customers to the right to redeem the accumulated points via specified means. The fair value of the consideration received or receivable in respect of the initial sale is allocated between the Points and the other components of sale. The amount allocated to Points is estimated by reference to the fair value of the right to redeem it at a discount for the products of the Group or for products or services provided by third parties. The fair value of the right to redeem is estimated based on the amount of discount, adjusted to take into account the expected forfeiture rate. The amount allocated to Points is deferred and included in deferred revenue. Revenue is recognised when these Points are redeemed and the Group has fulfilled its obligations to the customer. Deferred revenue is also released to revenue when it is no longer considered probable that the Points will be redeemed.

2.23 Royalty

Royalty is payable to the Telecommunication Regulatory Authority of the Sultanate of Oman on an accrual basis.

2.24 Fair value measurement

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 in the principal, or in its absence, the most advantageous market to which the Group has access at that date. The fair value of a liability reflects its non-performance risk.

When applicable, the Group measures the fair value of an instrument using the quoted price in an active market for that instrument. A market is regarded as active if transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an on-going basis.

When there is no quoted price in an active market, the Group uses valuation techniques that maximise the use of relevant unobservable inputs. The chosen valuation technique incorporates all the factors that market participants would take into account in pricing a transaction.

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2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.24 Fair value measurement (continued)

The best evidence of the fair value of a financial instrument at initial recognition is normally the transaction price i.e. the fair value of the consideration given or received. If the Group determines that the fair value at initial recognition differs from the transaction price and the fair value is evidenced neither by a quoted price in an active market for an identical asset or liability nor based on a valuation technique that uses only data from observable markets, the financial instrument is initially measured at fair value, adjusted to defer the difference between the fair value at initial recognition and the transaction price. Subsequently, that difference is recognised in profit or loss on an appropriate basis over the life of the instrument but no later than when the valuation is supported wholly by observable market data or the transaction is closed out.

3 Financial risk management

Financial instruments carried in the statement of financial position comprise investments, cash and cash equivalents, receivables, payables, borrowings and derivative financial instruments.

3.1 Financial risk factors

Overview

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Group's risk management framework. The Board has established the Executive Committee which is responsible for developing and monitoring the Group's risk management policies. The Committee reports regularly to the Board of Directors on its activities. The Management team develops methods of monitoring the Group's risk management policies, and reports to the Executive Committee who in return report to the Board of Directors.

The Group's risk management policies are established to identify and analyse the risks faced by the Group, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor risks and adherence to limits. Risk management policies and systems are reviewed regularly to reflect changes in market conditions and the Group's activities.

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

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

- Credit risk
- Liquidity risk
- Market risk

(i) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Group if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations and arises principally from the Group's receivables from customers and investment securities.

Trade and other receivables

The Group's exposure to credit risk is influenced mainly by the individual characteristics of each customer.

The Group has established credit policies and procedures that are considered appropriate for a licensed service provider commensurate with the nature and size of receivables. Credit limits for customers are established based on the amount of receivables and age of debts. In monitoring customer credit risk, customers are segmented according to their credit characteristics in the following categories:

- Private individual customers
- Corporate customers
- Government customers
- Amounts due from operators

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3 Financial risk management (continued)

3.1 Financial risk factors (continued)

(i) Credit risk (continued)

Trade and other receivables (continued)

The potential risk in respect of amounts receivable from private customers and corporate customers in Sultanate of Oman are significantly mitigated by factoring these receivables to an external agent. Under the terms of the factoring agreement the agent provides adequate cover in the form of a bank guarantee for the receivables assigned. The factoring agent has recourse to the Company based on certain agreed credit control norms. Credit risk on other trade debtors is limited to their carrying values as Management regularly reviews these balances whose recoverability is in doubt.

At the reporting date amounts receivable from the factoring agent approximate to 37.46% (31 December 2015: 30.86%) of the Group's total trade receivables. The factoring agent has given a bank guarantee of RO 10.5 million to the Group. The bank guarantee provided by the factoring agent represents 23.71% (31 December 2015: 27.08% of the amounts due from them at the reporting date.

The Group establishes an allowance for impairment that represents its estimate of incurred losses in respect of trade and other receivables. The main components of this loss are a specific loss component that relates to individual exposures and a collective loss component established for groups of similar assets in respect of losses that have been incurred but not yet identified. The collective loss allowance is determined based on historical data of payment statistics for similar financial assets.

Investments

The Group limits its exposure to credit risk by only investing in liquid securities and only with counterparties which have a good credit rating. Given good credit ratings and liquidity, Management does not expect any counterparty to fail to meet its obligations. Relevant details regarding credit risk is set out in note 45.

(ii) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivery of cash or another financial asset. The Group's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Group's reputation.

Typically the Group ensures that it has sufficient cash on demand to meet expected operational expenses for a period of 60 days, including the servicing of financial obligations. This excludes the potential impact of extreme circumstances that cannot reasonably be predicted, such as natural disasters. In addition the Group has access to credit facilities. Relevant details on liquidity risk are set out in note 46.

(iii) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and equity prices which will affect the Group'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.

Foreign currency risk

In respect of the transactions of the Group, they are primarily in Rial Omani and the Group's performance is substantially independent of changes in foreign currency rates as its foreign currency dealings are principally in US Dollars. The US Dollar and Omani Rial exchange rate have remained unchanged since 1986. There are no significant financial instruments denominated in foreign currency other than US Dollars and consequently Management believes that foreign currency risk on other monetary assets and liabilities is not significant.

Interest rate risk

The Group is exposed to interest rate risk as entities in the Group borrow funds at both fixed and floating interest rates. Hedging activities are evaluated by the Group treasury regularly to align with interest rate views and defined risk appetite ensuring that optimal hedging strategies are applied by either positioning the statement of financial position or protecting the interest expense through different interest rate cycles. Relevant details are set out in note 47.

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3 Financial risk management (continued)

3.1 Financial risk factors (continued)

Other market price risk

Equity price risk arises from investments held for trading fair value through profit or loss and available for sale investments. The primary goal of the Group's investment strategy is to maximise investment returns on surplus cash available. Management is assisted by external advisors in this regard. In accordance with this strategy certain investments are designated at fair value through profit or loss because their performance is actively monitored and they are managed on a fair value basis.

The following table demonstrates the sensitivity of the Group's profit or loss to a 5% change in the price of its equity holdings, assuming all other variables in particular foreign currency rates remain constant.

	<i>Change in price</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
2016	+/- 5%	3,074
2015	+/- 5%	2,924

Capital management

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

Management is confident of maintaining the current level of profitability by enhancing top line growth and prudent cost management. Neither the Parent Company nor its Oman subsidiary is subject to externally imposed capital requirements, other than the requirements of the Commercial Companies Law of 1974, as amended.

3.2 Fair value estimation

Investments

The fair value of investments is estimated by reference to the current market value of similar instruments or by reference to the discounted cash flows of the underlying net assets.

Financial assets and liabilities

The fair values of other financial assets and liabilities approximate their carrying amounts as presented in the statement of financial position.

Relevant details relating to fair value are set out in note 48.

4 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of the financial statements requires Management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of financial assets and liabilities at the reporting date and the resultant provisions and changes in fair value. Such estimates are necessarily based on assumptions about several factors involving varying, and possibly significant, degrees of judgment and uncertainty. Actual results may differ from Management's estimates resulting in future changes in estimated liabilities and assets.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Impairment of accounts receivable

An estimate of the collectible amount of trade accounts receivable is made when collection of the full amount is no longer considered probable. For individually significant amounts, this estimation is performed on an individual basis. Amounts which are not individually significant, but which are past due, are assessed collectively and a provision applied according to the length of time past due, based on historical recovery rates.

At the reporting date, trade accounts receivable of the Group amounted to RO 118.190 million (31 December 2015: RO 125.588 million), and the provision for impaired debts is RO 40.398 million (31 December 2015: RO 48.469 million). Any difference between the amounts actually collected in future periods and the amounts expected to be collected will be recognised in the statement of income.

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4 Critical accounting estimates and judgements (continued)

Impairment of inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. When inventories become old or obsolete, an estimate is made of their net realisable value. For individually significant amounts this estimation is performed on an individual basis. Amounts which are not individually significant, but which are old or obsolete, are assessed collectively and a provision applied according to the inventory type and the degree of ageing or obsolescence, based on historical prices.

At the reporting date, inventories amounted to RO 12.406 million (31 December 2015: RO 12.720 million) with provision for old and obsolete inventories of RO 3.066 million (31 December 2015: RO 4.392 million). Any difference between the amounts actually realised in future periods and the amounts recognised are dealt with in the statement of income.

Impairment of goodwill and investment in subsidiary

The relevant details are set out in Note 9

Useful lives of property, plant and equipment

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets over their estimated useful lives. The calculation of useful lives is based on Management's assessment of various factors such as the operating cycles, the maintenance programs, and normal wear and tear using its best estimates

Taxes

Uncertainties exist with respect to the interpretation of tax regulations and the amount and timing of future taxable income. Given the wide range of business relationships and nature of existing contractual agreements, differences arising between the actual results and the assumptions made, or future changes to such assumptions, could necessitate future adjustments to tax income and expense already recorded. The Group establishes provisions, based on reasonable estimates, for possible consequences of finalisation of tax assessments of the Group. The amount of such provisions is based on various factors, such as experience of previous tax assessments and differing interpretations of tax regulations by the taxable entity and the responsible tax authority.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for all unused tax losses to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the losses can be utilised. Significant management judgment is required to determine the amount of deferred tax assets that can be recognised, based upon the likely timing and the level of future taxable profits together with future tax planning strategies.

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5 Discontinuing operations

On 11 October 2016, the Parent Company signed a Share Purchase Agreement with WorldCall Services Pvt Limited and Ferret Consulting FZY for sale of ordinary and convertible preference shares of WTL respectively held by Omantel. The acquirers are in the process of completing the transaction process which is subject to the approval of the regulators including the Public Offer to non-controlling shareholders of WTL in Pakistan. At 31 December 2016, Worldcall Telecom Limited (WTL) was classified as a disposal group held for sale and as a discontinuing operation. The completion of the transaction is not expected to have any material financial impact on the Group's reported profit.

Accordingly, the results of WTL are not presented:

- Under "fixed line" in the primary reporting segments.
- Pakistan is not presented as separate geographical segment.

The results of WTL are presented below:

	<i>Notes</i>	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000
Revenue		7,079	7,008
Expenses		(8,561)	(20,271)
Operating loss		(1,482)	(13,263)
Impairment losses	9	-	(71,989)
Reclassification of foreign currency translation reserve from other comprehensive income			(19,434)
Finance costs/income (net)		(966)	(5,032)
Other income/(expense) – net		365	(51)
Loss before taxation		(2,083)	(109,769)
Taxation		352	(8,053)
Loss for the year from discontinuing operations		(1,731)	(101,716)
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of Parent		(983)	(66,904)
Non-controlling interests		(748)	(34,812)
Loss for the year from discontinued operations		(1,731)	(101,716)
Basic loss for the year and diluted earnings per share (RO) from discontinuing operations		0.001	0.089
The net cash flows generated/(incurred):			
Operating		(599)	675
Financing		899	(1,508)

Adjustments relating to impairment losses and reclassification of foreign currency translation reserve were recorded by the Group as consolidation adjustments.

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	Notes	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000
Loss for the year from discontinued operations		(1,731)	(101,716)
Other comprehensive income / (expense):			
Reclassification of foreign currency translation reserve to statement of income	20	-	19,434
<i>Other comprehensive income to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:</i>			
Actuarial gain on defined benefit plan of a subsidiary		-	62
Exchange difference on translation of foreign operation	20	-	(126)
Reclassification of fair value reserve to statement of income	21	-	(16)
Fair value change in available for sale Investments	21	350	87
		<u>350</u>	<u>19,441</u>
Other comprehensive income for the year		350	19,441
		<u>350</u>	<u>19,441</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year from discontinuing operations		(1,381)	(82,275)
		<u>(1,381)</u>	<u>(82,275)</u>
Total comprehensive income / (expense) for the year attributable to:			
Equity holders of the parent		(786)	(47,621)
Non-controlling interests		(595)	(34,654)
		<u>(1,381)</u>	<u>(82,275)</u>

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5 Discontinuing operations (continued)

The assets and liabilities of WTL classified as held for sale as at 31 December 2016 are as follows:

	2016	2015
	RO'000	RO'000
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Investment property	140	140
Other financial assets	408	480
	<u>546</u>	<u>620</u>
Current assets		
Inventories	813	820
Trade and other receivables	5,076	3,093
Other financial assets	882	496
Prepayments	72	62
Cash and Bank balances	1,747	1,447
	<u>8,590</u>	<u>5,918</u>
Total assets	<u><u>9,136</u></u>	<u><u>6,538</u></u>
LIABILITIES		
Non-current liabilities		
Borrowings	198	6,958
Retirement benefit obligation	1,492	1,358
Other liabilities	127	128
	<u>1,817</u>	<u>8,443</u>
Current liabilities		
Borrowings	22,372	21,347
Trade and other payables	35,186	34,548
	<u>57,558</u>	<u>55,895</u>
Total liabilities	<u><u>59,375</u></u>	<u><u>64,339</u></u>

The disclosures pertaining to borrowings are set out in Note 22.

The Group's subsidiary in Pakistan is also exposed to certain claims arising out of regulatory, taxation and operational matters. The management believes that none of these claims are expected to have any significant implication on its financial statements.

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6 Segment reporting

Information regarding the Group's operating segments is set out below in accordance with IFRS 8 - Operating segments. IFRS 8 requires operating segments to be identified on the basis of internal reports about components of the Group that are regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision maker in order to allocate resources to the segment and to assess its performance. There has not been a change in segment reporting other than relating to WTL as explained in note 5 compared to the previous period as the Group's internal reporting is based on a risks and rewards approach.

Products and services from which reportable segments derive their revenues

At 31 December 2016, the Group is organised into two main business segments:

Fixed line and others

Provision of international and national calls from fixed lines, including rentals and installations of fixed telephones and internet services (fixed lines and other) and services rendered by Wholesale business division.

Mobile

Operation of Global System for Mobile Communication (GSM) for prepaid and post paid services, equipment rentals, internet services and amounts derived from the sale of telecommunication equipment and other associated services falling within the Group's ordinary activities (mobile).

Segment revenues and results

Segment result represents the profit earned by each segment without allocation of finance income and finance costs. This is the measure reported to the Group's Board of Directors for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance.

Inter-segment sales are charged at prevailing market prices. The segment results for the year ended 31 December 2016 are as follows:

	<i>Fixed line and other RO'000</i>	<i>Mobile RO'000</i>	<i>Consolidation adjustments RO'000</i>	<i>Total RO'000</i>
Revenue				
External sales	195,706	327,884	-	523,590
Inter-segment sales	53,871	7,270	(61,141)	-
Total revenue	<u>249,577</u>	<u>355,154</u>	<u>(61,141)</u>	<u>523,590</u>
Segment result	<u>32,308</u>	<u>95,170</u>	-	<u>127,478</u>
Finance and investment income				4,506
Finance costs				(1,295)
Other non-operating income - net				2,997
Profit before taxation				<u>133,686</u>
Taxation				<u>(16,174)</u>
Profit for the year from continuing operations				<u><u>117,512</u></u>

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6 SEGMENT REPORTING (continued)

The segment results for the year ended 31 December 2015 were as follows:

	<i>Fixed line and other RO'000</i>	<i>Mobile RO'000</i>	<i>Consolidation adjustments RO'000</i>	<i>Total RO'000</i>
Revenue				
External sales	172,673	334,593	-	507,266
Inter-segment sales	84,097	7,946	(92,043)	-
Total revenue	<u>256,770</u>	<u>342,539</u>	<u>(92,043)</u>	<u>507,266</u>
Segment result	51,743	83,534	-	135,277
Finance and investment income				3,972
Finance cost				(435)
Voluntary employees' end of service				(12,578)
Other non-operating income-net				4,986
Profit before taxation				131,222
Taxation				(11,451)
Profit for the year from continuing operations				<u>119,771</u>

Other segment items for the year ended 31 December 2016 included in the statement of income are as follows:

	<i>Fixed line and other RO'000</i>	<i>Mobile RO'000</i>	<i>Total RO'000</i>
Depreciation	44,212	50,103	94,315
Amortisation	3,588	4,865	8,453

Other segment items for the year ended 31 December 2015 included in the statement of income are as follows:

	<i>Fixed line and other RO'000</i>	<i>Mobile RO'000</i>	<i>Total RO'000</i>
Depreciation	41,075	40,711	81,786
Amortisation	3,264	3,340	6,604

The segment assets and liabilities at 31 December 2016 and capital expenditures for the year ended are as follows:

	<i>Fixed line and other RO'000</i>	<i>Mobile RO'000</i>	<i>Consolidation adjustments RO'000</i>	<i>Total RO'000</i>
Assets	444,202	272,438	100,327	816,967
Liabilities	137,298	87,885	(5,156)	220,027
Capital expenditures	100,844	67,303	-	168,147

The segment assets and liabilities at 31 December 2015 and capital expenditures for the year then ended are as follows:

	<i>Fixed line and other RO'000</i>	<i>Mobile RO'000</i>	<i>Consolidation adjustments RO'000</i>	<i>Total RO'000</i>
Assets	450,047	264,725	78,422	793,194
Liabilities	119,906	100,676	67,245	287,827
Capital expenditures	60,799	82,228	-	143,027

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7 Property, plant and equipment

Consolidated - movement in property, plant and equipment

	Freehold land RO'000	Buildings RO'000	Network infrastructure and equipment RO'000	Furniture and office equipment RO'000	Motor vehicles and equipment RO'000	Capital work- in- progress RO'000	Total RO'000
Cost							
1 January 2016	1,125	79,677	1,012,237	33,106	5,593	68,437	1,200,175
Additions	-	-	3,882	107	2,268	156,293	162,550
Transfers	-	1,596	143,417	2,451	-	(147,464)	-
Transfer to other assets	-	-	-	-	-	(5,057)	(5,057)
Adjustment	-	(4,866)	8,785	(2,435)	(47)	-	1,437
Disposals/write-off	-	-	(97,522)	(718)	(999)	-	(99,239)
31 December 2016	1,125	76,407	1,070,799	32,511	6,815	72,209	1,259,866
Depreciation							
1 January 2016	-	45,293	660,304	29,556	1,730	-	736,883
Charge for the year –continuing operations	-	3,738	87,291	1,927	1,359	-	94,315
Adjustment	-	(1455)	5,282	(2,343)	(47)	-	1,437
Disposals/write-off	-	-	(87,750)	(718)	(980)	-	(89,448)
31 December 2016	-	47,576	665,127	28,422	2,062	-	743,187
Net book value							
At 31 December 2016	1,125	28,831	405,672	4,089	4,753	72,209	516,679

The Board of Directors considers that leasehold plots of land made available by the Government for its operations in the Sultanate of Oman will continue to be made available for the Group's use over the useful economic life of the assets that are situated on such leasehold lands.

During the year, salary cost amounting to RO 5.522 million was capitalised. (2015 : RO Nil).

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7 Property, plant and equipment (continued) Consolidated - movement in property, plant and equipment

	Freehold land	Buildings	Network infrastructure and equipment	Furniture and office equipment	Motor vehicles and equipment	Capital work- in- progress	Total
	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
Cost							
1 January 2015	1,199	77,898	1,017,620	35,416	3,862	60,542	1,196,537
Additions	-	20	6,883	154	3,289	126,008	136,354
Transfers	-	3,813	106,544	1,737	-	(112,094)	-
Transfer to other assets	-	-	-	-	-	(2,852)	(2,852)
Adjustment	-	-	(768)	329	708	-	269
Net foreign currency exchange differences	(2)	(35)	282	(28)	(4)	(73)	140
Disposals	-	-	(15,250)	(3,474)	(1,684)	-	(21,204)
Write off	-	-	-	-	-	(1,936)	(1,936)
Impairment losses (note 9)	(72)	(1,223)	(103,074)	(1,028)	(578)	(1,158)	(107,133)
31 December 2015	1,125	79,677	1,012,237	33,106	5,593	68,437	1,200,175
Depreciation							
1 January 2015	-	42,483	654,608	31,684	2,394	-	731,169
Charge for the year-continuing operations	-	4,081	75,030	2,027	648	-	81,786
Transfer to held for sale	-	-	-	-	269	-	269
Charge for the year-discontinuing operations	-	44	4,169	63	9	-	4,285
Net foreign currency exchange differences	-	14	1,567	88	39	-	1,708
Disposals	-	(717)	(9,718)	(3,377)	(1,529)	-	(15,341)
Impairment losses (note 9)	-	(612)	(65,352)	(929)	(100)	-	(66,993)
31 December 2015	-	45,293	660,304	29,556	1,730	-	736,883
Net book value At 31 December 2015	1,125	34,384	351,933	3,550	3,863	68,437	463,292

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7 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Parent - movement in property, plant and equipment

	Freehold land	Buildings	Network infrastructure and equipment	Furniture and office equipment	Motor vehicles and equipment	Capital work- in- progress	Total
	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
Cost							
1 January 2016	1,125	79,677	1,005,956	32,161	5,560	68,022	1,192,501
Additions	-	-	3,548	102	2,268	153,366	159,284
Transfers	-	1,596	143,367	1778	-	(146,741)	-
Reclassification	-	(4,866)	8,785	(2,435)	(47)	-	1,437
Transfers to other assets	-	-	-	-	-	(4,987)	(4,987)
Disposals	-	-	(97,522)	(718)	(999)	-	(99,239)
31 December 2016	1,125	76,407	1,064,134	30,888	6,782	69,660	1,248,996
Depreciation							
1 January 2016	-	45,293	659,352	29,136	1,697	-	735,478
Charge for the year	-	3,738	86,806	1,672	1,359	-	93,575
Reclassification	-	(1,455)	5,282	(2,343)	(47)	-	1,437
Disposals	-	-	(87,750)	(718)	(980)	-	(89,448)
31 December 2015	-	47,576	663,690	27,747	2,029	-	741,042
Net book value							
At 31 December 2016	1,125	28,831	400,444	3,141	4,753	69,666	507,954

The Board of Directors considers that leasehold plots of land made available by the Government for its operations in the Sultanate of Oman will continue to be made available for the Group's use over the useful economic life of the assets that are situated on such leasehold lands.

During the year, salary cost amounting to RO 5.522 million was capitalised (2015 : RO Nil).

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7 Property, plant and equipment *(continued)*

Parent - movement in property, plant and equipment

	Freehold Land	Buildings	Network infrastructure and equipment	Furniture and office equipment	Motor vehicles and equipment	Capital work- in- progress	Total
	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
Cost							
1 January 2015	1,125	76,667	909,514	33,753	3,499	56,535	1,081,093
Additions	-	13	6,567	93	3,289	124,705	134,667
Transfers	-	3,793	105,108	1,537	-	(110,438)	-
Transfers to other assets	-	-	-	-	-	(2,780)	(2,780)
Disposals	-	(796)	(15,233)	(3,222)	(1,228)	-	(20,479)
31 December 2015	<u>1,125</u>	<u>79,677</u>	<u>1,005,956</u>	<u>32,161</u>	<u>5,560</u>	<u>68,022</u>	<u>1,192,501</u>
Depreciation							
1 January 2015	-	41,929	594,490	30,481	2,273	-	669,173
Charge for the year	-	4,081	74,575	1,877	647	-	81,180
Disposals	-	(717)	(9,713)	(3,222)	(1,223)	-	(14,875)
31 December 2015	<u>-</u>	<u>45,293</u>	<u>659,352</u>	<u>29,136</u>	<u>1,697</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>735,478</u>
Net book value At 31 December 2015	<u>1,125</u>	<u>34,384</u>	<u>346,604</u>	<u>3,025</u>	<u>3,863</u>	<u>68,022</u>	<u>457,023</u>

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8 Investment in subsidiaries

	Parent company	
	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000
Equity investment in WTL	-	73,559
Convertible preference shares investment in WTL	-	7,740
	-	81,299
Provision for impairment of investment (note 9)	-	(81,299)
	900	600
Investment in Oman Data Park LLC	26	26
Investment in Omantel France SAS	500	500
Internet of Things LLC	250	-
At 31 December	1,676	1,126

9 Goodwill

	Consolidated	
	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000
At 1 January	-	14,735
Impairment losses	-	(13,925)
Effect of foreign currency exchange difference	-	(810)
At 31 December	-	-

Test for impairment of investment in Worldcall Telecom Limited ("WTL")

From the date of the investment, the parent Company has been constantly engaged with the subsidiary (WTL) in monitoring and evaluation of performance on a continuing basis. However this has not resulted in the desired returns on account of significant competition and changes in the regulatory landscape. Management's evaluation has indicated that given the current financial situation of the subsidiary, coupled with market challenges, it is not likely that turnaround can materialise without significant capital injection. Management evaluated the case for investing further in WTL but since the risks outweighed the potential benefits decided not to invest further in WTL. Therefore on account of significant uncertainties surrounding the subsidiaries operations, the parent company recognised an impairment charge against the full carrying value of goodwill and the Pakistan operations comprising its assets. During the year, WTL is classified as disposal group as held for sale (note 5).

The details of impairment charge recognised in Group's statement of income with respect to WTL is as follows:

	Consolidated	
	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000
Property, plant and equipment	-	40,140
Goodwill	-	13,925
Other intangible assets	-	4,674
Deferred tax assets	-	9,697
Assets of disposal group held for sale	-	3,553
	-	71,989

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9 Goodwill (continued)

Impairment charge recognised in Parent Company's statement of income is as follows:

	Parent Company	
	2016	2015
	RO'000	RO'000
Investment in equity	-	19,168
Investment in convertible preference shares (CPS)	-	7,740
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Impairment in value of equity and CPS	-	26,908
Receivable from subsidiary-trade receivables (refer note 15)	-	13,181
Receivable from subsidiary-corporate guarantee (refer note 25)	905	13,667
Receivable from subsidiary-put option (refer note 25)	-	6,634
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	905	60,390
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10 Other intangible assets

Consolidated

	Licenses RO'000	Patents and copyrights RO'000	Software RO'000	Subscriber acquisition costs RO'000	Total RO'000
Cost					
At 1 January 2015	63,488	8	22,027	161	85,684
Addition during the year	7,657	-	2,909	-	10,566
Transfers	-	-	(2,718)	-	(2,718)
Impairment losses (note 9)	(8,310)	(8)	(64)	-	(8,382)
Adjustment	-	-	(52)	-	(52)
Net foreign currency exchange difference	(297)	-	(2)	-	(299)
At 31 December 2015	62,538	-	22,100	161	84,799
At 1 January 2016	62,538	-	22,100	161	84,799
Addition during the year	-	-	4,922	-	4,922
Adjustment	-	-	(1,203)	-	(1,203)
Disposals	-	-	(12)	-	(12)
At 31 December 2016	62,538	-	25,807	161	88,506
Amortisation					
At 1 January 2015	36,856	7	18,593	161	55,617
Charge for the year-continuing operations	4,252	-	2,352	-	6,604
Charge for the year- discontinuing operations	546	-	11	-	557
Disposal	-	-	(2,718)	-	(2,718)
Impairment losses (note 9)	(3,662)	(6)	(40)	-	(3,708)
Adjustment	-	-	(54)	-	(54)
Net foreign currency exchange difference	(121)	(1)	(2)	-	(124)
At 31 December 2015	37,871	-	18,142	161	56,174
At 1 January 2016	37,871	-	18,142	161	56,174
Charge for the year-continuing operations	5,655	-	2,798	-	8,453
Disposal	-	-	(12)	-	(12)
Adjustment	(5)	-	(1,198)	-	(1,203)
At 31 December 2016	43,521	-	19,730	161	63,412
Net book value					
At 31 December 2016	19,017	-	6,077	-	25,094
31 December 2015	24,667	-	3,958	-	28,625

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10 Other intangible assets (continued)**Parent company**

	<i>License RO'000</i>	<i>Software RO'000</i>	<i>Subscriber acquisition costs RO'000</i>	<i>Total RO'000</i>
Cost				
At 1 January 2015	54,881	18,075	161	73,117
Additions	7,657	2,524	-	10,181
Adjustment	-	3,463	-	3,463
Disposal	-	(2,718)	-	(2,718)
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At 31 December 2015	62,538	21,344	161	84,043
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At 1 January 2016	62,538	21,344	161	84,043
Additions	-	4,852	-	4,852
Reclassification	-	(1,203)	-	(1,203)
Disposal	-	(12)	-	(12)
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At 31 December 2016	62,538	24,981	161	87,680
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Amortisation				
At 1 January 2015	33,624	14,914	161	48,699
Charge for the year	4,252	2,242	-	6,494
Adjustment	-	3,463	-	3,463
Disposal	-	(2,718)	-	(2,718)
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At 31 December 2015	37,876	17,901	161	55,938
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At 1 January 2016	37,876	17,901	161	55,938
Charge for the year	5,655	2,598	-	8,253
Reclassification	(5)	(1,198)	-	(1,203)
Disposal	-	(12)	-	(12)
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At 31 December 2016	43,531	19,289	161	62,976
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Net book value				
At 31 December 2016	19,012	5,692	-	24,704
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31 December 2015	24,662	3,443	-	28,105
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11 Investment in associated companies

- (a) The share of post-acquisition profits and the carrying value of the investments in associated companies are as follows:

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
Opening balance	3,896	3,896	9,381	9,399
Share of results	-	-	1,172	809
Dividend received	-	-	(777)	(827)
Closing balance	3,896	3,896	9,776	9,381

- (a) The fair value of the parent company's investment in Oman Fiber Optic Company SAOG, which is listed on the Muscat Securities Market, is RO 13,506,502 (31 December 2015: RO 13,505,218) as compared to the cost of RO 3,445,511 (31 December 2015: RO 3,445,511). The fair value is determined under Level 1.
- (b) The summarised financial information of the principal associates are as follows:

	Assets	Liabilities	Revenues	Profit	Percentage
	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	shareholding
31 December 2016					
Oman Fiber Optic Co. SAOG	41,878	22,953	29,115	2,536	40.96
Infoline LLC	2,854	1,062	7,198	261	45
31 December 2015					
Oman Fiber Optic Co. SAOG	37,902	19,946	22,563	1,608	40.96
Infoline LLC	2,613	862	6,290	340	45

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12 Other financial assets (continued)**(a) Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss**

Parent Company and consolidated				
	Carrying amount as at 31 December 2015 RO'000	Additions /(disposals) during the year RO'000	Gains/(losses) recognised in profit or loss RO'000	Carrying amount as at 31 December 2016 RO'000
Equities	10,293	1,545	717	12,555
Fixed income instruments	4,657	2,298	54	7,009
Mutual funds	14,557	374	(43)	14,888
	<u>29,507</u>	<u>4,217</u>	<u>728</u>	<u>34,452</u>

(b) Held for trading investments

Held for trading investments represent quoted marketable securities. These investments are valued at quoted market price at the reporting date.

(c) Available for sale investment carried at cost

Available for sale investment represents investment in a mutual fund and unquoted equities. The investment is carried at cost less impairment due to unavailability of fair value.

(d) Held to maturity investment

Held to maturity investments represents investment in bonds as set out below:

Parent Company and consolidated				
	2016 RO '000	2015 RO '000	Effective rate of interest (p.a.)	Maturity (year)
Current				
Bonds	-	5,771	8%	2016
Subordinated notes	-	600	4.5%	2016
Subordinated bonds	1,420	-	5.5%	2017
Subordinated notes	2,000	-	6.5%	2017
Non-current				
Subordinated bonds	-	1,420	5.5%	2017
Subordinated notes	-	2,000	6.5%	2017
Subordinated notes	5,000	5,000	5.757%	2018
Islamic bonds	1,000	1,000	5%	2018
Subordinated notes	1,000	1,000	4%	2019
Islamic bonds	1,000	-	8.5%	2021
Subordinated notes	1,000	1,000	5.5%	2021
	<u>12,420</u>	<u>17,791</u>		

(e) Margin deposits

Margin deposits include deposits placed with banks against various guarantees and letters of credit.

(f) Fixed deposits

Fixed deposits are placed with commercial banks and financing companies. The average annual interest rate on these deposits is 4% (2015: 3% per annum).

(g) Loans and advances to employees

Loans and advances to employees are unsecured and interest free and include advances given to key management personnel of a subsidiary amounting to RO: Nil (2015 : RO 0.017 million).

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13 Inventories

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000
Stores and spares	9,335	8,973	9,336	10,481
Prepaid cards and handsets	3,070	2,230	3,070	2,239
	<u>12,405</u>	<u>11,203</u>	<u>12,406</u>	<u>12,720</u>
Provision for inventory obsolescence	(3,066)	(3,696)	(3,066)	(4,392)
	<u>9,339</u>	<u>7,507</u>	<u>9,340</u>	<u>8,328</u>

The movement in the provision for inventory obsolescence is as follows:

Opening balance	3,696	2,962	4,392	3,128
Charge for the year-continuing operations	-	734	-	734
Charge for the year-discontinuing operations	-	-	-	541
Released during the year	(366)	-	(366)	-
Write off during the year	(264)	-	(264)	-
Transfer to held for sale assets	-	-	(696)	-
Net foreign currency exchange difference	-	-	-	(11)
	<u>3,066</u>	<u>3,696</u>	<u>3,066</u>	<u>4,392</u>

14 Trade and other receivables

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000
Amounts due from customers	42,759	49,303	44,365	58,807
Amounts due from Oman Investment Finance Company SAOG (OIFC)	44,274	38,767	44,274	38,767
Amounts due from other operators	28,403	27,243	28,403	27,243
Other receivables	1,148	771	1,148	771
	<u>116,584</u>	<u>116,084</u>	<u>118,190</u>	<u>125,588</u>
Provision for impairment of receivables	(40,279)	(41,431)	(40,398)	(48,469)
	<u>76,305</u>	<u>74,653</u>	<u>77,792</u>	<u>77,119</u>
Deposits	4,846	3,657	4,846	3,657
Advances	5,532	2,698	3,956	4,721
	<u>86,683</u>	<u>81,008</u>	<u>86,594</u>	<u>85,497</u>

The movement in provision for impairment of receivables is disclosed in note 45 (b)(ii).

The deposits amounting to RO 4.846 million includes RO 1.7 million held with TRA and RO 1.1 million held with the taxation authorities of Oman respectively under protest as set out in note 28 (royalty) and note 41 (taxation) respectively.

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15 Receivable from subsidiary

	Parent Company	
	2016	2015
	RO'000	RO'000
Receivable from Worldcall Telecom Limited (WTL)		
-Trade Receivable	-	13,181
-Corporate Guarantee (note 25)	-	13,667
-Put option (note 25)	-	6,634
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	-	33,482
Provision for impairment (note 9)	-	(33,482)
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Oman Data Park LLC	882	716
Omantel France SAS	18	11
Internet of Things LLC	281	-
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	1,181	727
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16 Share capital and dividends

The share capital comprises 750,000,000 (31 December 2015 - 750,000,000) authorised and issued, ordinary shares of RO 0.100 (31 December 2015: RO 0.100) each fully paid. Shareholders of the Parent Company who own not less than 10% of the Parent Company's shares at reporting date are as follows:

	2016		2015	
	Shares held	%	Shares held	%
Oman Investment Fund	414,225,000	55.23	-	-
Government of the Sultanate of Oman	-	-	382,500,000	51

The directors have recommended a dividend of RO 0.070 (2015: RO 0.060) per share amounting to RO 52.50 million (2015: RO 45 million) which is subject to approval of the shareholders at the annual general meeting.

For the year 2015, a final cash dividend of RO 0.060 per share (2014: RO 0.075 per share) amounting to RO 45 million (2014: RO 56.25 million) was approved by the shareholders at the annual general meeting held on 30 March 2016.

An interim cash dividend of RO 0.040 (30 September 2015: RO 0.055) amounting to RO 30 million (30 September 2015: RO 41.250 million) was approved by the Board of Directors on 14 August 2016.

17 Legal reserve

In accordance with the Commercial Companies Law of Oman 1974, as amended, annual appropriations of 10% of the profit for the year are made to this reserve until the accumulated balance of the reserve is equal to one third of the value of the respective entity's paid-up share capital. This reserve is not available for distribution.

18 Voluntary reserve

In accordance with the Board of Directors' Resolution No.16T/5/2000, the Parent Company transferred 10% of their annual net profits in prior years to a distributable voluntary reserve until it becomes equal to one-half of the entity's paid up share capital. As the reserve equals at least half of paid up share capital, the Company has discontinued the transfer.

19 Capital contribution

On 11 February 2004, the Telecom Regulatory Authority (TRA) issued licences to the Group for mobile and fixed line telecommunication services at a cost of RO 500,000 and RO 200,000 and for periods of 15 and 25 years, respectively.

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19 Capital contribution (continued)

The Group engaged an independent firm of consultants to determine the fair value of the licences as at 11 February 2004, who determined the fair value of the fixed and mobile licences as being in the amount of approximately RO 44.881 million.

The basis of the valuation was on an assessed open market value of the licences under their current terms as they would apply to a new company obtaining the licences. The reason for adopting the assumption of a 'new company' was in order to differentiate the value of the licences from the other intangible assets that the Group owns. Accordingly the value attached to the licences is not a 'special value' to the Group of the licences and does not reflect the full value of the intangible assets enjoyed by the Group.

The excess of the valuation of the Group's licences over the amounts paid to the TRA, representing a fair value gain of RO 44.181 million, has been recognised as a non-distributable capital contribution within equity.

20 Foreign currency translation reserve

Exchange differences relating to the translation of assets and liabilities on consolidation from the functional currency of the Group's foreign subsidiary into Rial Omani are recorded directly in the foreign currency translation reserve.

During 2015, the Group believed that there was a significant depreciation of Pakistani Rupee (PKR) against Omani and was not expected to reverse in the foreseeable future. Further the Group recognised an impairment charge against the full carrying value of goodwill and the Pakistani operations comprising their assets. Considering the liquidity position of WTL and the Parent Company's decision to not to invest/support WTL any further, the Group considered this as an abandonment of a foreign operation in accordance with the requirement of IAS 21 – The Effect of changes in foreign exchange rates. Consequently, the Group reclassified the cumulative foreign currency translation losses on investment in WTL (subsidiary) to statement of income during 2015.

21 Fair value reserve

The fair value reserve arises on the revaluation of available-for-sale financial assets. Where a revalued financial asset is sold, the portion of the reserve that relates to that financial asset, and is effectively realised, is recognised in the statement of income. Where a revalued financial asset is impaired, the portion of the reserve that relates to that financial asset is recognised in the statement of income.

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22 Borrowings

<i>Consolidated</i>	<i>Currency</i>	<i>Nominal interest rate</i>	<i>Year of maturity</i>	<i>Current</i>		<i>Non-current</i>	
				<i>2016</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2015</i>
				<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
Secured-at amortised cost							
Bank loan	OMR	3 months LIBOR+2.5% (floor of 5%p.a)	2017 - 2019	1,900	1,150	5,475	7,331
Long term loans	PKR	1 month KIBOR+3% p.a and 3 month KIBOR+ 0.5% p.a	2016 and 2018 Note (a (i) and (ii))	-	161	-	319
Long term loan	USD	3 months LIBOR+3.25%	2022 Note (a(iii))	-	13,667	-	-
Convertible preference share	USD	5.9% p.a	Note (b)	-	-	-	6,634
Term finance certificates-3	PKR	6 months KIBOR+1.6%	2021 (c)	-	5,467	-	-
Short term borrowings	PKR	3 to 6 months KIBOR+1.5% to 4%	-	-	2,047	-	-
Bank overdraft	OMR	3 months LIBOR+2.5% (floor of 5%p.a)	-	489	524	-	-
Finance lease liabilities	PKR	6 months KIBOR+ 2.5%p.a	-	-	5	-	6
Finance lease liabilities	OMR	12.695% p.a	-	42	36	265	305
				2,431	23,057	5,740	14,595

(a) Long term Loans

This represent term loan facility from banks and comprise the following:

- i) Loan from Soneri Bank Ltd of PKR 50 million which is repayable in 23 monthly instalments ending on 28 February 2016. It carries a mark up of one month KIBOR plus 3% per annum and is payable monthly. The mark up rate charged during the period on the outstanding balance ranges between 9% to 12.09% (2015: 9% to 12.09%) per annum. It is secured through joint pari passu hypothecation agreement over current and movable fixed assets.
- ii) This represents a term loan facility of PKR 125 million obtained through restructuring of running finance facility. The facility is repayable in 43 monthly instalments ending on 31 July 2018. The mark up rate to be charged on the outstanding balance w.e.f April 01, 2015 will be 3 months KIBOR+50 Bps to be reset and recoverable quarterly. It is secured through a joint pari passu charge on present and future current and fixed assets excluding land and building of the subsidiary in Pakistan with a 25% margin.
- iii) The subsidiary in Pakistan signed a foreign currency syndicated loan facility amounting to USD 35 million from National Bank of Oman SAOG and Ahli Bank SAOG with the lead arranger being National Bank of Oman. It is repayable in 16 quarterly instalments commencing 30 September 2017. Profit is payable quarterly and is charged at three months average London Inter-Bank Offer Rate (LIBOR) plus 1.75% per annum and monitoring fee at 1.5% per annum. To secure the facility, the corporate guarantee of the Parent Company has been furnished. This arrangement shall remain effective until all obligations under the facility are settled. As of the reporting date, the subsidiary is in breach of a covenant of the facility. Moreover, the subsidiary has failed to pay interest against this facility for the quarter ended 31 December 2016 which led to the consortium adjusting the payable against interest with the Debt Service Reserve Account Balance ("security") held with them. These constitute events of default under the facility and empowers the consortium to demand the outstanding amount at their will. Consequently, the total amount has become immediately payable. The Parent Company has recorded a full provision towards its corporate guarantee issued (refer note 25 (i)).

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22 BORROWINGS (continued)**(b) Convertible preference shares**

These are denominated in US Dollar, non-voting, cumulative and convertible preference shares ("CPS", or "Preference Shares") having a face value of US\$ 100 each, held by the Parent company and Habib Bank Limited (Investor) amounting to USD 20 million and USD 15 million respectively issued by the subsidiary in Pakistan. The conversion option is exercisable by the holder at any time after the 1st anniversary of the issue date but no later than the 5th anniversary. On 5th anniversary, the CPS will be mandatorily converted into ordinary voting common shares. The CPS shall be converted fully or partially in multiples of USD 1 million at the conversion ratio defined in the agreement at 10% discount on share price after first anniversary and thereby increased by 10% additional discount for each completed year of anniversary. The holders are entitled to a non cash dividend which will be calculated at the rate higher of 5.9% per annum or the dividend declared by the subsidiary for ordinary shareholders.

Omantel (Parent company) has provided a put option to the Investor in USD where the investor can sell its CPS at participation amount along with any accumulated and accrued dividend (put strike price) to Omantel. The put option may be exercised fully or partially in multiples of US\$ 1 million from the 3rd anniversary of the CPS till the 5th anniversary or on occurrence of the trigger events as defined in the CPS agreement at any time during the term of the CPS. The Parent Company has recorded a full provision during FY 2015 towards put option (refer note 25 (ii)). During the year, the put option was exercised in full by the investor and was settled by the Parent Company at RO 7 million

(c) Term finance certificates-3

Term finance certificates-3 were earlier rescheduled in December 2012 under which the principal was repayable in three semi-annual installments ending on 7 October 2015. In July 2014, the subsidiary initiated the process of second restructuring with the TFC holders. On 3 April 2015, the TFCs were rescheduled and the terms of the revised rescheduling agreement are effective from 7 October 2014. As per revised terms, the tenure of the TFCs were extended by seven years with principal installments ending in October 2021. As per terms of second rescheduling, payments in respect of principal and markup aggregating to Rs 230 million (RO 0.83 million) (includes interest of PKR 60 million (RO 0.22 million)) were required to be made during year. However, payments of Rs 146.625 million (RO 0.53 million) (includes interest of PKR 20 million (RO 0.07 million)) were made, hence, constituting a default as per the terms. Consequently, the total amount has been classified in current liabilities during FY 2015. These certificates are included under discontinuing operation under note 5.

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23 Deferred tax assets

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The net deferred tax asset and deferred tax charge / (credit) in the statement of income are attributable to the following items:

	1 January 2016 RO'000	Charged / (credited) to statement of income RO '000	Others RO '000	31 December 2016 RO '000	1 January 2015 RO'000	Charged / (credited) to statement of income RO '000	Charge pertaining to Discontinued operations RO'000	Impairment losses (note 9) RO '000	Exchange differences RO '000	31 December 2015 RO '000
Temporary differences										
Provision for impaired receivables	(2,968)	125	-	(2,843)	(5,202)	(168)	314	2,069	19	(2,968)
Provision for inventory obsolescence	(115)	75	-	(40)	(135)	(88)	9	68	31	(115)
Provision for capital contribution	-	-	-	-	651	-	(91)	(538)	(22)	-
Retirement benefit obligation	-	-	-	-	(462)	-	32	414	16	-
Fair value gain on investments	490	93	-	583	650	(160)	-	-	-	490
Impairment of investment in subsidiary	(11,252)	(109)	-	(11,361)	-	-	(11,252)	-	-	(11,252)
Depreciation and amortisation	4,773	92	-	4,863	19,269	(369)	(2,029)	(11,645)	(453)	4,773
Licence amortisation	-	-	(615)	(615)	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>(9,072)</u>	<u>276</u>	<u>(615)</u>	<u>(9,411)</u>	<u>14,771</u>	<u>(785)</u>	<u>(13,017)</u>	<u>(9,632)</u>	<u>(409)</u>	<u>(9,072)</u>
Unused tax losses and credits	-	-	-	-	(24,387)	-	4,203	19,329	855	-
	<u>(9,072)</u>	<u>276</u>	<u>(615)</u>	<u>(9,411)</u>	<u>(9,616)</u>	<u>(785)</u>	<u>(8,814)</u>	<u>9,697</u>	<u>446</u>	<u>(9,072)</u>

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23 Deferred tax assets (continued)**Parent Company**

	1 January 2016 RO'000	Charged / (credited) to statement of income RO'000	Others	31 December 2016 RO'000	1 January 2015 RO'000	Charged / (credited) to statement of income RO'000	31 December 2015 RO'000
Temporary Differences							
Provision for impaired receivables	(2,968)	125	-	(2,843)	(2,800)	(168)	(2,968)
Provision for inventory obsolescence	(115)	75	-	(40)	(27)	(88)	(115)
Fair value gain on investment	490	93	-	583	650	(160)	490
Impairment of investment in a subsidiary	(11,252)	(109)	-	(11,361)	(6,517)	(4,735)	(11,252)
Depreciation and amortisation	4,773	92	-	4,865	5,142	(369)	4,773
Licence amortisation	-	-	(615)	(615)	-	-	-
	(9,072)	276	(615)	(9,411)	(3,552)	(5,520)	(9,072)

24 Retirement benefit obligation

The movement in retirement benefit obligation is as follows:

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000
At 1 January	4,378	3,966	5,772	5,249
Charge for the year	728	714	746	1,101
Payments during the year	(680)	(302)	(690)	(458)
Transfer to liability associated with held for sale	-	-	(1,351)	-
Recognition of actuarial income on defined benefit plan	-	-	-	(62)
Foreign exchange difference	-	-	-	(58)
At 31 December	4,426	4,378	4,477	5,772

Charge for 2015 include an amount of RO 0.372 million reclassified to discontinued operations

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25 Provisions

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000
Corporate guarantee Note (i)	13,667	13,667	-	-
Put option note (ii)	-	6,634	-	-
At 31 December	<u>13,667</u>	<u>20,301</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

- (i) In accordance with IAS 37: Provisions, contingent liabilities and Contingent assets, the Corporate guarantee provided by the Parent Company to guarantee the long term loan raised by Subsidiary from National Bank of Oman (refer note 22a(iii)), is provided at a best estimate of payments which may be required to be made under the borrowing arrangement.
- (ii) In accordance with IAS 37: Provisions, contingent liabilities and Contingent assets, the put option provided by the Parent Company to guarantee the convertible preference shares raised by Subsidiary (refer note 22 (b)), is provided at a best estimate of payments which may be required to be made under the contract. During the year, Habib Bank Limited (HBL) exercised the put option and the amount was settled by the parent company by utilising the related provision amount.

26 Other liabilities – non current

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000
Long term deposits	-	-	-	128
Voluntary end of service (note 39)	-	2,162	-	2,162
At 31 December	<u>-</u>	<u>2,162</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,290</u>

27 Trade and other payables

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2016 RO '000	2015 RO '000	2016 RO '000	2015 RO '000
Trade payables	16,402	17,662	20,840	39,971
Amounts due to other telecommunication administrators	8,512	8,530	8,512	8,530
Retentions payable	27,838	27,121	27,838	27,410
Licence fees payable	-	-	-	3,708
Accruals	61,056	54,339	61,158	60,698
Deferred income	13,510	16,358	13,510	16,686
Billings in advance	15,970	15,716	15,970	15,716
Accrued interest	-	-	-	799
Voluntary end of service (note 39)	6,337	10,416	6,337	10,416
Other payables	2,997	5,447	3,407	6,661
	<u>152,622</u>	<u>155,589</u>	<u>157,572</u>	<u>190,595</u>

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28 Royalty payable

In accordance with Article 4 (1) of the fixed and mobile licence and as permitted by the TRA, the licensee is required to pay royalty to the TRA at the rate of 7% of its gross revenue excluding certain categories of wholesale revenue and interconnection expenses. Details regarding recent demand made by TRA are set out in note 44 (c) (i). TRA has increased the royalty rate to 12% with effect from 1 January 2017.

The deposits amounting to RO 1.6 million held with TRA under protest as set out in note 14.

29 Net assets per share

Net assets per share attributable to equity holders of the Parent Company is calculated by dividing the net assets at the reporting date by the number of shares outstanding:

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Net assets attributable to the owners of the parent (RO'000)	582,696	540,185	582,345	540,474
Number of shares outstanding (thousands)	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000
Net assets per share (RO)	0.777	0.720	0.776	0.721

30 Wholesale revenue

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
External administration revenue (note a)	28,997	24,755	28,997	24,749
Interconnection income (note b)	16,677	17,977	16,677	17,984
Capacity sales	32,661	23,043	32,625	23,006
Others	23,942	19,980	23,942	19,980
	102,277	85,755	102,241	85,719

- a) External administration revenue represents the revenue derived from termination of other international operators traffic on the Group's network.
- b) Interconnection income represents the revenue derived from licensed local operators for the use of transmission equipment, facilities and the charges for the termination of other operator's traffic on the Group's network.

31 Interconnection expense

Interconnection expense represents the charges paid by the Group to licensed local operators for the termination of the traffic on the network of the operator.

32 Cost of content services

Cost of content services represents the charges paid by the Group to various content service providers such as provision of audio text services and SMS to TV channels etc.

33 External administration expense

External administration expense represents the charges paid by the Group to international operators for the termination of the traffic on the network of the operator.

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34 Staff costs

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000
Salaries and allowances	58,178	60,750	59,152	61,689
Social security costs	4,795	5,263	4,833	5,304
Retirement benefits (Note below)	640	714	657	729
Other employee benefits	4,333	3,780	4,333	3,780
	<u>67,946</u>	<u>70,507</u>	<u>68,975</u>	<u>71,502</u>

Includes an amount of RO 0.088 million capitalised during the period.

35 Operating and maintenance expenses

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000
Asset maintenance	22,707	24,051	22,384	24,082
Cost of sales	20,638	17,957	22,545	19,418
Satellite channels and frequency charge	15,416	14,300	15,416	14,300
Rental charges	7,823	6,899	8,037	7,043
Electricity and water	3,143	2,784	3,244	2,874
Maintenance and hire charges	2,585	3,437	2,585	3,447
Petrol, oil and lubricants	748	556	748	556
Insurance	719	830	762	874
Others	7,375	3,458	7,420	3,470
	<u>81,154</u>	<u>74,272</u>	<u>83,141</u>	<u>76,064</u>

36 Administrative expenses

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000
Training costs	1,816	2,205	1,822	2,220
Professional consultancy fees	4,066	4,125	4,179	4,236
Administrative services	2,721	3,643	2,795	3,670
Business travel	1,357	1,662	1,374	1,687
Office supplies and services	1,156	1,066	1,271	1,144
	<u>11,116</u>	<u>12,701</u>	<u>11,441</u>	<u>12,957</u>

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37 Factoring, collection and distribution fees

The Group has awarded an agreement to OIFC whereby all amounts due from certain category of customers in the Sultanate of Oman are assigned and factored to OIFC.

Amounts due from such customers are also collected by the Group through its own facilities and through its other collection agents. Factoring fees for such collections are deducted from the charges payable to OIFC.

The Group pays factoring fees under the above agreements based on the customer category and the amounts assigned.

In addition, OIFC collects, on behalf of the Group, amounts due in respect of customer bills issued prior to the present assignment, for which factoring fees are paid at rates varying in accordance with the age of the amounts collected.

Distribution fees are paid to agents selling prepaid cards and other services of the Group.

38 Finance income / (costs) - net

	Parent company		Consolidated	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
<u>Finance income</u>				
Interest income	2,838	4,006	2,838	4,025
Exchange gain	153	172	153	172
	<u>2,991</u>	<u>4,178</u>	<u>2,991</u>	<u>4,197</u>
<u>Investment income/(loss)</u>				
Dividend income	2,210	2,920	1,433	2,093
Fair value gain on investments at fair value through profit and loss	728	(869)	728	(869)
Realised loss on held for trading investments	(1,069)	(352)	(1,069)	(352)
Fair value gain/(loss) on held for trading investments	423	(1,097)	423	(1,097)
	<u>2,292</u>	<u>602</u>	<u>1,515</u>	<u>(225)</u>
<u>Finance cost</u>				
Interest on borrowings	-	-	1,295	435
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,295</u>	<u>435</u>

39 Voluntary end of services

During the year 2015, the parent company approved a formal detailed plan to provide termination benefits as a result of an offer made to encourage voluntary redundancy. In accordance with the terms of the plan, the program will be implemented over a period of seven quarters which commenced 31 March 2016. The amount payable beyond twelve months from the reporting date is classified as a long term liability (Note 26) and the remaining amount is shown under Trade and other payables (Note 27).

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40 Other income / (costs) - net

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000
Miscellaneous income	1,139	3,331	1,135	3,374
Liability no longer required written back	690	1,112	690	1,112
	<u>1,829</u>	<u>4,443</u>	<u>1,825</u>	<u>4,486</u>

41 Taxation

(a) The tax charge for the year for continuing operations comprises:

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000
Current taxation	15,898	16,971	15,898	16,971
Deferred taxation (Note 23)	276	(5,520)	276	(785)
	<u>16,174</u>	<u>11,451</u>	<u>16,174</u>	<u>16,186</u>

(b) The reconciliation of tax on the accounting profit with the taxation charge in the statement of income is as follows:

Tax on accounting profit	16,038	8,606	16,038	15,743
Add / (less) tax effect of:				
Expenses not deductible	345	2,957	345	555
Income not subject to tax	(209)	(112)	(209)	(112)
Tax charge as per statement of income	<u>16,174</u>	<u>11,451</u>	<u>16,174</u>	<u>16,186</u>

(c) Status of tax assessments

Assessments have been completed up to the taxable year 2014 for the Parent Company and up to taxable year 2011 for the erstwhile Subsidiary Oman Mobile Telecommunications LLC. Management has filed an objection against certain disallowance in case of parent company and paid a demand of RO 1.1 million under protest (note 14). The Company is expecting changes in tax laws and rates including an increase in the Omani income tax rate from 12% to 15% which may affect recorded deferred tax assets and liabilities in the future. Any change in tax law is accounted for in the period of enactment. Impact of any change in tax law cannot be determined as the Royal Decree is not yet published in the official gazette. Management do not expect any material impact on the Group Income statement. Further, management is not aware and does not expect any additional tax liabilities to be incurred relating to open tax years.

42 Basic and diluted earnings per share

The earnings per share has been derived by dividing the profit from continuing operations for the year attributable to the owners of the Parent company by the weighted average number of shares outstanding. As the Parent company does not have any dilutive potential shares, the diluted earnings per share is the same as the basic earnings per share.

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43 Related parties

Related parties comprise the shareholders, directors, key management personnel and business entities in which they have the ability to control or exercise significant influence in financial and operating decisions.

The Group maintains balances with these related parties which arise in the normal course of business from the commercial transactions, and are entered into at mutually agreed terms and conditions.

The nature and amounts of transactions during the year were as follows:

Parent company**(i) Purchase of goods and services**

	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000
Subsidiaries	525	1,371
Associates	<u>10,108</u>	<u>7,509</u>
	<u>10,633</u>	<u>8,880</u>

(ii) Sale of services

	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000
Subsidiaries	480	1,955
	<u>480</u>	<u>1,955</u>

(iii) Others- Subsidiaries and associates

	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000
Dividend from associate	777	827
Interest on preference shares	-	1,338
Management and facilitation fee on preference shares	-	453
	<u>777</u>	<u>2,618</u>

(iv) Sitting fees and remuneration to directors

	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000
Directors' sitting fees - non executive	77	76
Directors' remuneration - non executive	<u>123</u>	<u>124</u>
Total	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>

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43 Related parties (continued)**(v) Key management compensation**

	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000
Basic salaries and allowances	1,382	1,289
Other benefits and expenses	961	1,120
Social security costs	64	66
Retirement benefits	37	31
	<u>2,444</u>	<u>2,506</u>

(vi) Balances arising from sales / purchases of goods / services

	Receivables		Payables	
	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000
Subsidiaries	1,181	690	125	117
Associates	-	-	987	1,458
Other related party	-	28	-	-
	<u>1,181</u>	<u>718</u>	<u>1,112</u>	<u>1,575</u>

Details regarding impairment losses recorded relates to WTL as set out in note 9.

Consolidated**(i) Purchase of goods and services**

	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000
Associates	10,108	7,509
Other related party	181	131
Total	<u>10,289</u>	<u>7,640</u>

(ii) Sale of goods and services

	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000
Other related parties	10	20
	<u>10</u>	<u>20</u>

(iii) Sitting fees and remuneration to directors

	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000
Directors' sitting fees - non executive	87	81
Directors' remuneration - non executive	123	124
	<u>210</u>	<u>205</u>

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43 Related parties (continued)**(iv) Key management compensation**

	2016	2015
	RO'000	RO'000
Basic salaries and allowances	1,382	1,289
Other benefits and expenses	961	1,120
Social security costs	64	66
Retirement benefits	37	31
Total	<u>2,444</u>	<u>2,506</u>

(v) Balances arising from sales / purchases of goods / services

	Receivables		Payables	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
Associates	-	-	987	1,458
Other related party	96	129	214	82
	<u>96</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>1,201</u>	<u>1,540</u>

44 Commitments and contingencies**(a) Commitments**

Commitments, for which no provision has been made in these financial statements, in respect of the purchase of fixed assets and investments, are as follows:

	Parent company		Consolidated	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
Commitment for fixed capital expenditure	99,678	96,980	99,678	96,980
Investment	5,153	5,400	5,153	4,450

(b) Contingent liabilities

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
Letters of credit	-	-	427	-
Bank guarantees	13	316	1,327	835

The above letters of credit and bank guarantees were issued in the normal course of business.

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44 Commitments and contingencies (continued)**(c) Claims**

- i) The Parent Company during FY 2015 received demand notice amounting to RO 4.4 million from the TRA towards additional royalty payable for the prior years on certain categories of wholesale revenue. The Parent Company has paid RO 1.7 under protest to TRA (note 14) Based upon legal opinion and interpretation of the relevant provisions of the Parent Company's license terms, the management believes that the additional royalty amount is not payable.
- ii) Certain other regulatory non-compliance items, due to operational and budgetary constraints, may pose a risk of penalty being imposed by the TRA. However, neither the amount of penalty nor the actual event of the penalty can be determined with certainty at present. The legal and regulatory department of the Group considers these as low risk cases and at this stage, the outcome of the situations cannot be quantified or estimated with reasonable certainty.

45 Credit risk**(a) Exposure to credit risk**

The gross carrying amount of financial assets represents the maximum credit exposure. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date was:

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000
Trade and other receivables	116,584	116,084	118,190	125,922
Other financial assets	139,570	126,256	139,570	126,900
Receivables from subsidiaries	1,181	727	-	-
	<u>257,335</u>	<u>243,067</u>	<u>257,760</u>	<u>252,822</u>

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

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000
Oman Investment Finance Company SAOG	44,274	38,767	44,274	38,767
Due from other operators	28,403	27,243	28,403	27,243
Government debts	12,754	13,908	12,754	13,908
Agents for prepaid card sales	2,550	5,191	4,719	5,191
Other customers	28,603	30,975	28,040	40,813
	<u>116,584</u>	<u>116,084</u>	<u>118,190</u>	<u>125,922</u>

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45 Credit risk (continued)

(b) The ageing of trade receivables and related impairment losses at the reporting date was:

Consolidated

	2016		2015	
	Gross RO'000	Impairment RO'000	Gross RO'000	Impairment RO'000
Not past due	30,203	-	35,247	-
Past due 1 - 180 days	21,623	3,163	19,691	3,598
Past due 181 - 365 days	12,249	2,073	10,742	1,696
1 - 2 years	11,424	2,313	10,685	2,320
More than 2 years	42,691	32,849	49,557	40,855
	<u>118,190</u>	<u>40,398</u>	<u>125,922</u>	<u>48,469</u>
Parent company				
Not past due	29,496	-	33,898	-
Past due 1 - 180 days	21,254	3,166	18,814	3,546
Past due 181 - 365 days	12,104	2,073	10,209	1,580
1 - 2 years	11,264	2,313	9,895	1,735
More than 2 years	42,466	32,727	43,268	34,570
	<u>116,584</u>	<u>40,279</u>	<u>116,084</u>	<u>41,431</u>

(i) Included in the Group's trade receivable balance are debtors with a carrying amount of RO 47.6 million (31 December 2015: RO 42.2 million) which are past due at the reporting date for which the Group has not provided any amount as there has not been any significant change in the credit quality and the amounts are still considered recoverable. The Group does not hold any collateral over these balances. The average age of these receivables is 180 days.

(ii) The movement in provision for impairment of receivables is as follows:

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000
Opening balance	41,431	40,406	48,469	47,304
Net foreign currency exchange difference	-	-	-	(69)
Charge for the year-continuing operations	2,087	1,401	2,082	1,436
Charge for the year-discontinued operations	-	-	-	351
Write off during the year	(3,129)	-	(3,129)	-
Transfer to Government	(110)	(376)	(110)	(376)
Transfer to assets held for sale	-	-	(6,914)	-
Adjustment	-	-	-	(177)
Closing balance	<u>40,279</u>	<u>41,431</u>	<u>40,398</u>	<u>48,469</u>

The allowance accounts in respect of trade receivables are used to record impairment losses unless the Group is satisfied that no recovery of the amount owed is possible; at that point the amount considered irrecoverable is written off against the financial asset.

In the event of a subsequent recovery of the receivables in respect of which provisions had been established at 31 December 2004, the write back of such bad debt provision is credited to the Government.

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46 Liquidity risk

The following are the contractual maturities of financial liabilities:

31 December 2016

a) Consolidated

	Carrying amount RO'000	6 months or less RO'000	6 - 12 months RO'000	1 - 2 years RO'000	More than 2 years RO'000
Borrowings	8,906	1,501	1,293	2,169	3,943
Trade payables	20,840	20,840	-	-	-
Amount due to other telecommunication administrators	8,512	8,512	-	-	-
Retention payable	27,838	27,838	-	-	-
Accruals	61,158	61,158	-	-	-
Voluntary end of service	6,337	5,700	637	-	-
Other payables	3,407	3,407	-	-	-
Royalty payable	33,903	33,903	-	-	-
	<u>170,901</u>	<u>162,859</u>	<u>1,930</u>	<u>2,169</u>	<u>3,943</u>

b) Parent Company

	Carrying Amount RO'000	6 months or less RO'000	6 - 12 months RO'000	1 - 2 years RO'000	More than 2 years RO'000
Trade payables	16,402	16,402	-	-	-
Amount due to other telecommunication administrators	8,512	8,512	-	-	-
Retention payable	27,838	27,838	-	-	-
Accruals	61,056	61,056	-	-	-
Voluntary end of service	6,337	5,700	637	-	-
Royalty payable	33,914	33,914	-	-	-
Other payables	2,997	2,997	-	-	-
	<u>157,056</u>	<u>156,419</u>	<u>637</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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46 Liquidity risk (continued)

31 December 2015

a) Consolidated

	Carrying Amount RO'000	6 months or less RO'000	6 - 12 months RO'000	1 - 2 years RO'000	More than 2 years RO'000
Borrowings	38,805	22,513	983	3,544	11,765
Accrued interest	799	799	-	-	-
Trade payables	39,971	39,971	-	-	-
Amount due to other telecommunication administrators	8,530	8,530	-	-	-
Retention payable	27,410	27,410	-	-	-
Accruals	60,698	60,698	-	-	-
Voluntary end of service	12,578	5,183	5,233	-	-
Other payables	6,661	6,661	-	2,162	-
Royalty payable	33,611	33,611	-	-	-
Other long term liabilities	128	-	-	-	128
License fee payable	3,708	3,708	-	-	-
	<u>232,899</u>	<u>209,084</u>	<u>6,216</u>	<u>5,706</u>	<u>11,893</u>

Parent company

	Carrying amount RO'000	6 months or less RO'000	6 – 12 months RO'000	1 – 2 years RO'000	More than 2 years RO'000
Trade payables	17,662	17,662	-	-	-
Amount due to other telecommunication administrators	6,648	8,530	-	-	-
Retention payable	23,258	27,121	-	-	-
Accruals	53,401	54,339	-	-	-
Voluntary end of service	12,578	5,183	5,233	2,162	-
Other payables	1,866	33,611	-	-	-
Royalty payable	31,543	5,447	-	-	-
	<u>159,288</u>	<u>151,893</u>	<u>5,233</u>	<u>2,162</u>	<u>-</u>

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47 Interest rate risk

At the reporting date the interest rate profile of the Group's interest bearing financial instruments was:

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000	2016 RO'000	2015 RO'000
Floating rate instruments				
Financial liabilities	-	-	(7,864)	(30,677)
Fixed rate instruments				
Financial assets	74,920	70,246	74,920	70,246
Financial liabilities	-	-	(307)	(6,975)
	74,920	70,246	74,613	63,271

Fair value sensitivity analysis for fixed rate instruments

The Group does not account for any fixed rate financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. Therefore a change in interest rates at the reporting date would not affect profit or loss.

48 Fair value of assets and liabilities**Fair value versus carrying amounts**

The fair value of the financial assets and liabilities approximates their carrying value as stated in the statement of financial position. Financial assets are measured at cost where there is no reliable measure of fair value.

Fair value measurements recognised in the statement of financial position

The following table provides an analysis of financial instruments that are measured subsequent to initial recognition at fair value, grouped into Levels 1 to 3 based on the degree to which the fair value is observable:

- Level 1 fair value measurements are those derived from quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 fair value measurements are those derived from inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices); and
- Level 3 fair value measurements are those derived from valuation techniques that include inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs). These investments are valued based on share of net assets of investee which approximates to the fair value at the end of the reporting period.

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48 Fair value of assets and liabilities (continued)

	<i>Level 1</i> <i>RO'000</i>	<i>Level 2</i> <i>RO'000</i>	<i>Level 3</i> <i>RO'000</i>	<i>Total</i> <i>31 December</i> <i>2016</i> <i>RO'000</i>
<i>Investments at fair value through profit or loss</i>				
Investment in mutual funds	-	14,888	-	14,888
Fixed income instruments	-	7,009	-	7,009
Unquoted equity instruments	-	6,054	6,501	12,555
<i>Held for trading</i>				
Quoted equity instruments	27,024	-	-	27,024
<i>Available-for-sale investments at fair value</i>				
Mutual funds	-	241	-	241
	<u>27,024</u>	<u>29,737</u>	<u>6,501</u>	<u>61,717</u>
	<u><u>27,024</u></u>	<u><u>29,737</u></u>	<u><u>6,501</u></u>	<u><u>61,717</u></u>
				<i>Total</i> <i>31 December</i> <i>2015</i> <i>RO'000</i>
<i>Investments at fair value through profit or loss</i>				
Investment in mutual funds	-	14,557	-	14,557
Fixed income instruments	-	4,657	-	4,657
Unquoted equity instrument	-	3,828	6,465	10,293
<i>Held for trading</i>				
Quoted equity and bonds	24,442	-	-	24,442
<i>Available-for-sale investments at fair value</i>				
Mutual funds	-	238	-	238
Quoted equity instruments	319	-	-	319
	<u>24,761</u>	<u>23,280</u>	<u>6,465</u>	<u>54,506</u>
	<u><u>24,761</u></u>	<u><u>23,280</u></u>	<u><u>6,465</u></u>	<u><u>54,506</u></u>

There were no transfers between the levels during the year.

49 Unclaimed dividend transferred to investor's trust fund.

As per the directives of the CMA the amount of unpaid dividend which is outstanding for more than seven months is required to be transferred to the "Investors' Trust Fund" established by the CMA. During the year unpaid cash dividend amounting to RO 80,748 was transferred to the "Investors' Trust Fund" (31 December 2015: RO 164,008).

50 Comparative figures

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to current year presentation (Refer Note 5).