



Saudi Telecom Company
(A Saudi Joint Stock Company)

**INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE THREE AND SIX MONTHS PERIODS ENDED
30 JUNE 2023**

(UNAUDITED)

**Second Quarter
2023**

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**Independent auditor's review report on the interim condensed consolidated financial statements to the shareholders of Saudi Telecom Company
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Introduction:

We have reviewed the accompanying interim condensed consolidated statement of financial position of Saudi Telecom Company - a Saudi Joint Stock Company ("the Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as "the Group") as at 30 June 2023, and the related interim condensed consolidated statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the three-month and six-month periods ended 30 June 2023, and the related interim condensed consolidated statements of changes in equity and cash flows for the six-month period then ended, and explanatory notes. Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation and presentation of these interim condensed consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34, "Interim Financial Reporting" ("IAS 34") as endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on these interim condensed consolidated financial statements based on our review.

Scope of Review:

We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements 2410, "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity" as endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. A review of interim financial statements consists of making inquiries, primarily to 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 that are endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia 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 condensed consolidated financial statements are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with IAS 34 as endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

For Ernst & Young
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Riyadh: 16 Muharram 1445H
(3 August 2023)

Saudi Telecom Company
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INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

(All amounts in thousands of Saudi Riyals unless otherwise stated)

	Note	30 June 2023 (Unaudited)	31 December 2022 (Audited)
ASSETS			
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property and equipment	5	45,388,821	46,645,266
Investment properties	6	625,648	210,821
Intangible assets and goodwill	7, 22	12,026,870	11,775,022
Right of use assets	8	2,851,515	3,029,824
Investments in associates and joint ventures	23	4,492,701	4,635,656
Contract costs		437,006	436,087
Contract assets		750,451	540,241
Financial assets and others	9	7,821,963	8,956,898
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		74,394,975	76,229,815
CURRENT ASSETS			
Inventories		1,923,625	1,022,601
Contract assets		7,706,760	6,779,622
Trade receivables	1, 12	25,735,258	23,178,587
Financial assets and others	9	8,029,471	4,143,542
Short term murabahas		11,962,797	7,989,420
Cash and cash equivalents		10,436,920	17,794,393
		65,794,831	60,908,165
Asset held for sale	5	82,006	82,006
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		65,876,837	60,990,171
TOTAL ASSETS		140,271,812	137,219,986
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
EQUITY			
Share capital	17	50,000,000	50,000,000
Statutory reserve	18	11,217,054	11,217,054
Treasury shares		(612,528)	(703,838)
Other reserves		1,827,951	2,032,239
Retained earnings		13,064,581	10,954,070
Equity attributable to the equity holders of the Parent Company		75,497,058	73,499,525
Non-controlling interests		2,272,624	2,526,067
TOTAL EQUITY		77,769,682	76,025,592
LIABILITIES			
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Long term borrowings		8,358,413	10,213,750
End of service benefit provision	13	5,030,509	4,871,335
Lease liabilities	14	2,371,793	2,383,206
Contract liabilities		1,119,160	771,915
Provisions		457,815	489,448
Financial liabilities and others	15	5,933,091	6,064,576
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		23,270,781	24,794,230
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables		19,192,347	20,900,153
Contract liabilities		4,048,761	4,479,205
Provisions		2,013,872	2,124,132
Zakat and income tax	16	1,962,820	2,084,712
Short term borrowings		2,354,792	276,783
Lease liabilities	14	849,238	912,914
Financial liabilities and others	15	8,809,519	5,622,265
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		39,231,349	36,400,164
TOTAL LIABILITIES		62,502,130	61,194,394
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		140,271,812	137,219,986


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Group Chief Executive Officer


Authorized Board Member

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INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS (UNAUDITED)
FOR THE THREE AND SIX MONTHS PERIODS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

(All amounts in thousands of Saudi Riyals unless otherwise stated)

	Note	For the three months period ended 30 June		For the six months period ended 30 June	
		2023	2022	2023	2022
Revenues	4	18,326,978	16,829,958	36,506,299	33,749,324
Cost of revenues		(9,193,666)	(7,655,876)	(18,018,482)	(15,424,841)
GROSS PROFIT	4	9,133,312	9,174,082	18,487,817	18,324,483
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Selling and marketing		(1,567,272)	(1,459,813)	(2,865,100)	(2,841,029)
General and administration		(1,745,234)	(1,510,068)	(3,458,427)	(2,979,537)
Depreciation, amortization and impairment	5,7,8	(2,540,302)	(2,484,550)	(5,152,805)	(4,960,492)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		(5,852,808)	(5,454,431)	(11,476,332)	(10,781,058)
OPERATING PROFIT		3,280,504	3,719,651	7,011,485	7,543,425
OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSES					
Cost of early retirement program		(130,114)	(123,798)	(396,631)	(202,898)
Finance income		381,974	113,702	741,580	223,175
Finance cost		(247,665)	(173,660)	(486,016)	(325,992)
Net other expenses		(34,612)	(32,380)	(3,224)	(89,973)
Net share in results and impairment of investments in associates and joint ventures	23	40,010	(282,896)	53,154	(512,228)
Net other gains (losses)		87,974	(24,791)	(30,210)	(20,841)
TOTAL OTHER INCOME (EXPENSES)		97,567	(523,823)	(121,347)	(928,757)
NET PROFIT BEFORE ZAKAT AND INCOME TAX		3,378,071	3,195,828	6,890,138	6,614,668
Zakat and income tax	16	(330,835)	(281,162)	(708,059)	(577,623)
NET PROFIT		3,047,236	2,914,666	6,182,079	6,037,045
Net profit attributable to:					
Equity holders of the Parent Company		3,008,446	2,837,345	6,117,117	5,872,447
Non-controlling interests		38,790	77,321	64,962	164,598
		3,047,236	2,914,666	6,182,079	6,037,045
Earnings per share attributable to equity holders of the Parent Company (in Saudi Riyals):					
- Basic	17	0.61	0.57	1.23	1.18
- Diluted	17	0.60	0.57	1.22	1.18


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INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)
FOR THE THREE AND SIX MONTHS PERIODS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

(All amounts in thousands of Saudi Riyals unless otherwise stated)

	<u>Note</u>	<u>For the three months period ended 30 June</u>		<u>For the six months period ended 30 June</u>	
		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
NET PROFIT		<u>3,047,236</u>	<u>2,914,666</u>	<u>6,182,079</u>	<u>6,037,045</u>
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME:					
<i>Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to consolidated statement of profit or loss:</i>					
Remeasurement of end of service benefit provision	13	<u>(108,288)</u>	<u>636,103</u>	<u>(51,185)</u>	<u>692,339</u>
Net share of other comprehensive loss of associates and joint ventures		<u>(19,091)</u>	<u>(2,132)</u>	<u>(21,275)</u>	<u>(2,134)</u>
Total items that will not be reclassified subsequently to consolidated statement of profit or loss:		<u>(127,379)</u>	<u>633,971</u>	<u>(72,460)</u>	<u>690,205</u>
<i>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to consolidated statement of profit or loss:</i>					
Foreign currency translation differences		<u>19,451</u>	<u>(19,540)</u>	<u>(58,906)</u>	<u>(38,848)</u>
Net share of other comprehensive loss of associates and joint ventures		<u>(37,319)</u>	<u>(57,123)</u>	<u>(33,867)</u>	<u>(70,552)</u>
Total items that may be reclassified subsequently to consolidated statement of profit or loss:		<u>(17,868)</u>	<u>(76,663)</u>	<u>(92,773)</u>	<u>(109,400)</u>
TOTAL OTHER COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) INCOME		<u>(145,247)</u>	<u>557,308</u>	<u>(165,233)</u>	<u>580,805</u>
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		<u>2,901,989</u>	<u>3,471,974</u>	<u>6,016,846</u>	<u>6,617,850</u>
Total comprehensive income attributable to:					
Equity holders of the Parent Company		<u>2,862,251</u>	<u>3,401,121</u>	<u>5,975,513</u>	<u>6,473,704</u>
Non-controlling interests		<u>39,738</u>	<u>70,853</u>	<u>41,333</u>	<u>144,146</u>
		<u>2,901,989</u>	<u>3,471,974</u>	<u>6,016,846</u>	<u>6,617,850</u>



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INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)
FOR THE SIX MONTHS PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

(All amounts in thousands of Saudi Riyals unless otherwise stated)

	Note	For the six months period ended 30 June	
		2023	2022
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net profit before zakat and income tax		6,890,138	6,614,668
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation, amortization and impairment	5,7,8	5,152,805	4,960,492
Impairment loss and amortization of contract costs and contract assets		206,436	205,069
Impairment loss on trade receivables		124,342	383,690
Allowance for slow moving inventories		7,614	4,383
Finance income		(741,580)	(223,175)
Finance costs		486,016	325,992
Provision for end of service benefit and other provisions		278,427	291,600
Net share in results and impairment of investments in associates and joint ventures	23	(53,154)	512,228
Share-based payment expenses		58,680	45,781
Net other losses		30,210	20,841
Changes in:			
Trade receivables		(2,466,753)	(6,939,259)
Contract costs, contract assets, inventory and others		(2,132,517)	(1,112,017)
Trade and other payables		(2,362,284)	999,315
Contract liabilities and others		779,036	(454,420)
Cash generated from operations		6,257,416	5,635,188
Less: Zakat and income tax paid	16	(829,238)	(767,878)
Less: Provision for end of service benefit paid		(313,173)	(222,182)
Net cash generated from operating activities		5,115,005	4,645,128
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Additions to property and equipment	5	(2,813,492)	(2,617,223)
Additions to intangible assets	7	(610,039)	(930,534)
Additions to investment properties	6	(101,710)	(26,583)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment		15,371	550
Acquisition by a subsidiary of a new subsidiary	22	(206,617)	(231,027)
Proceeds from finance income		670,693	205,180
Proceeds and payments related to financial assets and others, net		(4,725,649)	7,159,406
Net cash (used in) generated from investing activities		(7,771,443)	3,559,769
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Dividends paid to the equity holders of the Parent Company		(3,961,248)	(3,977,796)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests		(264,645)	(273,133)
Repayment of lease liabilities		(538,963)	(428,148)
Repayment of borrowings		(39,456)	(97,372)
Proceeds from borrowings		332,486	990,075
Finance costs paid		(223,263)	(139,677)
Net cash used in financing activities		(4,695,089)	(3,926,051)
NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(7,351,527)	4,278,846
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD		17,794,393	8,281,301
Net foreign exchange difference		(5,946)	(10,110)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE PERIOD		10,436,920	12,550,037



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INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (UNAUDITED)
FOR THE SIX MONTHS PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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Note	Total equity attributable to the equity holders of the Parent Company						Non-	Total equity
	Share capital	Statutory reserve	Treasury shares	Other reserves	Retained earnings	Total	controlling interests	
Balance as at 1 January 2022	20,000,000	10,000,000	(286,563)	1,572,457	37,984,611	69,270,505	2,115,474	71,385,979
Net profit	-	-	-	-	5,872,447	5,872,447	164,598	6,037,045
Other comprehensive income (loss)	-	-	-	601,257	-	601,257	(20,452)	580,805
Total comprehensive income	-	-	-	601,257	5,872,447	6,473,704	144,146	6,617,850
Dividends to the equity holders of the Parent Company	24	-	-	-	(3,994,996)	(3,994,996)	-	(3,994,996)
Dividends to non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	(273,087)	(273,087)
Share-based payment transactions	-	-	35,725	6,603	-	42,328	3,289	45,617
Net share of other reserves of a joint venture	-	-	-	(5,506)	-	(5,506)	-	(5,506)
Balance as at 30 June 2022	20,000,000	10,000,000	(250,838)	2,174,811	39,862,062	71,786,035	1,989,822	73,775,857
Balance as at 1 January 2023	50,000,000	11,217,054	(703,838)	2,032,239	10,954,070	73,499,525	2,526,067	76,025,592
Net profit	-	-	-	-	6,117,117	6,117,117	64,962	6,182,079
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	(141,604)	-	(141,604)	(23,629)	(165,233)
Total comprehensive income	-	-	-	(141,604)	6,117,117	5,975,513	41,333	6,016,846
Dividends to the equity holders of the Parent Company	24	-	-	-	(3,987,515)	(3,987,515)	-	(3,987,515)
Dividends to non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	(295,082)	(295,082)
Share-based payment transactions	-	-	91,310	(32,253)	-	59,057	306	59,363
Transactions with non-controlling interests	-	-	-	(26,928)	-	(26,928)	-	(26,928)
Net share of other reserves of a joint venture	-	-	-	(3,503)	(19,091)	(22,594)	-	(22,594)
Balance as at 30 June 2023	50,000,000	11,217,054	(612,528)	1,827,951	13,064,581	75,497,058	2,272,624	77,769,682


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1- GENERAL INFORMATION

A) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMPANY

Saudi Telecom Company ("stc" or the "Company") was established as a Saudi Joint Stock Company pursuant to Royal Decree No. M/35 dated 24 Dhul Hijja 1418H (corresponding to 21 April 1998) that authorised the transfer of the telegraph and telephone division of the Ministry of Post, Telegraph and Telephone ("MoPTT") with its various components and technical and administrative facilities to the Company, and in accordance with the Council of Ministers' Resolution No. 213 dated 23 Dhul Hijja 1418H (corresponding to 20 April 1998) that approved the Company's by-laws ("By-laws"). The Company was wholly owned by the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (the "Government"). The Government sold 30% of its shares pursuant to the Council of Ministers Resolution No. 171 dated 2 Rajab 1423H (corresponding to 9 September 2002). The Public Investment Fund ("PIF") is the ultimate controlling party of the Company through its ownership of 64% after the sale of 6% of the Company's shares through a secondary offering during the year 2021.

The Company commenced its operation as the provider of telecommunications services throughout the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia ("the Kingdom") on 6 Muharram 1419H (corresponding to 2 May 1998) and received its Commercial Registration No. 1010150269 as a Saudi Joint Stock Company on 4 Rabi al-Awal 1419H (corresponding to 29 June 1998). The Company's head office is located in King Abdulaziz Complex, Imam Mohammed Bin Saud Street Al Mursalat Area, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

B) GROUP ACTIVITIES

The main activities of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") comprise the provision of telecommunications, information, media services and digital payments, which include, among other things:

- 1) Establish, manage, operate and maintain fixed and mobile telecommunication networks, systems and infrastructure.
- 2) Deliver, provide, maintain and manage diverse telecommunication and information technology (IT) services to customers.
- 3) Prepare the required plans and necessary studies to develop, implement and provide telecommunication and IT services covering all technical, financial and administrative aspects. In addition, prepare and implement training plans in the field of telecommunications and IT, and provide consultancy services.
- 4) Expand and develop telecommunication networks, systems, and infrastructure by utilizing the most current devices and equipment in telecom technology, especially in the fields of providing and managing services, applications and software.
- 5) Provide integrated communication and information technology solutions, which include, among other things, telecom, IT services, managed services, cloud services, and internet of things, etc.
- 6) Provide information-based systems and technologies to customers including providing telecommunication means for the transfer of internet services.
- 7) Wholesale and retail trade, import, export, purchase, own, lease, manufacture, promote, sell, develop, design, setup and maintenance of devices, equipment, and components and executing contracting works that are related to different telecom networks including fixed, moving and private networks. In addition, computer programs and other intellectual properties.
- 8) Real estate investment and the resulting activities, such as selling, buying, leasing, managing, developing and maintenance.
- 9) Acquire loans and own fixed and movable assets for intended use.
- 10) Provide financial and managerial support and other services to subsidiaries.
- 11) Provide development, training, asset management and other related services.
- 12) Provide solutions for decision support, business intelligence and data investment.
- 13) Provide supply chain and other related services.
- 14) Provide digital banking services.
- 15) Provide cybersecurity services.
- 16) Construction, maintenance and repair of telecommunication and radar stations and towers.

Moreover, the Company is entitled to set up individual companies as limited liability or closed joint stock. It may also own shares in, or merge with, other companies, and it has the right to partner with others to establish joint stock, limited liability or any other entities whether inside or outside the Kingdom.

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2- BASIS OF PREPARATION

These interim condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" that is endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and other standards and pronouncements that are endorsed by the Saudi Organization for Chartered and Professional Accountants ("SOCPA") ("IAS 34").

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and other standards and pronouncements that are endorsed by the Saudi Organization for Chartered and Professional Accountants. Therefore, these interim condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

3- THE GROUP'S ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the interim condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

There are amendments to the standards that could be applicable to the Group and come into effect at 1 January 2023, but they do not have any material impact on the Group interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

Amendments and interpretations
IFRS 17: Insurance Contracts.
Amendments to IAS 8: Definition of Accounting Estimates.
Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2: Disclosure of Accounting Policies.
Amendments to IAS 12: Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction.

4- SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group is engaged mainly in providing telecommunication services and related products. The majority of the Group's revenues, income and assets relate to its operations within the Kingdom. Outside of the Kingdom, the Group operates through its subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures in several countries.

Revenue is distributed to an operating segment based on the entity of the Group reporting the revenue. Sales between segments are calculated at normal business transaction prices.

The disclosed operating segments exceeded the 75% of total external Group revenue threshold and therefore all other operating segments are combined and disclosed as "Other segments".

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4- SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenues and results based on segments for the three and six months periods ended 30 June:

	For the three months period ended 30 June		For the six months period ended 30 June	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Revenues ⁽¹⁾				
stc	12,447,950	12,220,501	24,636,944	24,519,806
Saudi Telecom Channels Company ("Channels")	3,769,908	2,770,270	7,535,487	5,848,640
Arabian Internet and Communications Services Company ("Solutions")	2,701,289	2,085,151	5,377,561	4,328,055
Kuwait Telecommunications Company ("stc Kuwait")	1,069,310	933,995	2,130,320	1,884,293
Telecommunications Towers Company ("TAWAL")	797,408	698,859	1,536,699	1,372,692
stc Bahrain BSC (c) ("stc Bahrain")	477,741	427,203	951,160	846,343
stc Bank	244,860	249,654	468,503	485,018
Gulf Digital Media Model Company Ltd ("GDMM") ("Intigral")	130,911	130,679	288,321	255,909
Advanced Technology and Cybersecurity Company ("sitar")	148,486	148,335	249,161	203,139
Public Telecommunications Company ("Specialized")	79,625	75,091	139,843	144,672
Other operating segments ⁽²⁾	228,034	5,231	373,293	10,008
Eliminations / adjustments	(3,768,544)	(2,915,011)	(7,180,993)	(6,149,251)
Total revenues	18,326,978	16,829,958	36,506,299	33,749,324
Cost of operations (excluding depreciation and amortization and impairment)	(12,506,172)	(10,625,757)	(24,342,009)	(21,245,407)
Depreciation and amortization and impairment	(2,540,302)	(2,484,550)	(5,152,805)	(4,960,492)
Cost of early retirement program	(130,114)	(123,798)	(396,631)	(202,898)
Finance income	381,974	113,702	741,580	223,175
Finance cost	(247,665)	(173,660)	(486,016)	(325,992)
Net other expenses	(34,612)	(32,380)	(3,224)	(89,973)
Net share in results and impairment of investments in associates and joint ventures	40,010	(282,896)	53,154	(512,228)
Net other gains (losses)	87,974	(24,791)	(30,210)	(20,841)
Zakat and income tax	(330,835)	(281,162)	(708,059)	(577,623)
Net profit	3,047,236	2,914,666	6,182,079	6,037,045
Net profit attributable to:				
Equity holders of the Parent Company	3,008,446	2,837,345	6,117,117	5,872,447
Non-controlling interests	38,790	77,321	64,962	164,598
	3,047,236	2,914,666	6,182,079	6,037,045

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4- SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Following is the gross profit analysis on a segment basis for the three and six months periods ended 30 June:

	For the three months period ended 30 June		For the six months period ended 30 June	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
stc	7,452,226	7,502,841	14,989,273	14,961,594
Saudi Telecom Channels Company ("Channels")	716,952	568,861	1,484,547	1,147,971
Arabian Internet and Communications Services Company ("Solutions")	780,753	544,510	1,428,251	1,077,201
Kuwait Telecommunications Company ("stc Kuwait")	505,223	466,253	1,021,143	955,211
Telecommunications Towers Company ("TAWAL")	630,709	570,454	1,215,540	1,112,545
stc Bahrain BSC (c) ("stc Bahrain")	219,750	204,615	424,872	404,948
stc Bank	(4,519)	43,859	42,604	80,287
Gulf Digital Media Model Company Ltd ("GDMM") ("Intigral")	68,962	92,173	183,966	177,156
Advanced Technology and Cybersecurity Company ("sirar")	38,901	30,066	77,401	57,488
Public Telecommunications Company ("Specialized")	42,057	53,691	77,845	104,122
Other operating segments ⁽²⁾	69,759	4,664	116,357	8,822
Eliminations / adjustments	(1,387,461)	(907,905)	(2,573,982)	(1,762,862)
Gross profit	9,133,312	9,174,082	18,487,817	18,324,483

Information about geographical segmentation:

Following is the geographical segmentation of revenues for the three and six months periods ended 30 June:

	For the three months period ended 30 June		For the six months period ended 30 June	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	16,219,338	15,206,705	32,259,537	30,516,743
Outside the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	2,107,640	1,623,253	4,246,762	3,232,581
	18,326,978	16,829,958	36,506,299	33,749,324

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4- SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

The following is an analysis of the assets and liabilities on a segment basis as at:

	30 June 2023	31 December 2022
Assets		
stc	138,710,240	137,287,162
Saudi Telecom Channels Company ("Channels")	10,121,609	8,538,854
Arabian Internet and Communications Services Company ("Solutions")	10,327,176	10,282,336
Kuwait Telecommunications Company ("stc Kuwait")	5,187,548	5,210,735
Telecommunications Towers Company ("TAWAL")	11,765,199	11,932,999
stc Bahrain BSC (c) ("stc Bahrain")	4,699,969	6,053,709
stc Bank	5,724,119	3,807,596
Gulf Digital Media Model Company Ltd ("GDMM") ("Intigral")	847,165	970,807
Advanced Technology and Cybersecurity Company ("sirar")	487,259	437,443
Public Telecommunications Company ("Specialized")	702,695	681,644
Other operating segments ⁽²⁾	11,358,587	8,548,024
Eliminations / adjustments	(59,659,754)	(56,531,323)
Total assets	140,271,812	137,219,986
Liabilities		
stc	48,048,102	49,199,031
Saudi Telecom Channels Company ("Channels")	8,774,438	7,077,118
Arabian Internet and Communications Services Company ("Solutions")	7,512,445	7,459,278
Kuwait Telecommunications Company ("stc Kuwait")	2,412,900	2,246,463
Telecommunications Towers Company ("TAWAL")	7,869,917	8,406,669
stc Bahrain BSC (c) ("stc Bahrain")	3,250,268	4,639,682
stc Bank	5,218,918	2,784,891
Gulf Digital Media Model Company Ltd ("GDMM") ("Intigral")	845,706	995,981
Advanced Technology and Cybersecurity Company ("sirar")	245,263	199,852
Public Telecommunications Company ("Specialized")	688,488	673,131
Other operating segments ⁽²⁾	6,345,203	3,337,055
Eliminations / adjustments	(28,709,518)	(25,824,757)
Total liabilities	62,502,130	61,194,394

(1) Segment revenue reported above represents revenue generated from external and internal customers. There were SR 3,769 million and SR 7,181 million of inter-segment sales and adjustments (between the Group's Companies) for the three and six months periods ended 30 June 2023 (for the three and six months periods ended 30 June 2022: SR 2,975 million and SR 6,313 million, respectively) which were eliminated at consolidation.

(2) Other operating segments include the following subsidiaries: Aqalat Limited ("Aqalat"), Smart Zone Real Estate, stc Gulf Investment Holding ("stc Gulf"), stc GCC Cable Systems W.L.L., Innovation Fund Investment, Digital Centers for Data and Telecommunications ("Center 3"), Internet of Things Information Technology ("IoT squared"), and General Cloud Computing Company for Information Technology ("SCCC").

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5- PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

During the six months period ended 30 June 2023, the Group acquired property and equipment with total cost of SR 2,708 million, including non-cash additions with an amount of SR 5 million (30 June 2022: SR 2,620 million, including non-cash additions with an amount of SR 3 million).

During the six months period ended 30 June 2023, the Group disposed of property and equipment with a net book value of SR 69 million (30 June 2022: SR 62 million) resulting in a loss on sale of property and equipment for the six months period ended 30 June 2023 with an amount of SR 54 million (for the six months period ended 30 June 2022: SR 61 million).

On 17 January 2023, a land owned by the Company was sold, with a book value of SR 82 million through a public auction, at a value of SR 1,378 million. This land has been reclassified as an asset held for sale as at 30 June 2023. Subsequently, on 10 July 2023, the sale procedures for this land were completed (note 25).

The following table shows the breakdown of depreciation expense if allocated to operating costs items for the three and six months periods ended 30 June:

	For the three months period ended 30 June		For the six months period ended 30 June	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Cost of revenues	1,496,111	1,397,032	2,837,965	2,806,926
Selling and marketing expenses	1,976	1,950	4,044	3,974
General and administration expenses	192,851	279,253	548,529	554,947
	1,690,938	1,678,235	3,390,538	3,365,847

6- INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	30 June 2023	31 December 2022
Land (*)	353,726	36,980
Work in-progress	271,922	173,841
	625,648	210,821

(*) During the six months period ended 30 June 2023, the Group transferred lands with a book value of SR 317 million from property and equipment to investment properties for the purpose of real estate development and investment property.

The fair value of lands amounted to SR 1,668 million as at 30 June 2023 (31 December 2022: a land with fair value of SR 269 million), which were valued by Rawaj and its Partner Real Estate Valuation Company License No. (1210000062) appointed as an independent, professionally qualified valuer accredited by the Saudi Authority for Accredited Valuers (Taqeem). The fair value measurement is classified within level 3 based on different valuation techniques applied (residual value method and comparables method).

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7- INTANGIBLE ASSETS AND GOODWILL

During the six months period ended 30 June 2023, the net additions in intangible assets amounted to SR 1,212 million, including non-cash additions with an amount of 602 million (30 June 2022: SR 931 million cash additions).

On 23 January 2023, the Company obtained licenses to provide internet service on board aircraft, as well as mobile communications service via satellite in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, for a financial consideration of SR 427 million for a period of 15 years, starting from 2023.

During the first quarter of the year 2023, the purchase price allocation of net assets reports resulted from stc Kuwait's acquisition of E-Portal Holding company was completed, which resulted into recording an incremental goodwill of SR 76.6 million in addition to the provisional goodwill of SR 26.9 million recorded in 2022.

During the first quarter of the year 2023, a provisional goodwill of SR 20 million resulted from Tawal acquisition of AWAL Telecom Company, registered in the Republic of Pakistan, until the completion of the reports on the fair value allocation of net assets (note 22).

During the second quarter of the year 2023, a provisional goodwill of SR 290 million resulted from Solutions acquisition of Contact Centres Company ("CCC") until the completion of the reports on the fair value allocation of net assets (note 22).

The following table shows the breakdown of amortization expense if allocated to operating costs items for the three and six months periods ended 30 June:

	For the three months period ended 30 June		For the six months period ended 30 June	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Cost of revenues	165,367	164,458	350,632	323,829
Selling and marketing expenses	8,665	1,453	17,322	2,935
General and administration expenses	438,141	408,964	884,718	808,395
	612,173	574,875	1,252,672	1,135,159

8- RIGHT OF USE ASSETS

During the six months period ended 30 June 2023, the net additions in right of use assets amounted to SR 349 million (30 June 2022: SR 543 million) all of which are non-cash additions.

The following table shows the breakdown of depreciation expense if allocated to operating costs items for the three and six months periods ended 30 June:

	For the three months period ended 30 June		For the six months period ended 30 June	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Cost of revenues	183,590	181,985	396,142	360,024
Selling and marketing expenses	-	2,908	511	5,715
General and administration expenses	53,601	46,547	112,942	93,747
	237,191	231,440	509,595	459,486

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9- FINANCIAL ASSETS AND OTHERS

9-1 Financial assets

	<u>30 June 2023</u>	<u>31 December 2022</u>
Financial assets measured at FVTPL	2,998,657	2,929,065
Financial assets at amortized cost:		
Sukuk	5,155,684	5,234,375
Customers' trust accounts of stc Bank (*)	3,692,478	1,781,098
Loans to employees	375,218	382,541
Others	1,960,213	1,271,996
	11,183,593	8,670,010
	14,182,250	11,599,075
Current	6,569,654	2,763,111
Non-current	7,612,596	8,835,964
	14,182,250	11,599,075

(*) Includes clearing accounts related to customers' trust accounts of stc Bank

9-2 Other assets

	<u>30 June 2023</u>	<u>31 December 2022</u>
Advances	567,195	742,390
Prepaid expenses	376,107	287,831
Deferred expenses	416,703	191,517
Others	309,179	279,627
	1,669,184	1,501,365
Current	1,459,817	1,380,431
Non-current	209,367	120,934
	1,669,184	1,501,365

10- FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Group uses valuation techniques appropriate to current circumstances that provide sufficient data to measure fair value. In addition, for the financial reporting purposes, fair value measurements are categorised into Level 1, 2 or 3 based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements are observable and the significance of the inputs to the fair value measurement in its entirety, which are described as follows:

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

The fair values of the financial instruments represented in trade receivables, other receivables, short-term murabahas, cash and cash equivalents, and trade and other payables closely approximate their book value due to the short maturity.

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10- FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

Financial assets measured at fair value:

30 June 2023	Carrying amount	Fair value		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Financial assets				
At fair value through profit or loss:				
stc Ventures Fund and STV LP Fund	2,998,657	-	-	2,998,657
31 December 2022	Carrying amount	Fair value		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Financial assets				
At fair value through profit or loss:				
stc Ventures Fund and STV LP Fund	2,929,065	-	-	2,929,065

There were no transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy during the six months period ended 30 June 2023.

The fair value of the non-current liability resulting from the put option to non-controlling interest shareholders has been determined using discounted cash flow valuation method and is classified within level 3 of fair value measurement (note 15-1).

The fair value of the Group's investment in the units of stc Ventures Fund and STV LP Fund (the "Funds") is obtained from the net asset value ("NAV") reports received from the Funds' managers.

The Funds' managers deploy various techniques (such as recent round of finance, discounted cash flow models and multiples method) for the valuation of underlying financial instruments classified under level 3 of the respective Fund's fair value hierarchy. Significant unobservable inputs embedded in the models used by the Funds' managers include risk adjusted discount rates and lack of marketability discount.

The following is a reconciliation of the Group's investment in these Funds, which are categorised within Level "3" of the fair value hierarchy:

	<u>30 June 2023</u>	<u>31 December 2022</u>
Net assets value as at beginning of the period	2,929,065	2,135,246
Contributions paid to the funds during the period	130,812	412,342
Distributions received from the funds during the period	-	(16,882)
Net unrealised (losses) gains recognised in the interim condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss ^(*)	(61,220)	398,359
Net assets value as at ending of the period	2,998,657	2,929,065

(*) The net unrealized (losses) gain recognised was included within net other gains (losses) item in the interim condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss.

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10- FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

Financial assets and liabilities measured at amortized cost:

The Group believes that the other financial assets and liabilities carried at cost in the interim condensed consolidated financial statements approximate their fair value except for the following:

30 June 2023	Carrying amount	Fair value		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<u>Financial assets</u>				
Financial assets at amortized cost - Sukuk	3,943,045	-	3,856,845	-
<u>Financial liabilities</u>				
Borrowings - Sukuk	4,675,568	-	4,518,997	-
31 December 2022	Carrying amount	Fair value		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<u>Financial assets</u>				
Financial assets at amortized cost - Sukuk	3,947,219	-	3,837,052	-
<u>Financial liabilities</u>				
Borrowings - Sukuk	4,674,892	-	4,480,569	-

Level 2 inputs are based on traded prices in non-active market.

There were no transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy during three months period ended 30 June 2023.

11- TRADE RECEIVABLES

	<u>30 June 2023</u>	<u>31 December 2022</u>
Trade receivables	28,068,616	25,633,279
Less: allowance for impairment loss	(2,333,358)	(2,454,692)
	<u>25,735,258</u>	<u>23,178,587</u>

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12- RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

12-1 Trading transactions and balances with related parties (Associates and Joint Ventures)

The Group trading transactions with related parties were as the following:

	For the three months period ended 30 June		For the six months period ended 30 June	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Services provided				
Associates	92,399	96,228	179,474	197,065
Joint ventures	1,685	1,144	3,564	3,637
	94,084	97,372	183,038	200,702
Services received				
Associates	6,450	2,213	23,190	5,628
Joint ventures	17,373	126,978	112,027	235,133
	23,823	129,191	135,217	240,761

The following balances are outstanding with related parties:

	Amounts due from related parties		Amounts due to related parties	
	30 June 2023	31 December 2022	30 June 2023	31 December 2022
Associates	327,156	254,377	35,160	44,532
Joint ventures	2,538	13,185	3,602	178,872
	329,694	267,562	38,762	223,404

The sale and purchase transactions are carried out by the relevant parties in accordance with the normal terms of trade. The outstanding balances are unguaranteed, without commission and no guarantees have been provided or received in relation to the balances due from or to the related parties.

In addition, the Group has an investment in Sukuk issued by a joint venture entity (BGSM) amounting to SR 1,383 million (equivalent to RM 1,508 million) with a book value of SR 1,213 million as of 30 June 2023 (31 December 2022: SR 1,287 million).

12-2 Trade transactions and related parties' balances (government and government related entities)

Revenues from transactions with government and government related entities for the three and six months periods ended 30 June 2023 amounted to SR 2,831 million and SR 6,038 million, respectively (for the three and six months periods ended 30 June 2022 amounted to SR 3,213 million and SR 6,389 million, respectively) and expenses related to transactions with government and government related entities for the three and six months periods ended 30 June 2023 (including government charges) amounted to SR 1,472 million and SR 3,001 million, respectively (for the three and six months periods ended 30 June 2022 amounted to SR 1,479 million and SR 2,991 million, respectively).

As at 30 June 2023, accounts receivable from government entities totalled SR 21,699 million (31 December 2022: SR 19,311 million) and as at 30 June 2023, accounts payable due to government entities totalled SR 2,235 million (31 December 2022: SR 1,142 million). Among the balances with government entities, the Group invested SR 3,902 million in the Sukuk issued by the Ministry of Finance during the year 2019.

The total balance of accounts receivable with government related entities as at 30 June 2023 was SR 1,385 million (31 December 2022: SR 1,451 million). Total balance of accounts payable with government related entities as at 30 June 2023 was SR 1,900 million (31 December 2022: SR 1,621 million).

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12- RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

12.2 Trade transactions and related parties' balances (government and government related entities) (continued)

Receivable aging from government entities is as follows:

	30 June 2023	31 December 2022
Less than a year	11,902,464	11,695,931
More than one year to two years	6,382,395	4,631,346
More than two years	3,413,921	2,983,376
	21,698,780	19,310,653

13- END OF SERVICE BENEFIT PROVISION

Calculation of end of service benefit provision was performed using the most recent actuarial valuation as at 30 June 2023. During the period, the actuarial assumptions relating mainly to the discount rate have been updated which ranged from 4.85% - 5.20% for the six months period ended 30 June 2023 (for the six months period ended 30 June 2022: 4.0% - 4.5%), and experience adjustments resulting in recording of net actuarial losses included in the interim condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the three and six months periods ended 30 June 2023 amounting to SR 108 million and SR 51 million, respectively (for the three and six months periods ended 30 June 2022 net actuarial gains amounted to SR 636 million and SR 692 million, respectively).

14- LEASE LIABILITIES

	30 June 2023	31 December 2022
Current	849,238	912,914
Non-current	2,371,793	2,383,206
	3,221,031	3,296,120

The interest expense on lease liabilities for the three and six months periods ended 30 June 2023 amounted to SR 26 million and SR 56 million respectively which was included in finance costs (for the three and six months periods ended 30 June 2022 amounted to 23 million and SR 42 million, respectively).

15- FINANCIAL LIABILITIES AND OTHERS

15-1 Financial liabilities

	30 June 2023	31 December 2022
Dividends payable (note 24)	2,256,245	2,223,109
Government charges	2,319,344	1,198,765
Financial liabilities related to frequency spectrum licenses	1,751,467	1,849,838
Customers' deposits of stc Bank (*)	3,692,478	1,781,098
Other financial liabilities (**)	586,939	523,469
	10,606,473	7,576,279
Current	8,359,576	5,257,941
Non-current	2,246,897	2,318,338
	10,606,473	7,576,279

(*) Includes clearing accounts related to customers' deposits of stc Bank.

(**) The Group has granted a put option to non-controlling interest shareholders in General Cloud Computing Company in which the Group commits to purchase 27% shareholding in the subsidiary at fair value at the exercise date of the option. As a result, the Group has recorded a non-current financial liability of SR 469 million against the reduction in non-controlling interests of SR 206 million and other reserves of SR 263 million as at 31 December 2022. As at 30 June 2023, the incremental difference between the fair value of the non-current liability resulting from the put option and the non-controlling interests is recognized in equity amounting to SR 27 million. The fair value of the non-current liability resulting from the put option has been determined using discounted cash flow valuation method and is classified within level 3 of fair value measurement.

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15- FINANCIAL LIABILITIES AND OTHERS (CONTINUED)

15-2 Other liabilities

	<u>30 June 2023</u>	<u>31 December 2022</u>
Deferred income	3,728,752	3,757,569
Others	407,385	352,993
	4,136,137	4,110,562
Current	449,943	364,324
Non-current	3,686,194	3,746,238
	4,136,137	4,110,562

16- ZAKAT AND INCOME TAX

The Group submitted all zakat returns until the end of 2022, with payment of zakat due based on those returns, and accordingly the Group received zakat certificates for those years. Effective from year 2009, the Group started the submission of a consolidated zakat return for the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries whether directly or indirectly in accordance with the executive regulations for collecting zakat and not wholly owned subsidiaries submit their zakat declaration separately.

The Group received from Zakat, Tax, and Customs Authority the final zakat assessments up to 2011 and the years ended 31 December 2014 and 2018. The Group did not receive the zakat assessments of the years 2012 and 2013 in addition to the years from 2019 up to 2022.

The Group received a decision from the Tax Committee for Resolution of Tax Violations and Disputes rejecting the objections on zakat assessments for the years from 2015 to 2017 amounting to SR 134 million. The Group submitted its appeal to the Appeal Committee for Tax Violations and Disputes. The Group believes in the merit of its zakat position and therefore it will not result in any material additional provisions.

17- SHARE CAPITAL

During the second quarter of the year 2022, the Board of Directors recommended on 11 June 2022 (corresponding to 12 Thul-Qi'dah 1443 H) to the Extraordinary General Assembly ("EGA") to increase the Company's share capital from SR 20,000 million to SR 50,000 million via the capitalization of SR 30,000 million of retained earnings. Each shareholder is granted 1.5 shares for each 1 share owned at the eligibility date. The proposed increase in share capital was approved by the EGA on 30 August 2022 (corresponding to 3 Safar 1444H) and bonus shares issuance to shareholders was completed during third quarter of the year 2022. Consequently, the number of ordinary shares issued to the company increased from 2,000 million shares to 5,000 million shares, an increase of 3,000 million shares during the third quarter of 2022. The Company has completed the relevant regulatory requirements, including the update of the Commercial Registration for the revised capital amount, and the amendment of the Company's by-laws.

	<u>30 June 2023</u>	<u>31 December 2022</u>
Authorized, issued and fully paid capital comprises:		
5 billion fully paid ordinary shares at SR 10 each share	50,000,000	50,000,000
Number of outstanding shares "in thousands"	4,984,473	4,982,178
Number of treasury shares "in thousands"	15,527	17,822
	5,000,000	5,000,000

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18- STATUTORY RESERVE

During the second quarter of the year 2023, the EGA approved transferring the balance of the statutory reserve amounting to SR 11,217 million as at 31 December 2022 to the retained earnings in accordance with the new Companies Law in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia which became effective as at 19 January 2023. The Company is still in the process of completing the relevant regulatory requirements of updating its by-law in order to reflect the transfer.

19- CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

1. One of the Group's subsidiaries has an agreement to invest in a fund aiming to improve the telecommunication and information technology sector in the Kingdom of Bahrain and other GCC Countries with an amount of SR 806 million (equivalent to USD 215 million) as at 30 June 2023 (31 December 2022: SR 806 million (equivalent to USD 215 million)).
2. The Group has contractual commitments for the acquisition of property and equipment and intangible assets amounting to SR 8,034 million as at 30 June 2023 (31 December 2022: SR 4,709 million).
3. During 2022, the Company signed an agreement with STV LP Fund to allocate SR 1,125 million (equivalent to USD 300 million) additional investment in the fund out of which SR 195 million (equivalent to USD 52 million) was injected.

20- CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

1. The Group has outstanding letters of guarantee on behalf of the parent and its subsidiaries amounting to SR 5,554 million as at 30 June 2023 (31 December 2022 : SR 5,181 million).
2. The Group has outstanding letters of credit as at 30 June 2023 amounting to SR 1,194 million (31 December 2022: SR 1,544 million).
3. On 21 March 2016, the Company received a letter from a key customer requesting a refund for paid balances amounting to SR 742 million related to construction of a fiber optic network. Based on independent legal opinions obtained, the management believes that the customer's claim has no merit and therefore this claim has no material impact on the financial results of the Group.
4. The Group, in its ordinary course of business, is subject to proceedings, lawsuits and other claims. However, these matters are not expected to have any material impact on the Group's financial position or on the results of its operations as reflected in these interim condensed consolidated financial statements.
5. The Group received the Appeal Committee for Tax Violations and Disputes' decision with respect to the withholding tax assessment on international operators' networks rentals for the years from 2004 to 2015, rejecting its appeal with an amount of SR 1,500 million. The Group submitted a petition for reconsideration, as it believes that Saudi tax regulations do not impose withholding tax on international interconnection services since the source of income does not occur inside the Kingdom, and therefore these services should not be subject to withholding tax. During September 2022, the Group received the minutes of meeting of the Appeal Committee for Tax Violations and Disputes' regarding the petition for reconsideration which included the rejection of the petition by the Group. The Group submitted a petition for reconsideration based on new development on this matter. Based on the opinions of specialist consultants, the nature of the technical dispute, and new development on this matter, the Group believes that this assessment will not result into additional provisions.
6. The Group received claims from Communications, Space & Technology Commission ("CST") related to imposing government fees on devices sold in instalments for the period from 2018 until the end of the first quarter of 2021, totalling SR 782 million. The Group has objected to these claims within the statutory deadline and an appeal court ruling was issued in favor of the Group in regards to one of the claims amounting to SR 641 million. CST has objected to before the Supreme Court. A preliminary court ruling was issued in favor of the Group in regards to the remaining claims amounting to SR 141 million. An appeal court ruling was issued in favor of the Group for part of the claims (SR 83 million) which CST has objected to before the Supreme Court, and another appeal court ruling was issued in favour of CST for the remaining claims (SR 58 million) which the Group has objected to before the Supreme Court. All these cases are still pending the Supreme Court decision as at 30 June 2023.

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21- SUBSIDIARIES

1. During October 2022, the Company received a non-binding offer from the Public Investment Fund (PIF) (a related party: the ultimate controlling party- note 1-A) to acquire 51% of the shares of Telecommunications Towers Company (Tawal), while stc will maintain 49% of the shares of Tawal. Tawal was valued at SR 21,940 million (100% enterprise value on cash free and debt free basis). The offer does not represent any binding commitment on both parties and it remains subject to completing the due diligence and reaching final and binding agreement which will be conditional upon obtaining all regulatory approvals from relevant authorities including the approval from the General Authority for Competition, internal approvals of the respective parties, and any other conditions that may be agreed between the parties.
2. During the first quarter of the year 2022, Tawal has entered into an initial agreement to acquire a 100% equity shareholding of AWAL Telecom Company, registered in the Republic of Pakistan, subject to regulatory approvals. AWAL is licensed by the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority to build and operate telecommunication infrastructure primarily in the northwest region of the Republic of Pakistan. During the first quarter of the year 2023, AWAL's acquisition was completed (note 22).
3. On 3 April 2023, Solutions completed the acquisition of Contact Center Company (CCC) by acquiring all shares of stc (49%) and ESM Holding Company (51%) for a full cash consideration for the entire acquisition amounting to SR 513.5 million. CCC is engaged in providing services related to submission of proposals and technical solutions in the field of telecommunications and information technology support and maintenance, systems development, support, and communications programs and information technology.

The acquisition was considered, at the Group level, as a step acquisition with change in control in accordance with IFRS 3 'Business Combinations' and the Group started consolidating CCC from the acquisition completion date (note 22). A gain was recognized from remeasuring the previously held equity interest in CCC amounting to SR 130 million within net other gains (losses) item in the interim condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss.
4. In January 2023, Saudi Central Bank lifted the restrictions on the deposited capital of stc Bank for the amount of SR 1,552 million, which was deposited for the conversion of the Bank from a limited liability company to a closed joint stock company.
5. On 20 April 2023, TAWAL (through its newly established subsidiary Tawal International Holding A Limited) signed a sale and purchase agreement ("SPA") to acquire three telecommunications towers companies based in Bulgaria, Croatia and Slovenia from United Group for a cash consideration for the entire transaction of approximately SR 4,894 million (equivalent to EUR 1,220 million) (100% Enterprise Value) and the transaction will be funded through bank loans. One of the main transaction terms is 20-year master services agreement providing United Group with long-term leasing services from TAWAL, including a plan to rollout 2,054 new sites. It was agreed that the transaction cash consideration would be based on the agreed terms of the SPA in relation to debt, cash, and working capital. The transaction requires obtaining the approval of the relevant authorities in Bulgaria, Croatia and Slovenia, in addition to other relevant regulatory and commercial conditions.

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22- BUSINESS COMBINATIONS

The following table shows fair value of total assets acquired and liabilities assumed at acquisition date:

	Tawal's acquisition of AWAL Telecom Company	Solutions' acquisition of Contact Center Company	Total
Assets			
Property and equipment	12,397	7,589	19,986
Intangible assets	-	14,213	14,213
Right of use assets	1,117	28,717	29,834
Trade receivables	1,255	126,530	127,785
Contract assets	-	214,938	214,938
Cash and cash equivalents	2,034	98,617	100,651
Other assets	5,305	68,050	73,355
Total assets	22,108	558,654	580,762
Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	1,270	178,062	179,332
Contract liabilities	-	44,373	44,373
End of service benefit provision	-	95,870	95,870
Other liabilities	13,715	16,703	30,418
Total liabilities	14,985	335,008	349,993
Total identifiable net assets at fair value	7,123	223,646	230,769
Goodwill arising on acquisition (1)	19,983	289,860	309,843
Acquisition value (2)	27,106	513,506	540,612

1. Goodwill resulted from Tawal's acquisition of AWAL Telecom Company and Solutions' acquisition of Contact Center Company ("CCC") represents a provisional goodwill until the completion of the price purchase allocation reports.
2. Tawal's acquisition of AWAL Telecom Company includes contingent consideration of SAR 10.9 million.

Acquisition related costs of SR 7.3 million is expensed to the interim condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and classified under general and administration expenses.

23- INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATES AND JOINT VENTURES

1. During the year 2022, the Group recorded an impairment provision for the three and six months periods ended 30 June 2022 amounting to SR 298 million and SR 537 million respectively, related to its investment in BGSM (a joint venture) due to decline in fair value as a result of the decline in market conditions and quoted share prices of key underlying investment. The Group determined the recoverable amount of its investment in BGSM based on the value in use method. No provision was recorded during the same periods of 2023 due to absence of impairment indicators.
2. During the second quarter of 2023, Solutions signed a binding offer with Devoteam SAS (France) and ORTLL Investment Limited to acquire 40% shareholding in Devoteam Middle East ("DME") a specialized firm offering digital consultancy and transformation services for a cash consideration for the entire transaction of approximately SR 741.7 million (equivalent to AED 726.3 million) (100% enterprise value on cash free and debt free basis).

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24- DIVIDENDS

The Group has dividends policy based on maintaining a minimum dividend of SR 0.40 per share on a quarterly basis. The Company will consider and pay additional dividend subject to the Board of Directors recommendation to the General Assembly ("GA") after assessment and determination of the Company's financial situation, outlook and capital expenditure requirements.

It is probable that additional dividends are likely to vary on a quarterly basis depending on the Company's performance.

The dividends policy will remain subject to:

1. Any material changes in the Company's strategy and business (including the commercial environment in which the Company operates).
2. Laws, regulations and legislation governing the sector in which the Company operates.
3. Any banking, other funding or credit rating covenants or commitments that the Company may be bound to follow from time to time.

In line with this policy, the Company distributed cash dividends to the shareholders for the fourth quarter of 2022 and the first quarter of 2023 at a rate of SR 0.40 per share each quarter. In line with the same policy, the Company will distribute cash dividends to the shareholders of the Company for the second quarter of 2023 at a rate of SR 0.40 per share.

Treasury shares allocated to the employee long-term incentives program are not entitled for any dividends during the period while the shares still under the Company's possession.

25- SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On 10 July 2023, all procedures for selling the land owned by the Company, with a book value of SR 82 million, have been completed and the Company received the total consideration for the land amounting to SR 1,378 million. The financial impact will appear in the interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the third quarter of 2023 (note 5).

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26- COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain figures have been reclassified as listed below to conform to the classification used for the three and six months periods ended 30 June 2023. These reclassifications listed below have no impact on previously reported net income, retained earnings or cash positions:

	As previously reported	Amount of reclassification	Amounts after reclassification
Interim Condensed Consolidated statement of profit or loss for the three months period ended 30 June 2022			
Revenues (*)	16,938,819	(108,861)	16,829,958
Cost of revenues (*)	(7,764,737)	108,861	(7,655,876)
Selling and marketing	(1,433,050)	(26,763)	(1,459,813)
General and administration	(1,536,831)	26,763	(1,510,068)
Interim Condensed Consolidated statement of profit or loss for the six months period ended 30 June 2022			
Revenues (*)	33,930,061	(180,737)	33,749,324
Cost of revenues (*)	(15,605,578)	180,737	(15,424,841)
Selling and marketing	(2,803,010)	(38,019)	(2,841,029)
General and administration	(3,017,556)	38,019	(2,979,537)
Consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022			
Investment properties	293,148	(82,327)	210,821
Financial assets and others (current)	4,086,580	56,962	4,143,542
Financial assets and others (non-current)	8,931,533	25,365	8,956,898

(*) At year end 2022, an update was made to the accounting treatment related to some software reselling agreements, which resulted in considering these contracts as an agent and showing them in net.

27- APPROVAL OF THE INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Audit Committee (delegated by the Board of Directors) approved the interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the three and six months period ended 30 June 2023 on 12 Muharram 1445 H (corresponding to 30 July 2023).