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Financial highlights

In millions of Nigerian Naira	Notes	6 months ended 30 June 2024	6 months ended 30 June 2023 restated*	% Change
Revenue	6	1,539,119	1,158,739	32.83
Operating profit		304,548	421,042	(27.67)
Loss before taxation		(751,292)	(119,433)	529.05
Loss for the period attributable to the owners of the company		(518,071)	(85,689)	504.59
Basic and diluted loss per share (N)	37	(24.71)	(4.09)	504.59

		As at 30 June 2024	As at 31 December 2023	% Change
Share capital		420	420	-
Total equity attributable to the owners of the company		(577,700)	(45,404)	1,172.35
Net liabilities per share (N)		(27.55)	(2.17)	1,172.35

Stock exchange information

Market price per share as at period end (N)		214.00	215.00	(0.47)
Market capitalisation as at period end (N'million)		4,493,144	5,542,944	(18.94)
Number of shares issued and fully paid as at period end (millions)		20,996	20,996	-

The financial highlights reflect Group numbers only.



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON REVIEW OF INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION
TO THE MEMBERS OF MTN NIGERIA COMMUNICATIONS PLC**

INTRODUCTION

We have reviewed the accompanying interim condensed consolidated and separate financial statements of MTN Nigeria Communications Plc and its subsidiaries (together "the Group"), which comprise the condensed consolidated and separate statements of financial position as at 30 June 2024, and the condensed consolidated and separate statements of profit or loss, the condensed consolidated and separate statements of other comprehensive income, the condensed consolidated and separate statements of changes in equity and the condensed consolidated and separate statements of cash flows for the six-month period then ended, and a summary of material accounting policies and other explanatory notes. Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this interim financial information in accordance with the IFRS Accounting Standard, IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

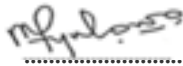
Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on this interim financial information based on our review.

SCOPE OF REVIEW

We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements (ISRE) 2410, Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity. A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

CONCLUSION

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying interim financial information is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the IFRS Accounting Standard, IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.


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For Ernst & Young

Lagos, Nigeria

30 July 2024



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Condensed consolidated and separate statement of profit or loss

	Notes	Group				Company			
		6 months ended 30 June 2024	6 months ended 30 June 2023 restated*	3 months ended 30 June 2024	3 months ended 30 June 2023 restated*	6 months ended 30 June 2024	6 months ended 30 June 2023 restated*	3 months ended 30 June 2024	3 months ended 30 June 2023 restated*
In millions of Nigerian Naira									
Revenue	6	1,539,119	1,158,739	786,136	590,605	1,547,826	1,158,273	788,990	590,597
Direct network operating costs	10	(586,798)	(276,958)	(331,994)	(140,313)	(586,796)	(276,812)	(331,992)	(140,244)
Value added services costs		(14,849)	(11,036)	(7,983)	(5,148)	(14,849)	(11,036)	(7,983)	(5,148)
Costs of SIM starter packs, handsets and accessories		(22,175)	(12,983)	(9,260)	(6,672)	(22,175)	(12,983)	(9,260)	(6,672)
Interconnect costs		(96,474)	(76,964)	(47,420)	(39,790)	(96,474)	(76,964)	(47,420)	(39,790)
Roaming costs		(6,585)	(3,873)	(2,526)	(2,342)	(6,585)	(3,873)	(2,526)	(2,342)
Transmission costs		(11,739)	(4,842)	(7,526)	(2,755)	(11,739)	(4,842)	(7,526)	(2,755)
Discounts and commissions		(73,281)	(55,374)	(36,511)	(28,595)	(71,082)	(53,325)	(35,855)	(27,584)
Advertisements, sponsorships and sales promotions		(25,450)	(19,417)	(12,424)	(10,050)	(16,353)	(12,646)	(8,985)	(5,926)
Employee costs	9	(43,549)	(28,471)	(22,294)	(16,370)	(39,956)	(26,232)	(20,416)	(15,380)
Other operating expenses	11	(110,525)	(54,371)	(57,461)	(26,765)	(109,482)	(63,163)	(57,107)	(26,382)
Depreciation of property and equipment	13	(130,462)	(98,409)	(61,839)	(48,633)	(130,462)	(98,409)	(61,839)	(48,633)
Depreciation of right of use assets*	14	(69,979)	(58,378)	(35,539)	(29,331)	(69,979)	(58,378)	(35,539)	(29,331)
Amortisation of intangible assets	15	(42,705)	(36,621)	(22,890)	(19,416)	(41,992)	(33,962)	(23,863)	(18,086)
Operating profit		304,548	421,042	130,469	214,425	329,902	425,648	138,679	222,324
Finance income	7	14,932	16,392	9,596	9,761	14,099	15,668	9,295	9,484
Finance cost*	8.1	(183,088)	(102,202)	(84,348)	(56,365)	(182,492)	(102,202)	(84,040)	(56,365)
Net foreign exchange loss*	8.2	(887,684)	(454,665)	(231,316)	(450,165)	(887,653)	(454,665)	(231,339)	(450,165)
Loss before taxation		(751,292)	(119,433)	(175,599)	(282,344)	(726,144)	(115,551)	(167,405)	(274,722)
Tax credit*	12	232,234	33,839	49,236	88,320	224,695	32,714	46,420	85,880
Loss for the period		(519,058)	(85,594)	(126,363)	(194,024)	(501,449)	(82,837)	(120,985)	(188,842)
Loss attributable to:									
Owners of the company		(518,071)	(85,689)	(127,402)	(193,307)	(501,449)	(82,837)	(120,985)	(188,842)
Non-controlling interest		(987)	95	1,039	(717)	-	-	-	-
		(519,058)	(85,594)	(126,363)	(194,024)	(501,449)	(82,837)	(120,985)	(188,842)
Loss per share									
Basic and diluted loss per share (N)	37	(24.71)	(4.09)	(6.08)	(9.22)	(23.92)	(3.95)	(5.77)	(9.01)

*2023 numbers have been restated, see note 43.

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Condensed consolidated and separate statement of other comprehensive income

	Group				Company			
	6 months ended 30 June 2024	6 months ended 30 June 2023 restated*	3 months ended 30 June 2024	3 months ended 30 June 2023 restated*	6 months ended 30 June 2024	6 months ended 30 June 2023 restated*	3 months ended 30 June 2024	3 months ended 30 June 2023 restated*
In millions of Nigerian Naira								
Loss for the period	(519,058)	(85,594)	(126,363)	(194,024)	(501,449)	(82,837)	(120,985)	(188,842)
Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss								
Fair valuation (loss)/gain on investments designated at FVOCI*	(174)	(1,179)	342	16	(174)	(1,179)	342	16
Other comprehensive (loss)/income for the period net of taxation	(174)	(1,179)	342	16	(174)	(1,179)	342	16
Total comprehensive loss for the period	(519,232)	(86,773)	(126,021)	(194,008)	(501,623)	(84,016)	(120,643)	(188,826)
Attributable to:								
Owners of the company	(518,245)	(86,868)	(127,060)	(193,291)	(501,623)	(84,016)	(120,643)	(188,826)
Non-controlling interest	(987)	95	1,039	(717)	-	-	-	-
	(519,232)	(86,773)	(126,021)	(194,008)	(501,623)	(84,016)	(120,643)	(188,826)

*Fair valuation loss on investments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) is recognised on Federal Government treasury bills and bonds investments net of tax except for Federal Government bonds.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

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Condensed consolidated and separate statement of financial position

In millions of Nigerian Naira	Notes	Group		Company	
		30 June 2024	31 Dec 2023	30 June 2024	31 Dec 2023
Assets					
Non-current assets					
Property and equipment	13	1,095,895	1,095,111	1,095,895	1,095,111
Right-of-use assets	14	583,127	478,826	583,127	478,826
Intangible assets	15	418,301	447,599	413,316	426,300
Investments in subsidiaries	16	-	-	72,950	100,378
Deferred tax asset	26.2	390,796	151,362	372,643	140,777
Other investments	17	9,017	6,632	6,866	6,632
Other non-current assets	18	22,841	33,516	22,841	33,516
		2,519,977	2,213,046	2,567,638	2,281,540
Current assets					
Inventories	19	6,980	6,027	6,519	6,027
Trade and other receivables	20	329,600	215,414	365,462	239,692
Current investments	21	37,379	7,256	24,088	2,619
Restricted cash*	23	187,436	394,409	187,236	394,209
Cash held for MoMo customer*	32.2	2,147	7,601	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents	22	201,756	345,074	194,414	315,548
		765,298	975,781	777,719	958,095
Total assets		3,285,275	3,188,827	3,345,357	3,239,635
Equity and liabilities					
Equity					
Share capital	36.1	420	420	420	420
Share premium	36.2	166,362	166,362	166,362	166,362
Treasury shares	36.3	(4,869)	(4,869)	(4,869)	(4,869)
Other reserves	36.4	(12,443)	701	(29,818)	708
Accumulated loss		(727,170)	(208,018)	(629,291)	(127,842)
Equity attributable to owners of the company		(577,700)	(45,404)	(497,196)	34,779
Non-controlling interest	16.2	-	4,560	-	-
		(577,700)	(40,844)	(497,196)	34,779
Liabilities					
Non-current liabilities					
Borrowings	28	560,909	487,817	560,909	487,817
Lease liabilities	31	1,122,616	813,634	1,122,616	813,634
Deferred tax liability	26.1	-	1,149	-	-
Provisions	29	42	46	42	46
Employee benefits*	30	8,968	8,429	8,968	8,429
Share based payment liability	34	11,346	16,910	11,346	16,910
Other non-current liabilities*	35	7,634	8,267	24	-
		1,711,515	1,336,252	1,703,905	1,326,836

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In millions of Nigerian Naira	Notes	Group		Company	
		30 June 2024	31 Dec 2023	30 June 2024	31 Dec 2023
Current liabilities					
Trade and other payables*	24	1,158,790	699,520	1,149,502	693,435
Current tax payable	27	99,355	157,971	99,039	157,669
Borrowings	28	384,537	689,352	384,537	689,352
Lease liabilities	31	350,962	190,777	350,962	190,777
Contract liabilities	25	99,671	102,796	99,671	102,414
Provisions	29	39,319	28,216	38,258	27,187
Deposit held for MoMo customers	32.1	2,147	7,601	-	-
Employee benefits	30	1,617	1,274	1,617	1,274
Derivatives	33	15,062	15,912	15,062	15,912
		2,151,460	1,893,419	2,138,648	1,878,020
Total liabilities		3,862,975	3,229,671	3,842,553	3,204,856
Total equity and liabilities		3,285,275	3,188,827	3,345,357	3,239,635

The condensed consolidated and separate financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on the 29 July 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



Karl Toriola
Chief Executive Officer
FRC/2021/002/00000022839



Modupe Kadri
Chief Financial Officer
FRC/2020/001/00000020737

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the condensed consolidated and separate financial statements.

*2023 numbers have been reclassified, see note 43.2.

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Condensed consolidated and separate statement of changes in equity

	Share capital	Share premium	Total share capital	Treasury shares	Other reserves	Retained profit/ (accumulated loss)	Total equity attributable to owners of the company	Non-controlling interest	Total equity
In millions of Nigerian Naira									
Group									
Balance at 1 January 2023	407	17,216	17,623	(4,869)	1,664	246,679	261,097	1,445	262,542
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	(85,689)	(85,689)	95	(85,594)
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	(1,179)	-	(1,179)	-	(1,179)
Total comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	-	(1,179)	(85,689)	(86,868)	95	(86,773)
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	(203,375)	(203,375)	-	(203,375)
Balance at 30 June 2023 as restated*	407	17,216	17,623	(4,869)	1,664	(42,385)	(29,146)	1,540	(27,606)
Opening balance as previously reported	420	166,362	166,782	(4,869)	701	(208,018)	(45,404)	4,560	(40,844)
Prior year audit adjustments - MoMo PSB (see note 43.3)	-	-	-	-	-	(772)	(772)	(194)	(966)
Balance at 1 January 2024 as restated	420	166,362	166,782	(4,869)	701	(208,790)	(46,176)	4,366	(41,810)
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	(518,071)	(518,071)	(987)	(519,058)
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	(174)	-	(174)	-	(174)
Total comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	-	(174)	(518,071)	(518,245)	(987)	(519,232)
Other movement	-	-	-	-	-	(309)	(309)	-	(309)
Non-controlling interest acquisition (Note 16.2)	-	-	-	-	(12,970)	-	(12,970)	(3,379)	(16,349)
Balance at 30 June 2024	420	166,362	166,782	(4,869)	(12,443)	(727,170)	(577,700)	-	(577,700)
Company									
Balance at 1 January 2023	407	17,216	17,623	(4,869)	1,664	297,524	311,942	-	311,942
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	(82,837)	(82,837)	-	(82,837)
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	(1,179)	-	(1,179)	-	(1,179)
Total comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	-	(1,179)	(82,837)	(84,016)	-	(84,016)
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	(203,375)	(203,375)	-	(203,375)
Balance at 30 June 2023 as restated*	407	17,216	17,623	(4,869)	485	11,312	24,551	-	24,551
Balance at 1 January 2024	420	166,362	166,782	(4,869)	708	(127,842)	34,779	-	34,779
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	(501,449)	(501,449)	-	(501,449)
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	(174)	-	(174)	-	(174)
Total comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	-	(174)	(501,449)	(501,623)	-	(501,623)
Common control reserve (see note 16.1)	-	-	-	-	(30,352)	-	(30,352)	-	(30,352)
Balance at 30 June 2024	420	166,362	166,782	(4,869)	(29,818)	(629,291)	(497,196)	-	(497,196)

*2023 numbers have been restated, see note 43.

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Condensed consolidated and separate statement of cash flows

In millions of Nigerian Naira	Notes	Group		Company	
		6 months ended 30 June 2024	6 months ended 30 June 2023 restated*	6 months ended 30 June 2024	6 months ended 30 June 2023 restated*
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	38	718,354	719,238	709,972	733,002
Finance cost paid	8.1	(131,217)	(81,305)	(130,590)	(81,305)
Interest received	7	13,046	14,695	12,213	13,972
Dividends paid		-	(61,250)	-	(61,250)
Tax paid		(66,900)	(76,958)	(66,900)	(76,958)
Net cash flows generated from operating activities		533,283	514,420	524,695	527,461
Cash flows from investing activities					
Acquisition of property and equipment		(139,074)	(142,619)	(139,074)	(142,619)
Acquisition of intangible assets		(14,848)	(75,410)	(14,848)	(75,410)
Acquisition of right of use assets		(31,872)	(6,472)	(31,872)	(6,472)
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment		574	420	574	420
Purchase of investment in non-current FGN bonds		(4,600)	(42)	(2,449)	(42)
Sale of investment in non-current FGN bonds		2,226	-	2,226	-
Purchase of bonds, treasury bills and foreign deposits		(136,909)	(37,634)	(108,235)	(37,505)
Sale of bonds, treasury bills and foreign deposits		107,721	22,662	107,721	22,662
Purchase of contract acquisition costs		(2,662)	(2,010)	(2,662)	(2,010)
Decrease/(increase) in non-current prepayments		9,873	(11,901)	9,873	(11,901)
Decrease/(increase) in restricted cash		206,972	(100,780)	206,972	(100,779)
Acquisition of non-controlling interest		-	-	(6,950)	-
Net cash flows (used in)/from investing activities		(2,599)	(353,786)	21,276	(353,656)
Cash flows from financing activities					
Proceeds from borrowings		51,554	196,144	51,554	196,144
Repayment of borrowings		(622,665)	(149,183)	(622,665)	(149,183)
Repayment on lease liabilities		(106,877)	(80,847)	(106,877)	(80,847)
Acquisition of non-controlling interest		(6,950)	-	-	-
Net cash flows used in financing activities		(684,938)	(33,886)	(677,988)	(33,886)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents					
Cash and cash equivalent at the beginning of the period		345,168	349,788	315,589	324,532
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash held		10,940	22,845	10,940	22,845
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	22.1	201,854	499,381	194,512	487,296

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Notes to the condensed consolidated and separate financial statements

1 General information

MTN Nigeria Communications Plc (the Company) together with its subsidiaries (the Group) carry on the business of building and operating GSM Cellular Network Systems and other related services nationwide in Nigeria.

MTN Nigeria Communications Plc subsidiaries are XS Broadband Limited, Visafone Communications Limited (now liquidated), Yello Digital Financial Services Limited, and MoMo Payment Service Bank Limited. XS Broadband Limited provides broadband fixed wireless access services and high-quality telecommunication services, while Yello Digital Financial Services Limited and MoMo Payment Service Bank Limited offer mobile financial services (fintech). During the reporting period, Visafone Communications Limited was liquidated and absorbed into MTN Nigeria (see note 16.1).

All subsidiaries are currently fully owned by MTN Nigeria following the recent acquisition of the non-controlling interest in MoMo Payment Service Bank Limited (see note 16.2).

2. Basis of preparation

These condensed consolidated and separate financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2024 have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and International Accounting Standards (IAS) 34 Interim Financial Reporting.

The condensed consolidated and separate financial statements do not include all the notes of the type normally included in annual financial statements. Accordingly, this report is to be read in conjunction with the audited annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 which has been prepared in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), interpretations issued by the IFRS Interpretations Committee (IFRS IC) applicable to companies reporting under IFRS and with the requirements of the Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria (Amended) Act, 2023 and Companies and Allied Matters Act of Nigeria (CAMA) 2020.

The condensed consolidated and separate financial statements are presented in Naira and rounded to the nearest millions, except where stated otherwise.

The accounting policies applied in the preparation of the condensed consolidated and separate financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group's consolidated and separate financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The Group has not early adopted any standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective. Several amendments and interpretations apply for the first time in 2024, but do not have an impact on the condensed consolidated and separate financial statements of the Group.

3. Basis of measurement

The condensed consolidated and separate financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis except for derivatives measured at fair value and debt instruments measured at amortised cost, fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL) and at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) and for the following items which have been measured on an alternative basis on each reporting date:

- Defined benefit obligations at present value of the obligation.
- Share based transactions at grant date fair value of the equity instrument issued.
- Inventory at lower of cost and net realisable value.
- Lease liabilities at present value of future lease payments

4. New standards and interpretations

4.1 New and amended standards adopted by the Group

Several amendments apply for the first time in 2024, but do not have an impact on the interim condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group. The amendments are set out below:

Classification of liabilities as current or Non-current and non-current liabilities with covenants - Amendments to IAS 1

In January 2020 and October 2022, the IASB issued amendments to paragraphs 69 to 76 of IAS 1 to specify the requirements for classifying liabilities as current or non-current. The amendments clarify:

- a. What is meant by a right to defer settlement
- b. That a right to defer must exist at the end of the reporting period
- c. That classification is unaffected by the likelihood that an entity will exercise its deferral right
- d. That only if an embedded derivative in a convertible liability is itself an equity instrument would the terms of a liability not impact its classification.

This amendment had no impact on the interim condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group for the period ended 30 June 2024

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4. New standards and interpretations (continued)

In addition, a requirement has been introduced whereby an entity must disclose when a liability arising from a loan agreement is classified as non-current and the entity's right to defer settlement is contingent on compliance with future covenants within twelve months.

Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback - Amendments to IFRS 16.

In September 2022, the IASB issued amendments to IFRS 16 to specify the requirements that a seller-lessee uses in measuring the lease liability arising in a sale and leaseback transaction, to ensure the seller-lessee does not recognise any amount of the gain or loss that relates to the right of use it retains.

This amendment had no impact on the interim condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group for the period ended 30 June 2024.

Supplier Finance Arrangements - Amendments to IAS 7 and IFRS 7.

In May 2023, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows and IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures to clarify the characteristics of supplier finance arrangements and require additional disclosure of such arrangements. The disclosure requirements in the amendments are intended to assist users of financial statements in understanding the effects of supplier finance arrangements on an entity's liabilities, cash flows and exposure to liquidity risk.

This amendment had no impact on the interim condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group for the period ended 30 June 2024.

4.2 Standards issued but not yet effective

The new and amended standards and interpretations that are issued, but not yet effective, up to the date of issuance of the Group's interim condensed consolidated and separate financial statements. The Group intends to adopt these new and amended standards and interpretations, if applicable, when they become effective. The amendments are set out below:

Amendments to IAS 21: Lack of exchangeability

Effective date for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025. Earlier application is permitted. The amendments require an entity to apply a consistent approach to assessing whether a currency is exchangeable into another currency and, when it is not, to determining the exchange rate to use and the disclosures to provide.

Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments - Amendments to IFRS 9 and IFRS 7

Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2026. The amendments will be effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2026. Entities can early adopt the amendments that relate to the classification of financial assets plus the related disclosures and apply the other amendments later. The new requirements will be applied retrospectively with an adjustment to opening retained earnings. Prior periods are not required to be restated and can only be restated without using hindsight. An entity is required to disclose information about financial assets that change their measurement category due to the amendments.

This amendment clarifies that a financial liability is derecognised on the 'settlement date', i.e., when the related obligation is discharged, cancelled, expires or the liability otherwise qualifies for derecognition. It also introduces an accounting policy option to derecognise financial liabilities that are settled through an electronic payment system before settlement date if certain conditions are met. Clarified how to assess the contractual cash flow characteristics of financial assets that include environmental, social and governance (ESG)-linked features and other similar contingent features. Clarifies the treatment of non-recourse assets and contractually linked instruments. Requires additional disclosures in IFRS 7 for financial assets and liabilities with contractual terms that reference a contingent event (including those that are ESG-linked), and equity instruments classified at fair value through other comprehensive income.

IFRS 18 – Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements

IFRS 18, and the amendments to the other accounting standards, is effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027 and will apply retrospectively. Early adoption is permitted and must be disclosed.

In April 2024, the Board issued IFRS 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements which replaces IAS 1 Presentation in Financial Statements. IFRS 18 introduces new categories and subtotals in the statement of profit or loss. It also requires disclosure of management-defined performance measures (as defined) and includes new requirements for the location, aggregation and disaggregation of financial information.

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4. New standards and interpretations (continued)

IFRS 19 - Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures

IFRS 19 is effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027 and earlier adoption is permitted. If an eligible entity chooses to apply the standard earlier, it is required to disclose that fact. An entity is required, during the first period (annual and interim) in which it applies the standard, to align the disclosures in the comparative period with the disclosures included in the current period under IFRS 19, unless IFRS 19 or another IFRS accounting standard permits or requires otherwise.

In May 2024, the Board issued IFRS 19 Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures (IFRS 19), which allows eligible entities to elect to apply reduced disclosure requirements while still applying the recognition, measurement and presentation requirements in other IFRS accounting standards. Unless otherwise specified, eligible entities that elect to apply IFRS 19 will not need to apply the disclosure requirements in other IFRS accounting standards.

An entity applying IFRS 19 is required to disclose that fact as part of its general IFRS accounting standards compliance statement. IFRS 19 requires an entity whose financial statements comply with IFRS accounting standards including IFRS 19 to make an explicit and unreserved statement of such compliance.

Eligible entities: An entity may elect to apply IFRS 19 if at the end of the reporting period; It is a subsidiary as defined in IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements; It does not have public accountability; and It has a parent (either ultimate or intermediate) that prepares consolidated financial statements, available for public use, which comply with IFRS accounting standards.

5. Segmental reporting

An operating segment is a component of the Group that engages in business activities from which it may earn revenues and incur expenses, including revenues and expenses that relate to transactions with any of the Group's other components, whose operating results are reviewed regularly by the Executive Committee (EXCOM), to make decisions about resources allocated to each segment and assess its performance, and for which discrete financial information is available. All costs that are directly traceable to the operating segments are allocated to the segment concerned.

The Group has identified three reportable segments that are used by the Executive Committee (EXCOM) to make key operating decisions. All operating segment results are reviewed regularly by EXCOM to make decisions about resources to be allocated and to assess its performance. The reportable segments are largely grouped according to customer type for which discrete financial information is available. The customer segments are as follows:

- Consumer Business Unit (CBU)
- Enterprise Business Unit (EBU)
- Wholesale Business Unit (WBU)

Operating results are reported and reviewed regularly by the EXCOM and include items directly attributable to a segment.

Customer segment	Description
Consumer Business Unit (CBU)	It consists of subscribers sitting in value propositions and tariff plans dedicated to three sub segments: Youth, High Value and Mass segments. All MTN customers are assumed to fall within CBU except where otherwise stated.
Enterprise Business Unit (EBU)	Enterprise customers are corporate, small and medium organisations whose business requires MTN products, services and solutions to serve their everyday business needs.
Wholesale Business Unit (WBU)	The Wholesale business serves customers who buy MTN telecom products in bulk with the intention to re-sell these products (mobile or fixed) to their external clients.

A key performance measure of the Group is gross margin. This is defined as revenue less direct costs. The table below presents revenue, direct costs and gross margin for the Group's operating segments for the six months ended 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023.

In millions of Nigerian Naira	CBU	EBU	WBU	Total
30 June 2024				
Segment revenue	1,246,322	241,312	51,485	1,539,119
Direct costs*	(215,286)	(10,776)	(26,812)	(252,874)
Gross margin	1,031,036	230,536	24,673	1,286,245
30 June 2023				
Segment revenue	985,068	147,375	26,296	1,158,739
Direct costs*	(167,405)	(8,440)	(13,213)	(189,058)
Gross margin	817,663	138,935	13,083	969,681

*Direct costs include transmission costs, regulatory fees (reported in direct network operating costs), some costs of handsets and accessories, value added services costs and commissions costs in discount and commissions.

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5. Segmental reporting (continued)

Reconciliation of reportable segment revenue and profit or loss

Revenues

There are no significant reconciling items between the reportable segment revenue and total revenue for the period.

The revenue of the Company is generated majorly from one geographical location, Nigeria.

None of the Company's customers account for 10% or more of the total revenue of the Company.

In millions of Nigerian Naira	30 June 2024	30 June 2023 restated*
Segment gross margin	1,286,245	969,681
Less unallocated expenses:		
Operating expenses	(738,551)	(399,384)
Depreciation & amortisation	(243,146)	(193,408)
Finance income	14,932	16,392
Finance expense	(183,088)	(58,049)
Net foreign exchange loss	(887,684)	(454,665)
Loss before taxation	(751,292)	(119,433)

Segment assets and liabilities

The Group has not provided information on reportable segment assets and liabilities as they are not part of the items regularly reviewed by the Executive Committee (EXCOM) to make operating decisions.

*2023 numbers have been restated, see note 43.

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	6 months ended 30 June 2024	6 months ended 30 June 2023 restated*	3 months ended 30 June 2024	3 months ended 30 June 2023 restated*	6 months ended 30 June 2024	6 months ended 30 June 2023 restated*	3 months ended 30 June 2024	3 months ended 30 June 2023 restated*

6. Revenue

Voice	541,280	474,104	269,536	239,608	541,280	474,104	269,536	239,608
Data ¹	726,565	469,655	377,564	241,964	726,565	469,655	377,564	241,964
SMS ²	71,090	50,659	37,652	24,917	71,090	50,659	37,652	24,917
Interconnect and roaming	101,673	91,480	48,259	47,105	101,673	91,480	48,259	47,105
Handset and accessories	4,694	3,460	2,573	2,099	4,694	3,460	2,573	2,099
Digital ³	30,980	17,408	17,071	8,787	30,108	15,140	16,695	7,904
Value added services ⁴	47,541	41,331	25,264	20,052	46,746	41,236	24,717	19,958
Rental income ⁵	5,735	207	3,223	184	6,987	207	3,279	184
Other revenues ⁶	9,561	10,435	4,994	5,889	18,683	12,332	8,715	6,858
	1,539,119	1,158,739	786,136	590,605	1,547,826	1,158,273	788,990	590,597

¹Data revenue excludes roaming data, roaming data is reported under interconnect and roaming.

²SMS revenue excludes inbound roaming SMS. Inbound roaming SMS is reported under interconnect and roaming.

³Digital revenue includes Bulk SMS and USSD services.

⁴Value added services includes airtime lending and mobile money (Fintech), subscriber identification module (SIM) back up services and voice based services.

⁵Rental income comprises of income from sites leased to other telecom operators; office space leased to MoMo PSB.

⁶Other revenue comprises revenue from cloud and infrastructure services, information and communication technology (ICT) revenue and leased rental income from sites leased to other telecom operators.

7. Finance income

Interest income on bank deposits*	4,849	2,119	2,509	1,085	4,543	1,980	2,579	1,105
Interest income on investments*	8,212	12,947	5,639	7,352	7,685	12,362	5,268	7,054
Net gain on investment at fair value	1,871	1,326	1,448	1,324	1,871	1,326	1,448	1,325
	14,932	16,392	9,596	9,761	14,099	15,668	9,295	9,484

*Finance income calculated using effective interest rate method.

Included as cash flows for finance income

Interest income on bank deposits	4,849	2,119		4,543	1,980		
Interest income on investments	8,197	12,576		7,670	11,992		
Interest received	13,046	14,695		12,213	13,972		

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8. Finance costs and net foreign exchange loss

8.1 Finance cost

Interest expense - leases*	80,235	43,687	40,710	31,668	80,235	43,687	40,710	31,668
Interest expense - borrowings*	66,584	51,623	17,853	20,139	66,584	51,623	17,853	20,139
Other finance charges ¹	32,778	3,261	26,071	927	32,164	3,261	25,763	927
Loss/(profit) on FVTPL liabilities ²	3,491	3,631	(286)	3,631	3,509	3,631	(286)	3,631
	183,088	102,202	84,348	56,365	182,492	102,202	84,040	56,365

*Finance costs calculated using effective interest rate method.

¹Other finance charges includes amortised prepaid transaction costs on acquiring foreign loans, other administration costs on acquiring letters of credit and charges on decommissioning provision.

²Loss on FVTPL liabilities relate to the loss recognised from the fair valuation of derivative liability.

Included as cash flows for finance expense are:

Interest expense - leases	80,235	26,331			80,235	26,331		
Interest expense - borrowings	48,815	51,623			48,815	51,623		
Other finance charges	2,167	3,351			1,540	3,351		
Interest paid	131,217	81,305			130,590	81,305		

8.2 Net foreign exchange loss

The aggregate net foreign exchange gains/losses recognised on the profit or loss were:

Foreign exchange gain	87,299	65,756	47,876	54,304	86,947	65,756	47,856	54,304
Foreign exchange loss	(974,983)	(520,421)	(279,192)	(504,469)	(974,600)	(520,421)	(279,195)	(504,469)
	(887,684)	(454,665)	(231,316)	(450,165)	(887,653)	(454,665)	(231,339)	(450,165)

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	6 months ended 30 June 2024	6 months ended 30 June 2023 restated*	3 months ended 30 June 2024	3 months ended 30 June 2023 restated*	6 months ended 30 June 2024	6 months ended 30 June 2023 restated*	3 months ended 30 June 2024	3 months ended 30 June 2023 restated*

8. Finance costs and net foreign exchange loss (continued)

Analysis of exchange differences:

Net exchange loss on borrowings	(321,619)	(147,134)	(67,536)	(147,481)	(321,619)	(147,134)	(67,536)	(147,481)
Net exchange loss on trade and other payables	(235,441)	(108,284)	(110,737)	(105,124)	(235,410)	(108,284)	(110,760)	(105,124)
Net exchange gain on trade and other receivables	68,595	19,042	75,327	15,931	68,595	19,042	75,327	15,931
Net exchange loss on derivatives	(5,816)	(10,500)	(5,603)	(10,875)	(5,816)	(10,500)	(5,603)	(10,875)
Net exchange gain on current investments	19,217	3,577	4,118	3,581	19,217	3,577	4,118	3,581
Net exchange loss on lease liabilities	(433,638)	(257,465)	(144,254)	(258,178)	(433,638)	(257,465)	(144,254)	(258,178)
Net exchange gain on restricted cash	10,078	23,254	11,317	28,088	10,078	23,254	11,317	28,088
Net exchange gain on cash and cash equivalents	10,940	22,845	6,052	23,893	10,940	22,845	6,052	23,893
	(887,684)	(454,665)	(231,316)	(450,165)	(887,653)	(454,665)	(231,339)	(450,165)

Included in the exchange differences are net realised exchange loss of N367.91 billion (June 2023: N21.68 billion) for Group and N367.86 billion (June 2023: N21.68 billion) for Company.

9. Employee costs

Salaries and wages	32,753	20,454	16,731	11,594	29,426	18,820	14,992	10,828
Pension - Defined contribution plan	1,750	1,291	986	721	1,599	1,213	905	673
Share-based expense ¹	4,001	4,906	1,434	3,250	4,001	4,906	1,434	3,250
Other staff costs ²	5,045	1,820	3,144	805	4,930	1,293	3,086	629
	43,549	28,471	22,295	16,370	39,956	26,232	20,417	15,380

¹Share-based expense is made up of NSO and PSP provision; June 2024: NSO:N0.84 billion; PSP: N3.16 billion (June 2023: NSO: N4.16 billion; PSP: N0.75 billion).

²Other staff costs comprises of mortgage subsidy, termination benefits, reward and recognition, group life insurance, medical expenses and current service employee benefit liability.

10. Direct network operating costs

Regulatory fees	41,989	28,738	21,369	15,591	41,989	28,738	21,369	15,591
Annual Numbering Plan	1,753	3,888	877	732	1,751	3,742	875	663
BTS leases	459,487	204,345	265,396	103,959	459,487	204,345	265,396	103,959
Network maintenance	83,569	39,987	44,352	20,031	83,569	39,987	44,352	20,031
	586,798	276,958	331,994	140,313	586,796	276,812	331,992	140,244

Following the adoption of IFRS 16 leases, BTS lease expense relating to the non-lease components (power and maintenance) of the tower lease contracts are recognised as an expense in profit or loss as they are incurred.

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	11. Other operating expenses							
Audit fees	361	233	231	117	323	197	202	99
Directors' emoluments	966	667	552	484	931	665	628	483
Professional fees	31,447	14,154	12,894	4,061	31,204	14,053	12,772	3,508
(Reversal of credit loss expense)/credit loss expense on trade receivables	(350)	4,121	314	3,130	(350)	4,121	314	3,130
(Reversal of credit loss expense)/credit loss expense on cash and cash equivalent, treasury bills and bonds	(34)	(180)	10	(176)	19	(180)	63	(176)
Impairment of property and equipment	80	80	76	55	80	80	76	55
Impairment of intangibles	31	-	31	-	31	-	31	-
(Reversal of)/inventory write-down	(1,315)	(1,021)	1,915	(1,058)	(1,315)	(1,021)	1,915	(1,058)
Credit loss expense on other receivables	-	-	-	-	-	9,414	-	-
Provision for litigation costs	9,791	5,961	3,431	5,961	9,791	5,961	3,431	5,961
Profit on disposal of property and equipment	(422)	(180)	(64)	(119)	(422)	(180)	(64)	(119)
Maintenance cost - software	43,495	10,744	24,501	5,734	43,495	10,744	24,501	5,734
Maintenance costs - others ¹	17,545	7,364	10,410	3,954	17,534	7,347	10,410	3,954
Rent, rates, utilities and other office running cost	2,707	2,064	1,490	1,045	2,657	1,929	1,462	910
Trainings, travels and entertainment cost	3,539	2,725	1,822	1,564	3,320	2,656	1,675	1,539
Security expenses	1,279	-	672	-	1,279	-	672	-
Insurance	3,144	1,690	1,575	845	3,144	1,690	1,575	845
Reversal of VAT assessment cost ²	(4,414)	-	(4,414)	-	(4,414)	-	(4,414)	-
Donation - MTN Foundation	-	1,315	-	326	-	1,315	-	326
Information technology development levy (ITDL)	-	2,043	-	522	-	2,043	-	522
National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure levy (NASENI)	-	511	-	131	-	511	-	131
Other expenses ³	2,675	2,080	2,015	189	2,175	1,818	1,858	538
	110,525	54,371	57,461	26,765	109,482	63,163	57,107	26,382

¹This relates to the maintenance costs on information systems hardware, motor vehicles, buildings and other equipment.

²This relates to the reversal of excess provision on VAT assessment cost made in December 2023.

³Other expenses includes bank charges, subscriptions, office refreshments, etc.

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	12. Tax (credit)/expense							
Current tax								
Company income tax	-	87,199	-	38,701	-	87,199	-	38,711
Prior year under provision of company income tax	-	2,547	-	611	-	2,547	-	611
Education tax	-	12,944	-	6,187	-	12,923	-	6,348
Nigerian police trust fund	-	10	-	3	-	10	-	3
Minimum tax	8,251	18	4,444	18	8,239	-	4,439	-
	8,251	102,718	4,444	45,520	8,239	102,679	4,439	45,673
Deferred tax								
Deferred tax credit	(240,485)	(136,557)	(53,680)	(133,840)	(232,934)	(135,393)	(50,859)	(131,553)
	(232,234)	(33,839)	(49,236)	(88,320)	(224,695)	(32,714)	(46,420)	(85,880)
Tax rate reconciliation								
Loss before tax	(751,292)	(119,433)			(726,144)	(115,551)		
Tax credit	(232,234)	(33,839)			(224,695)	(32,714)		
Effective tax rate	30.91 %	28.33 %			30.94 %	28.31 %		
Tax at standard rate	30.00	30.00			30.00	30.00		
Exempt income	0.16	0.06			0.17	0.06		
Expenses not allowed	(0.09)	(0.41)			(0.01)	(0.42)		
Education tax	1.92	(0.01)			1.98	0.01		
Police Trust Fund	-	(0.01)			-	(0.01)		
Prior year tax under/(over) provision	0.02	(1.28)			(0.07)	(1.33)		
Minimum tax*	(1.10)	(0.02)			(1.13)	-		
Effective tax rate	30.91	28.33			30.94	28.31		

*Minimum tax was recognized in the books in line with the provisions of Section 33 of CITA. Minimum tax is computed at 0.5% of gross turnover less frank investment income

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13. Property and equipment

Group and Company

In millions of Nigerian Naira	Land	Buildings	Leasehold property	Information systems, furniture and office equipment	Motor vehicles	Network Infrastructure	Capital - work in progress	Total
At 31 December 2023								
Cost	27,665	33,697	25,753	86,189	12,019	1,512,047	193,923	1,891,293
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	-	(22,158)	(12,763)	(53,426)	(5,787)	(702,048)	-	(796,182)
Carrying amount	27,665	11,539	12,990	32,763	6,232	809,999	193,923	1,095,111
Cost								
At 1 January 2024	27,665	33,697	25,753	86,189	12,019	1,512,047	193,923	1,891,293
Additions	-	-	-	112	1	2,581	128,794	131,488
Reclassifications	10	2,979	291	1,036	2,349	167,306	(173,971)	-
Disposals	-	-	-	(616)	(170)	(67,298)	-	(68,084)
At 30 June 2024	27,675	36,676	26,044	86,721	14,199	1,614,636	148,746	1,954,697
Depreciation and impairment								
At 1 January 2024	-	(22,158)	(12,763)	(53,426)	(5,787)	(702,048)	-	(796,182)
Depreciation	-	(671)	(818)	(7,257)	(1,030)	(120,686)	-	(130,462)
Disposals	-	-	-	598	85	67,239	-	67,922
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-	(80)	-	(80)
At 30 June 2024	-	(22,829)	(13,581)	(60,085)	(6,732)	(755,575)	-	(858,802)
Carrying amount								
At 31 December 2023	27,665	11,539	12,990	32,763	6,232	809,999	193,923	1,095,111
At 30 June 2024	27,675	13,847	12,463	26,636	7,467	859,061	148,746	1,095,895

Total cash outflow for property and equipment as at 30 June 2024 was N139.07 billion.

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14. Right of use assets

Group and Company

In millions of Nigerian Naira	Base station land	Buildings	Motor vehicles	Network infrastructure	Total
At 31 December 2023					
Cost	11,143	10,580	9,384	860,694	891,801
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(6,975)	(6,397)	(6,062)	(393,541)	(412,975)
Carrying amount	4,168	4,183	3,322	467,153	478,826
Cost					
At 1 January 2024	11,143	10,580	9,384	860,694	891,801
Additions	2,242	1,259	-	170,779	174,280
At 30 June 2024	13,385	11,839	9,384	1,031,473	1,066,081
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 January 2024	(6,975)	(6,397)	(6,062)	(393,541)	(412,975)
Depreciation	(1,034)	(730)	(932)	(67,283)	(69,979)
At 30 June 2024	(8,009)	(7,127)	(6,994)	(460,824)	(482,954)
Carrying amount					
At 31 December 2023	4,168	4,183	3,322	467,153	478,826
At 30 June 2024	5,376	4,712	2,390	570,649	583,127

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15. Intangible assets

In millions of Nigerian Naira	Goodwill	Licenses	Computer software	Capital work-in-progress	Total
Group					
At 31 December 2023					
Cost	10,016	522,544	109,804	26,359	668,723
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	-	(163,382)	(57,742)	-	(221,124)
Carrying amount	10,016	359,162	52,062	26,359	447,599
Cost					
At 1 January 2024	10,016	522,544	109,804	26,359	668,723
Additions	-	-	-	16,160	16,160
Reclassification	-	-	38,619	(38,619)	-
Disposals	-	-	(16,334)	-	(16,334)
Other movement	-	333	(2,012)	-	(1,679)
At 30 June 2024	10,016	522,877	130,077	3,900	666,870
Amortisation and impairment					
At 1 January 2024	-	(163,382)	(57,742)	-	(221,124)
Amortisation	-	(23,897)	(18,808)	-	(42,705)
Impairment loss	-	-	(31)	-	(31)
Disposals	-	-	16,334	-	16,334
Other movement	-	(1,043)	-	-	(1,043)
At 30 June 2024	-	(188,322)	(60,247)	-	(248,569)
Carrying amount					
At 31 December 2023	10,016	359,162	52,062	26,359	447,599
At 30 June 2024	10,016	334,555	69,830	3,900	418,301

Other movement of N2.01 billion relates to reversal of accruals and rebates previously capitalised that are no longer required. N0.33 billion relates to a refund on the Visafone Spectrum, eliminated at consolidation but brought back at the absorption of Visafone. The other movement of N1.04 billion relates to accumulated amortization charged on the fair value of Visafone spectrum license in 2024 before absorption, accounted for in the common control reserves.

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15. Intangible assets (continued)

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In millions of Nigerian Naira	Goodwill	Licenses	Computer software	Capital work -in-progress	Total
At 31 December 2023					
Cost	-	474,724	102,676	26,359	603,759
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	-	(121,147)	(56,312)	-	(177,459)
Carrying amount	-	353,577	46,364	26,359	426,300
Cost					
At 1 January 2024	-	474,724	102,676	26,359	603,759
Additions	-	-	-	16,160	16,160
Reclassification	-	-	38,619	(38,619)	-
Absorption of Visafone (see note 16.1)	10,016	48,153	-	-	58,169
Disposals	-	-	(16,334)	-	(16,334)
Other movement	-	-	(2,012)	-	(2,012)
At 30 June 2024	10,016	522,877	122,949	3,900	659,742
Amortisation and impairment					
At 1 January 2024	-	(121,147)	(56,312)	-	(177,459)
Amortisation	-	(23,897)	(18,095)	-	(41,992)
Absorption of Visafone (see note 16.1)	-	(43,278)	-	-	(43,278)
Impairment loss	-	-	(31)	-	(31)
Disposals	-	-	16,334	-	16,334
At 30 June 2024	-	(188,322)	(58,104)	-	(246,426)
Carrying amount					
At 31 December 2023	-	353,577	46,364	26,359	426,300
At 30 June 2024	10,016	334,555	64,845	3,900	413,316

Other movement relates to reversal of accruals and rebates previously capitalised but are no longer required.

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16. Investment in subsidiaries

The following table lists the entities which are controlled by the Group, either directly or indirectly through subsidiaries.

Visafone Communications Limited	-	-	-	43,778
XS Broadband Limited	-	-	500	500
Yello Digital Financial Services Limited	-	-	15,000	15,000
MoMo Payment Service Bank Limited	-	-	57,950	41,600
	-	-	73,450	100,878
Impairment (XS Broadband Limited)	-	-	(500)	(500)
	-	-	72,950	100,378

16.1 Absorption and Liquidation of Visafone Communications Limited

During the period, MTN Nigeria Communications PLC ("MTN Nigeria") concluded an internal restructuring involving the absorption of Visafone Communications Limited ("Visafone"), a subsidiary under common control. The restructuring and absorption of Visafone by MTN Nigeria have been accounted for in line with the principles of predecessor accounting for common control transactions. Under predecessor accounting, assets and liabilities are transferred at their carrying amounts in MTN Nigeria's financial statements, and any loss arising is recognized in the common control reserve. Consequently, a loss of N30.35 billion has been recognised in the common control reserve of MTN Nigeria. Below is the summary of the absorption as at 31 January 2024:

Visafone Communications Limited (now liquidated)

Statement of asset and liabilities absorption as at 31 January 2024

	N' million
Non-current assets	
Intangible assets - Spectrum licence (carrying amount)	4,875
Goodwill	10,016
Non-current prepayment	2
	<u>14,893</u>
Current assets	
Trade and other receivables	446
Cash and cash equivalents	91
	<u>537</u>
Total assets	<u>15,430</u>
Current liability	
Trade and other payables	844
Contract liabilities	61
Current tax payable	31
Deferred tax liability	1,068
	<u>2,004</u>
Net assets absorbed by MTN Nigeria	<u>13,426</u>
Impact on MTN Nigeria	
Investment in Visafone	43,778
Less net assets absorbed	(13,426)
Total loss recognised in common control reserve	<u>30,352</u>

Following the absorption by MTN Nigeria, Visafone is now fully liquidated. The liquidation process was completed during the period, and all remaining assets and liabilities of Visafone have been transferred. The Group's financial statements accurately reflect the economic substance of the restructuring and prevent any double counting of previously recognised expenses.

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16. Investment in subsidiaries (continued)

16.2 Acquisition of non-controlling interest in MoMo PSB Limited

In May 2024, the non-controlling interest holders in MoMo Payment Service Bank (MoMo PSB) proposed the sale of their 20% stake, which was subsequently diluted to a 7.17% minority interest, to MTN Nigeria Communications PLC ("MTN Nigeria"). This proposal was accepted, and MTN Nigeria paid N6.95 billion as the agreed purchase consideration.

This acquisition has been recorded as an equity transaction, resulting in an adjustment of N12.97 billion to the Group's other reserves. This adjustment reflects the difference between the carrying amount of the non-controlling interest acquired and the consideration paid, in compliance with the provisions of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) 10.

	N' million
Purchase consideration paid*	16,350
Less: NCI net assets acquired	(3,380)
Adjustment to Group's other reserves	12,970

*The purchase consideration includes N6.95 billion paid to the minority interest holders and an additional investment of N9.4 billion initially recognized as a receivable.

17. Other investments

Treasury bonds at amortised cost	9,004	6,720	6,853	6,720
NGN deposits at amortised cost	90	-	90	-
Allowance for expected credit losses	(77)	(88)	(77)	(88)
	9,017	6,632	6,866	6,632

The allowance for the expected credit losses for the subsidiaries were not assessed and are not material to the financial statements.

18. Other non-current asset

18.1 Contract acquisition costs

Opening balance	7,136	6,602	7,136	6,602
Additions	2,662	5,029	2,662	5,029
Amortised in the year	(2,656)	(4,495)	(2,656)	(4,495)
Closing balance	7,142	7,136	7,142	7,136

18.2 Non-current prepayment

Prepayment for road infrastructure tax credit ¹	7,547	17,421	7,547	17,421
Other non-current prepayments ²	8,152	8,959	8,152	8,959
	15,699	26,380	15,699	26,380
Total non-current assets	22,841	33,516	22,841	33,516

¹These are costs incurred towards the reconstruction of the Enugu-Onitsha expressway under the Road Infrastructure Development and Refurbishment Investment Tax Credit ("Road Tax Credit") Scheme. The Scheme is a public-private partnership (PPP) intervention that enables the Nigerian Government to leverage private sector capital and efficiency for the construction, repair, and maintenance of critical road infrastructure in key economic areas in Nigeria. MTN Nigeria shall be entitled to utilize the total cost incurred in the construction or refurbishment of an eligible road as a tax credit against their future Companies Income Tax (CIT) liability, until full cost recovery is achieved.

²This includes the non-current portion of the prepaid Indefeasible right of use (IRU) asset access to the West African Cable System (WACS).

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19. Inventories

Handsets, devices and accessories	8,327	5,960	7,866	5,960
SIM starter packs	2,948	5,677	2,948	5,677
	11,275	11,637	10,814	11,637
Inventories write-downs	(4,295)	(5,610)	(4,295)	(5,610)
	6,980	6,027	6,519	6,027

During the period, there was a reversal of the write down of N1.32 billion (June 2023: reversal of inventory write-down of N1.02 billion) for SIM starter packs, handsets and accessories. The reversal was as a result of the sell down of the previously written down inventory items. The reversal of write-down is recognised in the other operating expenses line (note 11).

20. Trade and other receivables

Financial instruments:

Trade receivables		101,188	73,609	101,195	73,338
Trade receivables - related parties	39.4	45,225	28,724	96,254	65,010
Allowance for expected credit losses ¹		(13,882)	(14,650)	(13,882)	(14,232)
		132,531	87,683	183,567	124,116
Other receivables ²		31,646	30,634	31,381	26,680
		164,177	118,317	214,948	150,796

Non-financial instruments:

Sundry receivables and advances ³		1,912	580	668	545
Other non-financial receivables ⁴		125,460	80,211	112,017	72,324
Current prepayments ⁵		38,051	16,306	37,829	16,027
		165,423	97,097	150,514	88,896
		329,600	215,414	365,462	239,692

¹There was a reversal in the credit loss expense of trade receivables of N0.35 billion (June 2023: charge of N4.12 billion) in the period, reported in other operating expenses (see note 11). N0.42 billion of credit loss allowance from Visafone was reversed from the allowance for expected credit losses after its liquidation.

²Other receivables includes uninvoiced expenses covered for related parties and subsidiaries.

³Sundry receivables and advances includes advances to staff for travel expenses and other work related expenses.

⁴Other non-financial receivables includes contracted Advance Payment Guarantees (APGs) and performance bonds with vendors and withholding tax receivables.

⁵Current prepayment relates to current rent payments for non-lease portion of BTS sites, other prepaid operational costs and insurance.

21. Current investments

US Dollar deposits held at amortised cost	12,877	-	12,877	-
Treasury bills held at amortised cost	14,729	4,132	1,402	990
Allowance for expected credit losses	(76)	(103)	(40)	(67)
Net current investments at amortised cost	27,530	4,029	14,239	923
Treasury bills and bonds at fair value through other comprehensive income	3,813	3,022	3,813	1,491
Treasury bills and bonds at fair value through profit or loss	6,036	205	6,036	205
	37,379	7,256	24,088	2,619

22. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of:

Bank balances	147,286	183,971	144,444	176,496
Short-term deposits	54,568	161,197	50,068	139,093
	201,854	345,168	194,512	315,589
Allowance for expected credit losses	(98)	(94)	(98)	(41)
	201,756	345,074	194,414	315,548

The allowance for the expected credit losses for the subsidiaries were not assessed and are not material to the financial statements.

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22. Cash and cash equivalents (continued)

22.1 For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise the following:

Bank balances	147,286	183,971	144,444	176,496
Short-term deposits	54,568	161,197	50,068	139,093
	201,854	345,168	194,512	315,589

23. Restricted cash

Restricted cash deposits for letters of credit ¹	131,899	346,146	131,899	346,146
Collateral on borrowings and cash covers	20,414	31,457	20,414	31,457
Restricted cash for swap transaction ²	33,979	15,662	33,979	15,662
Restricted cash - others ³	1,144	1,144	944	944
	187,436	394,409	187,236	394,209

¹This is usance letters of credit (LC) that is backed by restricted cash deposit (known as cash collateral) in US\$ and Naira.

²Restricted cash on swap transaction includes security on the derivative liability contract with the counterparty.

³Restricted cash - others comprises of: the retention fee on purchase of Visafone Communications Limited of N378 million; dividends received on shares held in trust by Veriva Trustee Ltd for the MTNN employee shares scheme implementation; N500.8 million (June 2023: N237.4 million) and garnishees against court judgments of N64.9 million. For Group, YDFS has a deposit of N200 million with the Central Bank of Nigeria for access to the PSSP (Payment service solution provider) & PTSP (Payment terminal service provider) platforms.

For the purpose of cash flows, total net cash outflow to banks for restricted cash was Group: N206.97 billion (June 2023: net cash inflow of N100.78 billion), for Company N206.97 billion (June 2023: net cash inflow of N100.79 billion).

24. Trade and other payables

Financial instruments:

Trade payables		206,455	138,614	205,270	137,043
Trade payables - related parties	39.4	175,238	109,861	181,625	114,451
Other accrued expenses ¹		507,429	227,416	493,036	215,490
		889,122	475,891	879,931	466,984

Non-financial instruments

Other accrued expenses ²		146,320	124,788	146,781	127,477
Sundry payables ³		1,865	939	1,586	851
Other payables ⁴		121,483	97,902	121,204	98,123
		269,668	223,629	269,571	226,451
		1,158,790	699,520	1,149,502	693,435

¹Other accrued expenses include BTS lease accruals, accruals for cloud services and services provided by vendors.

²Other non financial instrument accrued expenses include unclaimed dividend, accrued staff expenses and other regulatory fees.

³Sundry payables includes security deposits and advance payments from some enterprise and wholesale business customers.

⁴Other non-financial instrument payables include withholding and value added tax liabilities.

25. Contract liabilities

Opening balance		102,796	92,861	102,414	92,479
Payments received in advance of delivery of performance obligations		1,478,168	2,430,630	1,478,168	2,430,630
Revenue recognised on delivery of goods/services		(1,481,293)	(2,420,695)	(1,480,972)	(2,420,695)
Absorption of Visafone (see note 16.1)		-	-	61	-
Closing balance		99,671	102,796	99,671	102,414

Contract liability relates to payments received in advance from sales of recharge cards and on Subscriber Identification Module (SIM) cards. Contract liabilities are recognised as revenue when the subscribers use the airtime for network services such as voice, SMS, data and digital services and when the SIM cards are activated on the network

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26. Deferred tax

26.1 Deferred tax liability

Opening balance	1,149	57,573	-	54,828
Charge to profit and loss	-	(196,809)	-	(195,213)
Transfer from deferred tax liability to deferred tax asset	17	140,777	-	140,777
Charge to other comprehensive income	-	(392)	-	(392)
Reversal of tax impact on consolidation of Visafone	(1,166)	-	-	-
Total deferred tax liability	-	1,149	-	-

26.2 Deferred tax asset

Opening balance	151,362	11,018	140,777	-
Charge to profit or loss account	240,485	(433)	232,934	-
Transfer from deferred tax liability to deferred tax asset	17	140,777	-	140,777
Absorption of Visafone (see note 16.1)	(1,068)	-	(1,068)	-
Total deferred tax asset	390,796	151,362	372,643	140,777

Net deferred tax credit to the profit or loss account for: Group: N240.49 billion, Company: N232.93 billion.

The transfer from deferred tax liability to deferred tax asset represents XS Broadband deferred tax asset.

Charge to other comprehensive income (OCI) comes from the deferred tax impact on fair valuation of FVOCI investments and actuarial gains from employee benefits.

27. Current tax payable

Opening balance	157,971	199,959	157,669	199,687
Provision for the period/year - company income tax	-	129,459	-	129,458
Provision for the period/year - prior year under provision	-	2,547	-	2,547
Provision for the period/year - education tax	-	23,476	-	23,476
Minimum tax	8,251	29	8,239	-
Tax paid	(66,900)	(184,507)	(66,900)	(184,507)
Reversal of prior year over provision	-	(12,992)	-	(12,992)
Absorption of Visafone (see note 16.1)	31	-	31	-
Reversal of tax impact on consolidation of Visafone	2	-	-	-
Closing balance	99,355	157,971	99,039	157,669

28. Borrowings

The maturity of the loans is as follows:

Payable within one year (included in current liabilities)*	384,537	689,352	384,537	689,352
More than one year but not exceeding two years	90,768	78,825	90,768	78,825
More than two years but not exceeding five years	223,918	184,841	223,918	184,841
More than five years	246,223	224,151	246,223	224,151
Amounts included in non-current liabilities	560,909	487,817	560,909	487,817
Total borrowings	945,446	1,177,169	945,446	1,177,169

*This includes letters of credit of N185.93 billion (December 2023: N422.57 billion), which includes accruals for interest charges.

Borrowings reconciliation

Opening balance	1,177,169	689,673	1,177,169	689,673
Drawdown	51,554	635,825	51,554	635,825
Repayment	(622,665)	(458,951)	(622,665)	(458,951)
Interest payment	(48,815)	(42,329)	(48,815)	(42,329)
Interest charge	66,584	110,454	66,584	110,454
Exchange loss	321,619	242,497	321,619	242,497
Closing balance	945,446	1,177,169	945,446	1,177,169

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28. Borrowings (continued)

28.1 Summary of borrowing arrangements

MTN Nigeria has a loan portfolio with a consortium of local banks, foreign banks and export development agencies. The details of the facilities are as follows:

Facility	Type	Outstanding balance as at 30 June 2024
Local facility M	This is a local facility of N200 billion syndicated from local banks in August 2018. It is a variable interest loan, linked to average 3-month NIBOR plus a margin of 1.75%. The total available amount under the loan has been fully drawn. The loan is repayable in six (6) equal semi-annual installments from January 2023 to August 2025. As at 30 June 2024, the outstanding principal balance on the facility is N46.7 billion.	N46.7 billion
Local facility N	This is a N200 billion local currency term loan syndicated from local banks in May 2019 with a 7-year tenor and a moratorium of two years. It is a variable interest loan, linked to average 3-month NIBOR plus a margin of 1.75%. The total available amount under the loan has been fully drawn. The loan is repayable in seven (7) equal semi-annual installments from April 2023 to May 2026. As at 30 June 2024, the outstanding principal balance on the facility is N20.4 billion.	N20.2 billion
Commercial paper	Under the N250 billion commercial paper issuance programme are: - Series IX - issued on 7 November 2023 with face value of N50 billion for 267 days at a discount 16% maturing in July 2024. - Series X - issued in November 2023 with a face value of N72 billion at 16% maturing in August 2024.	N122 billion
Foreign EIB facility	US\$66.9 million financing from European Investment bank (EIB) was arranged in 2021, with 3-year moratorium. It was drawn in April and December 2022, with principal to be repaid over thirteen (13) equal semi-annual installments which will commence in April 2025. It is a floating interest loan linked to the 6 months SOFR + 2.63% (1st drawdown) and 6 months SOFR + 2.58% (2nd drawdown). As at 30 June 2024, the facility has an outstanding balance of US\$66.9 million.	US\$66.9 million
Foreign Facility Q	US\$150 million SOFR + 6.17% margin financing from AFC was arranged in 2022 with 2-year moratorium. Repayment commences in 2024 with 6 annual repayment tranches. As at 30 June 2024, outstanding balance of US\$79 million.	US\$79 million
Bonds	Under the N200 billion Bond Issuance Programme, two series were issued on 5 May and 4 November 2021 comprising of: - Series I: N110.001 billion 7 year 13% bonds due 2028. - Series II: N89.999 billion 10 year 12.75% bonds due 2031. Series III: - Tranche A - N10 billion 4 year 13.5% bond issued in 29 September 2022 due in 2026. - Tranche B - N105 billion 10 year 14.5% bond issued on 30 September 2022 due in 2032. In securing the facilities, MTN Nigeria has made a negative pledge over all existing and future assets to the lenders. The negative pledge signifies that MTN Nigeria has agreed not to deplete its assets via sales, collateral and transfers to anyone except the group of lenders, subject to a permitted amount. No other security has been provided.	N315 billion
Letters of credit (Trade loans)	A total of US\$450 million trade loans for the establishment of Letters of Credit with various local banks. The loans attract pre and post negotiation charges, and the facility are largely cash backed. The sum of US\$123.5 million was due and unpaid as at June 2024 as trade loans for Letters of Credit.	US\$123.5 million
Bilateral Loan Facility(Stanbic)	N50 billion MPR -0.25% margin financing from Stanbic IBTC Bank was arranged in 2024 with 1-year moratorium. Repayment commences in 2025 with 2 equal repayment tranches. As at 30 June 2024, outstanding balance of N30 billion.	N30 billion

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29. Provisions

Opening balance	28,262	42,130	27,233	31,605
Additions	41,252	23,407	41,220	22,395
Unused amounts reversed	-	(21,917)	-	(21,917)
Utilised	(30,153)	(15,358)	(30,153)	(4,850)
Closing balance	39,361	28,262	38,300	27,233

Provisions comprise of:

Decommissioning provision	42	46	42	46
Bonus provision	8,197	6,793	8,156	6,752
Litigation provision	26,816	17,025	26,816	17,025
Other provisions	4,306	4,398	3,286	3,410
Closing balance	39,361	28,262	38,300	27,233

Other provisions include provisions for some regulatory and tax matters, other consultancy and strategic advisory services payable to various consultants and legal advisers.

Split between non-current and current portions

Non-current liabilities	42	46	42	46
Current liabilities	39,319	28,216	38,258	27,187
	39,361	28,262	38,300	27,233

30. Employee benefits

MTN Nigeria Communications Plc operates a post employment benefit plans for non-contributory, long service award and staff retirement benefits. Employees are automatically beneficiaries of the long service award after completing five consecutive years of service with the Company. Employees' retirement benefits are calculated based on number of years of continuous service, and upon attaining the compulsory retirement age of 60 years. The defined benefit obligation actuaries valuation was carried out by Alexander Forbes Consulting Actuaries Nigeria (FRC/2012/000000000504) signed by Wayne van Jaarsveld (FRC/2021/002/00000024507).

Employee benefits reconciliation

Opening balance	9,703	6,835	9,703	6,835
Current service cost	3,012	3,915	3,012	3,915
Benefits paid	(2,130)	(1,047)	(2,130)	(1,047)
Closing balance	10,585	9,703	10,585	9,703

The current service cost and interest cost are recognised in the employee costs line.

Employment benefits comprise of the present values of :

Defined Benefit Obligation- retirement benefits	5,306	4,767	5,306	4,767
Long Service Awards	5,279	4,936	5,279	4,936
	10,585	9,703	10,585	9,703

Split between non-current and current portions

Non-current liabilities	8,968	8,429	8,968	8,429
Current liabilities	1,617	1,274	1,617	1,274
	10,585	9,703	10,585	9,703

31. Lease liabilities

The statement of financial position shows the following amounts relating to leases:

Non-current liabilities	1,122,616	813,634	1,122,616	813,634
Current liabilities	350,962	190,777	350,962	190,777
	1,473,578	1,004,411	1,473,578	1,004,411

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31. Lease liabilities (continued)

Lease liabilities reconciliation

Opening balance	1,004,411	660,016	1,004,411	660,016
Additions	142,406	87,142	142,406	87,142
Interest expense	80,235	102,511	80,235	102,511
Exchange loss	433,638	367,356	433,638	367,356
Payments - principal portion	(106,877)	(110,103)	(106,877)	(110,103)
Payments - interest portion	(80,235)	(102,511)	(80,235)	(102,511)
Closing balance	1,473,578	1,004,411	1,473,578	1,004,411

The Group's leases include network infrastructure (including tower space and land), land and buildings and motor vehicles. The leases have varying terms, escalation clauses and renewal rights. Penalties are chargeable on certain leases should they be cancelled before the end of the agreement.

Short-term lease payments of N179 million (December 2023: N319 million) for Group and N130 million (December 2023: N304 million) for Company not included in the lease liabilities are included as rent, rates, utilities and other office running cost in other operating costs during the year. In all significant operating lease arrangements in place during the year, the Group acted as the lessee.

32. Deposit and cash held for MoMo customers

32.1 Deposit held for MoMo customers

Deposits held for MoMo customers	2,147	7,601	-	-
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The deposits held for MoMo customers are measured at their carrying amounts considering that these are either due or demandable at short notice.

32.2 Cash held for MoMo Customer

Cash held for MoMo customers	2,147	7,601	-	-
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Cash held for MoMo PSB customers relates to MoMo customers deposit liability for the period as seen above.

33. Derivatives

Current liabilities: currency swap	15,062	15,912	15,062	15,912
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All gains and losses from changes in the fair value of derivatives are recognised immediately in the profit or loss statement as finance income or cost. The Group uses derivative financial instruments such as currency swap to hedge its foreign currency risks. Such derivative financial instruments are initially recognised at fair value on the date which a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured at fair value. Derivatives are carried as financial assets when the fair value is positive and as financial liabilities when the fair value is negative.

34. Share based payment liability

Opening balance	16,910	8,569	16,910	8,569
Share based expense	4,001	14,574	4,001	14,574
Share based payments	(9,565)	(6,233)	(9,565)	(6,233)
Closing balance	11,346	16,910	11,346	16,910

MTN Nigeria Communications Plc operates a Notional Share Scheme, where qualifying staff receive the increase in a phantom MTN share price at exercise date as compared to the offer price. The scheme is a cash-settled share-based payment scheme. The share based payment liability relates to Locally Aligned Notional (LAN) shares and Group Aligned Notional (GAN) shares. MTN Nigeria also runs an Employee share scheme plan managed by Veriva Trustee Limited.

The share-based payment liability consists of:

- fair value of options issued to employees under the LAN notional share scheme
- fair value of options issued to employees under the GAN notional share scheme
- the issue of shares held in Trust by Veriva Trustee for employees under Performance Share Plan (PSP) and Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP).

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34. Share based payment liability (continued)

GAN share options	488	488	488	488
LAN share options	1,290	2,814	1,290	2,814
Group performance share plan	3,201	8,081	3,201	8,081
Performance share plan and ESOP	6,367	5,527	6,367	5,527
	11,346	16,910	11,346	16,910

35. Other non-current liabilities

Non-current liabilities	7,634	8,267	24	-
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Non current liabilities includes the non current portion of payables of MoMo PSB's intangibles asset.

36. Equity

36.1 Share capital

Issued and fully paid

20,995,560,103 ordinary shares of N0.02	420	420	420	420
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Opening balance	420	407	420	407
Additional share issue (641,047,053 ordinary shares at N0.02 per share)	-	13	-	13

Closing balance	420	420	420	420
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The additional new shares created by the scrip dividend scheme (see note 36.6) has been incorporated into the company's minimum issued share capital as duly approved by Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC).

36.2 Share premium

4,500,000 ordinary shares of N 3,779.89 each	17,009	17,009	17,009	17,009
138,960 ordinary shares of N 1,488.15 each	207	207	207	207
641,047,053 ordinary shares of N233.66 each	149,146	149,146	149,146	149,146
	166,362	166,362	166,362	166,362

36.3 Treasury shares

Treasury shares	4,869	4,869	4,869	4,869
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Treasury shares represent 28,809,789 ordinary shares of MTN Nigeria acquired and held in trust by Veriva Trustee Limited for the purpose of employee share scheme implementation (2023: 28,809,789 ordinary shares).

36.4 Other reserves

Opening balance	701	1,664	708	1,664
Fair valuation loss on investments designated at FVOCI ¹	(174)	(884)	(174)	(877)
Remeasurement gain on employee benefits ²	-	(79)	-	(79)
Common control reserve ³	-	-	(30,352)	-
Non-controlling interest acquisition (note 16.2)	(12,970)	-	-	-
Closing balance	(12,443)	701	(29,818)	708

¹Fair valuation loss/gain on financial assets classified as fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) is recognised on Federal Government treasury bills and treasury bonds investments net of tax except for Federal Government bonds, which are exempted from company income tax.

²The remeasurement of gain on employee benefits valuation in accordance with IAS 19 Employee benefits.

³ Common control reserve on the absorption and liquidation of Visafone Communications Limited, see note 16.1.

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36. Equity (continued)

36.5 Dividends

Final dividend for 2023: Nil (2022: N10.00 kobo per share)	-	203,375	-	203,375
Interim dividend for 2024: Nil (2023: N5.60 kobo per share)	-	117,481	-	117,481
	-	320,856	-	320,856

36.6 Scrip dividend scheme

In 2023, MTN Nigeria Communications Plc offered a scrip dividend election plan to its shareholders with the option to elect and receive new ordinary shares in the Company instead of receiving the dividend in cash. The scrip dividend election plan was approved by the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting held on 18 April 2023, with the plan being effective for 2022 financial year dividends.

Upon the conclusion of the election period, shareholders elected to receive a total number of 641,047,053 scrip dividend shares. The Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) authorised the increase of the Company share capital to accommodate the 641,047,053 scrip dividend shares. Those shares were subsequently approved and registered by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

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In millions of Nigerian Naira					

37. Loss per share

Loss attributable to owners of the Company (N million)		(518,071)	(85,689)	(501,449)	(82,837)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares at the end of the period (million)		20,967	20,967	20,967	20,967
Basic and diluted loss per share (N)		(24.71)	(4.09)	(23.92)	(3.95)

Loss per share (EPS) is calculated by dividing the profit after tax attributable to owners of the company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period, excluding the average number of ordinary shares held as treasury shares (30 June 2024: 28,809,789 shares; 30 June 2023: 28,809,789 shares). EPS for the period ended 30 June 2023 has been adjusted to reflect period adjustments and reclassifications, see Note 43.

38. Cash generated from operations

Loss before taxation		(751,292)	(119,433)	(726,144)	(115,551)
Adjustments for non cash items:					
Finance income	7	(14,932)	(16,392)	(14,099)	(15,668)
Finance cost	8.1	183,088	102,202	182,492	102,202
Net foreign exchange losses	8.2	887,684	454,665	887,653	454,665
Depreciation of property and equipment		130,462	98,409	130,462	98,409
Depreciation of right of use assets		69,979	58,378	69,979	58,378
Amortisation of intangible assets		42,705	36,621	41,992	33,962
Amortisation of contract acquisition costs		2,656	2,154	2,656	2,154
Profit on disposal of property and equipment	11	(422)	(180)	(422)	(180)
impairment of property and equipment	11	80	80	80	80
Impairment of intangibles	11	31	-	31	-
(Reversal of)/credit losses on cash and cash equivalent, treasury bills and bonds	11	(34)	(180)	19	(180)
(Reversal of)/credit loss expense on trade and other receivables	11	(350)	4,121	(350)	4,121
Reversal of inventory write-down	11	(1,315)	(1,021)	(1,315)	(1,021)
Credit loss expense on other receivables	11	-	-	-	9,414
		548,340	738,857	573,034	746,336

Changes in working capital:

Decrease in inventories		362	3,589	823	3,589
Increase in trade and other receivables		(79,594)	(7,654)	(91,180)	(10,189)
Increase in provision		1,605	925	1,571	1,055
Increase/(decrease) in employee benefits		882	(406)	882	(406)
Increase in trade and other payables		255,448	96,345	233,149	101,152
(Decrease)/increase in contract liabilities		(3,125)	7,725	(2,743)	7,726
Decrease in share based payments		(5,564)	(710)	(5,564)	(710)
		170,014	99,814	136,938	102,217
		718,354	719,238	709,972	733,002

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39. Related party transactions

Related party transactions constitute the transfer of resources, services or obligations between the Group and a party related to the Group, regardless of whether a price is charged or not.

Various transactions are entered into by the Company and its subsidiaries during the year with related parties. The terms of these transactions are at arm's length. Intra-group transactions are eliminated on consolidation.

39.1 Holding and ultimate holding companies

The Company's holding company is MTN International (Mauritius) Limited, a Company incorporated in the Republic of Mauritius and its ultimate holding Company is MTN Group Limited, a Company incorporated in South Africa. MTN Nigeria Communications Plc's subsidiaries are XS Broadband Limited, Visafone Communications Limited (now liquidated), Yello Digital Financial Services Limited, and MoMo Payment Service Bank Limited. XS Broadband Limited provides broadband fixed wireless access services and high-quality telecommunication services, while Yello Digital Financial Services Limited and MoMo Payment Service Bank Limited offer mobile financial services (fintech). During the reporting period, Visafone Communications Limited was liquidated and absorbed into MTN Nigeria (see note 16.1).

The following is a summary of transactions between the Group and its related parties during the year and balances due at period/year end:

Parent Company: MTN International (Mauritius) Limited

Dividends paid (excluding withholding tax):

MTN International (Mauritius) Ltd	-	77,664	-	77,664
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39.2 Subsidiaries:

Amount due to related parties

Visafone Communications Limited	-	-	-	337
Yello Digital Financial Services Limited	-	-	4,965	3,992
MoMo Payment Service Bank Limited	-	-	2,368	799
	-	-	7,333	5,128

Amount due from related parties

Visafone Communications Limited	-	-	-	11
XS Broadband Limited	-	-	638	638
Impairment of XS Broadband Limited receivables	-	-	(613)	(613)
Yello Digital Financial Services Limited	-	-	24,405	22,442
MoMo Payment Service Bank Limited	-	-	26,599	13,808
	-	-	51,029	36,286

Net settlement of liabilities by the subsidiary

Yello Digital Financial Services Limited	-	-	989	5,662
MoMo Payment Service Bank Limited	-	-	11,221	(1,154)

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39. Related party transactions (continued)

39.3 Related parties under MTN Group

MTN Nigeria transacts with its sister companies under the MTN Group. These transactions are listed below:

Amounts due to related parties

MTN Cameroon	1,026	614	1,026	614
MTN Congo	23	14	23	14
MTN Cote d'Ivoire	308	185	308	185
MTN Dubai	8,745	3,085	8,745	3,085
MTN Ghana	53	100	53	100
MTN Guinea Bissau	5	3	5	3
MTN Holdings	43	26	43	26
MTN International (Mauritius) Limited	114,824	70,770	114,824	70,770
MTN Management Services Co	15,504	9,239	15,504	9,239
MTN Uganda	18	12	18	12
MTN Zambia	19	11	19	11
Bayobab Africa (Formerly MTN Global Connect)	19,141	8,896	19,141	8,896
Global Trading Company	4,439	9,481	4,439	9,481
Interserve Overseas Ltd)	9,118	6,194	9,118	6,194
Mobile Telephone Networks Ltd	1,026	693	1,026	693
MTN Mobile Money Ghana	20	13	-	-
MTN Mobile Money Uganda Limited	80	65	-	-
MTN Group Fintech (Pty) Ltd	846	460	-	-
	175,238	109,861	174,292	109,323

Amounts due from related parties

MTN Afghanistan	-	1	-	1
MTN Benin	120	41	120	41
MTN Cameroon	1,337	806	1,337	806
MTN Congo	155	89	155	89
MTN Cote d'Ivoire	657	385	657	385
MTN Dubai	29	315	29	315
MTN Ghana	49	15	49	15
MTN Group Management Services Co	16,132	9,269	16,132	9,269
MTN Guinea Bissau	116	70	116	70
MTN Guinea Conakry	111	67	111	67
MTN International (Mauritius) Limited	17	-	17	-
MTN Kenya	59	44	59	44
MTN Rwanda	1	1	1	1
MTN Zambia	219	132	219	132
Bayobab Africa (formerly MTN Global Connect)	23,810	595	23,810	595
Lonestar Communications Corporations (Liberia)	329	198	329	198
Mobile Telephone Networks (Pty) Ltd	502	232	502	232
MTN Group Fintech (Pty) Limited	1,270	-	1,270	-
Progressive Tech Holdings	312	16,464	312	16,464
	45,225	28,724	45,225	28,724

39.4 Summary of amounts due to and due from related parties:

Amount due to related parties				
Related parties	39.3	175,238	109,861	174,292
Subsidiaries	39.2	-	-	7,333
	24	175,238	109,861	181,625
Amount due from related parties				
Related parties	39.3	45,225	28,724	45,225
Subsidiaries	39.2	-	-	51,029
	20	45,225	28,724	96,254

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39. Related party transactions (continued)

39.5 Purchases and sales from related parties

Purchases from related parties

MTN Benin	45	121	45	121
MTN Cameroon	34	61	34	61
MTN Congo	1	4	1	4
MTN Cote d'Ivoire	10	22	10	22
MTN Cyprus	1	2	1	2
MTN Ghana	68	183	68	183
MTN Guinea Bissau	-	3	-	3
MTN Guinea Conakry	1	3	1	3
MTN Irancell	-	2	-	2
MTN Namibia	1	58	1	58
MTN Rwanda	7	22	7	22
MTN South Sudan	1	5	1	5
MTN Sudan	-	10	-	10
MTN Syria	-	1	-	1
MTN Uganda	4	11	4	11
MTN Zambia	1	4	1	4
Bayobab Africa (formerly MTN Global Connect)	20,483	20,483	20,483	20,483
Lonestar Communications Corporations (Liberia)	3	10	3	10
Mobile Telephone Networks (Pty) Ltd	28	63	28	63
MTN Group Fintech (Pty) Limited	-	460	-	-
MTN Mobile Money Uganda Limited	-	65	-	-
MTN Mobile Money Ghana	-	13	-	-

Sales to related parties

MTN Benin	120	252	120	252
MTN Cameroon	103	126	103	126
MTN Congo	-	1	-	1
MTN Cote d'Ivoire	12	18	12	18
MTN Ghana	95	130	95	130
MTN Guinea Conakry	-	1	-	1
MTN Namibia	-	1	-	1
MTN Rwanda	2	4	2	4
MTN South Sudan	-	1	-	1
MTN Uganda	2	3	2	3
MTN Zambia	5	6	5	6
Bayobab Africa (formerly MTN Global Connect)	32,374	32,374	32,374	32,374
Global Trading Company	23	23	23	23
Lonestar Communications Corporations (Liberia)	2	4	2	4
Mobile Telephone Networks (Pty) Ltd	13	32	13	32

The receivables from related parties arise mainly from professional, roaming and interconnect services transactions rendered on behalf of other operations within MTN Group. These are due one month after the date of rendering of service.

Trade payables to related parties arise mainly from professional, interconnect and roaming services rendered on MTN Nigeria's behalf by other operations within the MTN Group and are due one month after the date of purchase.

No allowance for expected credit loss on receivables from related parties because MTN Nigeria is in a net payable position.

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40. Accounting classes and fair values

Group In millions of Nigerian Naira	Amortised costs	FVTPL	FVOCI	Total carrying amount
30 June 2024				
Non-current financial assets				
Other Investments	9,017	-	-	9,017
	9,017	-	-	9,017
Current financial assets				
Trade and other receivables	164,177	-	-	164,177
Current investment	27,530	6,036	3,813	37,379
Restricted cash	187,436	-	-	187,436
Cash held for MoMo customer	2,147	-	-	2,147
Cash and cash equivalents	201,756	-	-	201,756
	583,046	6,036	3,813	592,895
	592,063	6,036	3,813	601,912
Non-current financial liabilities				
Borrowings	560,909	-	-	560,909
Lease liabilities	1,122,616	-	-	1,122,616
Other non-current liabilities	7,634	-	-	7,634
	1,691,159	-	-	1,691,159
Current financial liabilities				
Trade and other payables	889,122	-	-	889,122
Borrowings	384,537	-	-	384,537
Lease liabilities	350,962	-	-	350,962
Deposits held for MoMo customers	2,147	-	-	2,147
Derivatives	-	15,062	-	15,062
	1,626,768	15,062	-	1,641,830
	3,317,927	15,062	-	3,332,989
31 December 2023				
Non-current financial assets				
Other Investments	6,632	-	-	6,632
	6,632	-	-	6,632
Current financial assets				
Trade and other receivables	118,317	-	-	118,317
Current investment	4,029	205	3,022	7,256
Restricted cash	394,409	-	-	394,409
Cash held for MoMo customer	7,601	-	-	7,601
Cash and cash equivalents	345,074	-	-	345,074
	869,430	205	3,022	872,657
	876,062	205	3,022	879,289
Non-current financial liabilities				
Borrowings	487,817	-	-	487,817
Lease liabilities	813,634	-	-	813,634
Other non-current liabilities	8,267	-	-	8,267
	1,309,718	-	-	1,309,718
Current financial liabilities				
Trade and other payables	475,891	-	-	475,891
Borrowings	689,352	-	-	689,352
Lease liabilities	190,777	-	-	190,777
Deposit held for MoMo customers	7,601	-	-	7,601
Derivatives	-	15,912	-	15,912
	1,363,621	15,912	-	1,379,533
	2,673,339	15,912	-	2,689,251

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40. Accounting classes and fair values (continued)

Company	Amortised costs	FVTPL	FVOCI	Total carrying amount
In millions of Nigerian Naira				
30 June 2024				
Non-current financial assets				
Other Investments	6,866	-	-	6,866
	6,866	-	-	6,866
Current financial assets				
Trade and other receivables	214,948	-	-	214,948
Current investment	14,239	6,036	3,813	24,088
Restricted cash	187,236	-	-	187,236
Cash and cash equivalents	194,414	-	-	194,414
	610,837	6,036	3,813	620,686
	617,703	6,036	3,813	627,552
Non-current financial liabilities				
Borrowings	560,909	-	-	560,909
Lease liabilities	1,122,616	-	-	1,122,616
Other non-current liabilities	24	-	-	24
	1,683,549	-	-	1,683,549
Current financial liabilities				
Trade and other payables	879,931	-	-	879,931
Borrowings	384,537	-	-	384,537
Lease liabilities	350,962	-	-	350,962
Derivatives	-	15,062	-	15,062
	1,615,430	15,062	-	1,630,492
	3,298,979	15,062	-	3,314,041
31 December 2023				
Non-current financial assets				
Other Investments	6,632	-	-	6,632
	6,632	-	-	6,632
Current financial assets				
Trade and other receivables	150,796	-	-	150,796
Current investment	923	205	1,491	2,619
Restricted cash	394,209	-	-	394,209
Cash and cash equivalents	315,548	-	-	315,548
	861,476	205	1,491	863,172
	868,108	205	1,491	869,804
Non-current financial liabilities				
Borrowings	487,817	-	-	487,817
Lease liabilities	813,634	-	-	813,634
	1,301,451	-	-	1,301,451
Current financial liabilities				
Trade and other payables	466,984	-	-	466,984
Borrowings	689,352	-	-	689,352
Lease liabilities	190,777	-	-	190,777
Derivatives	-	15,912	-	15,912
	1,347,113	15,912	-	1,363,025
	2,648,564	15,912	-	2,664,476

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41. Fair value estimation

Where a financial asset or liability is carried on the statement of financial position at fair value, additional disclosure is required. In particular, the fair values need to be classified in accordance with the fair value hierarchy. This fair value hierarchy distinguishes between different fair value methodologies based on the level of subjectivity applied in the valuation. The fair value hierarchy is split into the following levels:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (e.g. the price quoted on a stock exchange for a listed share),

Level 2: Valuation techniques with inputs other than quoted prices (included within level 1) that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices) (e.g. a valuation that uses observable interest rates or foreign exchange rates as inputs),

Level 3: Valuation techniques with inputs that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (e.g. a valuation that uses the expected growth rate of an underlying business as input).

The financial instruments measured at fair value are presented below.

30 June 2024

In millions of Nigerian Naira	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Group and Company				
30 June 2024				
Financial assets				
Treasury bills at FVTPL	6,036	-	-	6,036
Treasury bills at FVOCI	3,813	-	-	3,813
	9,849	-	-	9,849
Financial liabilities				
Derivatives	-	15,062	-	15,062
	-	15,062	-	15,062

31 December 2023

Financial assets				
Treasury bills at FVTPL	205	-	-	205
Treasury bills at FVOCI	3,022	-	-	3,022
	3,227	-	-	3,227
Financial liabilities				
Derivatives	-	15,912	-	15,912
	-	15,912	-	15,912

Financial assets and financial liabilities at amortised cost – The carrying value of current receivables and liabilities measured at amortised cost approximates their fair value.

42. Financial instruments and risk management

42.1 Capital risk management

The Group seeks to optimise its capital structure by ensuring adequate gearing levels taking into consideration working capital, cash flow, existing loan covenants, operational requirements, business plan and broader macro-economic conditions.

It maximizes external borrowings on the back of its strong cash generating capacity. In line with its funding policy, the Group diversifies funding sources across local and international markets and ensures that new facility conditions comply with existing loan covenants.

Management monitors net debt to EBITDA and EBITDA to net interest in line with the financial covenants in the loan agreement while it seeks to limit refinancing risk by controlling the concentrations of maturing obligations in the short end of maturity profile. Equity approximates share capital and reserves attributable to the equity holders of the company. EBITDA is defined as earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, amortisation and goodwill impairment/losses.

Gross debt relates to MTN Nigeria syndicated medium term loan and commercial paper, net debt is the gross debt less cash and cash equivalents and total funding is gross debt plus equity.

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42. Financial instruments and risk management (continued)

In millions of Nigerian Naira		Group		Company	
		30 June 2024	31 Dec 2023	30 June 2024	31 Dec 2023
Revenue	6	1,539,119	2,468,847	1,547,826	2,472,474
Operating expenses excluding depreciation and amortisation		(991,425)	(1,266,318)	(975,491)	(1,242,382)
EBITDA		547,694	1,202,529	572,335	1,230,092
Gross debt	28	945,446	1,177,169	945,446	1,177,169
Cash and cash equivalents	22	(201,756)	(345,074)	(194,414)	(315,548)
Net debt		743,690	832,095	751,032	861,621
Gross debt	28	945,446	1,177,169	945,446	1,177,169
Equity attributable to owners of the company		(577,700)	(45,404)	(497,196)	34,779
Total funding		367,746	1,131,765	448,250	1,211,948
Gross debt: Total funding		257 %	77 %	211 %	74 %
Net debt: Total funding		202 %	60 %	168 %	59 %
Net debt: EBITDA		136 %	88 %	131 %	89 %

42.2 Credit risk

Credit risk or the risk of financial loss to the Group due to customers or counter parties not meeting their contractual obligations and is managed through the application of credit approvals, limits and monitoring procedures.

The Group's maximum exposure to credit risk is represented by the carrying amount of the financial assets that are exposed to credit risk.

The following instruments give rise to credit risk:

In millions of Nigerian Naira	Group		Company	
	30 June 2024	31 Dec 2023	30 June 2024	31 Dec 2023
Other investments	9,017	6,632	6,866	6,632
Trade and other receivables	164,177	118,317	214,948	150,796
Current investments	37,379	7,256	24,088	2,619
Restricted cash	187,436	394,409	187,236	394,209
Cash held for MoMo customers	2,147	7,601	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents	201,756	345,074	194,414	315,548
	601,912	879,289	627,552	869,804

Cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash

The Group's exposure and the credit ratings of its counter parties are continuously monitored and the aggregate values of investment portfolio is spread amongst approved financial institutions, which are lending institutions to the Group. The Group's cash investment activity is based on the SLY (Safety, Liquidity and Yield) principle while it also limits its cash holdings in a financial institution to a maximum of 20% of total investment portfolio to manage concentration risk. The exposure is controlled by a right of setoff and counter party exposure limits.

The National Long Term credit ratings of the counterparty financial institutions where we have bank deposits and restricted cash range from AAA to BBB-.

Expected Credit Losses (ECLs) are based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Group expects to receive, discounted at an approximation of the original effective interest rate. In determining the cash flows that the Group expects to receive, the Group apply the probability of default (default rate) based on rating by international credit rating agencies like S&P, Moody's and Fitch as well as local ratings by Augusto and Co.

Total estimated credit loss as at 30 June 2024 for Group stood at N98 million (31 December 2023: N94 million) while credit loss expense to profit or loss for the period is N4 million (June 2023: credit loss expense of N195 million). For Company, credit loss as at 30 June 2024 stood at N98 million (31 December 2023: N41 million) while credit loss expense to profit or loss for the period is N57 million (June 2023: credit loss expense of N195 million).

The credit ratings of the counterparty financial institutions where we have bank deposits and restricted cash range from B- to B.

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42. Financial instruments and risk management (continued)

Trade receivables

Customer credit risk is managed by each business unit subject to the Group's established policy, procedures and control relating to customer credit risk management. The credit quality of a customer is assessed based on an extensive credit rating scorecard and individual credit limits are defined in accordance with this assessment.

An impairment analysis is performed at each reporting date using a provision matrix to measure expected credit losses. The provision rates are based on days past due for groupings of various customer segments with similar loss patterns (i.e., by geographical region, product type and customer type). The calculation reflects the probability-weighted outcome, the time value of money and reasonable and supportable information that is available at the reporting date about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions.

Group: ECL for gross trade receivables of N101.19 billion (December 2023: N73.61 billion) was N13.88 billion (December 2023: N14.65 billion);

Company: ECL for gross trade receivables of N101.20 billion (December 2023: N73.34 billion) was N13.88 billion (December 2023: N14.23 billion).

The Group holds collateral as security for trade receivables relating to trade partners. These are bank guarantees held with banks with credit ratings of AAA to BBB-. A total of N4.90 billion was held as collateral for the same value of receivables as at 30 June 2024 (December 2023: N4.90 billion). Trade partners are to pay within seven days of credit advanced. In the event of default, the bank guarantee is recalled immediately to offset the credit.

Current and other investments

Current and other investments are all liquid assets that consist of marketable securities. They are primarily selected based on the funding and liquidity plan of the Group and from issuers with the least known credit and default risk. In connection with investment decisions, priority is placed on the issuer's very high creditworthiness and the present yield/interest rates offered. In this assessment, the Group also considers the credit risk assessment of the issuer by the rating agencies such as Fitch, Standards and Poor (S&P). The Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) has one of the lowest credit risks known in the country and in a possibility of default, it could simply increase the circulation of money in the country or borrow from international sources to pay off its local debt. In line with the Group's risk policy, its investments in treasury bills have no historical rate of default and the investments can be liquidated and sold at the prevalent market rates at that point in time. The international rating for the FGN is B-, a speculative grade, for its Short-Term Local Currency Issuer Default Rating (IDR) which is a stable rating but not yet at the investment grade level which is hardly given to African Countries. Current investments are thus not subject to a material credit risk and are allocated to stage 1 of the impairment model.

The National Long Term credit ratings of the counterparty financial institutions where we have current investments range from AAA to BBB-.

Expected Credit Losses (ECLs) are based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Group expects to receive, discounted at an approximation of the original effective interest rate. In determining the cash flows that the Group expects to receive, the Group apply the probability of default (default rate) based on rating by international credit rating agencies like S&P, Moody's and Fitch as well as local ratings by Augusto and Co.

Total estimated expected credit loss as at 30 June 2024 stood at N153 million (31 December 2023: N191 million) while the reversal of credit loss for the period stood at N38 million (30 June 2023: reversal of credit loss of N195 million).

The credit ratings of the counterparty financial institutions where we have current investments range from B- to B.

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42. Financial instruments and risk management (continued)

Reconciliation of gross carrying amount and related ECL

In millions of Nigerian Naira	Cash and cash equivalent	Current investments	Other investments	Total ECL
Group				
Balance as at 1 January 2023	339,549	6,217	10,585	(501)
Net movement during the year	83,667	-	-	-
Purchase	-	9,387	-	-
Sale/matured	-	(12,194)	(4,066)	-
Exchange (loss)/gain	(78,336)	710	-	-
Credit loss expense reversal	194	(91)	113	216
Balance as at 31 December 2023	345,074	4,029	6,632	(285)
Net movement during the year	(154,254)	-	-	-
Purchase	-	109,235	4,600	-
Sale/matured	-	(104,978)	(2,226)	-
Exchange gain	10,940	19,217	-	-
Credit loss (expense)/reversal	(4)	27	11	34
Balance as at 30 June 2024	201,756	27,530	9,017	(251)
Company				
Balance as at 1 January 2023	324,244	5,600	10,585	(501)
Net movement during the year	69,393	-	-	-
Purchase	-	5,349	-	-
Sale	-	(12,194)	(4,066)	-
Exchange (loss)/gain	(78,336)	2,223	-	-
Credit loss expense reversal	247	(55)	113	305
Balance as at 31 December 2023	315,548	923	6,632	(196)
Net movement during the year	(132,017)	-	-	-
Purchase	-	99,050	2,449	-
Sale/matured	-	(104,978)	(2,226)	-
Exchange gain	10,940	19,217	-	-
Credit loss (expense)/reversal	(57)	27	11	(19)
Balance as at 30 June 2024	194,414	14,239	6,866	(215)

42.3 Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will be unable to meet its obligations as they become due. The Group's approach to managing liquidity risk is to ensure that sufficient liquidity is available to meet its liabilities when due under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Group's reputation.

The Group ensures it has sufficient cash on demand (currently the Group is maintaining a positive cash position) or access to facilities to meet expected operational expenses, including the servicing of financial obligations; this excludes the potential impact of extreme circumstances that cannot reasonably be predicted, such as natural disasters.

The following are the liquid resources:

In millions of Nigerian Naira	Group		Company	
	30 June 2024	31 Dec 2023	30 June 2024	31 Dec 2023
Cash and cash equivalents	201,756	345,074	194,414	315,548
Current investments	37,379	7,256	24,088	2,619
Cash held for MoMo customers	2,147	7,601	-	-
Restricted cash	187,436	394,409	187,236	394,209
Trade and other receivables	164,177	118,317	214,948	150,796
	592,895	872,657	620,686	863,172

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42. Financial instruments and risk management (continued)

The following are the contractual maturities of financial liabilities

Group

In millions of Nigerian Naira	Notes	Carrying amount	Payable within one month or on demand	More than one month but not exceeding three months	More than three months but not exceeding one year	More than one year but not exceeding two years	More than two years but not exceeding five years	More than five years	Total
30 June 2024									
Trade and other payables	24	889,122	151,151	426,778	311,193	-	-	-	889,122
Cash from MoMo customers	32	2,147	2,147	-	-	-	-	-	2,147
Derivatives	33	15,062	-	-	15,062	-	-	-	15,062
Other non-current liability	35	7,634	-	-	-	8,896	2	-	8,898
Borrowings	28	945,446	5,304	128,788	331,963	123,465	359,392	302,336	1,251,248
Lease liability	31	1,473,578	129,007	39	327,230	393,863	937,381	150,765	1,938,285
		3,332,989	287,609	555,605	985,448	526,224	1,296,775	453,101	4,104,762
31 December 2023									
Trade and other payables	24	475,891	86,294	232,359	157,238	-	-	-	475,891
Deposit held for MoMo customers	32	7,601	7,601	-	-	-	-	-	7,601
Derivatives	33	15,912	-	-	15,912	-	-	-	15,912
Other non-current liabilities	35	8,267	-	-	-	5,062	9,762	-	14,824
Borrowings	28	1,177,169	15,528	57,474	670,018	110,642	308,856	301,672	1,464,190
Lease liability	31	1,004,411	71,873	122	206,675	262,882	755,703	247,100	1,544,355
		2,689,251	181,296	289,955	1,049,843	378,586	1,074,321	548,772	3,522,773

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42. Financial instruments and risk management (continued)

Company

In millions of Nigerian Naira	Notes	Carrying amount	Payable within one month or on demand	More than one month but not exceeding three months	More than three months but not exceeding one year	More than one year but not exceeding two years	More than two years but not exceeding five years	More than five years	Total
30 June 2024									
Trade and other payables	24	879,931	149,588	422,367	307,976	-	-	-	879,931
Derivatives	33	15,062	-	-	15,062	-	-	-	15,062
Other non-current liability	35	24	-	-	-	24	-	-	24
Borrowings	28	945,446	5,304	128,788	331,963	123,465	359,392	302,336	1,251,248
Lease liability	31	1,473,578	129,007	39	327,230	393,863	937,381	150,765	1,938,285
		3,314,041	283,899	551,194	982,231	517,352	1,296,773	453,101	4,084,550
31 December 2023									
Trade and other payables	24	466,984	79,374	224,116	163,494	-	-	-	466,984
Derivatives	33	15,912	-	-	15,912	-	-	-	15,912
Borrowings	28	1,177,169	15,528	57,474	670,018	110,642	308,856	301,672	1,464,190
Lease liability	31	1,004,411	71,873	122	206,675	262,882	755,703	247,100	1,544,355
		2,664,476	166,775	281,712	1,056,099	373,524	1,064,559	548,772	3,491,441

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42. Financial instruments and risk management (continued)

42.4 Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the cash flow or fair value of an interest bearing financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

Financial assets and liabilities that are sensitive to interest rate risk are cash and cash equivalents, short term investments and borrowings. The interest rates applicable to these financial instruments are on a combination of floating and fixed basis in line with those currently available in the market.

The Group's interest rate risk arises from the repricing of the Group's floating rate debt, incremental funding or new borrowings, the refinancing of existing borrowings and the magnitude of the significant cash balances which exist. The Group manages its debt on an optimal mix of local and foreign borrowings and fixed and floating interest rates.

Profile

At the reporting date the interest rate profile of the Group's financial instruments is as follows:

In millions of Nigerian Naira	30 June 2024			31 December 2023		
	Fixed rate instruments	Variable rate instruments	Non interest bearing	Fixed rate instruments	Variable rate instruments	Non interest bearing
Group						
Financial assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	201,756	-	-	345,074	-	-
Current investments	37,379	-	-	7,256	-	-
Cash held for MoMo customers	-	-	2,147	-	-	7,601
Restricted cash	20,414	-	167,022	22,111	-	372,298
Trade and other receivables	-	-	164,177	-	-	118,317
Other investments	9,017	-	-	6,632	-	-
	268,566	-	333,346	381,073	-	498,216
Financial liabilities						
Trade payables	-	-	206,455	-	-	138,614
Other accrued expenses	-	-	507,429	-	-	227,416
Amounts due to related parties	-	175,238	-	-	109,861	-
Deposit held for MoMo customers	-	-	2,147	-	-	7,601
Current borrowings	170,096	214,441	-	283,888	405,464	-
Other non-current liabilities	-	-	7,634	-	-	8,267
Non-current borrowings	335,980	224,929	-	356,506	131,311	-
	506,076	614,608	723,665	640,394	646,636	381,898
Company						
Financial assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	194,414	-	-	315,548	-	-
Current investments	24,088	-	-	2,618	-	-
Restricted cash	20,414	-	166,822	8,305	-	385,904
Trade and other receivables	-	-	214,948	-	-	150,796
Other investments	6,866	-	-	6,632	-	-
	245,782	-	381,770	333,103	-	536,700
Financial liabilities						
Trade payables	-	-	205,270	-	-	137,043
Other accrued expenses	-	-	493,036	-	-	215,490
Amounts due to related parties	-	181,625	-	-	114,451	-
Current borrowings	170,096	214,441	-	283,888	405,464	-
Non-current borrowings	335,980	224,929	-	356,506	131,311	-
Other non-current liabilities	-	-	24	-	-	-
	506,076	620,995	698,330	640,394	651,226	352,533

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42. Financial instruments and risk management (continued)

Interest rate sensitivity

The following sensitivity analysis has been prepared using a sensitivity rate which is used when reporting interest rate risk internally to key management personnel and represents management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in interest rates. All other variables remain constant. The sensitivity analysis includes only financial instruments exposed to interest rate risk which were recognised at the reporting date. No changes were made to the methods and assumptions used in the preparation of the sensitivity analysis compared to the previous reporting period.

The Group has used a sensitivity analysis technique that measures the estimated change to profit or loss of an instantaneous increase or decrease of 1% (100 basis points) in market interest rates, from the rate applicable as at the end of the period/year, for each class of financial instrument with all other variables remaining constant.

The Group is mainly exposed to fluctuations in the following market interest rates: SOFR(formerly LIBOR) and NIBOR. Changes in market interest rates affect the interest income or expense of floating rate financial instruments. Changes in market interest rates only affect profit or loss in relation to financial instruments with fixed interest rates if these financial instruments are recognised at their fair value.

A change in the above market interest rates at the reporting date would have increased/(decreased) profit before tax by the amounts shown below.

The analysis has been performed on the basis of the change occurring at the reporting date and assumes that all other variables, in particular foreign currency rates, remain constant. The analysis is performed on the same basis for prior year.

Group and Company	30 June 2024			31 December 2023		
	Increase/(decrease) in profit before tax			Increase/(decrease) in profit before tax		
	Change in interest rate	Upward change in interest rate	Downward change in interest rate	Change in interest rate	Upward change in interest rate	Downward change in interest rate
	%	N'million	N'million	%	N'million	N'million
SOFR (formerly LIBOR)	1	(1,563)	1,563	1	(983)	983
NIBOR	1	(3,543)	3,543	1	(4,483)	4,483

Currency risk

Currency risk is the exposure to exchange rate fluctuations that have an impact on cash flows and financing activities. The Group manages foreign currency risk on major foreign denominated purchase orders through the use of Letters of Credit. The Group has also entered into a currency swap arrangement to enhance dollar liquidity to address critical operational requirements.

Sensitivity analysis

The Group is mainly exposed to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates in respect of the US Dollar, being the significant foreign denominated currency.

The Group has used a sensitivity analysis technique that measures the estimated change to the income statement of an instantaneous 5% strengthening and 20% weakening in the Nigerian Naira against the US Dollar, from the rate applicable as at period/year end, for each class of financial instrument with all other variables, in particular interest rates, remaining constant.

A change in the foreign exchange rates to which the Group is exposed at the reporting date would have increased/(decreased) profit before tax by the amounts shown below.

The analysis has been performed on the basis of the change occurring at the start of the reporting period. The analysis is performed on the same basis for the Company. Transactions in foreign currencies other than US Dollars were not significant.

Group and Company	30 June 2024		31 December 2023	
	Increase/(decrease) in profit before tax 20% weakening in Naira, resulting in a decrease in profit before tax	5% strengthening in Naira, resulting in an increase in profit before tax	Increase/(decrease) in profit before tax 20% weakening in Naira, resulting in a decrease in profit before tax	5% strengthening in Naira, resulting in an increase in profit before tax
In millions of Nigerian Naira				
Denominated: Functional				
US\$:NGN	(365,106)	91,254	(299,462)	74,866

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43 Prior period restatement, reclassification of comparative amounts and other adjustments

43.1 Restatement of lease liability and foreign exchange losses on letters of credit (LCs)

During the year ended 2023, MTNN identified that a portion of the lease liabilities that is indexed to the US Dollar but invoiced and paid in Naira had not been remeasured for changes in exchange rates. In determining the impact of these foreign exchange rate movements, management also reviewed the contractual rights and obligations as well as relevant MTNN board resolutions and reassessed the lease term of certain lease portfolios where it was reasonably certain that the options to extend the lease will not be exercised.

Accordingly, MTNN has restated its financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2023 to reflect the impacts of these changes. Consequently, the restatement reduced the right-of-use asset by N187.0 billion to N497.7 billion and increased lease liability by N168.1 billion to N922.0 billion, consisting of current liabilities of N134.1 billion and non-current liabilities of N788.0 billion. Furthermore, deferred tax assets and liabilities were equally impacted, with deferred tax assets increasing by N80.6 billion and deferred tax liabilities decreasing by N61.0 billion. Additionally, depreciation of right-of-use assets increased, while lease interest expenses decreased by N533 million and N3.9 billion.

In Q3 2023, the practice of using forex loss on trade lines to offset the Naira-denominated cash cover that was provided to the banks was reviewed. As a result, all the trade lines were remeasured to exclude the Naira-denominated cash cover that was initially applied resulting in the recognition of additional unrealised forex loss on outstanding matured trade obligations. Consequently, the June 2023 results have been adjusted to reflect the impact of this change and the net foreign exchange loss for 30 June 2023 increased by N73.9 billion to N205.3 billion and current borrowings increased by N73.9 billion to N444.1 billion.

Statement of profit or loss 6 months ended 30 June 2023

	Group				Company			
	As previously reported 30 June 2023	Reclassification	Restatement	30 June 2023 Restated	As previously reported 30 June 2023	Reclassification	Restatement	30 June 2023 Restated
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Summary of adjustments								
ROU depreciation	(57,845)	-	(533)	(58,378)	(57,845)	-	(533)	(58,378)
Operating profit	421,575	-	(533)	421,042	426,181	-	(533)	425,648
Finance cost:								
Interest expense - leases	(49,667)	-	3,922	(45,745)	(49,667)	-	3,922	(45,745)
Interest expense - borrowings	(51,623)	-	-	(51,623)	(51,623)	-	-	(51,623)
Interest expense - banking fees	(1,203)	-	-	(1,203)	(1,203)	-	-	(1,203)
Loss on FVTPL liabilities	(3,631)	-	-	(3,631)	(3,631)	-	-	(3,631)
Net foreign exchange loss	(131,452)	131,452	-	-	(131,452)	131,452	-	-
Finance cost	(237,576)	131,452	3,922	(102,202)	(237,576)	131,452	3,922	(102,202)
Net foreign exchange differences*	-	(131,452)	(323,213)	(454,665)	-	(131,452)	(323,213)	(454,665)
Profit/(loss) before taxation	200,391	-	(319,824)	(119,433)	204,273	-	(319,824)	(115,551)
Taxation	(71,703)	-	105,542	33,839	(72,828)	-	105,542	32,714
Profit/(loss) for the period	128,688	-	(214,282)	(85,594)	131,445	-	(214,282)	(82,837)
Profit/(loss) attributable to:								
Owners of the company	128,593	-	(214,282)	(85,689)	131,445	-	(214,282)	(82,837)
Non-controlling interest	95	-	-	95	-	-	-	-
	128,688	-	(214,282)	(85,594)	131,445	-	(214,282)	(82,837)
Basic/diluted earnings/(loss) per share	6.14	-	-	(4.08)	6.27	-	-	(3.95)
*Net foreign exchange differences								
Net foreign exchange loss reclassified	-	(131,452)	-	(131,452)	-	(131,452)	-	(131,452)
LC FX adjustment	-	-	(73,896)	(73,896)	-	-	(73,896)	(73,896)
IFRS 16 restatement	-	-	(249,317)	(249,317)	-	-	(249,317)	(249,317)
	-	(131,452)	(323,213)	(454,665)	-	(131,452)	(323,213)	(454,665)

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43. Prior period restatement, reclassification of comparative amounts and other adjustments (continued)

3 months ended 30 June 2023

	Group				Company			
	As previously reported 30 June 2023	Reclassification	Restatement	30 June 2023 Restated	As previously reported 30 June 2023	Reclassification	Restatement	30 June 2023 Restated
Summary of adjustments	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
ROU depreciation	28,798	-	(533)	29,331	28,798	-	(533)	29,331
Operating profit	214,958	-	(533)	214,425	222,857	-	(533)	222,324
Finance cost:								
Interest expense - leases	(30,542)	-	(1,126)	(31,668)	(30,542)	-	(1,126)	(31,668)
Interest expense - borrowings	(20,139)	-	-	(20,139)	(20,139)	-	-	(20,139)
Interest expense - banking fees	(927)	-	-	(927)	(927)	-	-	(927)
Loss on FVTPL liabilities	(3,631)	-	-	(3,631)	(3,631)	-	-	(3,631)
Net foreign exchange loss	(126,815)	126,815	-	-	(126,815)	126,815	-	-
Finance cost	(182,054)	126,815	(1,126)	(56,365)	(182,054)	126,815	(1,126)	(56,365)
Net foreign exchange differences*	-	(126,815)	(323,350)	(450,165)	-	(126,815)	(323,350)	(450,165)
Profit/(loss) before taxation	42,665	-	(325,009)	(282,344)	50,287	-	(325,009)	(274,722)
Taxation	(17,223)	-	105,543	88,320	(19,663)	-	105,543	85,880
Profit/(loss) for the period	25,442	-	(219,466)	(194,024)	30,624	-	(219,466)	(188,842)
Profit/(loss) attributable to:								
Owners of the company	26,159	-	(219,466)	(193,307)	30,624	-	(219,466)	(188,842)
Non-controlling interest	(717)	-	-	(717)	-	-	-	-
	25,442	-	(219,466)	(194,024)	30,624	-	(219,466)	(188,842)
Basic/diluted earnings/(loss) per share	1.25	-	-	(9.22)	1.46	-	-	(9.01)
*Net foreign exchange differences								
Net foreign exchange loss reclassified	-	(126,815)	-	(126,815)	-	(126,815)	-	(126,815)
LC FX adjustment	-	-	(73,896)	(73,896)	-	-	(73,896)	(73,896)
IFRS 16 restatement	-	-	(249,454)	(249,454)	-	-	(249,454)	(249,454)
	-	(126,815)	(323,350)	(450,165)	-	(126,815)	(323,350)	(450,165)

Statement of financial position

	Group			Company		
	Reported 30 June 2023	Restatement	Restated 30 June 2023	Reported 30 June 2023	Restatement	Restated 30 June 2023
Summary of adjustments	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Non-current assets						
Right-of-use assets	684,743	(187,026)	497,717	684,743	(187,026)	497,717
Deferred tax asset	11,383	80,558	91,941	-	80,558	80,558
	696,126	(106,468)	589,658	684,743	(106,468)	578,275
Equity						
Retained profit	245,038	(287,420)	(42,382)	298,734	(287,420)	11,314
	245,038	(287,420)	(42,382)	298,734	(287,420)	11,314
Non-current liabilities						
Borrowings	484,840	-	484,840	484,840	-	484,840
Lease liabilities	692,339	95,643	787,982	692,339	95,643	787,982
Deferred tax liability	62,953	(61,007)	1,946	62,953	(61,007)	1,946
	1,240,132	34,635	1,274,767	1,240,132	34,635	1,274,767
Current liabilities						
Borrowings	370,227	73,896	444,123	370,227	73,896	444,123
Lease liabilities	61,640	72,420	134,060	61,640	72,420	134,060
	431,867	73,896	578,183	431,867	146,316	578,183

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43. Prior period restatement, reclassification of comparative amounts and other adjustments (continued)

Statement of cash flows

Cash generated from operations

	Group			Company		
	Reported in H1 30 June 2023	Restatement	Restated 30 June 2023	Reported in H1 30 June 2023	Restatement	Restated 30 June 2023
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Summary of adjustments						
Cash generated from operations						
Profit before taxation	200,391	(319,824)	(119,433)	204,273	(319,824)	(115,551)
Adjustments for non cash items:						
Finance costs	237,576	(135,374)	102,202	237,576	(135,374)	102,202
Net foreign exchange differences	-	454,665	454,665	-	454,665	454,665
Depreciation of right of use assets	57,845	533	58,378	57,845	533	58,378
Credit loss expense on other receivables	-	-	-	-	9,414	9,414
Employee benefit plan expense	18	(18)	-	18	(18)	-
Provision expense	8,173	(8,173)	-	17,717	(17,717)	-
Share based payments expense	4,906	(4,906)	-	4,906	(4,906)	-
Changes in working capital:						
Increase in provision (a)	-	925	925	-	1,055	1,055
Increase/(decrease) in employee benefits (a)	-	(406)	(406)	-	(406)	(406)
Increase in trade and other payables (a)	164,223	(67,878)	96,345	169,030	(67,878)	101,152
Decrease in share based payments (a)	-	(710)	(710)	-	(710)	(710)
Cash generated from operations	800,404	(81,166)	719,238	814,168	(81,166)	733,002

(a) Shared based payments, employee benefit payments, provisions utilised, realised exchange losses for trade & other payables previously presented on the face of statement of cash flows under operating activities are now presented as part of cash generated from operations under operating activities.

43.2 Other reclassifications

There were other reclassifications made for the period ended 30 June 2023, the comparative amounts relating to 2023 financial year were reclassified in adherence to IAS 1, paragraph 41. The Group previously presented some of its assets and liabilities cumulatively on the statements of financial position. However, management considers it to be more relevant if these items are presented as separate line items on the statement of financial position. See table below:

	Group			Company		
	Reported 30 Dec 2023	Reclassification	Restated 30 Dec 2023	Reported 30 Dec 2023	Reclassification	Restated 30 Dec 2023
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Current assets						
Restricted cash	402,010	(7,601)	394,409	-	-	-
Cash held from MoMo customers	-	7,601	7,601	-	-	-
Liabilities						
Non-current liabilities						
Employee benefits	9,703	(1,274)	8,429	9,703	(1,274)	8,429
Other non-current liabilities	-	8,267	8,267	-	-	-
Current liabilities						
Trade and other payables	707,787	(8,267)	699,520	-	-	-
Employee benefits	-	1,274	1,274	-	1,274	1,274

43.3 Prior year audit adjustments - MoMo PSB

During the audit of MoMo PSB 31 December 2023 financial statements in March 2024, additional impairment of N966 million was made on other receivables as required by Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN). The audit adjustment is not material to qualify as a restatement under IAS 10, therefore MTNN is not required to present a third statement of financial position as at 1 January 2024.

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44. Commitments for the acquisition of property, equipment and software

In millions of Nigerian Naira	Group		Company	
	30 June 2024	31 Dec 2023	30 June 2024	31 Dec 2023
Contracted for	195,578	97,381	195,578	97,381
Approved but not contracted for	161,484	349,241	161,484	349,241
Total commitments for property and equipment, software and intangibles work in progress	357,062	446,622	357,062	446,622

This committed expenditure relates to acquisition of property and equipment, software and intangibles work in progress. Capital expenditure will be funded from operating cash flows, existing borrowing facilities and, where necessary, by raising additional facilities.

45. Going concern

During the period, the Company incurred a net loss of N501.4 billion (30 June 2023: N82.8 billion net loss), resulting in total negative shareholders' funds of N497.2 billion (31 December 2023: N34.8 billion positive) and its current liabilities exceeded current assets by N1.21 trillion, after excluding derivative, contract liabilities and provisions (31 December 2023: N767.1 billion).

In the same period, the company's revenue grew by 33.63% year on year, an increase of N389.6 billion and the operating profit of N329.9 billion.

The Board believes that the Company's fundamentals and prospects remain strong and to address its impaired shareholders fund, the shareholders at its Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) held in May 2024 approved the implementation of several initiatives to improve the operational and financial performance of the Company. These initiatives are geared towards accelerating revenue growth development, restoring profitability and rebuilding reserves to strengthen business resilience and boost shareholder returns.

The Board of Directors of MTN Nigeria Communications Plc has assessed the Company's ability to continue as a going concern when preparing the financial statements. In performing this assessment, the Board has considered various events and conditions that may exist and, individually or collectively, cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, such as:

- The circumstances leading to the incurred period losses are unlikely to persist indefinitely.
- It is unlikely that fixed-term borrowings approaching maturity lack realistic prospects of renewal or repayment. We are currently complying with all loan agreements and no loans have been renegotiated.
- There are currently no changes in legislation or government policy expected to adversely affect MTN Nigeria communications Plc.
- There is no significant deterioration in the value of assets used to generate cash flows, however there is a substantial operating loss arising from net foreign exchange loss being a major impact of forex deterioration. The net foreign exchange loss became material following the effect of the Naira devaluation against the US Dollar, which saw the Naira plummet from N907.11/\$ to N1,505.30/\$ for the six months ended 30 June 2024. There is an ongoing effort to re-denominate some categories of foreign denominated expenditure to local currency. This strategic move aims to reduce exposure to exchange rate volatility.
- MTN Nigeria has secured tripartite set-off arrangements with Group entities to reduce intercompany payables.

In addition, an assessment of forecast cash flows and projections has been performed, including potential impact of external and internal variations, uncertainties and sensitivity of business plans. We are satisfied that the business is expected to continue its operations over the next twelve months.

Based on the above assessments and taking account of reasonable possible changes in trading performance and the current financial position; the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company and Group have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Consequently, the going concern basis has been adopted in preparing the condensed consolidated and separate financial statements.

46. Securities trading policy

MTN Nigeria Communications Plc has in place a Securities Trading Policy which guides the Board and employees when effecting transactions in the Company's shares. The policy provides for periods for dealing in shares and other securities, established communication protocols on periods when transactions are not permitted to be effected on the Company's shares as well as disclosure requirements when effecting such transactions.

Insiders covered in this policy have not notified the Company of any dealing in the Company's securities within this period and the Company is not aware of any breach of this policy within the period.

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47. Shareholders and their interest

Share range	Number of shareholders	% of shareholder	Number of holdings	% shareholding
1 - 10,000	135,548	94.6042	85,678,840	0.41
10,001 - 50,000	5,323	3.7151	106,311,140	0.51
50,001 - 100,000	923	0.6442	62,736,897	0.30
100,001 - 500,000	1,042	0.7273	215,050,105	1.02
500,001 - 1,000,000	154	0.1075	112,176,773	0.53
1,000,001 - 5,000,000	181	0.1263	418,676,500	1.99
5,000,001 - 10,000,000	48	0.0335	322,967,292	1.54
10,000,001 - 50,000,000	45	0.0314	946,626,942	4.51
50,000,001 - 100,000,000	2	0.0014	113,985,539	0.54
100,000,001 - 500,000,000	10	0.0070	1,835,257,024	8.74
500,000,001 - 1,000,000,000	2	0.0014	1,366,607,050	6.51
1,000,000,001 - Above	1	0.0007	15,409,486,001	73.39
	143,279	100	20,995,560,103	100

As at 30 June 2024, MTN International (Mauritius) Limited with total interest of 73.39% shareholding (31 December 2023: 73.39%) held more than 5% of the issued share capital of the Company.

48. Free Float information

MTN Nigeria Communications Plc with a free float value of N629,664,097,784 as at 30 June 2024 (30 June 2023: N733,016,123,051) is compliant with the Exchange's requirements for free float for companies listed on the Premium Board.

49. Contingent liabilities

Contingent liabilities represent possible obligations that arise from past events whose existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Group.

The Group has N0.99 billion (December 2023: N0.99 billion) contingent liabilities arising from claims and litigations in the ordinary course of business and the Group is defending these actions. During the quarter, the facts and evidence before the court regarding those cases were reassessed and based on the best estimates, the value of possible obligation from those cases amounted to N0.99 billion. These matters are currently being considered by various courts and the timing of the judgments are unknown. In the opinion of the directors, which is based on advice from the legal counsels, no material loss is expected to arise from these claims and litigations.

50. Events after the reporting period

There were no subsequent events that materially impact these financial statements.