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ANNOUNCEMENT OF AUDITED RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023.

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the company's audited results for the year ended 31st December 2023.

	NT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As at 31 December 2023	As at 31 December 2022
	KShs'000	KShs'000
EQUITY	KSns 000	KSns 000
Share capital	24,000	24,000
Retained earnings	168,218	163,394
Total equity	192,218	187,394
Non-current liabilities	192,216	107,334
Post-employment benefit obligations	16,472	17,938
Deferred income tax liability	25	1,235
Total non-current liabilities	16,497	19,173
	208,715	206,567
REPRESENTED BY:	200,713	
Non-current assets		
Property, Plant and Equipment	84,346	86,452
Biological assets – fuel trees	9,971	8,310
Total non-current assets	94,317	94,762
Current assets		
Biological asset - green leaf	4,958	5,086
Current income tax recoverable	-	143
Receivables and prepayments	125,926	123,432
Cash and cash equivalents	1,451	271
Total current assets	132,335	128,932
Current liabilities		
Payables and accrued expenses	14,923	16,338
Current income tax payable	1,145	-
Post-employment benefit obligations	1,869	789
Total current liabilities	17,937	17,127
Net current assets	114,398	111,805
	208,715	206,567

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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS					
	As at December 2023 KShs'000	As at December 2022 KShs'000			
Net cash from/(used) operating activities	7,180	(93)			
Net cash used in investing activities	-	-			
Net cash used in financing activities	(6,000)	-			
Increase/(Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,180	(93)			
Movement in cash and cash equivalents					
At start of the Year	271	364			
Increase/(decrease) during the period	1,180	(93)			
As at 31 December	1,451	271			

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVI INCOME					
December 2023 KShs'000	December 2022 KShs'000				
137,767	122,937				
10,444	16,363				
(2,328)	(4,967)				
8,116	11,396				
2,400,000	2,400,000				
3.38	4.75				
	December 2023 KShs'000 137,767 10,444 (2,328) 8,116 2,400,000				

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY						
	Share Capital KShs'000	Retained Earnings KShs'000	Proposed Dividend KShs'000	Total KShs'000		
Balance at 1 January 2022	24,000	151,446	-	175,446		
Total recognized Profit to December 2022		5,948	6,000	5,948		
Dividends Proposed Balance as at 31st December 2022	24,000	157,394	6,000 6,000	6,000 187,394		
Balance at 1 January 2023	24,000	157,394	6,000	187,394		
Dividends Paid within the year			(6,000)	(6,000)		
Total recognized profit for 2023		10,824		10,824		
Balance as at 31st December 2023	24,000	168,218	-	192,218		

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COMMENTARY

Performance

In the year 2023, total revenues increased by 12% to Kes 137.8 million compared to Kes 122.9 million realised in 2022. This increase was mainly driven by volume growth, quality improvement and positive impact from Foreign exchange (FX) of Made Tea prices.

The company production increased by 13% from 3,005 tons in 2022 to 3,388 tons of green leaf in 2023. This improvement is attributed to improved agronomic activities and a favourable weather in Q4 of 2023.

The company posted a pre-tax profit of Kes 10.4 million in 2023 compared to a pre-tax profit of Kes 16.3 million in 2022. This decline in performance is driven by inflation and adverse FX impact on key raw material inputs mainly fertilizer. Additionally, increase in industry wage rates continue to put pressure on the cost of operations.

Management will continue to put in place cost efficiency programs to mitigate the impact of cost inflation and sustain the quality improvement strategies that will yield better returns to shareholders.

Dividend

The Board of Directors recommend a dividend of kes 1.00/= (2022 kes 2.5/=) per ordinary share for the year ended 31 December 2023, payable net of withholding tax on or about 30 June 2024, to shareholders on the register of Members at the close of business on 13 April 2024.

Prospects

Made Tea Market prices remains volatile and quality strategy will be the key lever for growth and improved performance if optimal weather conditions prevail.

Raw material costs and wage inflations remains a risk and management will continue to drive cost management initiatives to mitigate the impact.

Ms. Dorcas Muli

22nd March 2024

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