# SAUDI RESEARCH AND MEDIA GROUP (SRMG)

(A SAUDI JOINT STOCK COMPANY)

UNAUDITED INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT

FOR THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT ON THE INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the Shareholders of Saudi Research and Media Group (SRMG) (A Saudi Joint Stock Company)

### Introduction

We have reviewed the accompanying interim condensed consolidated statement of financial position of Saudi Research and Media Group ("the Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as "the Group") as at 31 March 2025, and the related interim condensed consolidated statements of profit or loss, comprehensive income for the three-month periods ended 31 March 2025, and the related interim condensed consolidated statements of changes in equity and cash flows for the three-month period then ended, and explanatory notes. Management 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 statement 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 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.

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# INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As at 31 March 2025

| Assets  | Notes _        | As at 31 March 2025 (Unaudited)   | As at 31 December 2024 (Audited)  |
|---|----------------|---|---|
| Non-current assets  |                |   |   |
| Property, plant, and equipment  | 7              | 1,194,225,854   | 1,181,486,507   |
| Right-of-use assets   | 8              | 242,358,729   | 251,518,131   |
| Intangible assets and goodwill  | 9              | 891,471,039   | 916,090,738   |
| Investment properties   | 10             | 6,117,700   | 6,172,582   |
| Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income   | 11             | 1,257,256,196   | 1,245,541,883   |
| Derivative financial instruments  | 15             | Service State (1987) (1991) (1991)  | 3,298,256   |
| Trade receivables – non-current portion   |                | 1,040,111   | 1,863,796   |
| Deferred tax assets   | _              | 6,360,050   | 5,254,469   |
| Total non-current assets  | e <del>-</del> | 3,598,829,679   | 3,611,226,362   |
| Current assets  |                |   |   |
| Inventories   | 13             | 132,492,956   | 152,239,532   |
| Trade receivables – current portion   |                | 769,482,752   | 964,776,002   |
| Prepayments and other current assets  | 10             | 258,250,135   | 225,233,267   |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | 12 _           | 642,834,492   | 538,618,427   |
| Total current assets  | 0=             | 1,803,060,335   | 1,880,867,228   |
| Total assets  | -              | 5,401,890,014   | 5,492,093,590   |
| Equity and liabilities  Equity  Share capital Other reserves Retained earnings  Equity attributable to equity holders of the Parent Company Non-controlling interests  Total equity  Liabilities Non-current liabilities Borrowings and Murabaha – non-current portion Contract liabilities – non-current portion Defined employees' benefits liabilities  Trade payables – non-current portion Other non-current liabilities | 14             | 800,000,000<br>(274,441,727)<br>2,726,420,217<br>3,251,978,490<br>109,033,670<br>3,361,012,160<br>145,272,524<br>47,500,001<br>131,869,607<br>152,254,872<br>19,148,018 | 800,000,000<br>(281,480,231)<br>2,695,481,199<br>3,214,000,968<br>117,099,066<br>3,331,100,034<br>155,212,043<br>54,285,715<br>130,648,585<br>180,469,771<br>18,586,384 |
| Lease liabilities – non-current portion  Total non-current liabilities  | 3 <del>-</del> | 226,141,109<br>722,186,131  | 230,425,232<br>769,627,730  |
| Current liabilities  Borrowings and Murabaha – current portion  Trade payables – current portion  Contract liabilities – current portion  | 16             | 493,383,408<br>344,127,391<br>43,668,565  | 497,878,818<br>336,084,142<br>93,550,220  |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities  |                | 276,963,555<br>58 105 568   | 309,544,544   |
| Lease liabilities – current portion Provision for Zakat and income tax  | 17             | 58,195,568<br>102,353,236   | 59,068,320<br>95,239,782  |
| Total current liabilities   | 17 _           | 1,318,691,723   | 1,391,365,826   |
| Total liabilities   | -              | 2,040,877,854   | 2,160,993,556   |
| Total equity and liabilities  | -              | 5,401,890,014   | 5,492,093,590   |
| Jordan equity and madmittes   | -              | 3,401,090,014   | 3,474,073,370   |

Chairman of Board of Directors Abdulrahman Al-Rowaita Chief Executive Officer and Board Member Jomana AlRashid

# INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

For the three-month period ended 31 March 2025

For the three-month period ended 31 March

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|---|-------|---------------|---------------|--|
|   |       | 2025          | 2024          |  |
|   |       | (Unaudited)   | (Unaudited)   |  |
|   | Notes |               |               |  |
| Revenues  | 21    | 665,655,042   | 814,863,534   |  |
| Cost of revenues  |       | (504,614,959) | (588,814,973) |  |
| Gross profit  |       | 161,040,083   | 226,048,561   |  |
| General and administrative expenses   |       | (94,466,505)  | (83,664,131)  |  |
| Selling, marketing and distribution expenses  |       | (19,439,820)  | (17,976,689)  |  |
| Allowance of expected credit losses on trade receivables                                |       | 2             | (1,017,855)   |  |
| Other operational income, net   |       | 790,518       | 1,600,710     |  |
| Income from operations  |       | 47,924,276    | 124,990,596   |  |
| Finance costs   |       | (22,390,289)  | (40,182,127)  |  |
| Finance income  |       | 3,731,062     | 3,113,148     |  |
| Finance costs, net  |       | (18,659,227)  | (37,068,979)  |  |
| Income before zakat and income tax  |       | 29,265,049    | 87,921,617    |  |
| Zakat and income tax  | 17    | (6,410,101)   | (10,942,613)  |  |
| Net income for the period   |       | 22,854,948    | 76,979,004    |  |
| Attributable to:  |       |               |               |  |
| Equity holders of the Parent Company  |       | 30,939,018    | 86,867,555    |  |
| Non-controlling interests   |       | (8,084,070)   | (9,888,551)   |  |
|   |       | 22,854,948    | 76,979,004    |  |
| Basic and diluted earnings per share  |       |               |               |  |
| Earnings per share from net income attributable to equity holders of the Parent Company | 18    | 0.39          | 1.09          |  |

Chairman of Board of Directors Abdulrahman Al-Rowaita Chief Executive Officer and Board Member
Jomana AlRashid

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the three-month period ended 31 March 2025

|   | For the three-month period ended 31 March |              |
|---|---|--------------|
|   | 2025                                      | 2024         |
|   | (Unaudited)                               | (Unaudited)  |
|   |   |              |
| Net income for the period   | 22,854,948                                | 76,979,004   |
| Other comprehensive income / (loss)   |   |              |
| Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to consolidated statement of profit or loss:                           |   |              |
| <ul> <li>Fair value changes of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive<br/>income (FVOCI)</li> </ul> | 2,366,631                                 | (57,297,254) |
| Items that may be reclassified subsequently to consolidated statement of profit or loss:                                |   |              |
| - Foreign currency translation differences of foreign operations  | 4,690,547                                 | (2,937,826)  |
| Other comprehensive income / (loss) for the period  | 7,057,178                                 | (60,235,080) |
| Total comprehensive income for the period   | 29,912,126                                | 16,743,924   |
| Attributable to:  |   |              |
| Equity holders of the Parent Company  | 37,977,522                                | 26,690,548   |
| Non-controlling interests   | (8,065,396)                               | (9,946,624)  |
|   | 29,912,126                                | 16,743,924   |
|   |   |              |

Chairman of Board of Directors Abdulrahman Al-Rowaita Chief Executive Officer and Board Member Jomana AlRashid

# INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the three-month period ended 31 March 2025

| Equity attributable | o equity | j holders oj | f the Parent | Compan |
|---------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|--------|
|                     |          |              |              |        |

|  | Capital<br>냁 | Statutory<br>reserve<br><u>H</u> | Contractual<br>reserve | Other r<br>Translation<br>reserve | eserves Fair value of financial assets at FVOCI reserve | Retained<br>earnings<br><u>#</u> | Total<br>⊭    | Non-<br>controlling<br>interests<br>≟ | Total<br>equity<br>北 |
|--|--------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Balance as at 1 January 2024 (audited)             | 800,000,000  | 293,701,965                      | 67,547,177             | (43,363,101)                      | (163,355,373)   | 2,128,360,766                    | 3,082,891,434 | 177,705,117                           | 3,260,596,551        |
| Net income / (loss) for the period                 | -            | -                                | -                      | -                                 | -   | 86,867,555                       | 86,867,555    | (9,888,551)                           | 76,979,004           |
| Other comprehensive loss for the period            | -            | <u>.</u>                         | -                      | (2,879,753)                       | (57,297,254)  | =                                | (60,177,007)  | (58,073)                              | (60,235,080)         |
| Total comprehensive (loss) / income for the period | <b>A</b>     | (*)                              | =                      | (2,879,753)                       | (57,297,254)  | 86,867,555                       | 26,690,548    | (9,946,624)                           | 16,743,924           |
| Balance as at 31 March 2024 (unaudited)            | 800,000,000  | 293,701,965                      | 67,547,177             | (46,242,854)                      | (220,652,627)   | 2,215,228,321                    | 3,109,581,982 | 167,758,493                           | 3,277,340,475        |
|  |              |                                  |                        |                                   |   |                                  |               |                                       |                      |
| Balance as at 1 January 2025 (audited)             | 800,000,000  | -                                | 7                      | (49,870,524)                      | (231,609,707)   | 2,695,481,199                    | 3,214,000,968 | 117,099,066                           | 3,331,100,034        |
| Net income / (loss) for the period                 | -            | ·                                | -                      | -                                 | ( <del>=</del> )  | 30,939,018                       | 30,939,018    | (8,084,070)                           | 22,854,948           |
| Other comprehensive income for the period          |              | -                                |                        | 4,671,873                         | 2,366,631   |                                  | 7,038,504     | 18,674                                | 7,057,178            |
| Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the period |              | -                                | -                      | 4,671,873                         | 2,366,631   | 30,939,018                       | 37,977,522    | (8,065,396)                           | 29,912,126           |
| Balance as at 31 March 2025 (unaudited)            | 800,000,000  | -                                | -                      | (45,198,651)                      | (229,243,076)   | 2,726,420,217                    | 3,251,978,490 | 109,033,670                           | 3,361,012,160        |

Chairman of Board of Directors
Abdulrahman Al-Rowaita

Chief Executive Officer and Board Member
Jomana AlRashid

# INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the three-month period ended 31 March 2025

| •   |              |                           | nth period ended<br>March      |
|---|--------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
|   | <u>Notes</u> | 2025<br>(Unaudited)<br>≟⊑ | 2024<br>(Unaudited)<br><u></u> |
| Operating activities:   |              |                           |                                |
| Income before zakat and income tax  |              | 29,265,049                | 87,921,617                     |
| Adjustments to reconcile income before Zakat and income tax to net cash flow from operating activities: |              |                           |                                |
| Depreciation  |              | 40,757,054                | 55,955,963                     |
| Amortization of intangible assets   |              | 27,730,642                | 26,514,848                     |
| Fund management fees  | 11           | 652,318                   |                                |
| Loss / (gain) from disposal of property, plant, and equipment   |              | 2,322                     | (1,173,065)                    |
| Finance income  |              | (3,731,062)               | (3,113,148)                    |
| Finance costs   |              | 22,390,289                | 40,182,127                     |
| Allowance of expected credit losses on trade receivables, net   |              | <u>=</u>                  | 1,017,855                      |
| Provision for slow-moving inventories   |              | -                         | 421,921                        |
| Loss from termination of derivative financial instruments   | 15           | 800,427                   | -                              |
| Loss / (gain) from foreign exchange   |              | 125,413                   | (511,139)                      |
| Defined employees' benefits liabilities provision   |              | 5,634,822                 | 6,272,040                      |
|   |              | 123,627,274               | 213,489,019                    |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities:  |              |                           |                                |
| Inventories   |              | 19,746,576                | 9,793,721                      |
| Trade receivables   |              | 196,116,935               | 132,374,261                    |
| Prepayments and other current assets  |              | (33,960,694)              | (32,667,051)                   |
| Trade payables  |              | (36,397,064)              | 6,950,492                      |
| Contract liabilities  |              | (56,667,369)              | 615,841,723                    |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities  |              | (32,580,992)              | 121,921,027                    |
| Cash from operations  |              | 179,884,666               | 1,067,703,192                  |
| Zakat and income tax paid   |              | (27,624)                  | (482,523)                      |
| Finance cost paid   |              | (17,729,206)              | (22,422,720)                   |
| Finance income received   |              | 4,300,229                 | 4,088,731                      |
| Defined employees' benefits liabilities paid  |              | (4,414,643)               | (8,275,755)                    |
| Net cash flows from operating activities  |              | 162,013,422               | 1,040,610,925                  |
| Investing activities:   |              |                           |                                |
| Proceeds from disposal of property, plant, and equipment  |              | 985                       | 5,948,109                      |
| Proceeds from termination of derivative financial instruments   |              | 2,497,829                 | (14.550.505)                   |
| Additions of property, plant, and equipment   |              | (23,324,225)              | (14,558,797)                   |
| Additions of intangible assets  | 272          | (3,107,404)               | (6,472,572)                    |
| Additions of financial assets at FVOCI  | 11           | (10,000,000)              | (15,000,375)                   |
| Net cash flows used in investing activities   |              | (33,932,815)              | (30,083,635)                   |
| Financing activities:   | 17           | 644 600 613               | 222 204 000                    |
| Proceeds from Murabaha and term borrowings  | 16           | 644,608,612               | 223,204,980                    |
| Repayment of Murabaha and term borrowings   | 16           | (660,924,879)             | (215,940,245)                  |
| Lease liabilities paid  |              | (10,058,019)              | (9,506,740)                    |
| Net cash flows used in financing activities   |              | (26,374,286)              | (2,242,005)                    |

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# INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (continued)

For the three-month period ended 31 March 2025

|  |              |                     | onth period ended<br>l March |
|--|--------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
|  |              | 2025<br>(Unaudited) | 2024<br>(Unaudited)          |
|  | <u>Notes</u> |                     |                              |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents  |              | 101,706,321         | 1,008,285,285                |
| Effect of movements in exchange rates  |              | 2,509,744           | (1,889,002)                  |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period                                     |              | 528,825,575         | 597,624,936                  |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period   | 12           | 633,041,640         | 1,604,021,219                |
| Significant non-cash transactions:   |              |                     |                              |
| Additions to right-of-use assets, lease liabilities and other non-current liability          | 8            | 382,321             | 136,800,446                  |
| Property, plant and equipment acquired but not yet settled and included under trade payables |              | 16,100,000          | _                            |

Chairman of Board of Directors Abdulrahman Al-Rowaita Chief Executive Officer and Board Member Jomana AlRashid

### 1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

Saudi Research and Media Group (the "Company" or the "Parent Company") is a Saudi joint stock company registered in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and operates under commercial registration number 1010087772 and unified number 7001443774 dated 29 Rabi Al-Awwal 1421H (corresponding to 1 July 2000) and has a registered branch in Jeddah under subcommercial registration number 4030061258. The Company's head office address is Al-Moutamarat District, Makkah Road, P.O. Box 53108, Riyadh 11583, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The Company has announced to the shareholders on 20 Ramadan 1442H (corresponding to 2 May 2021) the approval of the Extraordinary General Assembly held on 17 Ramadan 1442H (corresponding to 29 April 2021) to amend Article (2) of the Company's by-laws regarding changing the Company's name from Saudi Research and Marketing Group to Saudi Research and Media Group, after completion of all legal requirements on 5 Shawwal 1442H (corresponding to 17 May 2021).

The Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") are engaged in trading, media, advertising, promotions, distribution, printing and publishing, and public relations, and operate mainly in the Middle East, Europe, and North Africa.

These interim condensed consolidated financial statements include the financial position and results of operations of the Company and its domestic and foreign subsidiaries in the schedule below.

The following is a list of the subsidiaries incorporated within these interim condensed consolidated financial statements:

The Group's percentage of direct and indirect ownership

|   |   |   | (                         | (%)                          |  |
|---|---|---|---------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Subsidiaries  | Country of incorporation and activities | Principal activity                              | As at 31<br>March<br>2025 | As at 31<br>December<br>2024 |  |
| Intellectual Holding Company for                                |   |   |                           |                              |  |
| Advertisements and Publicity                                    | KSA                                     | Investment in subsidiaries                      | 100                       | 100                          |  |
| Scientific Works Holding Company                                | KSA                                     | Investment in subsidiaries                      | 100                       | 100                          |  |
| Saudi Research and Publishing Company                           | KSA                                     | Publishing                                      | 100                       | 100                          |  |
| Al-Khaleejiah Advertising and Public                            |   | Advertisement and                               |                           |                              |  |
| Relations Company   | KSA                                     | publicity                                       | 100                       | 100                          |  |
|   |   | Visual and readable media                       |                           |                              |  |
| Arab Media Company Limited                                      | KSA                                     | and advertising services                        | 100                       | 100                          |  |
| Saudi Distribution Company                                      | KSA                                     | Publishing and distribution                     | 100                       | 100                          |  |
|   |   | Holding and organizing                          |                           |                              |  |
| Moutamarat Company for Exhibitions                              |   | specialized exhibitions,                        |                           |                              |  |
| and Conferences   | KSA                                     | conferences and forums                          | 100                       | 100                          |  |
| Emirates Printing, Publishing, and                              | United Arab                             |   |                           |                              |  |
| Distribution Company Ltd.                                       | Emirates                                | Distribution                                    | 100                       | 100                          |  |
| Moroccan Printing and Publishing                                |   |   |                           |                              |  |
| Company   | Morocco                                 | Printing and publishing                         | 100                       | 100                          |  |
| VOX Asia Productions Limited                                    | Pakistan                                | Advertising                                     | 100                       | 100                          |  |
| Numu Media Holding Company                                      | KSA                                     | Management of subsidiaries                      | 100                       | 100                          |  |
| Scene Visual Media Company (formerly                            |   |   |                           |                              |  |
| "Numu Visual Media Company")                                    | KSA                                     | Advertising                                     | 100                       | 100                          |  |
|   |   | Development of                                  |                           |                              |  |
| Numu Elmiah Co. (formerly                                       | T7.0.1                                  | educational methods and                         | 100                       | 100                          |  |
| "Educational Bookshop Co".)                                     | KSA                                     | books trade                                     | 100                       | 100                          |  |
| Saudi Specialized Publishing Company                            | KSA                                     | Specialized publishing                          | 100                       | 100                          |  |
| Sandi Camananial Camanan  | WC A                                    | Trading in printing accessories                 | 100                       | 100                          |  |
| Saudi Commercial Company  | KSA                                     |   | 100                       | 100                          |  |
| Al Of a Management Information                                  |   | Trading in communication equipment and software |                           |                              |  |
| Al-Ofoq Management Information System and communication Company | KSA                                     | development                                     | 100                       | 100                          |  |
| Character Company Limited                                       | KSA<br>KSA                              | Trade   | 100                       | 100                          |  |
| Character Company Elimited                                      | KSA                                     | Public relations and                            | 100                       | 100                          |  |
| Taoq Public Relations Company Limited                           | KCV                                     | communication                                   | 100                       | 100                          |  |
| Takanah Public Relations Company                                | KSA                                     | Finance and business                            | 100                       | 100                          |  |
| Limited (c)   | KSA                                     | services  | 100                       | 100                          |  |
| SRMG Academy limited (formerly:                                 | 110/1                                   | 501 11005                                       | 100                       | 100                          |  |
| "Numu Training and Consulting                                   |   |   |                           |                              |  |
| Company")   | KSA                                     | Training and consulting                         | 100                       | 100                          |  |
| F7 )  | · <del></del>                           |   | 200                       | 100                          |  |

# 1. CORPORATE INFORMATION (continued)

The following is a list of the subsidiaries incorporated within these interim condensed consolidated financial statements (continued):

The Group's percentage of direct and indirect ownership

|  |   |  | (                         | %)                           |
|--|---|--|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Subsidiaries   | Country of<br>incorporation and<br>activities | Principal activity   | As at 31<br>March<br>2025 | As at 31<br>December<br>2024 |
| Education Concept for Educational and                              | activities                                    | Import, export, and  | 2023                      | 2024                         |
| Technical Solutions Company  | KSA   | wholesale trade Visual and readable media  | 100                       | 100                          |
| Numu Alelaniah for Advertising                                     | KSA   | and advertising services   | 100                       | 100                          |
| Arab Net Technology Co. Ltd  | Guernsey Island                               | Internet services  | 100                       | 100                          |
| Al Khaleejiah UK Company Ltd<br>Book Depot for Publishing and      | United Kingdom                                | Advertising<br>Publishing and  | 100                       | 100                          |
| Distribution (Ethra'a)<br>Al Nasheron International for Publishing | Jordan  | Distribution   | 100                       | 100                          |
| and Distribution Company (formerly                                 |   |  |                           |                              |
| "Raff Publishing Company") (c)                                     | KSA   | Publishing and distribution  | 100                       | 100                          |
| Taoq Media Research Company  | KSA   | Research and support   | 100                       | 100                          |
| Asharq News Services Company                                       | United Arab                                   | TV broadcasting, radio,  |                           |                              |
| Limited  | Emirates<br>United Arab                       | and other media platforms  | 100                       | 100                          |
| Content Specialized Media Company                                  | Emirates<br>United Arab                       | Specialized publishing   | 100                       | 100                          |
| University Book Shop Company                                       | Emirates<br>United Arab                       | Publishing and distribution  | 100                       | 100                          |
| Smart Super Stores Company HH Saudi Research and Marketing         | Emirates                                      | Publishing and distribution  | 100                       | 100                          |
| Company  | United Kingdom                                | Publishing and distribution  | 100                       | 100                          |
| Media Investment Company Limited                                   | Guernsey Island                               | Rental services  | 100                       | 100                          |
| Al-Majalla Magazine Limited  | United Kingdom                                | Commercial activities  | 100                       | 100                          |
| Asharq Al Awsat Co. Ltd  | United Kingdom                                | Main center activities<br>Registration, maintenance,<br>and ownership of the<br>Group's intellectual | 100                       | 100                          |
| IPM Ltd  | Guernsey Islands                              | property   | 100                       | 100                          |
| Sayidaty Products Co.  | Guernsey Islands                              | Commercial activities  | 100                       | 100                          |
| Sayidaty Limited Company<br>Euromena Research Centre Limited       | United Kingdom                                | Commercial activities  | 100                       | 100                          |
| (formerly "Satellite Graphics Limited")                            | United Kingdom                                | Commercial activities  | 100                       | 100                          |
| Media Arabia Company Limited<br>Asharq News Services Company       | Jersey  | Commercial activities TV broadcasting, radio,  | 100                       | 100                          |
| Limited  | KSA   | and platforms Television Broadcasting  | 100                       | 100                          |
| Asharq TV Company  | KSA   | and Radio and Forums   | 100                       | 100                          |
| The News Hub Limited   | United Kingdom                                | News wire  | 100                       | 100                          |
| The News Hub Limited   | KSA   | News wire  | 100                       | 100                          |
| Raff Publishing LLC  | KSA   | Publishing and distribution  | 100                       | 100                          |
| Manga Arabia LLC   | KSA   | Publishing and distribution  | 100                       | 100                          |
| SRMG Godo Kaisha   | Japan   | Publishing   | 100                       | 100                          |
| Manga International Godo Kaisha                                    | Japan   | Publishing   | 100                       | 100                          |
| Saudi Printing and Packaging Company (a)                           | KSA   | Printing, packaging, and plastic industries  | 70                        | 70                           |
| Argaam Investment and trading Company (b)                          | KSA   | Publishing and electronic content  | 51                        | 51                           |
| Thmanyah Co. for Publishing and distribution                       | KSA   | Providing visual content   | 51                        | 51                           |

# 1. CORPORATE INFORMATION (continued)

(a) The Saudi Printing and Packaging Company (SPPC) owns the following subsidiaries:

|  |   |                                  | indirect ow               |                              |
|--|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Subsidiaries   | Country of incorporation and activities | Principal activity               | As at 31<br>March<br>2025 | As at 31<br>December<br>2024 |
| Al Madinah Al Munawarah for  |   |                                  | 70                        | 70                           |
| Printing and Publishing Company  | KSA                                     | Printing                         |                           |                              |
| Hala Printing company  | KSA                                     | Printing                         | 70                        | 70                           |
| Future Industrial Investment   | KSA                                     | Printing and packaging           | 70                        | 70                           |
| Company  |   |                                  |                           |                              |
| Emirates National Factory for Plastic Industries and its Subsidiaries (ENPI) | United Arab Emirates                    | Packaging and plastic industries | 70                        | 70                           |

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(b) The Arab Media Company (a subsidiary) owns 51% of the shares in Argaam Investment and Trading Company (Argaam), a limited liability company. Argaam has the following subsidiaries:

|                         |   | _                                 | The Group's po<br>indirect own | 0 0                          |
|-------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Subsidiaries            | Country of incorporation and activities | n<br>Principal activity           | As at 31<br>March<br>2025      | As at 31<br>December<br>2024 |
| Danat Free Zone Company | United Arab Emirates                    | Publishing and electronic content | 51                             | 51                           |
| Argaam Media Company    | Arab Republic of Egypt                  | Publishing and electronic content | 51                             | 51                           |

(c) Takanah Public Relations Company Limited and Al Nasheron International for Publishing and Distribution Company own 100% of the shares in Global Media Company and its subsidiaries, based in the United Kingdom.

# 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the three months ended 31 March 2025 have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting that is endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia by the Saudi Organization for Chartered and Professional Accountants ("SOCPA"). The Group has prepared the interim condensed consolidated financial statements on the basis that it will continue to operate as a going concern. The Management considers that there are no material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt over this assumption. They have formed a judgement that there is a reasonable expectation that the Group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, and not less than 12 months from the date of these interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual consolidated financial statements as at 31 December 2024.

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, except for the following:

- Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) are measured at fair value;
- Derivative financial instruments are measured at fair value; and
- Defined employees' benefits liabilities are recognized at the present value of future obligations using the Projected Unit Credit Method.

## Functional and presentation currency

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in Saudi Riyal (ﷺ), which is the Company's functional currency and the Group's presentation currency. All amounts are shown in full unless otherwise indicated.

# 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGMENTS, ESTIMATES, AND ASSUMPTIONS

The preparation of the Group's interim condensed consolidated financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the accompanying disclosures, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities. Uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets or liabilities affected in future periods.

The significant judgements exercised by management in applying the Group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those described in the last annual consolidated financial statements.

### 4. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION

The material accounting policies applied in these interim condensed consolidated financial statements are the same as those applied in the Group's annual consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2024 except for the adoption of new standards effective as of 1 January 2025 disclosed below and in note 6.

### 5. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

A number of the Group's accounting policies and disclosures require the measurement of fair values, for both financial assets and liabilities.

The Group has an established control framework with respect to the measurement of fair values for financial assets and liabilities. This includes a team that has overall responsibility for overseeing all significant fair value measurements, including Level 3 fair values, and reports directly to the Chief Financial Officer.

The team regularly reviews significant unobservable inputs and valuation adjustments. If third party information, such as broker quotes or pricing services, is used to measure fair values, then the valuation team assesses the evidence obtained from the third parties to support the conclusion that these valuations meet the requirements of the standards, including the level in the fair value hierarchy in which the valuations should be classified. Significant valuation issues are reported to the Group's audit committee.

When measuring the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Group uses observable market data as far as possible. Fair values are categorised into different levels in a fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used in the valuation techniques as follows:

- Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices).
- Level 3: inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

If the inputs used to measure the fair value of an asset or a liability fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy, then the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety at the same level of the fair value hierarchy as the lowest level input that is significant to the entire measurement.

# 6. STANDARDS ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE

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 2024, except the adoption of new standards effective as of 1 January 2025. The Group has not early adopted any standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective.

### 6.1 Lack of exchangeability - Amendments to IAS 21

The amendments to IAS 21 The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates specify how an entity should assess whether a currency is exchangeable and how it should determine a spot exchange rate when exchangeability is lacking. The amendments also require disclosure of information that enables users of its financial statements to understand how the currency not being exchangeable into the other currency affects, or is expected to affect, the entity's financial performance, financial position and cash flows.

The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025. When applying the amendments, an entity cannot restate comparative information.

The amendments did not have a material impact on the Group's interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

# 7. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

As at 31 March 2025, the cost of property, plant and equipment amounted to 42,401.9 million (31 December 2024: 42,357.5 million) and the accumulated depreciation as at 31 March 2025 amounted to 42,207.7 million (31 December 2024: 42,176.1 million).

During the three-month period ended 31 March 2025, the Group purchased assets with a cost of \(\frac{1}{2}\) 39.4 million (31 March 2024: \(\frac{1}{2}\) 14.6 million). Certain property, plant and equipment were placed as collateral against long-term borrowing (note 16).

## Capital commitments

The capital commitments of the Group pertaining to purchase of property, plant and equipment amounted to 167.1 million as at 31 March 2025 (31 December 2024: 1204.0 million). These are expected to be delivered in 2026.

# 8. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

# 9. INTANGIBLE ASSETS AND GOODWILL

The details of intangible assets and goodwill are as follows:

|   | As at 31 March 2025        | As at 31 December 2024     |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Goodwill (*) Visual content project, websites, and copyrights | 304,745,066<br>376,876,188 | 304,745,066<br>398,992,579 |
| Mastheads (*)   | 172,126,350                | 172,126,350                |
| Computer software   | 22,990,171                 | 25,555,079                 |
| Trade names   | 5,823,450                  | 6,146,975                  |
| Projects in progress  | 8,909,814                  | 8,524,689                  |
|   | 891,471,039                | 916,090,738                |

# (\*) Sensitivity to changes in assumptions

With regard to the assessment of value-in-use, there are no significant changes to the key assumptions, or the sensitivity information disclosed in the annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

# 10. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

As at 31 March 2025, the Group holds investment properties with carrying value of 46.1 million (31 December 2024: 46.2 million) which has a fair value of 41.3 million as at 31 December 2024.

# 11. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (FVOCI)

This mainly includes investment in fund in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia regulated by the Saudi Capital Market Law and its executive regulations, a private equity fund and shares in both quoted and unquoted companies.

Financial assets at FVOCI represents the investments which the Group has the intention to hold for the long term for strategic purposes. In accordance with IFRS 9, the Group has initially recognized them as financial assets at FVOCI.

The movement of financial assets at FVOCI is as follows:

|                       | For the three-month | For the year ended |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
|                       | period ended        | 31 December        |
|                       | 31 March 2025       | 2024               |
|                       | <u></u>             | <u></u>            |
| At 1 January          | 1,245,541,883       | 1,214,442,526      |
| Additions             | 10,000,000          | 107,024,925        |
| Fund management fees  | (652,318)           | (7,671,234)        |
| Changes in fair value | 2,366,631           | (68,254,334)       |
|                       | 1,257,256,196       | 1,245,541,883      |

In accordance with the terms and conditions of investment funds with fair values of  $\frac{1}{2}$  1.25 billion (31 December 2024:  $\frac{1}{2}$  1.24 billion), the control of these investment funds rests with the fund manager.

# 12. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

|   | As at<br>31 March 2025<br><u></u> | As at 31 December 2024 |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Cash at banks and on hand               | 213,041,640                       | 178,825,575            |
| Cash at banks – restricted accounts (*) | 9,792,852                         | 9,792,852              |
| Cash at bank – term deposits            | 420,000,000                       | 350,000,000            |
|   | 642,834,492                       | 538,618,427            |

For the purposes of the interim condensed consolidated statement of cash flows, the gross cash at banks and cash on hand consist of the following:

|                                 | As at<br>31 March 2025<br><u></u> لا | As at 31 December 2024 |  |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Total cash and cash equivalents | 642,834,492                          | 538,618,427            |  |
| Less: restricted accounts (*)   | (9,792,852)                          | (9,792,852)            |  |
|                                 | 633,041,640                          | 528,825,575            |  |

<sup>\*</sup>Restricted bank accounts represent deposit pledged against a loan obtained by the Saudi Printing and Packaging Company (a subsidiary).

#### 13. INVENTORIES

The provision for slow-moving inventories as at 31 March 2025 amounted to \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 28.9 million (31 December 2024: \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 30.3 million) was in line with the policy adopted by the Group.

### 14. SHARE CAPITAL

The Company's share capital amounting to \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 800 million as of 31 March 2025 and 31 December 2024 is divided into 80 million shares of \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 10 each.

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### 15. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The fair value of derivative financial instruments as at the reporting date was as follows:

|   | As at<br>31 March 2025 | As at 31 December 2024 |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|
|   |                        |                        |
| Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments |                        |                        |
| Profit rate swaps                                 |                        | 3,298,256              |

The Group uses derivative financial instruments mainly, profit rate swaps. Such derivative financial instruments are initially recognised at fair value on the date on 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. Accordingly, the Group has recognized asset of \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 3.3 million as a financial asset during the year ended 31 December 2024. During the period ended 31 March 2025 the derivative financial instruments were terminated, resulting in a loss of \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 0.8 million recognized in the interim condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss for the period.

### 16. BORROWINGS AND MURABAHA

The Group has signed several financing agreements and banking facilities with a number of local and foreign banks, which include borrowings and Murabaha, credit facilities, letters of credit and letters of guarantee, amounting to 2.7 billion as at 31 March 2025 (31 December 2024: 2.7 billion). Of the facilities available to the Group, as at 31 March 2025, the balance outstanding amounted to 2.7 638.7 million (31 December 2024: 2.7 653.1 million).

SPPC and its subsidiaries ("SPPC") have signed several financing agreements and banking facilities with a number of local and foreign banks, which include loans and Murabaha, credit facilities, letters of credit and letter of guarantee, on different periods subject to renewal.

The credit limit for total facilities was \( \frac{1}{2} \) 656.7 million as at 31 March 2025 (31 December 2024: \( \frac{1}{2} \) 699.9 million). These agreements are subject to the terms and conditions of banking facilities that apply to all types of facilities provided by banks to their clients. The purpose of these facilities is to finance the activity, working capital, investments and capital expenditures as well as to finance the import of raw materials and equipment related to SPPC's activities and projects. These facilities are subject to interest charges according to the relevant agreements, ranging from 1.65% to 3.5% per annum in addition to SAIBOR or EIBOR as applicable.

The loan agreements contain covenants, mainly relating to certain current ratio, leverage ratio, total debt to equity ratio, and others. Under the terms of these agreements, the banks have the right to demand immediate repayment of the loans if any of the covenants are not met. SPPC didn't comply with certain loans and certain covenants as at 31 December 2024 and on 31 March 2025. SPPC has breached certain financial covenants related to certain interest-bearing loan, accordingly this loan has been classified as short-term.

Under these agreements, SPPC and its subsidiaries provided a number of guarantees to cover the full value of the financing which consist of the following:

- Promissory notes with the value of the available facilities.
- An insurance policy which grants the bank the right to be first beneficiary for the amount equal to the value of the facility.
- Restricted bank accounts amounting to 4 9.8 million (31 December 2024: 4 9.8 million) (note 12).
- Corporate Guarantee from Flexible Packaging Company Limited, Future Plus Company and Taibah Printing and Packaging Company Limited.
- Funding bank account is required with amount to be held of (1 quarterly fixed installment + variable interest rate) to designated non-checking account with the bank.
- Legal Mortgage over land and property of 4 137.1 million.(31 December 2024: 4137.1 million)
- Mortgage of Machineries worth 144.0 million .(31 December 2024: 144.0 million).
- Assignment of all risk Islamic Insurance policy over mortgaged properties, inventory, and purchased machines.
- Pledge of stock/inventories in favor of the bank until full and final repayment of the total facilities.
- Hypothecation over inventories of ENPI amounting to the carrying value of the inventories at any given point in time.
- Hypothecation over ENPI receivables on pari passu basis between the lenders.
- Cross corporate guarantees of ENPI Companies for 4298.7 million (31 December 2024: 4298.7 million).
- Comfort letter from the shareholders of ENPI amounting to the full working capital facilities of 4 298.7 million (31 December 2024: 4 298.7 million).

# 16. BORROWINGS AND MURABAHA (continued)

Based on the decision of SPPC's Board of Directors held on 7 May 2018, the bank has the right, in the event of default by SPPC to recourse through some of the subsidiaries, and the bank has the right to request additional guarantees other than what is mentioned in the loan agreement.

SPPC has obtained the facility limit of  $\frac{1}{2}$  101.9 million for the new capital expenditure with the moratorium period of 18 months. Against which  $\frac{1}{2}$  8.9 million is utilized against this facility as of 31 December 2023. In October 2022, the same was renewed with the limit  $\frac{1}{2}$  91.7 million for the period of 15 months after the drawdown of  $\frac{1}{2}$  8.9 million. In February 2023, limit is reduced to  $\frac{1}{2}$  76.4 million. In 2024, an additional drawdown of  $\frac{1}{2}$  14.7 million was made, and the capital expenditure facility has since expired. This borrowing is secured against mortgage of financed assets.

IRS was terminated during the period (note 15).

As at 31 March 2025, the utilized balance amounted to # 638.7 million (31 December 2024: # 653.1 million).

The following is an analysis of the borrowings and Murabaha transactions of the Group:

|                               | As at 31 March 2025 | As at 31 December 2024 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Long-term borrowing*          | 253,163,384         | 259,084,543            |
| Short-term borrowing          | 363,887,151         | 375,109,639            |
| Bank overdrafts               | 17,646,040          | 16,818,659             |
| Accrued finance costs         | 3,959,357           | 2,078,020              |
| Total borrowings and Murabaha | 638,655,932         | 653,090,861            |
| Less: Current portion         | (493,383,408)       | (497,878,818)          |
| Non-current portion           | 145,272,524         | 155,212,043            |

<sup>\*</sup> Including the current portion of long-term loans.

The following is the movement in the balance of borrowings and Murabaha:

|                          | For the three-<br>month<br>period ended<br>31 March 2025 | For the year ended 31 December 2024 |
|--------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| At 1 January             | 653,090,861  | 773,413,292                         |
| Proceeds from borrowings | 644,608,612  | 2,188,112,297                       |
| Repayment of borrowings  | (660,924,879)  | (2,305,945,080)                     |
| Finance costs            | 14,303,185   | 60,223,207                          |
| Paid finance costs       | (12,421,847)   | (62,712,855)                        |
|                          | 638,655,932  | 653,090,861                         |

#### 17. ZAKAT AND INCOME TAX

Zakat and income tax assessments for the "Parent Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries"

Provision for zakat and income tax is recognized and provided within the interim condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss.

Zakat returns of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries are submitted to the Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority (ZATCA) based on the standalone financial statements prepared for zakat purposes up to 2006. Other non-wholly owned subsidiaries had filed their zakat returns separately.

During the year 2007, the Group had obtained the approval of ZATCA on filing a consolidated zakat return for the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries. The Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries have filed the zakat returns to ZATCA for the years from 2007 through 2023.

The Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries' returns have been finalized, settled or closed up to the year 2019.

# Status for the years from 2020 to 2024

The Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries' returns for the years from 2020 through 2023 are currently under review by the ZATCA. The final assessments for these years have not yet been raised by ZATCA. Subsequent to the date of the interim condensed consolidated financial statements the Group filed the zakat return for the year ended 31 December 2024.

#### 17. **ZAKAT AND INCOME TAX (continued)**

Zakat and income tax for "not-wholly-owned subsidiaries"

#### SPPC

Zakat provision is estimated and charged to the interim condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss. SPPC submitted zakat returns for all years up to 2023, and the Zakat return for the years 2021, 2022 and 2023 are still under review by the

Subsequent to the date of the interim condensed consolidated financial statements SPPC filed the zakat return for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The status of the SPPC Zakat assessments remains same as of the date these interim condensed consolidated financial statements were prepared. It is consistent with the disclosures presented in the Group annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

#### b. Argaam Investment Trading Company

Zakat and income tax returns have been filed to ZATCA till the year 2023. No zakat provisions accrued to Argaam Investment Trading Company for the years from 2019 to 2021 because the zakat base is negative. The Company has not been subject to any Zakat examination up to the date of these interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

Subsequent to the date of the interim condensed consolidated financial statements Argaam Investment Trading Company filed the zakat return for the year ended 31 December 2024.

### c. Thmanyah for Publishing and Distribution Company:

Zakat returns have been filed to ZATCA up to the year ended 31 December 2023.

Subsequent to the date of the interim condensed consolidated financial statements Thmanyah for Publishing and Distribution Company filed the zakat return for the year ended 31 December 2024.

### Income tax:

Foreign subsidiaries regularly file tax returns, and the difference between the effective and accounting tax rate is deemed insignificant.

### UAE Corporate Tax Law

SPPC is loss making and does not have any current tax, further the SPPC's management has recognised an additional deferred tax asset on the loss for the period in the interim condensed consolidated financial statements amounting to 24 1,105,563 (31 March 2024: # Nil)

For the three-month period ended

Movement in Group's Zakat and income tax provision is as follows:

|  | 31 March 2025 |                | For the year ended 31 December 202 |                   |                      |                       |
|--|---------------|----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
|  | Zakat         | Income tax     | Total                              | Zakat             | Income tax           | Total                 |
| At 1 January Provision during the period /                             | 95,226,433    | 13,349         | 95,239,782                         | 105,009,404       | 326,745              | 105,336,149           |
| year   | 7,124,563     | 391,101        | 7,515,664                          | 34,376,475        | -                    | 34,376,475            |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments Paid during the period / year | -             | 75<br>(27,624) | 75<br>(27,624)                     | -<br>(44,159,446) | 3,910<br>(1,429,834) | 3,910<br>(45,589,280) |
| Transferred to / (from) other prepayments                              | -             | (374,661)      | (374,661)                          | -                 | 2,896,464            | 2,896,464             |
| Reversal of provision during<br>the period / year                      | 102.250.004   | -              | -                                  | -                 | (1,783,936)          | (1,783,936)           |
| -  | 102,350,996   | 2,240          | 102,353,236                        | 95,226,433        | 13,349               | 95,239,782            |

# 18. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic and diluted earnings per share (EPS) is calculated by dividing the net income for the period attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Parent Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period. Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding for the three-month period ended 31 March 2025 amounted to 80,000,000 shares (three-month period ended 31 March 2024: 80,000,000 shares). There are no contingent ordinary diluted shares. Diluted earnings per share are the same as the basic earnings per share as the Group does not have any convertible securities nor diluted instruments to exercise.

# 19. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS FAIR VALUES AND RISK MANAGEMENT

### 19.1 Financial assets

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Set out below is an overview of financial assets, held by the Group.

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|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
|   | As at                              | As at                     |
|   | 31 March 2025                      | 31 December 2024          |
|   | 业                                  | 韭                         |
| Financial assets:   |                                    |                           |
| Financial assets at FVOCI (note 11)   | 1,257,256,196                      | 1,245,541,883             |
| Trade receivables   | 770,522,863                        | 966,639,798               |
| Cash and cash equivalents (note 12)   | 642,834,492                        | 538,618,427               |
| Derivative financial instruments ( <i>note 15</i> )   |                                    | 3,298,256                 |
|   | 2,670,613,551                      | 2,754,098,364             |
| Non-current   | 1,258,296,307                      | 1,250,703,935             |
| Current   | 1,412,317,244                      | 1,503,394,429             |
| Current   | 2,670,613,551                      | 2,754,098,364             |
| Financial liabilities Set out below is an overview of financial liabilities, held by the Group. | As at<br>31 March 2025<br><u>4</u> | As at<br>31 December 2024 |
| Financial liabilities at amortized cost   |                                    |                           |
| Trade payables  | 496,382,263                        | 516,553,913               |
| Borrowings and Murabaha (note 16)   | 638,655,932                        | 653,090,861               |
| Lease liabilities   | 284,336,677                        | 289,493,552               |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities  | 269,625,166                        | 301,837,046               |
|   | 1,689,000,038                      | 1,760,975,372             |
| Non-current   | 523,668,505                        | 566,107,046               |
| Current   | 1,165,331,533                      | 1,194,868,326             |
|   | 1,689,000,038                      | 1,760,975,372             |

### 19.3 Financial instruments fair values:

The table below shows the carrying amount and fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities, including their levels and the fair value hierarchy as at 31 March 2025 and 31 December 2024:

|   | _              | Fair Value   |               |                       |               |  |
|---|----------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|--|
|   | Carrying value | Level 1<br>≟ | Level 2<br>韭  | Level 3*<br><u></u> 上 | Total<br>⅓    |  |
| 31 March 2025                           |                |              |               |                       |               |  |
| Financial assets measured at fair value |                |              |               |                       |               |  |
| Financial assets at FVOCI               | 1,257,256,196  | 5,134,674    | 1,245,266,600 | 6,854,922             | 1,257,256,196 |  |
|   | 1,257,256,196  | 5,134,674    | 1,245,266,600 | 6,854,922             | 1,257,256,196 |  |
| 31 December 2024                        |                |              |               | _                     |               |  |
| Financial assets measured at fair value |                |              |               |                       |               |  |
| Financial assets at FVOCI               | 1,245,541,883  | 6,349,950    | 1,230,417,570 | 8,774,363             | 1,245,541,883 |  |
| Derivative financial instruments        | 3,298,256      |              | 3,298,256     |                       | 3,298,256     |  |
|   | 1,248,840,139  | 6,349,950    | 1,233,715,826 | 8,774,363             | 1,248,840,139 |  |

<sup>\*</sup>The fair value of the Group's investments in a private equity fund is obtained from the latest net assets value report available ("NAV") from the fund manager.

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# 19. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS FAIR VALUES AND RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

#### 19.3 Financial instruments fair values: (continued)

There were no transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy during period ended 31 March 2025 (31 December 2024: none).

The fair value of financial instruments represented in trade receivables, cash and cash equivalents, short term investments, borrowings and murabaha, lease liabilities, accrued expenses and other current liabilities and trade payables closely approximate their book value. The Group assessed that the fair value of these financial assets and financial liabilities approximate their carrying amounts largely due to the short-term maturities of these instruments.

### 20. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

#### **Contingent legal claims**

Certain subsidiaries of the Group are involved in litigation matters in their ordinary course of business, which are being defended. The ultimate results of these matters cannot be determined with certainty. However, the management believes that the results of these matters will not have a significant impact on the Group's interim condensed consolidated financial statements as at 31 March 2025.

The Group has the following contingent liabilities and commitments:

|                                  | As at 31 March 2025  million | As at 31 December 2024  # million |  |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Uncovered letters of credit      | 5.8                          | 4.8                               |  |
| Letters of guarantee             | 8.0                          | 7.1                               |  |
| Trades and marketing liabilities | 18.3                         | 18.9                              |  |
| Capital commitments (note 7)     | 167.1                        | 204.0                             |  |

# 21. SEGMENT INFORMATION

For management purposes, the Group is organized into business units based on their products and services and has four reportable segments, as follows:

- 1. Publishing, visual and digital content: Comprise the publishing works locally and internationally, media activities, research and marketing the products of the Group and third parties. The segment is also involved in the publishing of specialized publications for third parties, issuance of licensed international publications / media platforms, translation services and selling electronic and visual content (note a).
- 2. Public relations and advertising: Comprise the local and international public relation services, studies, research, marketing, media events, international advertising, production, representation and marketing, audio visual and readable advertising media, and advertising panels.
- 3. Printing and packaging: Comprise printing works on paper and plastic, commercial posters, in addition to manufacturing of plastic products for the Group and others.
- **4.** *All other segments:* Comprises of providing technical, training and educational courses, services, distribution of newspapers, magazines, publications, books and the publications of the Group, research, events management and other related activities. The wholesale and retail trading of school supplies, office furniture, installation, and maintenance of laboratories (note b).

#### The following segments have been aggregated in these interim condensed consolidated financial statements:

- a. **Publishing:** This segment comprises the publishing and specialized publishing segments. These two segments have been aggregated based on the criteria of having similar nature of services and similar type or class of customer for their products.
- **b** All other segments: This segment is an aggregation of all other business activities and operating segments that do not individually meet the quantitative thresholds required under IFRS 8.

The Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Operating Officer, both monitor the operating results of its business units separately for the purpose of making decisions about resource allocation and performance assessment. Segment performance is evaluated based on income and is measured consistently with income in the interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

# 21. SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)

The following table presents revenues and profit information for the Group's operating segments for the three-month period ended 31 March 2025:

|   | Publishing, visual, |                         |              |             |             |                      |             |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|
|   | and digital         | <b>Public relations</b> | Printing and | All other   |             | Adjustments and      |             |
|   | content<br>날        | and advertising         | packaging    | segments    | Total       | eliminations<br>بيلا | Total       |
| Revenues  |                     |                         |              |             |             |                      |             |
| External customers  | 351,729,894         | 124,165,859             | 158,038,210  | 31,721,079  | 665,655,042 | -                    | 665,655,042 |
| Inter-segment   | 86,909,784          |                         | 6,858,354    | 857,998     | 94,626,136  | (94,626,136)         |             |
| Total revenues  | 438,639,678         | 124,165,859             | 164,896,564  | 32,579,077  | 760,281,178 | (94,626,136)         | 665,655,042 |
| Gross profit  | 106,217,714         | 36,763,616              | 11,973,370   | 11,716,155  | 166,670,855 | (5,630,772)          | 161,040,083 |
| Segment profit / (loss) attributable to equity<br>holders of the Parent Company | 58,613,522          | 15,747,270              | (17,081,308) | (4,395,401) | 52,884,083  | (21,945,065)         | 30,939,018  |

The following table presents revenues and profit information for the Group's operating segments for the three-month period ended 31 March 2024:

|   | Publishing, visual, and digital content | Public relations and advertising | Printing and packaging | All other segments | Total       | Adjustments and eliminations | Total       |
|---|---|----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| Revenues  |   |                                  |                        | _                  |             |                              |             |
| External customers  | 403,694,015                             | 201,412,092                      | 177,963,240            | 31,794,187         | 814,863,534 | -                            | 814,863,534 |
| Inter-segment   | 86,750,000                              | -                                | 8,939,776              | 1,108,495          | 96,798,271  | (96,798,271)                 | -           |
| Total revenue   | 490,444,015                             | 201,412,092                      | 186,903,016            | 32,902,682         | 911,661,805 | (96,798,271)                 | 814,863,534 |
| Gross profit  | 104,039,966                             | 110,956,764                      | 15,945,315             | 4,260,141          | 235,202,186 | (9,153,625)                  | 226,048,561 |
| Segment profit / (loss) attributable to equity holders of<br>the Parent Company | 54,222,085                              | 61,522,663                       | (15,834,808)           | (4,337,969)        | 95,571,971  | (8,704,416)                  | 86,867,555  |

# 21. SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)

The following table presents total assets and total liabilities information for the Group's operating segments as at 31 March 2025:

|   | Publishing, visual,<br>and digital<br>content | Public relations and advertising | Printing and packaging       | All other segments         | Total<br>보                      | Adjustments and eliminations       | Total<br>보                     |
|---|---|----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Total assets<br>Total liabilities                   | 3,984,700,851<br>3,394,622,275                | 5,450,446,828<br>417,671,920     | 1,171,229,163<br>914,155,206 | 807,341,503<br>444,395,112 | 11,413,718,345<br>5,170,844,513 | (6,011,828,331)<br>(3,129,966,659) | 5,401,890,014<br>2,040,877,854 |
| The following table presents total assets and total | liabilities information for                   | the Group's operating            | g segments as at 31 De       | ecember 2024:              |                                 |                                    |                                |
|   | Publishing, visual, and digital content       | Public relations and advertising | Printing and packaging       | All other segments         | Total                           | Adjustments and eliminations       | Total                          |
| Total assets<br>Total liabilities                   | 3,908,445,810<br>3,207,735,916                | 5,122,712,720<br>413,032,811     | 1,207,481,225<br>926,067,643 | 801,386,017<br>440,346,725 | 11,040,025,772<br>4,987,183,095 | (5,547,932,182)<br>(2,826,189,539) | 5,492,093,590<br>2,160,993,556 |

Inter-segment revenues and balances at the reporting date are eliminated upon consolidation and reflected in the 'adjustments and eliminations' column.

### Adjustments and eliminations

Finance costs and fair value gains and losses on financial assets are not allocated to individual segments as the underlying instruments are managed on a Group basis.

Zakat, income taxes, and certain financial assets and liabilities are not allocated to those segments as they are also managed on a Group basis.

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### 21. SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)

#### Revenue recognition timing:

The Group recognizes revenue as per the terms and conditions in the contracts with customers for media, advertising, publishing, and other segments services as follows:

#### Publishing and visual and digital content

Revenue is recognized when customers obtain control of services; when services are rendered to customers and have been accepted. Invoices are generated and revenue is recognized at that point in time.

Certain revenues from publishing and visual and digital content are recognized over time and on a "stand-ready" basis. The performance obligations are stand-ready obligations, and it is generally agreed that the nature of the promise in a stand-ready obligation is the promise that the customer will have access to a good or service. The standard describes a stand-ready obligation as a promised service that consists of standing ready to provide goods or services or making goods or services available for a customer to use as and when it decides to do so.

#### Public relations and advertising

Revenue is recognized over time and on a 'stand-ready' basis. The performance obligations are stand-ready obligations and generally agreed that the nature of the promise in a stand-ready obligation is the promise that the customer will have access to a good or service. The standard describes a stand-ready obligation as a promised service that consists of standing ready to provide goods or services or making goods or services available for a customer to use as and when it decides to do so.

Advertising revenue is billed monthly, and payments are due shortly after the bill date. Such services are recognized as a performance obligation satisfied at a point in time. A receivable is recognized by the Group when the goods or services are delivered or rendered as this represents the point in time at which the right to consideration becomes unconditional, as only the passage of time is required before payment is due.

#### Printing and packaging

Revenue is recognized when customers obtain control of goods when the goods are delivered to customers and have been accepted at their premises. Invoices are generated and revenue is recognized at that point in time.

Some contracts allow customers to return goods and replace them with other new goods, and no refunds are permitted. Revenue is recognized when the goods are delivered and have been accepted by customers.

With respect to contracts that allow customers to return goods, revenue is recognized only to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal will not occur in the amount of the accumulated revenue.

#### Other segments:

Subscription revenues are billed and collected in advance. Revenue billed in advance of the rendering of services is deferred and presented in the statement of financial position as contract liabilities. Subscription revenue is recognized over time as the Group satisfies its performance obligations over time. The transaction price allocated to these subscriptions is recognized as a contract liability at the time of the initial sales transaction and is released on a straight-line basis over the period of service.

Events management and research revenues are recognized when customers obtain control of services; when services are rendered to customers and have been accepted. Invoices are generated and revenue is recognized at that point in time.

Penalties on overdue trade receivables are recognized on an accrual basis using the rates stipulated in the service agreements.

|   | For the three-month period ended 31 March 2025 | For the three-month period ended 31 March 2024 |
|---|--|--|
| Over a period of time<br>At a point in time | 462,028,529<br>203,626,513<br>665,655,042      | 605,754,657<br>209,108,877<br>814,863,534      |

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# 22. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES

Related parties of the Group comprise entities where shareholders and key management personnel have control, joint control, or significant influence.

The remuneration and compensation of board members and senior executives during the period were as follows:

|  | For the<br>three-month period<br>ended<br>31 March 2025 | For the three-month period ended 31 March 2024 |
|--|---|--|
| BOD expenses, allowances, and respective committees  | 2,762,500   | 2,500,000                                      |
| Benefits of Group's key management personnel:<br>Short -term employee benefits<br>Long -term employee benefits | 3,646,227<br>188,727<br>3,834,954                       | 4,033,110<br>239,930<br>4,273,040              |

The significant transactions and balances between the Group and its related party are as follows:

|                      |  |                              | For the       | For the three- |
|----------------------|--|------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
|                      |  |                              | three-month   | month period   |
|                      |  |                              | period ended  | ended          |
|                      |  |                              | 31 March 2025 | 31 March 2024  |
| Related parties name | Nature of relationship   | <b>Nature of Transaction</b> | 业             | 韭              |
| Sela Company         | Sela key management<br>personnel is a close family<br>member of a former key<br>management personnel | Events organization          | -             | 780,000        |

As at 31 March 2025, the outstanding balances as a result of transactions with related parties amounted to 4.3 million (31 December 2024: 4.3 million).

In addition, the Group has an outstanding balance of £35.7 million (31 December 2024: £33.5 million) and those amounts have been paid for media services to an entity owned by one of the subsidiaries' General Manager. This amount is included in prepayments and other current assets.

## 23. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain comparative figures related to transportation and shipment cost of the prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform with the presentation in the current period. The reclassification does not have any effect on the interim condensed operating loss, total assets, total liabilities, equity and interim condensed cash flows statement.

Comparative figures reclassifications are mainly as follows:

|   | As previously<br>Reported | Amount of reclassification | After Reclassification |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Cost of revenue – 31 March 2024   | (584,977,750)             | (3,837,223)                | (588,814,973)          |
| Gross profit–31 March 2024<br>Selling, marketing and distribution expenses– | 229,885,784               | (3,837,223)                | 226,048,561            |
| 31 March 2024   | (21,813,912)              | 3,837,223                  | (17,976,689)           |

# 24. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

No matters have occurred up to and including the date of approval of these interim condensed consolidated financial statements by the board of directors which would materially affect the interim condensed consolidated financial statements and the related disclosures for the period ended 31 March 2025.

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# 25. BOARD OF DIRECTORS' APPROVAL

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 13 Thul-Qi'dah 1446H (corresponding to 11 May 2025).