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HIS MAJESTY SULTAN QABOOS BIN SAID

“We offer thanks and praise to the Almighty Allah for the guidance and virtues with which He has endowed us so that we could take this march forward for the building of a modern, well-founded state, advancing in full determination towards a bright future that is promising of progress and prosperity.”

His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said
Speech on November 2014

The background features a complex geometric design. It consists of overlapping translucent shapes in various shades of blue and white, creating a layered effect. A prominent feature is a grid of small, dark blue dots that appears to be receding into the distance, giving a sense of depth and perspective. The overall aesthetic is modern and technological.

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EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Respected Shareholders,

We are pleased to present to you a summary of the results of the operations for the year 2015.

OPERATING PERFORMANCE

REVENUE

Group Revenue for the year ended 31st December 2015 has grown to RO 514.3 million, an increase of 6.9% compared to RO 481.2 million for the corresponding period of year 2014.

Parent company Revenues has recorded a growth of 7.3% and now reached RO 503.7 million compared to RO 469.2 million for the corresponding period of year 2014. Parent company contributes 98% of the group revenues. The Fixed and Mobile Business retail revenues recorded a growth of 8.3% and 6.9% respectively. The growth is mainly driven by Broadband revenues, which witnessed an overall increase of around 24%. Conventional revenue streams such as national calls and SMS have continued its declining trend due to Over The Top (OTT) services, however, decline in International call revenues have been more or less arrested. International call revenue during July-Dec'15 recorded a growth of 20% compared to the 1st half of Year 2015 mainly due to introduction of segmented bundle offers.

EXPENSES

Group Operating expenses increased by 11.8% to RO 392.3 million compared to RO 350.8 million for the corresponding period of year 2014. Cost of Sales increased by 13.3% mainly on account of mobile and other customer devices impacting marginally the gross margin. Gross margin for the Year is 80.4% compared to 81.5% for the corresponding period. Most of the increase in admin costs are of non-recurrent nature, which includes payment to TRA and consultancy costs on new Corporate Strategy and Spend optimization initiatives. Depreciation and Amortization Increased by RO 12.1 Mn is mainly from increased investment in network expansion and modernization of both mobile and fixed networks to meet the growing demand of broadband services

VOLUNTARY END OF SERVICE (VEOS) PROGRAM

As part of the cost optimization strategy, the group has initiated the implementation of the 4th phase of the Voluntary End of Service (VEoS) program covering 266 employees of its parent company. The total cost of the program is estimated at RO 12.578 million, which has been provided in Year 2015 accounts in line with International Financial Reporting Standards. The program implementation will be spread over 7 quarters starting from Q1'2016.

IMPAIRMENT OF INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY

Group Net Profit has been impacted due to impairment of

investment in Subsidiary Worldcall Telecom Limited (WTL), Pakistan. The impairment charge after adjusting for the tax and the share of minority interest amounts to RO 55.1 Mn.

From inception, Omantel has been constantly engaged with WTL investment management activities and in monitoring and evaluation of performance on a continuing basis. However, this has not resulted in the desired returns on account of significant competition and changes in the regulatory landscape. Our evaluation has indicated that given the current financial situation of WTL, coupled with market challenges, it is not likely that turnaround can materialize without significant capital injection. Having taken all possible measures, we reflected a loss for impairment in our year end results in line with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

WTL's total revenue for the year ended 31 Dec'15 is RO 7.2 million, a decrease of 19.3% over the corresponding period. The company has incurred a loss of RO 22.5 Mn, as compared to a loss of RO 14.1 Mn in the previous period. Omantel's share of loss is OMR 12.8 Mn compared to a loss of OMR 8.0 Mn in the previous period.

On the way forward, Omantel management is working with WTL management on various strategic options.

NET PROFIT

As stated above, the Group Net Profit has been impacted due to impairment of investment in WTL and VEOS program. Prior to these impact, the Group Net Profit has been RO 115 Mn, and after impairment and VEOS

program adjustments, the Group net profit stands at RO 48.5 Mn.

Group Earning per Share (EPS) for the year ended 31 Dec'15 is RO 0.065 compared to RO 0.163 for the corresponding period of year 2014.

GROUP LIQUIDITY POSITION

The exceptional items arising out of impairment of investment in WTL and VEOS programs have significantly impacted the profitability of Omantel in the current financial year. Notwithstanding the above, Omantel's overall financial results shows a steadily increasing revenue base from its domestic operations and the Wholesale business. Excluding the impact of Impairment and VOES program, net profits for the domestic operations remained robust at a net margin of 22.4%, EBITDA margin of 48.4% and a Free Cash Flow of RO 84 Mn, an increase of 10% over corresponding period. In addition, the Company maintained its historically strong cash position allowing it to reaffirm its investing-grade credit ratings from the rating agencies in their recent review. Most of the impairment impact related to WTL is an accounting loss and will not have any impact on the future liquidity position of the Company. Further the implementation of VEOS program is spread over 7 quarters and as such will not have an immediate impact on cash position of the Company.

Final Dividend: Board has recommended a final dividend of 60 bz per share which will be subject to the

approval of AGM. This is in addition to the interim dividend of 55 bz per share paid in Aug 2015. This is bringing the total dividend of 115 bz per share for the financial year 2015 which is same as Year 2014 dividend.

SUBSCRIBER BASE

The total domestic subscriber base as of December 2015 (including mobile and fixed businesses) has reached 3.384 million (excluding Mobile Resellers) compared to 3.341 million of the corresponding period of the previous year, recording a growth rate of 1.3% over the last year.

SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES:

1) Oman Data Park LLC: is a joint venture of Omantel and 4Trust LLC. The paid up capital is RO 1 million and Omantel owns 60%. The revenue for the year ended 31 Dec'15 is RO 3.8 Mn an increase of 14.7% compared to RO 3.3 Mn for the corresponding period of year 2014. The company has incurred a loss of RO 0.9 Mn for the year ended 31 Dec'15 as compared to a loss of RO 0.8 Mn in the previous period. However, it has achieved positive EBITDA of 3.4%.

2) Omantel France SAS: is a 100% Omantel owned company that will be responsible for landing and maintaining the Asia Africa Europe - 1 (AAE-1) cable in France. The setting up of this company gives Omantel a worldwide recognition by becoming the only Middle-east operator to build a presence in European Union (EU) and provide open access into EU to all other owners IN AAE-1 consortium. AAE-1 cable system is expected to be ready for service in 2016.

ASSOCIATE COMPANIES:

1) Oman Fibre Optic Co SAOG (OFOC): Omantel owns 40.96% shareholding in the OFOC. The Revenue for the year ended 31 Dec'15 decreased by 3% to RO 22.6 million compared to RO 23.3 million for the corresponding period of year 2014. The company has achieved a net profit after tax of RO 1.6 million for the year ended 31 Dec'15 compared to RO 7.8 million (includes insurance claim of RO 6.5 million net of tax) for the corresponding period of year 2014.

2) Infoline LLC: Omantel has 45% shareholding in the company. The Revenue for the year ended 31 Dec'15 increased by 45.7% to RO 6.3 million compared to RO 3.4 million for the corresponding period of year 2014. The Company's net profit after tax for the year ended 31 Dec'15 is RO 340.1 K compared to corresponding period profit of RO 168 K an increase of 102.4%.

MARKET SHARE:

Omantel's Mobile network market share (including Mobile Resellers) is estimated at 59.1% with a revenue share of 60.6%. The Fixed Telephone (post & pre-paid) market share is estimated at 77.5% with a revenue market share of 82.5%.

AWARD & RECOGNITION

Omantel won the following award during the Year 2015:

1. Leading Corporate for Investor Relations and Best

Investor Relations Professional in Oman for the year 2015, at the seventh Annual Middle East Investor Relations Society (ME-IRS) award ceremony held in Dubai.

2. Best Performing company in Muscat Securities Market (MSM) by Oman Economic Review for the 10th consecutive year
3. Voted as the Most Trusted Brand in the Telecom Sector in the Sultanate by Oman Economic Review. Also, maintained its position as Oman's Most Valuable Brand, according to a study published by Brand Finance, one of the world's leading intangible assets and brand valuation independent consultancies. Omantel moved 8 positions upwards to become 33rd among the 50 most valuable brands in MENA region with a total value of \$479 million.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR):

As part of its ongoing commitment to support the society and environment, Omantel has embarked on number of CSR initiatives and programs and has extended its support to various organizations and events. The below summarizes the major initiatives and events supported during the year 2015.

1. Financing the maintenance and renovation for houses for under-privileged families across the Sultanate as part of Omantel annual Ramadhan campaign.

2. Financial support to various charitable / social institutions in Oman (Oman Association for the Disabled, Oman Cancer Association, Dar Al Atta, Environment Society Of Oman, Al Amal Deaf School).
3. Providing Braille devices to SQU students with visual impairments. It is a fundamental work tool for them to complete educational assignments, and participate equally with their colleagues.
4. Omantel Olympic School days in a joint initiative with Ministry of Education to promote sports across the country among schools students.
5. Omantel Wal Al Awael: An initiative targeting training elderly people on the use of modern communications technology, and latest educational programmes to employ them in their daily lives.
6. Financing Summer camp for LSSM inventors: Omantel sponsored sending Omani students to USA to improve their skills especially in the area of innovation, and equip them with experience of others in this area.
7. Innovation and Technology Exhibition: Omantel sponsored this exhibition with the aim of creating a platform to Omani innovators to demonstrate their innovations and to share and learn the latest advancements.

Moreover, Omantel issued its Third sustainability report in 2015 which covers Omantel sustainability efforts and activities during 2014.

FUTURE OUTLOOK:

The Omani telecom market in 2016 will be mainly influenced by 2 key dynamics: the impact of the oil price and the continuous evolution of OTT (over-the-top) players in the domains of voice, messaging and content. Also, we expect that the increasing competitive pressure will pose challenges for the growth.

The measures taken by the drop in oil price will potentially have an impact on consumer and business spending patterns. We believe that the overall reduction in spending power might have an impact in telecom spend.

At the same time, the explosion of video services continues to be the key driver for a growing broadband market. 2016 already saw the global launch of Netflix and Omantel has launched its own IPTV solutions, further driving broadband speed and bandwidth demand, but for mobile and fixed services.

Through the execution of our “Omantel 3.0 – Leapfrog to Lead” strategy, Omantel is very well positioned to manage these market dynamics and continue to grow. Our focus on maximizing the share of wallet and value per customer, through building new beyond the core services and ICT solutions will assure we are able to further grow our revenues. We continue to invest in our network to meet the increasing demand for data services and to enhance customer experience. Our Carrier of Carriers strategy as part of Wholesale proposition in the region enables us also to assure we provide the best connectivity to international players.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

We take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to our shareholders and loyal customers for their continued support that enabled us to achieve these excellent results. Also, we wholeheartedly appreciate the sincere contribution of the Executive Management and Employees for the remarkable performance in the challenging situation. With your support, we are confident that Omantel will continue its good performance and will be able to reach new heights of excellence.

We also express our special thanks to the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Transport and Communications, the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority and the Capital Market Authority for their valuable co-operation and contributions to our success.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, executive management and the staff, we are honored to express our sincere gratitude to His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said for His visionary leadership. We pray to Almighty Allah to shower him with his blessings, and guard him as a precious asset and a source of pride for his beloved homeland and loyal people, and grant him all the strength to continue to lead the country on the path of sustainable development.



Eng. SULTAN HAMDOON AL HARTHI
CHAIRMAN, OMANTEL BOARD OF DIRECTORS





CHAIRMAN

H.E. Eng. Sultan bin Hamdoon Al-Harathi



DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

Mr. Saud bin Ahemed Al-Nahari



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 1 > H.E. Eng. Sultan bin Hamdoon Al-Harathi
- 2 > Mr. Saud bin Ahemed Al-Nahari
- 3 > Mr. Abdulkader Askalan
- 4 > Mr. Mehdi bin Mohammed Jawad Al-Abdwani
- 5 > Eng. Mohamed bin Hamad Al-Maskari
- 6 > Mr. AbdulRahim bin Salem Al-Harmi
- 7 > Sheikh. Aimen bin Ahmed Al-Hosni
- 8 > Eng. Matar bin Saif Al-Mamari
- 9 > Sayyed. Zaki bin Hilal Al-Busaidi





CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



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Report of Factual Findings on the corporate governance reporting of Oman Telecommunications Company SAOG and its application of the corporate governance practices in accordance with the CMA code of corporate governance

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF OMAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY SAOG

We have performed the procedures prescribed in Capital Market Authority (CMA) circular no 16/2003, dated 29 December 2003 with respect to the accompanying corporate governance report of Oman Telecommunications Company SAOG ('the Company') and its application of corporate governance practices in accordance with the CMA code of corporate governance issued under circular no. 11/2002 dated 3 June 2002 and the CMA Rules and Guidelines on disclosure, issued under CMA administrative decision 5, dated 27 June 2007. Our engagement was undertaken in accordance with the International Standard on Related Services applicable to agreed-upon procedures engagements. The procedures were performed solely to assist you in evaluating the extent of the Company's compliance with the code as issued by the CMA.

We report our findings below:

We found that the company's corporate governance report reflects, in all material respects, the company's application of the provisions of the code and is free from any material misrepresentation.

Because the above procedures do not constitute either an audit or a review made in accordance with International Standards on Auditing or International Standards on Review Engagements, we do not express any assurance on the corporate governance report.

Had we performed additional procedures or had we performed an audit or review of the corporate governance report in accordance with International Standards on Auditing or International Standards on Review Engagements, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

Our report is solely for the purpose set forth in the first paragraph of this report and for your information and is not to be used for any other purpose. This report relates only to the accompanying corporate governance report of the company to be included in its annual report for the year ended 31 December 2015 and does not extend to any financial statements of the Oman Telecommunications Company SAOG, taken as a whole.

28 February 2016
Muscat

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

First: Principles and Foundations of Organization

Oman Telecommunications Company SAOG ("The Company") is committed to the highest standards of the Code of Corporate Governance. In pursuit of this goal, the company has applied the various principles of the Code of Corporate Governance with regard to the appointment of members of the Board of Directors, ensuring the adequacy and efficiency of Internal Controls in all aspects of the Company's operations and transparency in all business dealings.

Second: Disclosure Policy

The company is committed to Capital Market Authority's (CMA) standards and guidelines

on disclosure of material information. Further, it is committed to the rules and regulations issued by the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA). The Board has approved the disclosure policy issued by CMA.

Third: Board of Directors

1. Composition of the Board of Directors:

The Board of Directors of the Company is composed of nine members; five members are representing the government share including the Board Chairman. The other four members were elected by the AGM. The composition of the Board is in the following order:

Name of Board Member	Date of Appointment/ Election	Membership Duration	Position in the Board	Type of Representation	Membership of other Committees	Membership of Board of other Joint Stock Companies	Whether Attended last AGM
H.E Eng. Sultan bin Hamdoon Al-Harthy	24/3/2014	3 Years	Chairman	Non-Executive, Independent, representing Govt. Share	1	Nil	No
Mr. Saud bin Ahmed Al-Nahari	24/3/2014	3 Years	Deputy Chairman	Non-Executive, Independent, from share holders	2	2	Yes
Mr. Abdul Kader Askalan	24/3/2014	3 Years	Member	Non-Executive, Independent, representing Govt. Share	1	1	Yes
Mr. Mehdi bin Mohammed Jawad Al-Abdwani	24/3/2014	3 Years	Member	Non-Executive, Independent, from share holders	4	2	Yes
Mr. Abdul Rahim bin Salem Al-Harmi	24/3/2014	3 Years	Member	Non-Executive, Independent, representing Govt. Share	2	Nil	Yes
Eng. Matar bin Saif Al-Mamari	24/3/2014	3 Years	Member	Non-Executive, Independent, representing Govt. Share	2	Nil	No
Eng. Mohamed Hamad Al-Maskari	24/3/2014	3 Years	Member	Non-Executive, Independent, representing Govt. Share	2	Nil	Yes
Sheikh. Aimen bin Ahmed Al Hosni	24/3/2014	3 Years	Member	Non-Executive, Independent, representing Qurum Business Group	3	4	Yes
Sayyed. Zaki bin Hilal Al-Busaidi	24/3/2014	3 Years	Member	Non-Executive, Independent, from share holders	2	1	Yes

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

2. Profile of Directors and Executive Management

H.E Eng. Sultan bin Hamdoon Al-Harthy is an Advisor at the Supreme Council for Planning. He worked for different government organizations and his last position was the Chairman of Muscat Municipality. He holds a Master's degree in Architecture.

Mr. Saud bin Ahmed Al-Nahari is the Chief Executive Officer of Port Services Corporation SAOG. He holds a Post-graduate Diploma in Port Management. He is a board member in Oman Al Arabi Fund and two joint stock companies: Oman United Insurance Co. SAOG, Al Hassan Engineering Co. SAOG.

Mr. Abdul Kader Askalan was the Chief Executive Officer of Oman Arab Bank until 31 December 2013 and has a past experience in the banking sector. He is a board member of Galfar Engineering & Contracting SAOG.

Mr. Mehdi bin Mohammed Jawad Al Abduwani is the Chief Executive Officer of National Ferry Company. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and post-graduate diploma in Development Planning Techniques (DPT). He is the Chairman of Computer Stationery Industry Co. SAOG, a board member of Al Maha Ceramics.

Mr. Abdul Rahim bin Salem Al-Harmi is an Advisor to the Minister of Transport and Communications for Meteorology Affairs. He has extensive experience in the field of civil aviation and meteorology. His last position was Director General of Civil Aviation and Meteorology at the Ministry of Transport and Communications. He holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration.

Eng. Matar bin Saif Al-Mamari is working in the field of telecommunications and information technology since 1989 and participated in several government committees in the same field. He holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Lincoln and Bachelor's Degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering from Widener University of USA. He is a board member of Information Technology Authority.

Eng. Mohamed bin Hamed Al-Maskari is the Director General of Knowledge Oasis Muscat, and has vast work experience in the field of Management and Information Technology for more than 15 years with a Master Degree in Business Administration. He is a board member of Infoline LLC.

Sheikh. Aimen bin Ahmed Al Hosni is the Chief Executive Officer of Oman Airports Management Company SAOC. He holds a Bachelor Degree in Political Science and a Master's Degree in Public Administration. He is the Chairman of Oman National Engineering & Investment Company SAOG and Member of HSBC Bank Oman SAOG, Vice Chairman of National Bureau of Commercial Information SAOC and member of Muscat National holding Company SAOG board of directors.

Sayyed. Zaki bin Hilal Al-Busaidi is the Director General of the Institute of Public Administration, he has a long experience in the field of management. He holds Master Degree in Public Administration and he is a Board Member of Port Services Corporation SAOG.

Mr. Talal Said Al Mamari is the Chief Executive Officer of Omantel since 29 June 2014. He has a bachelor degree in Business Administration from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh – Pennsylvania. Prior to his appointment as CEO, he held several leadership positions including his last position as Chief Financial Officer of Omantel. He has 23 years of experience in the Telecommunications sector. He has had played an instrumental role in different initiatives and projects, carried out by the company.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

3. Procedures and Conditions for the Selection of Board Members

The appointment of the members of the Company's Board of Directors representing the government share are subject to same procedures followed in the appointment of board members representing the government share in other companies. As for members of the Board representing the private sector, they are elected at the General Meeting by following the procedures laid down in the Commercial Companies Law, and rules and regulations issued by the CMA.

4. Meetings of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors held 10 meetings during the year 2015. These were in the following order:

Board Meetings

Name of the Board Member	Number and date of meeting									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	12/1/15	15/2/15	22/3/15	5/4/15	10/5/15	22/6/15	28/7/15	12/8/15	12/11/15	13/12/15
H.E Eng. Sultan bin Hamdoon Al-Harthy	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Mr. Saud bin Ahemed Al-Nahari	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mr. AbdulKader Ahmed Askalan	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Mr. Mehdi bin Mohammed Al-Abdwani	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mr. Abdul Rahim bin Salem Al-Harmi	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Eng. Matar Saif Al-Mamari	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Eng. Mohamed bin Hamad Al-Maskari	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sheikh. Aimen bin Ahmed Al Hosni	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sayyed. Zaki bin Hilal Al-Busaidi	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Fourth : The Committees stemming from the Board of Directors

1. Executive Committee

A. Committee meetings

The Executive Committee held 3 Meetings during the year 2015.
These were in the following order:

Name of the committee member	Position	Number and date of meeting		
		1	2	3
		8/2/15	28/4/15	11/10/15
H.E Eng. Sultan bin Hamdoon Al-Harthy	Chairman	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mr. Saud bin Ahmed Al-Nahari	D. Chairman	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mr. Mehdi bin Mohammed Al-Abdwani	Member	Yes	Yes	Yes
Eng. Matar bin Saif Al-Mamari	Member	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sheikh. Aimen bin Ahmed Al Hosni	Member	Yes	Yes	Yes

B. The Committee's terms of reference

1. To review the Company's business plan;
2. To study the Company's annual budget and submit their recommendations to the Board;
3. To study and approve new tariffs;
4. To study and approve the proposed changes to Company policies;
5. To take action on the matters submitted by the Board or Chairman of the Board;
6. To take an action on urgent matters submitted by Company's CEO and which fall within the committee's authority;

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The Committees stemming from the Board of Directors (continued)

2. The Audit Committee

A. Committee meetings

The Audit Committee held 9 meetings during the year 2015. These were in the following order:

Name of the committee member	Position	Number and date of meeting								
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		12/2/15	16/3/15	7/5/15	21/6/15	15/7/15	10/8/15	13/10/15	12/11/15	7/12/15
Sheikh. Aimen bin Ahmed Al Hosni	Chairman	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mr. Mehdi bin Mohammed Al-Abduwani	D. Chairman	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Eng. Mohamed Hamad Al-Maskari	Member	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mr. Abdul Rahim bin Salem Al-Harmi	Member	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sayyed. Zaki bin Hilal Al-Busaidi	Member	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

B. The committee's terms of reference:

1. Considering the name of the auditor in the context of their independence (particularly with reference to any other non-audit services), fees and terms of engagement and recommending their name to the Board for putting before AGM for appointment.
2. Oversight of the adequacy of the internal control system through the regular reports of the internal and external auditors. The committee may appoint external consultants if the need arose.
3. Oversight of the internal audit function in general and with particular reference to reviewing of scope of internal audit plan for the year, reviewing the reports of internal auditors pertaining to critical areas, reviewing the efficacy of the internal auditing and reviewing as to whether internal auditors have full access to all relevant documents.
4. Serving as a channel of communication between external auditors and the Board and also internal auditors and the Board.
5. Checking financial fraud particularly fictitious and fraudulent portions of the financial statement. The committee should put in place an appropriate system to ensure adoption of appropriate accounting policies and principles leading to fairness in financial statements.
6. Oversight of financial statements in general and with particular reference to review of annual and quarterly financial statements before issue, review of qualifications in the draft financial statements and discussion of accounting principles. In particular, change in accounting policies, principles and accounting estimates in comparison to previous year, any adoption of new accounting policy, any departure from International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and non-compliance with disclosure requirements prescribed by CMA should be critically reviewed.
7. Reviewing risk management policies and looking into the reasons of defaults in payment obligations of the Company, if any.
8. Reviewing proposed specific transactions with related parties for making suitable recommendations to the Board and setting rules for entering into small value transactions with related parties without obtaining prior approval of audit committee and the Board.

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The Committees stemming from the Board of Directors (continued)

3. HR Committee

A. Committee meetings

The HR committee held 7 meetings during the year 2015. These were in the following order:

Name of the committee member	Position	Number and date of meeting						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		12/1/15	12/2/15	15/3/15	6/4/15	9/7/15	6/9/15	7/12/15
Mr. Mehdi bin Mohammed Al-Abduwani	Chairman	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sheikh. Aimen bin Ahmed Al Hosni	D. Chairman	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mr. Abdulrahim Salem Al-Harmi	Member	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mr. Abdulkader Ahmed Askalan	Member	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

B. The committee's terms of reference

1. To review factors and developments which require an amendment to the organizational structure of the company;
2. To review the structure and the level of salaries and compensation before submission to the Board of Directors;
3. To review and recommend strategic plan and policies relating to Human Resources;
4. Any other business as directed by the Board.

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The Committees stemming from the Board of Directors (continued)

4. Tender Committee

A. Committee meetings

The Tender committee held 7 Meetings during the year 2015. These were in the following order:

Name of the committee member	Position	Number and date of meeting						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		10/3/15	27/5/15	28/6/15	17/8/15	19/11/15	7/12/15	22/12/15
Mr. Saud bin Ahmed Al-Nahari	Chairman	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mr. Mehdi bin Mohammed Al-Abduwani	D. Chairman	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Eng. Matar bin Saif Al-Mamari	Member	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Sayyed. Zaki bin Hilal Al-Busaidi	Member	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Eng. Mohamed Hamad Al-Maskari	Member	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

B. The committee's terms of reference

1. Representing the Board in reviewing, discussing and award tenders as per the given Tenders' Manual of Authority;
2. Study the mechanisms and procedures that used for evaluation of bids, and propose improvement by use of appropriate technologies;
3. Study any other matter that referred to by the Board and decide as per its authority.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Fifth: Remunerations

Fee paid to Board member for attending the meetings of the Board of Directors and the committees stemming from it are paid in the following manner:

Board Meetings	RO 500 per meeting
Committee Meetings stemming from the Board	RO 400 per meeting

1. The following table shows the details of the financial allocations paid to members of the Board of Directors during 2015:

Name of Board Member	Sitting fee (RO)
H.E Eng. Sultan bin Hamdoon Al-Harthy	4,700
Mr. Saud bin Ahmed Al-Nahari	8,500
Mr. Abdul Kader Askalan	6,400
Mr. Mehdi bin Mohammed Jawad Al-Abduwani	10,000
Mr. Abdul Rahim Salem Al-Harmi	10,000
Eng. Matar Saif Al-Mamari	7,600
Eng. Mohamed Hamed Al-Maskari	10,000
Sheikh. Aimen bin Ahmed Al Hosni	10,000
Mr. Zaki bin Hilal Al Busaidi	8,400
Total	75,600

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Fifth: Remunerations (continued)

2. Directors' Remuneration:

Details	Amount in (RO)
Total directors' remuneration recommended for the year 2015	124,400
Total directors' remuneration paid to members for the year 2014	117,792

3. The following table shows the details of the financial allocations paid to the executive management (top five) during 2015:

Salary and other allowances	Bonus	Social Security Cost and end of service benefits	Total
(RO)	(RO)	(RO)	(RO)
918,849	730,000	63,452	1,712,301

4. All work contracts are in conformity with the requirements of the Omani Labour Law.

Sixth: Details of Non-compliance by the Company

The Board is pleased to confirm that there were no penalties imposed on the company by the CMA or MSM.

Seventh: Channels and Methods of Communication with Shareholders and Investors

- The Company's quarterly financial reports are published in the local newspapers and are also uploaded to the website of Muscat Securities Market and on the Company's website. In addition, the shareholders are notified of the details of the financial results by sending them to the shareholders at their request.
- The Company has a website which includes the Company's profile and the services offered by it. This website is constantly updated.
- The report of the Company's management and governance constitutes a part of its Annual Report.

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Eighth: Details of Market Shares

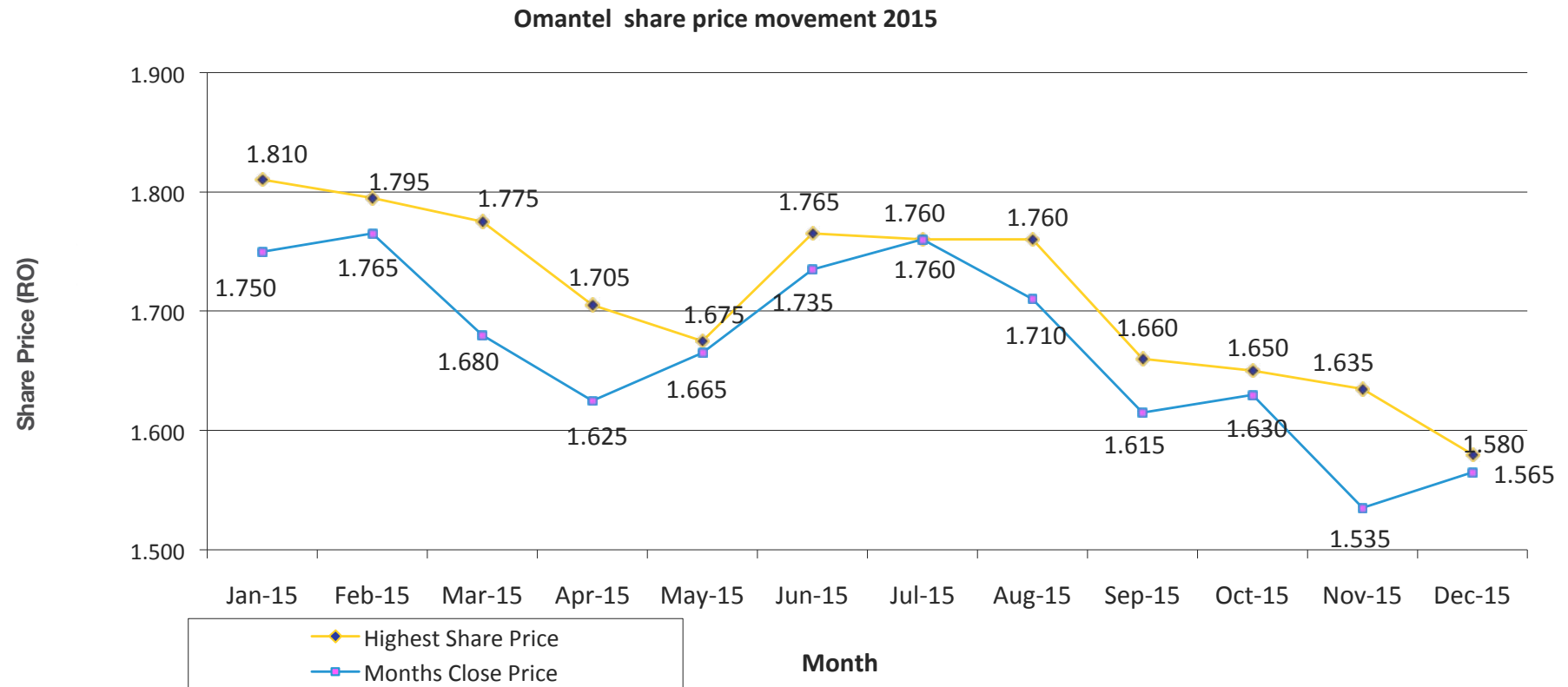
A) Details of prices for traded company shares

Following are the details of the company's shares traded on the Muscat Securities Market (MSM) during the year 2015:

Month	Highest Share Price	Lowest Share Price
January	1.810	1.660
February	1.795	1.735
March	1.775	1.650
April	1.705	1.610
May	1.675	1.620
June	1.765	1.670
July	1.760	1.725
August	1.760	1.605
September	1.660	1.600
October	1.650	1.615
November	1.635	1.520
December	1.580	1.515

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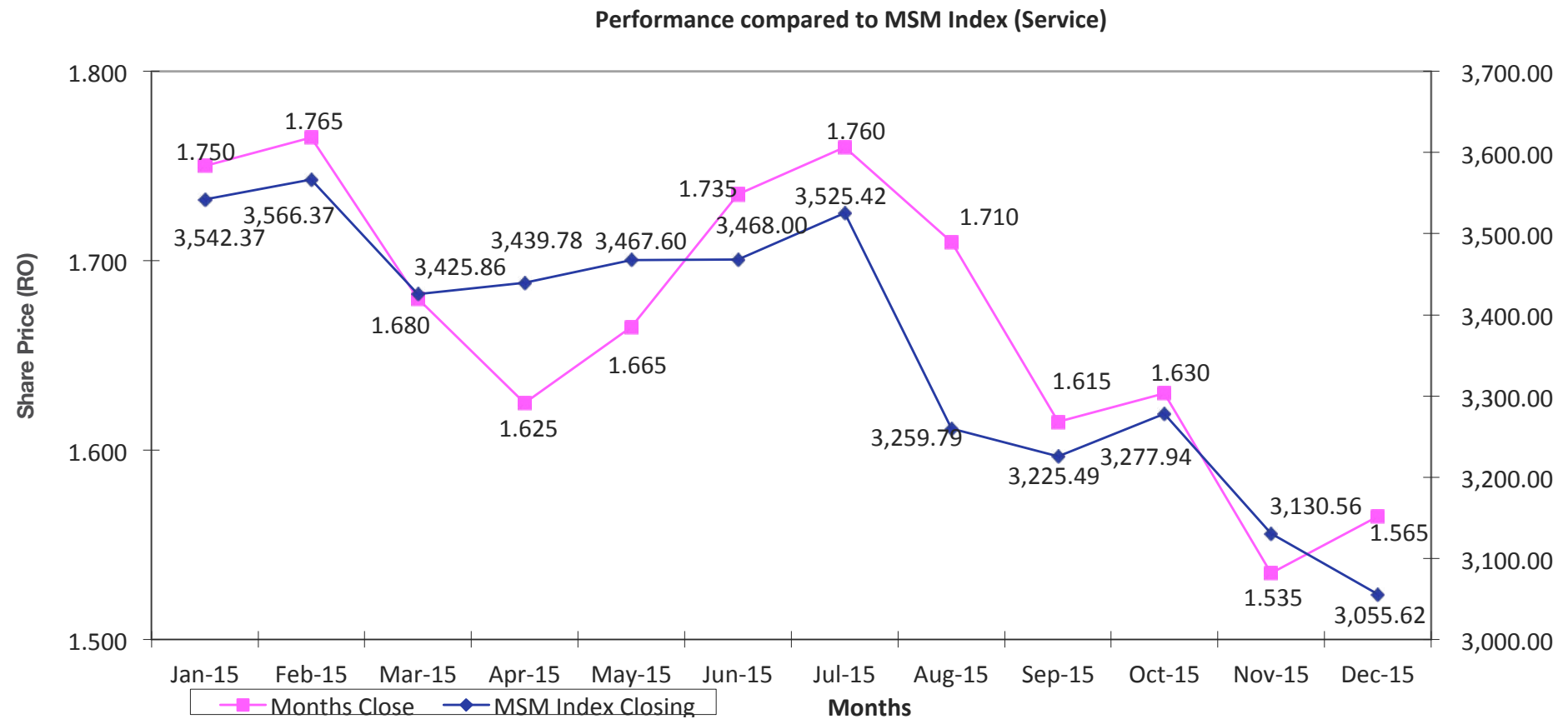
Eighth: Details of Market Shares (continued)



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Eighth: Details of Market Shares (continued)

A. Comparison of Share Price with MSM Index (services)



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Eighth: Details of Market Shares (continued)

B. Comparison of Share Price with MSM Index (services)

- C) The Company does not have any securities or financial instruments transferable to shares issued to the general public or investment establishments or any segment of investors.
D) The Board of Directors and the Audit Committee continuously study operating policies and business-related risks from time to time and then take appropriate measures pertaining to such policies.

Ninth: Distribution of Company's shares

The following table illustrates the distribution of ownership of the Company's shares until 31/12/2015:

Sl. No	Number of Shares	No. of Shareholders
1	1 – 500	12,606
2	501 – 1,000	4,422
3	1,001 – 5,000	5,086
4	5,001 – 10,000	1,030
5	10,001 – 15,000	324
6	15,001 – 20,000	128
7	20,001 – 50,000	205
8	50,001 – 800,000	256
9	800,001 – 1,000,000	4
10	1,000,001 – 15,000,000	40
11	15,000,001 and above	7
Total		24,108

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Tenth: Professional Background of External Auditors

External auditor for Omantel

EY is a global leader in assurance, tax, transaction and advisory services. EY is committed to doing its part in building a better working world. The insights and quality services which EY delivers help build trust and confidence in the capital markets and in economies the world over.

The MENA practice of EY has been operating in the region since 1923 and employs over 5,000 professionals. EY has been operating in Oman since 1974 and is a leading

professional services firm in the country. EY MENA forms part of EY’s EMEIA practice, with over 4,000 partners and 100,000 professionals. Globally, EY operates in more than 150 countries and employs 212,000 professionals in 728 offices. Please visit ey.com for more information about EY.

The total audit fee paid/payable to the external auditor of the company for the financial year 2015 is as follows:

Details	Amount (RO)
Audit and related services	70,500
Other permitted services	144,160
Total	214,660

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External auditor for Worldcall Telecommunications Limited (Subsidiary)

A. F. Ferguson & Co. came into existence on November 1, 1952 and at present has 43 partners and more than 1,800 employees including 214 qualified Chartered Accountants based in four offices i.e. Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad and Kabul and is a member firm of the PwC network. A. F. Ferguson & Co. has ready access to the technical expertise present in the PwC network firms worldwide. Drawing on the knowledge and skills

of more than 146,000 people in 150 countries, PwC provides a full range of business services to leading global, national and local companies and to public institutions. These services include audit, accounting and tax advice; management, information technology and human resources consulting; financial advisory services including mergers and acquisitions, business recovery, project finance, and litigation support; and business process outsourcing.

The total audit fee paid/payable to the external auditor of the Company for the financial year 2015 is as follows:

Details	PKR ('000)
Audit fee	2,750
Half year Review	1,100
Reporting to group auditors	2,200
Out of pocket expenses	875
Total	6,925

Eleventh: Acknowledgement by the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors acknowledges

1. Its liability for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable standards and rules applicable in the Sultanate of Oman.
2. The review of the efficiency and adequacy of internal control system of the company and compliance with internal rules and regulations.
3. That there are no material issues that affect the continuation of the company and its ability to continue its operations during the next financial year.





MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS

Report – Year Ended 31st December 2015

With rapid advancements on technological front and with the intrusion of powerful non-traditional cloud based OTT competitors, telecom operators are rapidly becoming an interconnected medium of data communication over digitalized networks. The widely emerging socio-technological customer behavior supported by increasing device affordability, has led to an explosive demand in data communications & high speed internet over recent years. Operators are coping up with these trends through continued investments in network upgrades, the financial implications which are visibly impacting their profitability, especially in the absence of growth prospects from traditional voice and messaging revenue streams.

Inline with the industrial trends and as witnessed in the Sultanate domestic market, telecom digitization is also changing Omantel's business models. High mobile penetration limiting the customer growth outlook, diminishing growth in of voice and SMS revenue due to OTT services and high growth observed in broadband internet segments defines the recent telecom trend, with Omantel as no exception. Responding to these developments, Omantel now remains more focused on customer experience enhancement, continued upgradation of network and innovative services offerings.

Amidst increasing operational challenges, the year 2015 turned out to be yet another successful year for Omantel. Besides the challenges faced, we are pleased to declare that Omantel Group maintains its position as market leader in both fixed and mobile communications. Driven by our superior quality of service, attractive pricing, innovative offerings, the largest and superior network in Oman, Omantel Group revenue demonstrated solid year-on-year growth of 6.9% in 2015, increasing from RO 481.2 Mn in FY 2014 to RO 514.3 Mn in FY 2015.

Our customer family continued to grow during 2015, especially in re-sellers, data and internet segments. As at 31st December 2015, Omantel's domestic customer base stood at 3.38 Mn (4.4 Mn including resellers) as against a total customer base of 3.34 Mn (4.06 Mn including resellers) in 2014. This represents a year-on-year growth of 1.3% (8.5% including resellers). Our customer base from resellers surpassed 1 million mark, and closed at 1.02 Mn customers on 31st Dec, 2015.

Omantel continues to stand out among the Sultanate's corporate sector through its high investor grade ratings. We maintained our 'BBB' and 'A3' ratings assigned by Standard & Poor's and Moody's respectively. These ratings are reflective of our strong and sustainable financial position in the Sultanate's fixed line and mobile telephony markets, solid competitiveness, operating performance and above average profitability.

We continued to win international accolades and recognitions throughout the year. These achievements are depicted in the 'Awards' section later.

During 2015, Omantel continued its work towards realizing the laid out "Carrier of Carriers" strategy. Sustainable revenue growth from our wholesale business outside Oman evidences the successful execution of this strategy and the fact that more and more global content players and international carriers select Omantel as their partner to serve the region and beyond.

The deployment of the Asia Africa Europe-1 (AAE-1) submarine cable system, one of the world's largest systems stretching from Hong Kong to Singapore where Omantel is the first GCC operator to land a cable in Europe, is expected to become operational by November 2016. Our wholly owned subsidiary 'Omantel France SAS' is set to provide open access to all AAE-1 partners entering into the European Union.

In addition, the Bay of Bengal Gateway (BBG) cable system, the first cable system in the world connecting Singapore directly with the Middle East (in Oman with Omantel), will also become operational during 2016. BBG will enable Omantel to uniquely offer unchallenged quality between Frankfurt and Singapore. In order to capture the underserved Eastern African market, Omantel commenced working on Gulf to Africa (G2A) cable system connecting Oman with Somalia through. G2A will connect East African region with west and Asia on the same time. G2A is expected to be commercially operational towards end of 2016.

Including the abovementioned, Omantel Group now holds assets in close to 20 submarine cable systems around the world. Our focus in 2016 is to increase the capacity towards Pakistan, Afghanistan and China via a combination of sub-sea and terrestrial network.

Omantel's new strategy "Omantel 3.0" kicked off in 2015, and implementation of the transformation program is currently underway. Core elements of Omantel 3.0 have already been incorporated in the organization's operational and financial planning.

Our strategy entails optimization of revenue generating metrics, expansion into near-core and non-core areas of business, strategic re-positioning of our partnership ecosystem, improve broadband propositions, improve our customers' experience, capturing value proposition from emerging value streams such as Internet-of-Things & ICT, expanding Omantel's global wholesale footprint, transforming our IT infrastructure to build required capabilities etc. Omantel now has a dedicated Transformation office operating with the exclusive objective to ensure optimal implementation of 'Omantel 3.0'.

THE COMMITTEES STEMMING FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Industry Structure and Related Challenges

Omantel operates in a market with a young and demographically diverse population scattered over a large geographical footprint. Although the size and value of the Omani telecommunications market has consistently increased over time, penetration rates in Oman for fixed line and fixed broadband services are still below the GCC average. According to the TRA, as at 31st December 2015, fixed line penetration in Oman was 10.1% (based on population), fixed internet services was estimated at 5.5% (measured by population) and 58.7% (measured by households), and mobile penetration was 154.5%.

Dramatic changes in global communications dynamics is taking toll on the operators' legacy business models. Heightened operational challenges such as cannibalization of traditional voice revenue due to IP migration, increasing network upgradation and maintenance expenditure, excessive price rationalization retail and wholesale segments etc., kept both revenue growth and profitability under pressure during 2015.

Challenges faced by Omantel have proven to be persistent in nature and growing with the passage of time. Domestic telecom market in Oman remained highly liberalized during 2015 with multiple operators across fixedline, mobile, and international gateway segments. The country's telecom sector comprises of 2 class-1 mobile operators, 3 class-1 fixed operators, 4 IGW licensees and 1 class-1 maritime operator and, 6 class-2 re-sellers' licenses (3 are currently operational). A new Broadband operator Awaser-Oman has launched its Broadband services in Muscat on the state owned Oman Broadband Company's (OBC) fiber network from the beginning of 2016. As the Sultanate's existing operators plan to utilize OBC's network to reach their customers, this will support operators to not only optimize their independent network expenditures, but also increase overall competitiveness in the market.

Persistent regulatory enforcements gained further momentum during 2015. Pursuant to the existent controls such as competition framework, separated regulatory accounts, auditing standards and tariff transparency guidelines etc., TRA introduced further regulations in the area of retail pricing. Access and Interconnection regulations are also being finalized, which will strengthen the regulator's role in the wholesale pricing. Accounting separation regulations are being revised to cover mobile markets as well.

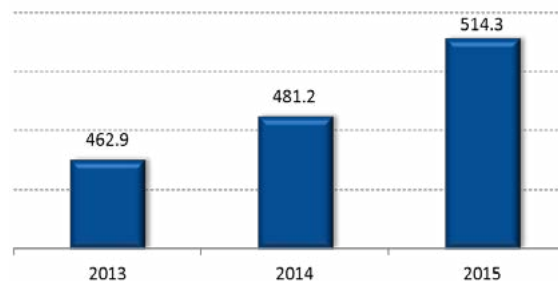
Omantel Group Performance – 2015

Omantel Group revenue includes revenues from domestic Fixedline, Internet, Data, Mobile and Wholesale (external admin & Interconnection) services. In addition, Group's revenue includes the operations of Worldcall Telecom Limited (WTL) and Oman Data Park LLC. WTL is a Pakistani telecom services operator providing Wireless Local Loop, Long Distance International Services, Payphones and Cable Television services. Oman Data Park is a locally incorporated subsidiary of Omantel Group providing data center, co-location, cloud and disaster recovery services in the country.

Omantel Group achieved a revenue of RO 514.3 Mn in the year 2015, compared to RO 481.2 Mn in 2014. Parent company contributes 98% of the group revenues.

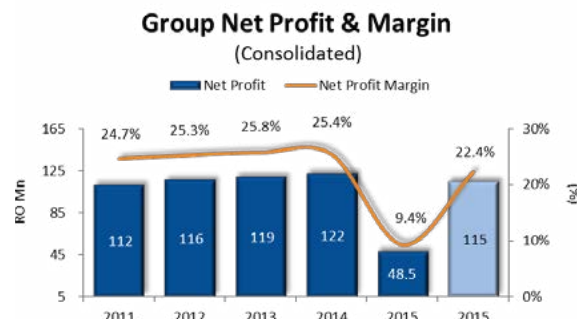
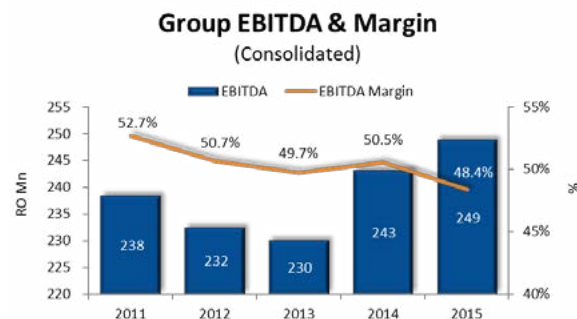
This corresponded to an overall revenue growth of 6.9% during 2015, compared to 4% in the year 2014. Group's revenue growth was mainly driven by Omantel's domestic operations, which itself recorded a growth of 7.3%.

Group Revenue - RO Mn



Profitability:

Group's EBITDA (Earnings before Interest, Taxation, Royalty, Depreciation and Amortization) increased from RO 243.2 Mn in 2014 to RO 248.9 Mn in 2015. However, EBITDA margin reduced from 50.5% in year 2014 to 48.4% in 2015.



The group achieved an after tax Net Profit of RO 48.5 Mn for the year ended 31st December 2015, compared to the after tax profitability of RO 122.4 Mn in 2014, a decline of 60.4%. Net Profit has been impacted due to impairment of investment in WTL and Voluntary End of Service (VEoS) program. Prior to the impact of these 2 events, the Group achieved a Net Profitability of RO 115 Mn. The impairment charge on Worldcall investment was booked at RO 55.1 Mn (net of minority interest & taxes) at group level.

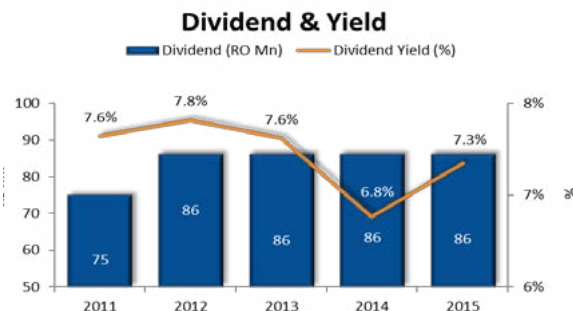
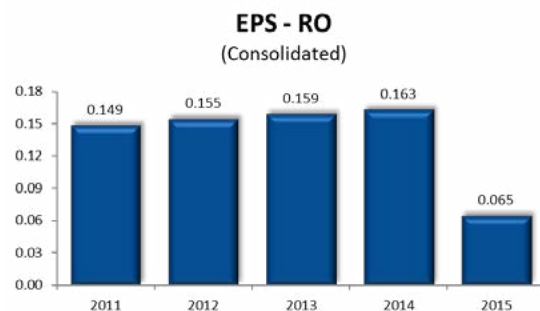
Resultantly from the aforementioned 2 events, the Group's Net Profit Margin also declined from 25.4% as recorded in 2014, to 9.4% in 2015. However, excluding the impact of impairment, foreign currency loss, and VEoS, the net profit margin of the Group remained at 22.4%.

As part of the cost optimization strategy, the group has initiated the implementation of the 4th phase of the Voluntary End of Service (VEoS) program covering 266 employees of its parent company. Total cost of the program is estimated at RO 12.6 million, which has been provided in Year 2015 accounts in line with International Financial Reporting Standards. Implementation of VEoS will be spread over 7 quarters commencing from Q1'2016.

EPS, Dividend & Yield

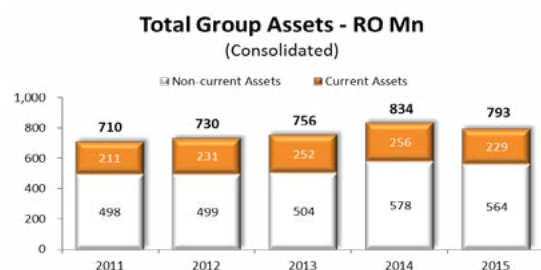
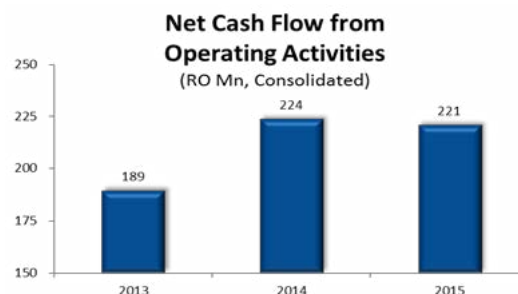
Owing to the operational pressures experienced during the year and pursuant to the overall reduction in net profitability, Omantel's EPS dropped from RO 0.163 in 2014 to RO 0.065 in 2015. It is noteworthy to reiterate that EPS for 2015 has been severely impacted due to impairment WTL investment & cost of VEoS program.

The Group continues to maintain a healthy shareholder relationship with a lucrative dividend distribution policy. In line with the dividends declared in the previous years, a dividend of RO 86.25 Mn has been assumed for 2015, which amounts to 115% of the share capital. As at 31st December 2015, Omantel share price closed 8% lower in value at RO 1.6, compared to RO 1.7 as of 31st Dec'14.



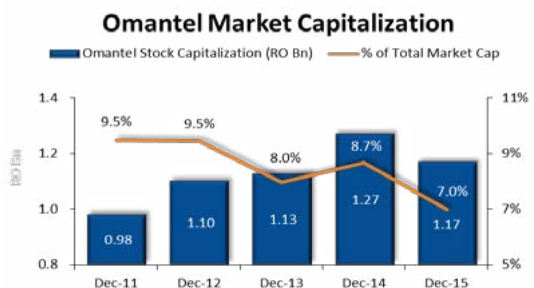
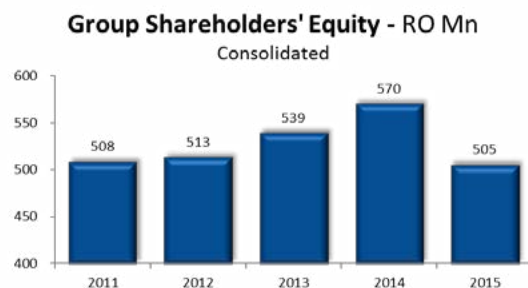
Omantel has been generating sufficient cash through its domestic operations to comfortably meet its working capital and capital expenditure requirements.

Net cash flow generated from operating activities amounts to RO 220.7 Mn, which is 43% of revenue.

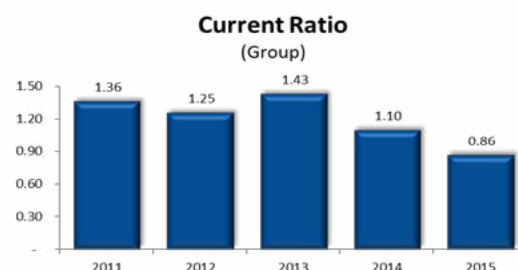


Financial Positions

The overall assets of the Group depict a strong financial position, at the backdrop of Omantel's committed investments in its network in both mobile and fixed line services. Fixed assets (including intangible assets), principally telecom equipment and facilities currently account for 62% (up from 59% in FY 2014) of the Group's overall asset base.



Group's consolidated shareholders' equity posted a decline of 11.4% over 2014. The Shareholders' equity decreased from RO 570.1 Mn in 2014 to RO 505.4 Mn in 2015. Omantel's market capitalization stood at RO 1.17 Billion as at 31st December 2015, down from RO 1.27 Billion at the corresponding date in 2014. This accounts for 7% of the overall market capitalization of Muscat Securities Market.



The Group's Debt to Total Assets ratio was recorded at 36% as at 31st Dec 2015, compared to 32% on the corresponding date in 2014. The Group's current ratio was recorded at 0.86, representing a healthy liquidity position.

Performance of Parent Company

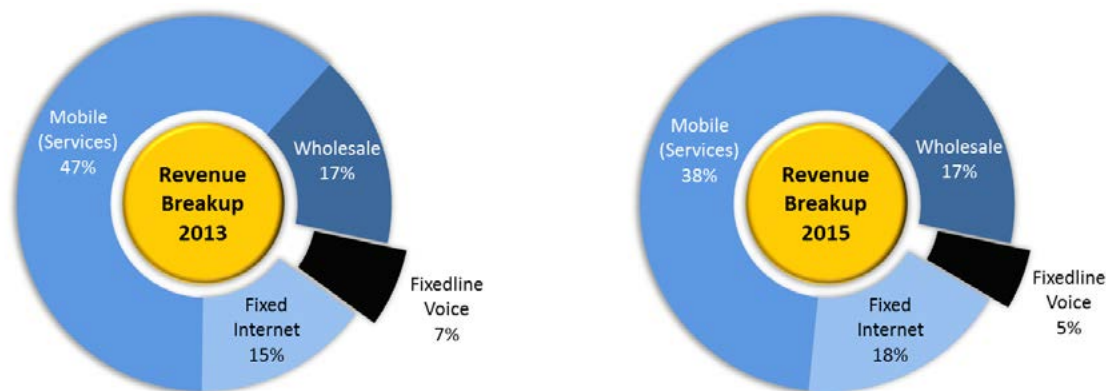
Despite the challenging operational environment as discussed earlier, Omantel's parent company demonstrated an overall positive performance underlined by both customer and revenue growth. Omantel's Parent company revenue posted a growth of 7.3% (RO 34.5 Mn) during the year 2015, over the revenue generated in 2014. Omantel achieved a revenue of RO 503.7 Mn in the year 2015, compared to RO 469.2 Mn in 2014.

Parent's domestic revenue growth was mainly driven by growth in mobile services, fixed & mobile data and broadband internet segments.

Financial year ended 31 December (Domestic Operations)				
Fig in RO Mn	2012	2013	2014	2015
Fixed line services	32.2	30.0	27.5	25.9
Internet and data services	58.7	68.2	80.7	91.3
Mobile services	270.0	275.8	281.2	300.7
Wholesale (In payment + Interconnection+ capacity sale)	70.5	74.6	79.7	85.8
Total services revenues	431.4	448.6	469.1	503.7
Growth %		4.0%	4.6%	7.4%

The growth in total revenues in the recent years is mainly driven by the increase in Broadband revenue resulting from growth in both mobile and fixed broadband business. Fixedline voice business continues to persistently decline, mainly due to a constant fixed to data & mobile substitution. The Fixed and Mobile Business retail revenues recorded a growth of 8.3% and 6.9% respectively. The growth is mainly driven by Broadband revenues, which witnessed an overall increase of around 21.7% (fixed & mobile broadband combined).

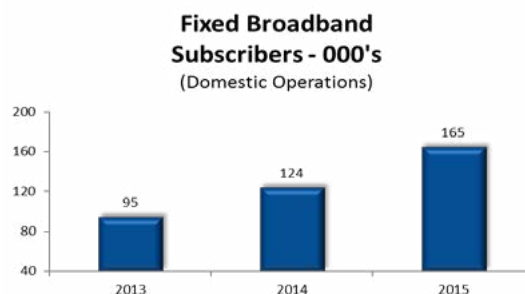
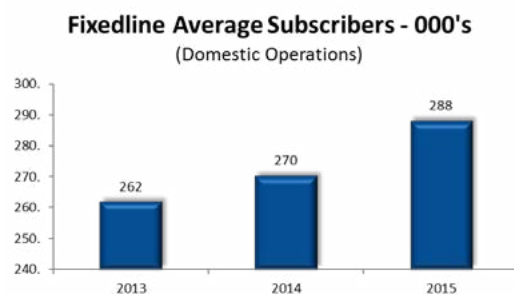
Broadband data revenue contributed 38% of Fixed and 36% of mobile retail revenues in the year 2015, compared to 33% and 31% respectively in 2014



Revenue and Subscribers:

Fixed line Business:

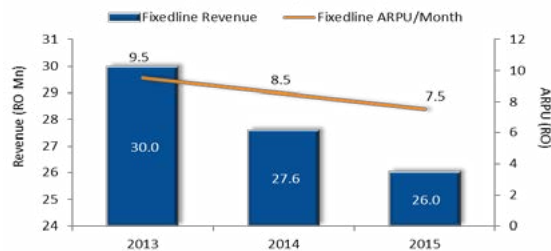
Fixed line Business includes national and international fixed line voice (post and pre-paid) and prepaid cards (Jibreen) and payphones (Al Multaqa). Average fixed line subscribers posted an overall growth of 7% over 2014, and an y-o-y increase of 26k subscribers during 2015. Higher growth however, is witnessed in the fixed bundled broadband services. Fixedline internet subscribers comprising of Broadband, Internet dedicated and dialup, posted a healthy growth of 31% mainly driven by fixed broadband (FBB), and achieved an increase of 40.6k subscribers during 2015 compared to a net increase of 28k subscribers during the year 2014.



The ARPU for the fixed line segment has been derived based on the revenues generated by all fixed line users, including payphones. The ARPU of the fixed line segment continued to decline during 2015. Average fixed line voice ARPU declined by 11%, i.e. from RO 8.5 per month in 2014 to RO 7.5 per month in 2015.

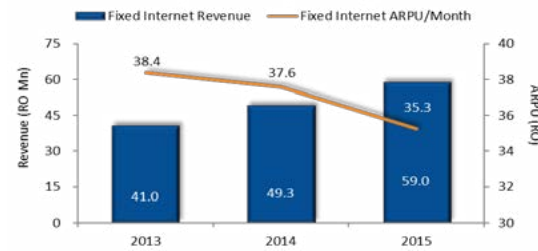
Fixedline Voice Revenue & ARPU

(Domestic Operations)



Fixed Internet Revenue & ARPU

(Domestic Operations)



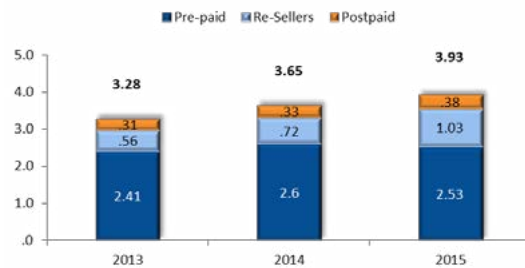
Overall revenue from Internet services (internet dialup, fixed broadband, internet dedicated) posted a healthy growth of 20% during 2015 mainly driven by Broadband growth. However, the ARPU in this segment has declined by 7.8%; Fixed Broadband subscribers increased by 32.6% reaching 164.6k in 2015 compared to 124.1k in 2014. Fixed internet ARPU for is driven from revenues generated by all Internet services.

Mobile Business

Mobile service includes postpaid, prepaid and other value added services. Omantel's mobile customer base (including Resellers) continued to grow during 2015 i.e. an increase from 3.65 Mn subscribers in 2014 to 3.93 Mn subscribers in 2015.

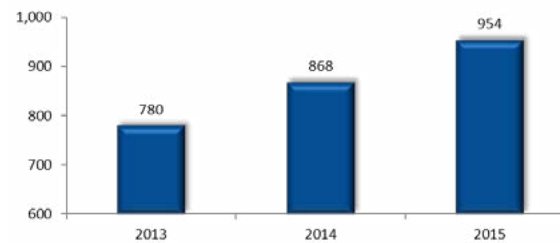
However, subscriber growth remained under pressure as country's market saturated further, competition continued to intensify and customer demographics are changing in favor of those operators targeting low income customer group (i.e. mobile resellers).

Group Mobile Subscribers - Mn



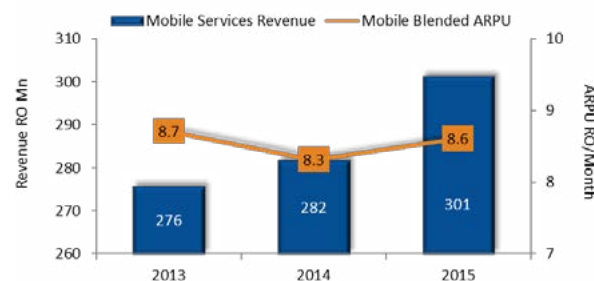
Mobile Broadband Subscribers

(in 000's)



Mobile Services Revenue & ARPU

(Domestic Operations)



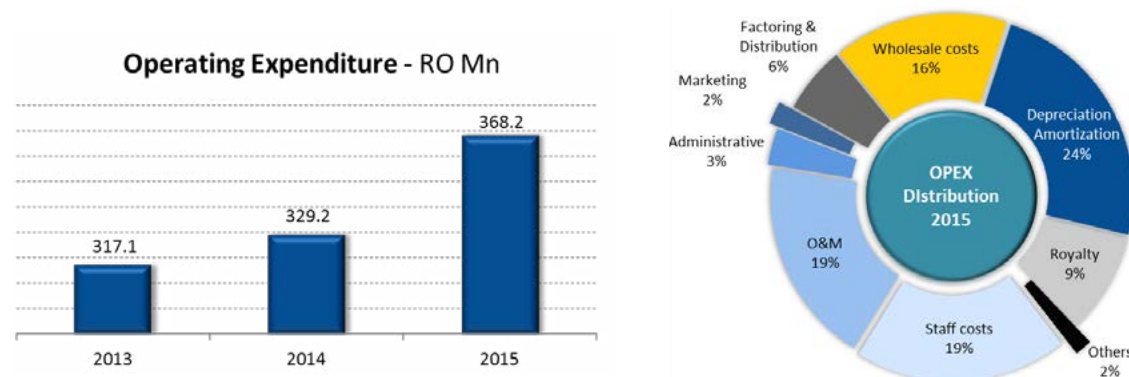
The mobile segment has been the primary growth driver of the Omantel revenues over the past several years.

Omantel mobile retail revenue accounted for 59.7% of total domestic revenue in 2015. Given the relatively higher growth in the revenue compared with previous years, the blended monthly mobile ARPU increased from RO 8.3 in 2014 to RO 8.6 in 2015, a growth of 3.5%.

Operating Costs

Total operating expenses ('opex') of the Omantel amounted to RO 368.2 Mn in 2015, i.e. an increase of RO 38.9 Mn over 2014. As a percentage of total service revenue, the Opex to revenue ratio increased from 70.2% in year 2014 to 73.1% in the year 2015.

Evolution of domestic operating expenditure over the years



The increase in operating expenditure was posted mainly due to the increase in wholesale costs, depreciation, O&M, royalty and staff costs.

Financial year ended 31 December	Figures in RO Mn		
Omantel Parent Opex	2013	2014	2015
Staff costs	63.7	66.4	70.5
O&M (including IRU)	57.9	61.3	74.3
Administrative	9.0	9.6	12.7
Marketing & Advertising	7.0	6.7	7.8
Factoring, Collection & Distribution	22.6	22.9	22.5
Charge of impairment of receivables	-	0.3	1.4
Total Controllable Opex	160.1	167.2	189.1
Cost of content services	2.3	2.9	3.4
Cost of Roaming operator	5.5	4.6	6.2
External Administration	29.7	30.8	30.3
Interconnection expenses	13.8	13.5	13.5
Depreciation & Amortization	72.3	74.9	87.7
Annual License Fees to TRA	2.9	3.9	4.4
Royalty	30.5	31.5	33.6
Total Uncontrollable Expenses	157.1	162.0	179.1
Total Operating Expenses	317.2	329.2	368.2

Staff Costs

Staff costs include salaries and allowances, social security costs, end of service benefits, and other benefits. Staff costs have recorded a 6.2% increase compared to Year 2014 due annual increments as per the law.

Operating & Maintenance expenditure

Operating & Maintenance ("O&M") expenditures increased by 16.9%, mainly due to increase in cost of sales which is in line with increase of related revenue and satellite channel and frequency charges.

Administrative expenditure

Administrative expenses have increased by 31.9%, mainly for payment to TRA and consultancy costs on new Corporate Strategy and Spend optimization initiatives.

Depreciation

Depreciation Increased by 17.7%, mainly due to increased investment in network expansion and modernization of both mobile and fixed networks to meet the growing demand of broadband services.

Royalty charges

Royalty charges recorded an increase of 6.5% compared to Year 2014 which is in line with the increase in revenue.

Investment income

Investment income decreased by 80%, mainly due to investments valuation at market price. This is evident from the economic slowdown of global market in Q4 of 2015.

Investor Rating

Omantel maintained its investment grade financial ratings during the year 2015, as assigned earlier by Standard and Poor's at 'BBB', and 'A3' by Moody's. Our ratings are reflective of our continued financial and operational strength demonstrated throughout the year.

Internal Control Systems and their Adequacy

The company has internal control systems and processes that provide reasonable assurance of effective and efficient operations, internal financial control and compliance with laws and regulations. Internal controls comprise of operational procedures, segregation of duties, periodic reconciliations and formal policies and procedures that facilitate complete, accurate and timely processing and recording of transactions and safeguarding of assets.

The Management receives independent feedback from the reports issued by Internal Audit of the Group, Statutory Auditors and the State Audit Institution on the adequacy of the internal controls and continues to strengthen the internal control weaknesses. Also, as part of the internal control, the company has a defined authority manual and processes, which are followed across the organization. Internal controls are generally adequate for established activities and services. Internal controls are periodically tested, reviewed and enhanced.

Omantel Group Subsidiaries

Worldcall Telecom Limited:

Worldcall posted a total revenue of RO 7.2 Mn in 2015, i.e. a decrease of 19.3% over the revenue in 2014. Decline in revenue is mainly contributed by decrease in LDI business. During the year, operating expenses of WTL increased by 15% to RO 20.5 Mn compared to RO 17.8 Mn in 2014. The company has incurred a net loss of RO 22.5 Mn in 2015 (out of which RO 12.8 Mn being Omantel's share), compared to a net loss of RO 14.0 Mn (out of which RO 7.9 Mn being Omantel's share) in FY 2014.

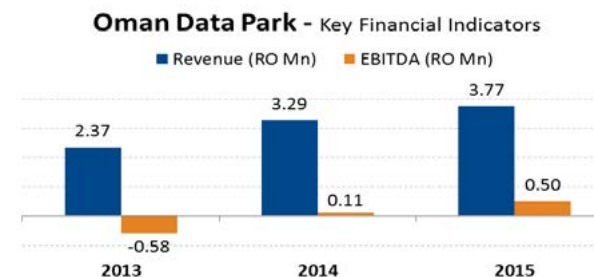
On the way forward, Omantel management is working with WTL management on various strategic options.

Oman Data Park:

Since its incorporation in 2012, our Group subsidiary Oman Data Park has been continuously posting solid topline growth.

Oman Data Park is providing disaster recovery, business continuity and cloud based IT services to the domestic corporate sector. Omantel holds 60% shareholding in ODP.

We are pleased to report that ODP has reported a healthy revenue growth and a positive EBITDA of RO 496k for the year 2015. The Company posted a revenue of RO 3.8 Mn in 2015, up from RO 3.3 Mn recorded in 2014. The current operational and financial indicators, as well as the outlook of ODP growth are promising for a newly incorporated venture.



Future Outlook

Trends, Opportunities & Threats

The global shift of telecommunications towards IP & data has not only created new business opportunities for the operators, but has also severed the value generation from conventional voice streams on the other hand. Reliance on growth through traditional revenue streams (voice and messaging) does not remain a feasible option anymore. Additionally, extensive liberalization of the sector coupled with increasing penetration rates is exerting tremendous pressure on subscriber growth.

Legacy communication behavior is rapidly shifting from traditional products (e.g. voice & SMS) towards those build around data consumption. With the advancements in VoLTE technology platforms over IP networks, the share of conventionally high margin voice and SMS business is continuously declining.

Operators' growth is now observed mainly in IP traffic, which itself is dominated by an entirely new breed of cloud based global OTT competitors. IP services (especially voice based) of these OTT operators are cannibalizing legacy business streams faster than ever. Although, traditional voice and messaging services will continue to exist going forward, competition with OTT services over IP networks will keep eroding the utility of these services – and customers' willingness to pay for them. This has been proven by the fact that Omantel's (and all other regional operators') traditional voice and messaging revenue have posted decline over recent years.

Technological advancements ranging from fast evolving device ecosystems to more digitalized networks, have enabled consumption of data at enormous volumes and speeds. To cope up with the exploding data demand, Omantel is also undertaking persistent capex spending on network and technology up gradation. These trends, coupled with heightened regulatory pressures on pricing, coverage, quality, and shrinking growth potential due to market saturation etc., has made it difficult for the operators to maintain their historic growth trajectory as experienced a decade ago.

Amidst all the threats and challenges, exist tremendous growth opportunities in the evolving segments such as IoT, IPTV, ICT, M2M etc. As commercial, industrial and socio-cultural environment is rapidly digitizing, governments and businesses are more focused on digital transformation. Device ecosystems are rapidly evolving towards greater affordability. Telecom operators are re-positioning themselves to serve their customers across these newly defined services. Omantel has also responded to these developments and our newly defined corporate strategy includes exploration of value generation prospects across new internet based segments. A recent example of which is the launch of IPTV services 'Omantel TV+' for our fixed broadband customers.

Device growth is observed in non-traditional indoor entrants such as smart TVs, home and commercial appliances etc. Fixed broadband data is hence poised to remain a major growth driver going forward. Fixed WiFi data consumption is persistently gaining momentum due to factors such as speed, reliability and price. From a recent survey conducted in Europe, it was observed that fixed WiFi traffic dominates data consumption. 81% of all smartphone data traffic was carried over WiFi networks. Similar trends are being observed in Oman and we hence foresee a continued growth in fixed broadband.

Omantel leads the broadband market with the broadest choice, largest coverage and superior quality services across our fixed and mobile networks, and we continue to our network across ADSL, 3G and 4G LTE technologies. Our effective strategies to sustain fixedline and mobile growth are being continuously re-evaluated to reflect the changing technological trends.

We believe that future growth can only be ensured through enriching our customers' experience. Hence our efforts are focused on expanding and modernizing our already superior network, service differentiation and improved broadband value propositions through innovative bundling.

Outlook

Given the recent global and regional economic environments, challenges faced by the telecom sector are not different than others. The world's economy is still struggling to recover from the legacies of global financial crisis. Regional economies on the other hand, face a different challenge posed by the ongoing oil price slump.

Over the years, the Sultanate's telecom sector has drawn its growth stimulus from the consistent economic development of the country. However, at the backdrop of recent crash in the oil prices, and in case of any prolonged consistency in the pricing slump, the growth momentum of the national economy as well as performance of the Sultanate's telecom sector would have to be assessed in the broader economic context.

Omantel is not an exception to this broader layer of challenges. However, we proudly report that the Group has successfully responded to these elements and retains its stature as the flagship telecom operator of the country in mobile, fixed and wholesale markets.

In view of the foregoing, when a low customer growth is expected going forward, our strategy remains focused on enrichment of customer experience and retention through continuously improving our network capabilities, adopting innovation and cost efficiencies.

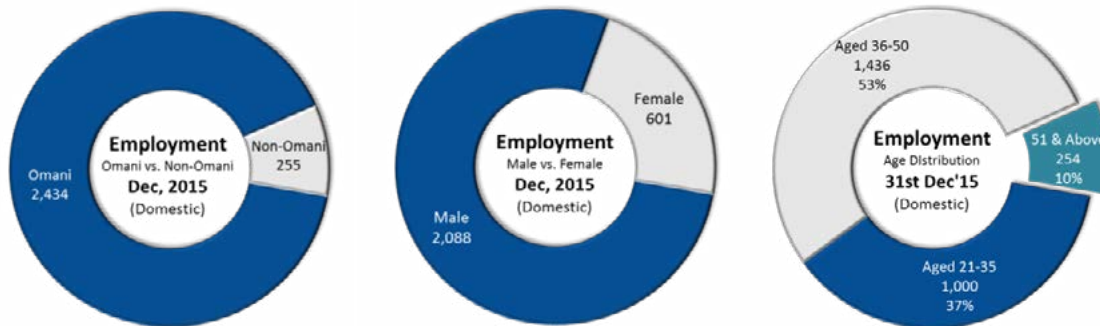
'Omantel 3.0'

Omantel's new strategy "Omantel 3.0" has already kicked off, and the transformation program implementation is underway. Our strategy focuses on revenue generating units as key metrics, expanding into near core and non-core areas and by becoming the key differentiator companion of choice and creator and enabler of digital ecosystems. Our key focus areas for 2016 are:

- Increase relevance of near-core and beyond core services to drive revenue growth in both Consumer and Corporate segments
 - Focus on new and improved Broadband value propositions, with the aim to monetize data and compensate declines in traditional voice and messaging
 - Consolidate strategic advantage in the fixed communication solutions, mitigate threat from competition and increase relevance through positioning and developing the Smart Home ecosystem, i.e. Home Automation, IPTV & content, WiFi, bundled offerings etc.
 - Corporate ICT Solutions
- Strategic positioning of innovation and partnership ecosystem in the organization
- Investments to grow the Wholesale mass infrastructure (submarine cable systems) and to build a diversified service offering leveraging this infrastructure
- Building the required capabilities within Omantel through recruitment of new resources
- Strong focus on extending/modernizing the network to enhance customer experience
- Completion of major IT transformation projects to support the customer experience requirements

Employee Status:

Total number of employees in the group (Domestic Operations) as of Dec'15 stood at 2,689 (2,691 in Dec'14). With total number of Omanis of 2,434, compared to 255 Non-Omani employees, the Group's Omanization achievement stands at 90.5%. Total Male employees accounted for 2,088 at 31st Dec'15, and female employees were reported at 601. 53% of the total employees are aged between 36-50 years, 1,000 are aged between 21-35 years and 10% of the employee force is aged above 51 years.




Mr. Talal Said Marhoon Al Mamari
Chief Executive Officer





ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS 2015

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- Omantel CEO, Talal Al Mamari recognized as the CEO of the year by Alam al Iqtisad Wa al Aamal (AIWA) magazine in a special gala that was dedicated for recognizing the Omani's best performing companies and individuals in 2014.
 - Omantel contact center captured the ' Best Contact Centre Experience ' award at fourth annual "Customer Experience Management in Telecoms Middle East Summit, held in Dubai from 12-14 April 2015. The award is presented to recognize achievements and innovation shown by customer experience and marketing professionals who are making the biggest difference to their customers.
 - Omantel received the MENA Excellence Award in Employee Engagement which was presented at a special gala in Dubai on May 21st 2015. The Award is organized by Naseba to companies that meet stringent criteria's within the areas of human resources.
 - Excellence Award in Employee Engagement presented at the 4th HR International Conference held in London.
 - Omantel selected as the best performing company in MSM by Oman Economic Review for the tenth consecutive year.
 - Omantel voted as the most trusted brand in the telecom sector in the Sultanate announced by Oman Economic Review, a renowned local English magazine as part of the brand survey conducted by the magazine in collaboration with the Arab Research Bureau.
 - Omantel maintained its position as Oman's most valuable brand, according to a study published by Brand Finance, one of the world's leading intangible assets and brand valuation independent consultancies. Omantel moved 8 positions upwards to become 33rd among the 50 most valuable brands in MENA region with a total value of \$479 million.
 - Omantel won Leading Corporate for Investor Relations and Best Investor Relations Professional in Oman awards, at the seventh Annual Middle East Investor Relations Society (ME-IRS) award ceremony held in Dubai.
 - Omantel achieved ISO9001 certification for consistently delivering outstanding levels of service within its corporate customer services division.
 - Omantel awarded the Golden Gear Award from Ministry of Sports Affairs as the most outstanding supporter of sports in Oman.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF OMAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY SAOG

Report on the financial statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Oman Telecommunications Company SAOG (the "Parent company") and its subsidiaries (together the "Group"), which comprise the Parent company and consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2015, and the Parent company and consolidated statement of income, the Parent company and consolidated statement of other comprehensive income, the Parent company and consolidated statement of changes in equity and the Parent company and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Board of Directors' responsibility for the financial statements

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the relevant requirements of the Commercial Companies Law of 1974, as amended, and the Capital Market Authority, and for such internal control as the Board of Directors determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate for the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Parent company and the Group as at 31 December 2015, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF OMAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY SAOG (continued)

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

In our opinion, the financial statements comply, in all material respects, with the relevant requirements of the Commercial Companies Law of 1974, as amended, and the Capital Market Authority.

Ernst & Young LLC

Sanjay

28 February 2016
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 31 December 2015

	Notes	Parent Company 2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000	Consolidated 2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000
ASSETS					
Non-current assets					
Property, plant and equipment	7	457,023	411,920	463,292	465,368
Investment in subsidiaries	8	1,126	27,534	-	-
Investment property		-	-	140	87
Goodwill	9	-	-	-	14,735
Other intangible assets	10	28,105	24,418	28,625	30,067
Investment in associated companies	11	3,896	3,896	9,381	9,399
Deferred tax	23	9,072	3,552	9,072	12,581
Other financial assets	12	52,990	45,225	53,470	45,875
		<u>552,212</u>	<u>516,545</u>	<u>563,980</u>	<u>578,112</u>
Current assets					
Inventories	13	7,507	8,154	8,328	10,358
Trade and other receivables	14	81,008	81,044	85,497	89,257
Other financial assets	12	73,266	89,588	73,764	90,386
Prepayments		16,421	12,829	16,645	13,020
Cash and bank balances		42,992	45,955	44,980	48,828
Receivable from subsidiaries	15	727	11,332	-	-
		<u>221,921</u>	<u>248,902</u>	<u>229,214</u>	<u>251,849</u>
Assets of disposal group classified as held for sale	5	-	-	-	4,213
Total assets		<u>774,133</u>	<u>765,447</u>	<u>793,194</u>	<u>834,174</u>
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES					
Share capital	16	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
Legal reserve	17	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Voluntary reserve	18	49,875	49,875	49,875	49,875
Capital contribution	19	44,181	44,181	44,181	44,181
Foreign currency translation reserve	20	-	-	-	(19,208)
Fair value reserve	21	34	-	690	616
Retained earnings		346,095	383,306	345,728	394,700

		Parent Company		Consolidated	
Attributable to equity holders of the parent		540,185	577,362	540,474	570,164
Non-controlling interests		-	-	(35,107)	(92)
Total equity		540,185	577,362	505,367	570,072
LIABILITIES					
Non-current liabilities					
Borrowings	22	-	-	14,595	21,213
Deferred tax liability	23	-	-	-	2,965
Retirement benefit obligation	24	4,378	3,966	5,772	5,249
Provisions	25	20,301	-	-	-
Other liabilities	26	2,162	-	2,290	2,781
		26,841	3,966	22,657	32,208
Current liabilities					
Borrowings	22	-	-	23,057	14,305
Trade and other payables	27	155,589	132,767	190,595	166,237
Royalty payable	28	33,611	31,543	33,611	31,543
Taxation		17,907	19,809	17,907	19,809
		207,107	184,119	265,170	231,894
Total liabilities		233,948	188,085	287,827	264,102
Total equity and liabilities		774,133	765,447	793,194	834,174
Net assets per share (RO)	29	0.720	0.770	0.721	0.760

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 28 February 2016 and were signed on their behalf by:



CHAIRMAN



DIRECTOR



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The attached notes 1 to 51 form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF INCOME

for the year ended 31 December 2015

		Parent Company		Consolidated	
		2015	2014	2015	2014
	Notes	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
Revenue					
Service revenue		417,904	389,444	426,139	396,383
Wholesale revenue	30	85,755	79,746	88,135	84,842
		<u>503,659</u>	<u>469,190</u>	<u>514,274</u>	<u>481,225</u>
Expenses					
Roaming operator services		(6,237)	(4,597)	(6,237)	(4,597)
Interconnection expense	31	(13,493)	(13,480)	(18,443)	(16,331)
Cost of content services	32	(3,379)	(2,901)	(3,490)	(2,875)
External administration expenses	33	(30,287)	(30,767)	(30,212)	(31,528)
Marketing and advertising expenses		(7,756)	(6,711)	(7,808)	(6,804)
Staff costs	34	(70,507)	(66,400)	(74,107)	(69,262)
Operating and maintenance expenses	35	(74,272)	(61,279)	(82,152)	(67,441)
Administrative expenses	36	(12,701)	(9,627)	(14,208)	(11,172)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	7	(81,180)	(68,991)	(86,071)	(74,662)
Factoring, collection and distribution fees	37	(22,456)	(22,914)	(22,456)	(22,914)
Provision for impairment of receivables – net	45b(iii)	(1,401)	(275)	(1,787)	(1,063)
Amortisation of intangible assets	10	(6,494)	(5,871)	(7,161)	(6,516)
Annual licence fees and other regulatory charges		(4,400)	(3,871)	(4,517)	(4,049)
Royalty	28	(33,611)	(31,549)	(33,611)	(31,549)
		<u>(368,174)</u>	<u>(329,233)</u>	<u>(392,260)</u>	<u>(350,763)</u>

The attached notes 1 to 51 form part of these financial statements.

		Parent Company		Consolidated	
		2015	2014	2015	2014
		RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
	Notes				
Operating profit		135,485	139,957	122,014	130,462
Impairment losses	9	(60,390)	(10,541)	(72,298)	-
Reclassification of foreign currency translation reserve from other comprehensive income	20	-	-	(19,434)	-
Finance income	38	4,178	4,712	2,962	6,684
Investment income/(loss)	38	602	2,973	(196)	2,293
Finance costs	38	-	(3)	(4,261)	(8,395)
Voluntary employees' end of service	39	(12,578)	-	(12,578)	-
Share of results of associated companies	11	-	-	809	3,301
Other income - net	40	4,443	2,396	4,435	375
Profit before taxation		71,740	139,494	21,453	134,720
Taxation	41 (a)	(11,451)	(20,436)	(8,133)	(19,169)
Profit for the year		60,289	119,058	13,320	115,551
Attributable to:					
Equity holders of the parent		60,289	119,058	48,493	122,392
Non-controlling interests		-	-	(35,173)	(6,841)
Profit for the year		60,289	119,058	13,320	115,551
Basic and diluted earnings per share (RO)	42	0.080	0.159	0.065	0.163

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STATEMENT OF OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

for the year ended 31 December 2015

	Notes	Parent Company		Consolidated	
		2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000
Profit for the year		60,289	119,058	13,320	115,551
Other comprehensive income / (expense):					
Reclassification of foreign currency translation reserve to statement of income	20	-	-	19,434	-
<i>Other comprehensive income to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:</i>					
Actuarial gain/(loss) on defined benefit plan of a subsidiary		-	-	62	(58)
Exchange difference on translation of foreign operation	20	-	-	(126)	1,318
Reclassification of fair value reserve to statement of income	21	-	-	(16)	-
Fair value change in available for sale investments	21	34	(37)	121	(69)
Other comprehensive income / (expense) for the year		34	(37)	19,475	1,191
Total comprehensive income for the year		60,323	119,021	32,795	116,742
Total comprehensive income / (expense) for the year attributable to:					
Equity holders of the parent		60,323	119,021	67,810	123,151
Non-controlling interests		-	-	(35,015)	(6,409)
		60,323	119,021	32,795	116,742

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

for the year ended 31 December 2015

Attributable to the owners of the parent

Notes	Attributable to the owners of the parent									
	Share capital	Legal Reserve	Voluntary reserve	Capital contribution	Foreign currency translation reserve	Fair value reserve	Retained earnings	Total	Non-controlling interests	Total
	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
At 1 January 2015	75,000	25,000	49,875	44,181	(19,208)	616	394,700	570,164	(92)	570,072
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	48,493	48,493	(35,173)	13,320
Exchange difference on translation of a foreign operation	20	-	-	-	(226)	-	-	(226)	100	(126)
Re measurement of retirement benefit obligation of a subsidiary	24	-	-	-	-	-	35	35	27	62
Reclassification of exchange difference translation to statement of income	20	-	-	-	19,434	-	-	19,434	-	19,434
Reclassification of fair value reserve to statement of income	21	-	-	-	-	(16)	-	(16)	-	(16)
Fair value change in available for sale investments	21	-	-	-	-	90	-	90	31	121
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	19,208	74	35	19,317	158	19,475
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	19,208	74	48,528	67,810	(35,015)	32,795
Dividend paid	16	-	-	-	-	-	(97,500)	(97,500)	-	(97,500)
At 31 December 2015	75,000	25,000	49,875	44,181	-	690	345,728	540,474	(35,107)	505,367

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

for the year ended 31 December 2015

Attributable to the owners of the parent

		Share capital	Legal reserve	Voluntary reserve	Capital contribution	Foreign currency translation reserve	Fair value reserve	Retained earnings	Total	Non- controlling interest	Total
	Notes	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
At 1 January 2014		75,000	25,000	49,875	44,181	(20,055)	671	358,591	533,263	6,117	539,380
Profit for the year		-	-	-	-	-	-	122,392	122,392	(6,841)	115,551
Actuarial gain on defined benefit plan of a subsidiary		-	-	-	-	-	-	(33)	(33)	(25)	(58)
Exchange difference on translation of a foreign operation	20	-	-	-	-	847	-	-	847	471	1,318
Fair value change in available for sale investments	21	-	-	-	-	-	(55)	-	(55)	(14)	(69)
Other comprehensive income		-	-	-	-	847	(55)	(33)	759	432	1,191
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	-	-	847	(55)	122,359	123,151	(6,409)	116,742
Increase in share capital of a subsidiary		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	200
Dividend paid	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	(86,250)	(86,250)	-	(86,250)
At 31 December 2014		75,000	25,000	49,875	44,181	(19,208)	616	394,700	570,164	(92)	570,072

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PARENT COMPANY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

for the year ended 31 December 2015

		<i>Share capital</i>	<i>Legal reserve</i>	<i>Voluntary reserve</i>	<i>Capital contribution</i>	<i>Fair value reserve</i>	<i>Retained earnings</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>Notes</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
1 January 2015		75,000	25,000	49,875	44,181	-	383,306	577,362
Profit for the year		-	-	-	-	-	60,289	60,289
Fair value change in available for sale investments	21	-	-	-	-	34	-	34
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	-	-	34	60,289	60,323
Dividend paid	16	-	-	-	-	-	(97,500)	(97,500)
At 31 December 2015		75,000	25,000	49,875	44,181	34	346,095	540,185

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PARENT COMPANY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

for the year ended 31 December 2015

		<i>Share capital</i>	<i>Legal reserve</i>	<i>Voluntary reserve</i>	<i>Capital contribution</i>	<i>Fair value reserve</i>	<i>Retained earnings (Restated)</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>Notes</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
1 January 2014 (Restated)		75,000	25,000	49,875	44,181	37	350,498	544,591
Profit for the year		-	-	-	-	-	119,058	119,058
Fair value change in available for sale investments	21	-	-	-	-	(37)	-	(37)
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	-	-	(37)	119,058	119,021
Dividend paid	16	-	-	-	-	-	(86,250)	(86,250)
At 31 December 2014		75,000	25,000	49,875	44,181	-	383,306	577,362

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the year ended 31 December 2015

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000
Operating activities				
Profit before taxation	71,740	139,494	21,454	134,720
Adjustments for:				
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	81,180	68,991	86,071	74,662
Impairment losses	60,390	-	72,298	-
Foreign currency translation reserve	-	-	19,434	-
Profit on sale of property, plant and equipment	(944)	(128)	(834)	(152)
Provision for impairment of receivables	1,401	275	1,787	1,249
Provision for inventory obsolescence-net	734	352	1,275	342
Amortisation cost of receivables	-	-	(69)	3,096
Impairment of investment in subsidiary	-	10,541	-	-
Amortisation of intangible assets	6,494	5,871	7,161	6,516
Voluntary employees' end of service	12,578	-	12,578	-
Impairment loss on property, plant and equipment	-	-	-	1,427
Loss on re-measurement of investment property	-	-	(56)	154
Advances written off	-	-	-	7
Fair value gain on investments	1,966	(928)	1,937	(928)
Realised gain on investments – net	352	(339)	352	(339)
Interest income	(4,006)	(4,712)	(2,790)	(5,123)
Dividend income	(2,920)	(1,706)	(2,093)	(1,026)
Interest expense	-	-	3,589	5,612
Share of results of associates	-	-	(809)	(3,301)
(Gain) loss on exchange translation	-	-	1,080	(876)
Net movement in retirement benefits	412	(448)	629	(616)
	229,377	217,263	222,994	215,424
Working capital adjustments:				
Inventories	223	492	1,012	433
Trade and other receivables	(878)	(17,614)	1,635	(16,517)
Prepayments	(3,592)	(1,268)	(3,645)	(1,354)
Long term deposit and payable	-	-	(1,213)	106
Long term receivable	-	-	149	300
Royalty payable	2,068	1,048	2,068	1,048
Trade and other payables	12,031	39,583	12,800	38,578
Receivable from subsidiaries	(2,576)	(1,463)	-	-
	236,653	238,041	235,800	238,018
Cash generated from operations				

The attached notes 1 to 51 form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the year ended 31 December 2015

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000
Interest received	3,894	5,214	3,997	5,625
Tax paid	(18,873)	(19,743)	(19,014)	(20,063)
Net cash from operating activities	221,674	223,512	220,783	223,580
Investing activities				
Net purchase of property, plant and equipment	(129,217)	(142,203)	(128,967)	(147,005)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	1,099	387	1,769	387
Purchase of intangibles	(7,712)	(112)	(8,028)	(133)
Net acquisition of investments	(12,275)	(14,234)	(12,275)	(14,234)
Proceed from fixed deposits	18,548	4,452	18,548	4,452
Investment in subsidiary	(500)	(326)	-	-
Dividend received (including associates)	2,920	1,706	2,920	1,706
Net cash used in investing activities	(127,137)	(150,330)	(126,033)	(154,827)
Financing activities				
Share capital raised from non-controlling interests	-	-	-	200
Dividend paid	(97,500)	(86,250)	(97,500)	(86,250)
Borrowings-net	-	-	460	(318)
Finance lease liability paid	-	-	(82)	(121)
Amounts paid to government	-	(3,488)	-	(3,488)
Interest paid	-	-	(1,392)	(2,209)
Net cash used in financing activities	(97,500)	(89,738)	(98,514)	(92,186)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(2,963)	(16,556)	(3,764)	(23,433)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	45,955	62,551	48,828	71,843
Currency translation adjustments	-	-	(84)	418
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	42,992	45,955	44,980	48,828

The attached notes 1 to 51 form part of these financial statements.

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1 Legal information and activities

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

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

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

Name	Place of incorporation	Principal activities		Shareholding directly held by parent (%)	Shareholding directly held by the group (%)
Worldcall Telecom Limited	Pakistan	Engaged in the provision of Wireless Local loop, long distance international services (LDI), Payphones and cable television services	Subsidiary	56.8	56.8
Wordcall Telecommunications Lanka (Private Ltd.)	Sri Lanka	Engaged in the operations and maintenance of pay phone network	Subsidiary	-	70.65
Oman Data Park LLC	Sultanate of Oman	Engaged in the provision of data services	Subsidiary	60	60
Omania e-commerce LLC	Sultanate of Oman	Engaged in the provision of e-commerce services	Subsidiary	-	100
Omantel France SAS	France	Engaged in provision of wholesale services	Subsidiary	100	100
First Issue SAOC	Sultanate of Oman	Special purpose vehicle	Subsidiary	100	100
Oman Fiber Optic Company SAOG	Sultanate of Oman	Engaged in the manufacture and design of optical fibre and cables	Associate	40.96	40.96
Infoline LLC	Sultanate of Oman	Engaged in the provision of IT enabled services	Associate	45	45

2 Summary of significant accounting policies

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

2.1 Basis of preparation

(a) Statement of compliance and basis of measurement

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis except as disclosed in the accounting policies below. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) and the requirements set

out in the Rules for Disclosure and Proformas issued by the Capital Market Authority and comply with the requirements of the Commercial Companies Law of 1974, as amended.

These financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015 comprise the Parent Company and its subsidiaries (together “the Group”) and the Group’s interest in an associate. The separate financial statements represent the financial statements of the Parent Company on a standalone basis. The consolidated and separate financial statements are collectively referred to as “the financial statements”.

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2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.1 Basis of preparation (continued)

(b) Use of estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgments about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in note 4.

(c) Standards, amendments and interpretation effective in 2015

For the year ended 31 December 2015, the Parent Company and the Group has adopted all of the following new and revised standards and interpretations issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) of the IASB that are relevant to its operations and effective for periods beginning on 1 January 2015.

- Amendments to IAS 19 Defined Benefit Plans: Employee Contributions
- Annual Improvements 2010-2012 Cycle
 - IFRS 2 Share-based Payment
 - IFRS 3 Business Combinations
 - IFRS 8 Operating Segments
 - IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment and IAS 38 Intangible Assets
 - IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures
- Annual Improvements 2011-2013 Cycle
 - IFRS 3 Business Combinations
 - IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement
 - IAS 40 Investment Property

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

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

The following new standards and amendments have been issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) which may impact the financial statements of the Parent Company and Group but are not yet mandatory for the year ended 31 December 2015:

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

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

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2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.1 Basis of preparation (continued)

(c) Standards, amendments and interpretation effective in 2015 (continued)

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

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

2.2.1 Subsidiary companies

The financial statements comprise the financial statements of the Parent Company and its subsidiaries as at 31 December 2015. Control is achieved when the Group is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee. Specifically, the Group controls an investee if and only if the Group has:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.2.2 Transactions with non-controlling interests

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

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

2.2.3 Investment in associates

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

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

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

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

The aggregate of the Group's share of profit or loss of an associate is shown on the

face of the statement of income outside operating profit and represents profit or loss after tax and non-controlling interests in the subsidiaries of the associate.

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

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

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

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

2.2.4 Business combinations and Goodwill

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

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

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2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.2.4 Business combinations and Goodwill (continued)

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

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

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

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

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

2.3 Segment reporting

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

2.4 Service revenue

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

Revenue from rentals and installations is based on a time proportion basis and on actual installation of telecommunication equipment, respectively.

Sales of payphone and prepaid cards are recognised as revenue based on the actual utilisation of the payphone and prepaid cards sold.

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

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

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

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

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2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Leases

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

The Group as lessor

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

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

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

The Group as lessee

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

2.6 Finance income / costs

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

2.7 Factoring, collection and distribution fees

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

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2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.8 Foreign currency

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into Rial Omani at exchange rates ruling at the value dates of the transactions.

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

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

2.9 Property, plant and equipment

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

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

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

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

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

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2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.9 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

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

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

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

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

2.10 Intangible assets

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

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

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

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

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

Amortisation

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

Licences	4 to 25 years
Patents and Copyrights	10 years
Software	3-5 years

2.11 Investment property

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

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

2.12 Inventories

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

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2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.13 Financial instruments

(a) Non-derivative financial assets

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

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

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

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

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

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

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

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

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

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

Held-to-maturity investments

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

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2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.13 Financial instruments (continued)

(a) Non-derivative financial assets (continued)

Loans and receivables

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

Cash and cash equivalents

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

Available-for-sale financial assets

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

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

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

(b) Non derivative financial liabilities

Borrowings

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

Trade and other payables

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

(c) Derivative financial instruments

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value at the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to their fair value at each reporting date. The resulting gain or loss is recognised in the statement of income immediately unless the derivative is designated and effective as a hedging instrument, in which event the timing of the recognition in the statement of income depends on the nature of the hedge relationship.

A derivative is presented as a non-current asset or a non-current liability if the remaining maturity of the instrument is more than 12 months and it is not expected to be realised or settled within 12 months.

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2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.13 Financial instruments (continued)

(c) Derivative financial instruments (continued)

Hedge accounting

At the inception of the hedge relationship, the entity documents the relationship between the hedging instrument and the hedged item, along with its risk management objectives and its strategy for undertaking various hedge transactions. Furthermore, at the inception of the hedge and on an ongoing basis, the Group documents whether the hedging instrument that is used in a hedging relationship is highly effective in offsetting changes in cash flows of the hedged item.

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

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

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

2.14 Non-current assets held for sale

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

The criteria for held for sale classification is regarded as met only when the sale is highly probable and the asset or disposal group is available for immediate sale in its present condition. Management must be committed to the sale, which should be expected to qualify for recognition as a completed sale within one year from the date of reclassification.

Property, plant and equipment is not depreciated once classified as held for sale.

Property, plant and equipment classified as held for sale is disclosed in Note 5.

2.15 Impairment

(a) Non-financial assets

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

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

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2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.15 Impairment (continued)

b) Financial assets

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

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

2.16 Retirement benefits

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

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

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

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

2.17 Voluntary end of service benefits

Voluntary end of service benefits are recognised as expense when the Group is demonstrably committed, without realistic possibility of withdrawal, to a formal

detailed plan to either terminate employment before the normal retirement date, or to provide termination benefits as a result of an offer made to encourage voluntary redundancy. Termination benefits for voluntary redundancies are recognised as an expense if it is probable that the offer made by the Group will be accepted, and the number of acceptances can be estimated reliably.

2.18 Provisions

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

2.19 Taxation

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Taxation is provided in accordance with relevant fiscal regulations of the countries, in which the Group operates.

Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date and any adjustments to tax payable in respect of previous years.

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

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

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

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2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.20 Directors' remuneration

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

2.21 Dividend distribution

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

2.22 Loyalty programme

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

2.23 Royalty

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

2.24 Fair value measurement

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date in the principal, or in its absence, the most advantageous market to which the Group has access at that date. The fair value of a liability reflects its non-performance risk.

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

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

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

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3 Financial risk management

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

3.1 Financial risk factors

Overview

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

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

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

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

- Credit risk
- Liquidity risk
- Market risk

(i) Credit risk

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

Trade and other receivables

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

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

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

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

At the reporting date amounts receivable from the factoring agent approximate to 30.86% (31 December 2014: 28.42%) of the Group's total trade receivables. The factoring agent has given a bank guarantee of RO 10.5 million to the Group. The bank guarantee provided by the factoring agent represents 27.08% (31 December 2014: 28.25%) of the amounts due from them at the reporting date.

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

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3 Financial risk management (continued)

3.1 Financial risk factors (continued)

Investments

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

(ii) Liquidity risk

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

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

(iii) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and equity prices which will affect the Group's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return.

Foreign currency risk

The Group's main exposure to foreign exchange volatility within shareholder's equity arises from its investment in a company based in Pakistan. These investments are not hedged as these currency positions are considered to be long term in nature.

The subsidiary foreign currency risk arises mainly from its receivables, payables and borrowings. Foreign currency risk on borrowing is not hedged.

In respect of other transactions of the Group, they are primarily in Rial Omani and the Group's performance is substantially independent of changes in foreign currency rates as its foreign currency dealings are principally in US Dollars. The US Dollar and Omani Rial exchange rate have remained unchanged since 1986. There are no significant financial instruments denominated in foreign currency other than US Dollars and consequently Management believes that foreign currency risk on other monetary assets and liabilities is not significant. Relevant details are set out in note 48.

Interest rate risk

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

Other market price risk

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

Capital management

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

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

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3 Financial risk management (continued)

3.2 Fair value estimation

Investments

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

Derivatives

The fair value of interest rate swaps is measured at the present value of future cash flows estimated as the difference between the contractual interest rate and the applicable LIBOR curve for the residual maturity of the contract and discounted based on the LIBOR curve derived from the yield curve.

Financial assets and liabilities

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

Relevant details relating to fair value are set out in note 49.

4 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

Impairment of accounts receivable

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

At the reporting date, trade accounts receivable of the Group amounted to RO 125.588 million (31 December 2014: RO 130.766 million), and the provision for impaired debts is RO 48.469 million (31 December 2014: RO 47.304 million). Any difference between the amounts actually collected in future periods and the amounts expected to be collected will be recognised in the statement of income.

Impairment of inventories

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

At the reporting date, inventories amounted to RO 12.720 million (31 December 2014: RO 13.486 million) with provision for old and obsolete inventories of RO 4.392 million (31 December 2014: RO 3.128 million). Any difference between the amounts actually realised in future periods and the amounts recognised are dealt with in the statement of income.

Impairment of goodwill

For impairment of goodwill, refer note 9.

Useful lives of property, plant and equipment

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

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4 Critical accounting estimates and judgements (continued)

Taxes

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

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

The deferred tax asset of the subsidiary (WTL) is impaired on account of uncertainty of future taxable income (note 9).

5 Discontinued operations

The Passive infrastructure such as towers, civil works and gensets of wireless broadband operations of a subsidiary is classified as held for sale following a commitment in September 2014 by management of the subsidiary in Pakistan. In this behalf, an agreement was signed which was subject to due diligence inter alia, no objection certificates (NOC) from financial institutions and necessary approvals. In the year 2015, since there is a significant uncertainty surrounding the closure of the deal, the assets have been further impaired (note 9).

6 Segment reporting

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

Products and services from which reportable segments derive their revenues

At 31 December 2015, the Group is organised into two main business segments:

Fixed line and others

Provision of international and national calls from fixed lines, including rentals and installations of fixed telephones and internet services (fixed lines and other) and services rendered by Wholesale business division. This segment also includes the operations of Worldcall Telecom Limited which is engaged in the provision of Wireless Local loop, LDI, payphones and cable television services in Pakistan.

Mobile

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

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6 SEGMENT REPORTING (continued)

Segment revenues and results

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

Inter-segment sales are charged at prevailing market prices. The segment results for the year ended 31 December 2015 are as follows:

	<i>Fixed line and other</i>	<i>Mobile</i>	<i>Consolidation adjustments</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
Revenue				
External sales	179,681	334,593	-	514,274
Inter-segment sales	84,307	7,946	(92,253)	-
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Total revenue	263,988	342,539	(92,253)	514,274
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Segment result	38,480	83,534	-	122,014
Impairment losses				(72,298)
Reclassification of foreign currency translation from other comprehensive income				(19,434)
Finance and investment income				2,766
Finance costs				(4,261)
Voluntary employees' end of service				(12,578)
Other non-operating income - net				5,244
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Profit before taxation				21,453
Taxation				(8,133)
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Profit for the year				13,320
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6 SEGMENT REPORTING (continued)

The segment results for the year ended 31 December 2014 were as follows:

	<i>Fixed line and other RO'000</i>	<i>Mobile RO'000</i>	<i>Consolidation adjustments RO'000</i>	<i>Total RO'000</i>
Revenue				
External sales	174,028	307,394	(197)	481,225
Inter-segment sales	73,670	10,355	(84,025)	-
Total revenue	<u>247,698</u>	<u>317,749</u>	<u>(84,222)</u>	<u>481,225</u>
Segment result	41,510	88,952	-	130,462
Finance and investment income				8,977
Finance cost				(8,395)
Other non-operating income-net				3,676
Profit before taxation				<u>134,720</u>
Taxation				(19,169)
Profit for the year				<u><u>115,551</u></u>

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

	<i>Fixed line and other RO'000</i>	<i>Mobile RO'000</i>	<i>Total RO'000</i>
Depreciation	45,360	40,711	86,071
Amortisation	3,821	3,340	7,161
Impairment losses	72,298	-	72,298
Reclassification of foreign currency translation reserve	19,434	-	19,434

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6 SEGMENT REPORTING (continued)

Other segment items for the year ended 31 December 2014 included in the statement of income are as follows:

	<i>Fixed line and other RO'000</i>	<i>Mobile RO'000</i>	<i>Total RO'000</i>
Depreciation	42,638	32,024	74,662
Amortisation	3,773	2,743	6,516

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

	<i>Fixed line and other RO'000</i>	<i>Mobile RO'000</i>	<i>Consolidation adjustments RO'000</i>	<i>Total RO'000</i>
Assets	455,609	488,105	(150,520)	793,194
Liabilities	327,939	80,881	(120,993)	287,827
Capital expenditures	61,840	82,228	-	144,068

The segment assets and liabilities at 31 December 2014 and capital expenditures for the year then ended are as follows:

	<i>Fixed line and other RO'000</i>	<i>Mobile RO'000</i>	<i>Consolidation adjustments RO'000</i>	<i>Total RO'000</i>
Assets	504,559	414,399	(84,784)	834,174
Liabilities	246,614	74,506	(57,018)	264,102
Capital expenditures	81,243	68,567	-	149,810

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6 SEGMENT REPORTING (continued)

Secondary reporting format

Secondary reporting is provided on the basis of geographic regions. Revenue is determined by location of assets which is not different from revenue by location of customer.

<i>31 December 2015</i>	<i>Sultanate of Oman RO'000</i>	<i>Pakistan RO'000</i>	<i>Consolidation adjustments RO'000</i>	<i>Total RO'000</i>
Total gross segment revenue	507,266	7,218	(210)	514,274
Assets	938,152	5,562	(150,520)	793,194
Capital expenditure	143,027	1,041	-	144,068

<i>31 December 2014</i>	<i>Sultanate of Oman RO'000</i>	<i>Pakistan and Sri Lanka RO'000</i>	<i>Consolidation adjustments RO'000</i>	<i>Total RO'000</i>
Total gross segment revenues	472,478	8,944	(197)	481,225
Assets	840,937	78,021	(84,784)	834,174
Capital expenditure	145,730	4,080	-	149,810

7 Property, plant and equipment

- (a) The Board of Directors considers that leasehold plots of land made available by the Government for its operations in the Sultanate of Oman will continue to be made available for the Group's use over the useful economic life of the assets that are situated on such leasehold lands.
- (b) Assets pledged as security
Property, plant and equipment of a subsidiary with a carrying amount of RO nil (31 December 2014: RO 42.206 million) have been pledged to secure borrowings of the Group.

In addition, the Group's obligations under finance leases (see note 21) are secured by the lessor's title to the leased assets, which have a carrying amount of RO nil (31 December 2014: RO 1.632 million).

The asset carrying value referred above are RO Nil due to the impairment during the year.

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7 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Consolidated - movement in property, plant and equipment

	Freehold land	Buildings	Network infrastructure and equipment	Furniture and office equipment	Motor vehicles and equipment	Capital work- in- progress	Total
	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
Cost							
1 January 2015	1,199	77,898	1,017,620	35,416	3,862	60,542	1,196,537
Additions	-	20	6,883	154	3,289	126,008	136,354
Transfers	-	3,813	106,544	1,737	-	(112,094)	-
Transfer to other assets	-	-	-	-	-	(2,852)	(2,852)
Adjustment	-	-	(768)	329	708	-	269
Net foreign currency exchange differences	(2)	(35)	282	(28)	(4)	(73)	140
Disposals	-	(796)	(15,250)	(3,474)	(1,684)	-	(21,204)
Write off (Note 35 (a))	-	-	-	-	-	(1,936)	(1,936)
Impairment losses (note 9)	(72)	(1,223)	(103,074)	(1,028)	(578)	(1,158)	(107,133)
31 December 2015	1,125	79,677	1,012,237	33,106	5,593	68,437	1,200,175
Depreciation							
1 January 2015	-	42,483	654,608	31,684	2,394	-	731,169
Charge for the year	-	4,125	79,199	2,090	657	-	86,071
Adjustment	-	-	-	-	269	-	269
Net foreign currency exchange differences	-	14	1,567	88	39	-	1,708
Disposals	-	(717)	(9,718)	(3,377)	(1,529)	-	(15,341)
Impairment losses (note 9)	-	(612)	(65,352)	(929)	(100)	-	(66,993)
31 December 2015	-	45,293	660,304	29,556	1,730	-	736,883
Net book value							
At 31 December 2015	1,125	34,384	351,933	3,550	3,863	68,437	463,292

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7 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Consolidated - movement in property, plant and equipment

	Freehold land	Buildings	Network infrastructure and equipment	Furniture and office equipment	Motor vehicles and equipment	Capital work- in- progress	Total
	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
Cost							
1 January 2014	1,198	72,398	905,133	33,953	3,426	41,937	1,058,045
Additions	-	6	5,397	547	941	142,915	149,806
Transfers	-	5,121	115,878	1,141	-	(122,140)	-
Transfer to other assets	-	-	-	-	-	(2,272)	(2,272)
Transfer to held for sale (note 5)	-	-	(8,388)	-	-	-	(8,388)
Transfer from investment property	-	377	-	-	-	-	377
Net foreign currency exchange differences	1	7	1,851	21	12	102	1,994
Disposals	-	(11)	(2,251)	(99)	(517)	-	(2,878)
Reclassification	-	-	-	(147)	-	-	(147)
31 December 2014	1,199	77,898	1,017,620	35,416	3,862	60,542	1,196,537
Depreciation							
1 January 2014	-	38,382	589,512	29,176	2,255	-	659,325
Charge for the year	-	4,104	67,372	2,639	547	-	74,662
Transfer to held for sale (Note 5)	-	-	(3,149)	-	-	-	(3,149)
Net foreign currency exchange differences	-	8	462	12	-	-	482
Disposals	-	(11)	(106)	(94)	(408)	-	(619)
Reclassification	-	-	-	(49)	-	-	(49)
Impairment	-	-	517	-	-	-	517
31 December 2014	-	42,483	654,608	31,684	2,394	-	731,169
Net book value							
At 31 December 2014	1,199	35,415	363,012	3,732	1,468	60,542	465,368

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7 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Parent - movement in property, plant and equipment

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

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7 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Parent - movement in property, plant and equipment

	Freehold Land	Buildings	Network infrastructure and equipment	Furniture and office equipment	Motor vehicles and equipment	Capital work- in- progress	Total
	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
Cost							
1 January 2014	1,125	71,548	800,506	32,153	2,977	33,429	941,738
Additions	-	6	4,860	320	920	138,028	144,134
Transfers	-	5,113	106,380	1,359		(112,852)	-
Transfers to other assets	-	-	-	-	-	(2,070)	(2,070)
Disposals	-		(2,232)	(79)	(398)	-	(2,709)
31 December 2014	1,125	76,667	909,514	33,753	3,499	56,535	1,081,093
Depreciation							
1 January 2014	-	37,854	532,466	28,210	2,170	-	600,700
Charge for the year	-	4,075	62,128	2,349	439	-	68,991
Disposals	-		(104)	(78)	(336)	-	(518)
31 December 2014	-	41,929	594,490	30,481	2,273	-	669,173
Net book value							
At 31 December 2014	1,125	34,738	315,024	3,272	1,226	56,535	411,920

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8 Investment in subsidiaries

	Parent company	
	2015	2014
	RO'000	RO'000
Equity investment in WTL	73,559	73,559
Convertible preference shares investment in WTL	7,740	7,740
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	81,299	81,299
Provision for impairment of investment (note 9)	(81,299)	(54,391)
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	-	26,908
Investment in Oman Data Park LLC	600	600
Investment in Omantel France SAS	26	26
Investment in First Issue SAOC	500	-
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At 31 December	1,126	27,534
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9 Goodwill

	Consolidated	
	2015	2014
	RO'000	RO'000
At 1 January	14,735	14,370
Impairment losses	(13,925)	-
Effect of foreign currency exchange difference	(810)	365
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At 31 December	-	14,735
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Goodwill was allocated to the following cash generating units

	Consolidated	
	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000
Worldcall Telecom Limited (WTL)	-	14,424
Omania e commerce LLC	-	311
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	-	14,735
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Impairment charge recognised in the Group Statement of income comprises the following:

	Consolidated	
	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000
Worldcall Telecom Limited (WTL)	71,989	-
Omania e commerce LLC	309	-
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	72,298	-
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9 Goodwill (continued)

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

From the date of the investment, the parent Company has been constantly engaged with the subsidiary (WTL) in monitoring and evaluation of performance on a continuing basis. However this has not resulted in the desired returns on account of significant competition and changes in the regulatory landscape. Management's evaluation has indicated that given the current financial situation of the subsidiary, coupled with market challenges, it is not likely that turnaround can materialize without significant capital injection. Management evaluated the case for investing

further in WTL but since the risks outweighed the potential benefits decided not to invest further in WTL. Therefore on account of significant uncertainties surrounding the subsidiary's operations, the parent company recognised an impairment charge against the full carrying value of goodwill and the Pakistan operations comprising its assets.

Group management continues to assess its strategic options concerning its operations in Pakistan.

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

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

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

	Parent Company	
	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000
Investment in equity	19,168	10,541
Investment in convertible preference shares (CPS)	7,740	-
	26,908	10,541
Impairment in value of equity and CPS	13,181	-
Receivable from subsidiary-Trade receivables (refer note 15)	13,667	-
Receivable from subsidiary-Corporate Guarantee (refer note 25)	6,634	-
Receivable from subsidiary-Put option (refer note 25)	60,390	10,541

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10 Other intangible assets

Consolidated

	<i>Licenses</i>	<i>Patents and copyrights</i>	<i>Software</i>	<i>Subscriber acquisition costs</i>	<i>Total</i>
	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
Cost					
At 1 January 2014	63,270	8	19,739	161	83,178
Addition during the year	-	-	1,942	-	1,942
Transfers	-	-	202	-	202
Adjustment	-	-	(4)	-	(4)
Reclassification	-	-	147	-	147
Net foreign currency exchange difference	218	-	1	-	219
At 31 December 2014	63,488	8	22,027	161	85,684
At 1 January 2015	63,488	8	22,027	161	85,684
Addition during the year	7,657	-	2,909	-	10,566
Disposals	-	-	(2,718)	-	(2,718)
Impairment losses (note 9)	(8,310)	(8)	(64)	-	(8,382)
Adjustment	-	-	(52)	-	(52)
Net foreign currency exchange difference	(297)	-	(2)	-	(299)
At 31 December 2015	62,538	-	22,100	161	84,799

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10 Other intangible assets (continued)

Consolidated

	<i>Licenses</i>	<i>Patents and copyrights</i>	<i>Software</i>	<i>Subscriber acquisition costs</i>	<i>Total</i>
	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
Amortisation					
At 1 January 2014	32,773	6	16,043	161	48,983
Charge for the year	4,032	-	2,501	-	6,533
Reclassification	-	-	49	-	49
Net foreign currency exchange difference	51	1	-	-	52
At 31 December 2014	36,856	7	18,593	161	55,617
At 1 January 2015	36,856	7	18,593	161	55,617
Charge for the year	4,798	-	2,363	-	7,161
Disposal	-	-	(2,718)	-	(2,718)
Impairment losses (note 9)	(3,662)	(6)	(40)	-	(3,708)
Adjustment	-	-	(54)	-	(54)
Net foreign currency exchange difference	(121)	(1)	(2)	-	(124)
At 31 December 2015	37,871	-	18,142	161	56,174
Net book value					
At 31 December 2015	24,667	-	3,958	-	28,625
31 December 2014	26,632	1	3,434	-	30,067

The charge for the year includes an amount of RO nil (31 December 2014: RO 0.017 million) capitalised during the year.

Licenses of the subsidiary are assigned to IGI Investment Bank limited, trustee of Term Finance Certificate III (refer note 22). The carrying amount of these licences is RO nil (31 December 2014: RO 5.4 million) due to impairment recorded during the year.

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10 Other intangible assets (continued)

Parent company

	<i>License</i>	<i>Software</i>	<i>Subscriber acquisition costs</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
Cost				
At 1 January 2014	54,881	16,157	161	71,199
Additions during the year	-	1,922	-	1,922
Adjustment	-	(4)	-	(4)
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At 31 December 2014	54,881	18,075	161	73,117
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At 1 January 2015	54,881	18,075	161	73,117
Additions during the year	7,657	2,524	-	10,181
Adjustment	-	3,463	-	3,463
Disposal	-	(2,718)	-	(2,718)
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At 31 December 2015	62,538	21,344	161	84,043
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10 Other intangible assets (continued)

Parent company

	<i>License RO'000</i>	<i>Software RO'000</i>	<i>Subscriber acquisition costs RO'000</i>	<i>Total RO'000</i>
Amortisation				
At 1 January 2014	30,164	12,503	161	42,828
Charge for the year	3,460	2,411	-	5,871
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At 31 December 2014	33,624	14,914	161	48,699
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At 1 January 2015	33,624	14,914	161	48,699
Charge for the year	4,252	2,242	-	6,494
Adjustment	-	3,463	-	3,463
Disposal	-	(2,718)	-	(2,718)
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At 31 December 2015	37,876	17,901	161	55,938
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Net book value				
At 31 December 2015	24,662	3,443	-	28,105
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31 December 2014	21,257	3,161	-	24,418
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11 Investment in associated companies

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

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000
Opening balance	3,896	3,896	9,399	6,778
Share of results	-	-	809	3,301
Dividend received	-	-	(827)	(680)
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Closing balance	3,896	3,896	9,381	9,399
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(b) The fair value of the parent company's investment in Oman Fiber Optic Company SAOG, which is listed on the Muscat Securities Market, is RO 13,505,218 (31 December 2014: RO 12,302,365) as compared to the cost of RO 3,445,511 (31 December 2014: RO 3,445,511). The fair value is determined under Level 1.

(c) The summarised financial information of the principal associates are as follows:

	<i>Assets RO'000</i>	<i>Liabilities RO'000</i>	<i>Revenues RO'000</i>	<i>Profit RO'000</i>	<i>Percentage shareholding</i>
31 December 2015					
Oman Fiber Optic Co. SAOG	37,902	19,946	22,563	1,608	40.96
Infoline LLC	2,613	862	6,290	340	45
31 December 2014					
Oman Fiber Optic Co. SAOG	31,292	13,034	23,314	7,873	40.96
Infoline LLC	2,080	475	3,414	168	45

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12 Other financial assets

	Consolidated		Non current	
	Current			
	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000
Investments at fair value through profit or loss				
Financial assets designated as at fair value through profit or loss (a)	-	799	29,507	26,260
Held for trading investments (b)	24,442	17,787	-	-
Available for sale investment carried at cost				
Mutual fund and unquoted equity (c)	-	-	1,825	1,970
Available for sale investment carried at fair value				
Quoted investments	319	281	238	204
Held to maturity investments				
Bonds (d)	6,371	-	11,420	16,791
Long term deposits at cost				
Deposits with financial institutions	-	-	4	4
Margin deposits (e)	125	376	-	-
Fixed deposit with banks (f)	42,455	71,002	10,000	-
Others		-	127	217
Long term receivables				
Trade receivables	-	-	334	415
Loans carried at amortised cost				
Loans and advances to employees (g)	52	141	15	14
	<u>73,764</u>	<u>90,386</u>	<u>53,470</u>	<u>45,875</u>

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12 Other financial assets (continued)

	Parent Company			
	Current		Non-current	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
Investments at fair value through profit or loss				
Financial assets designated as at fair value through profit or loss (a)	-	799	29,507	26,260
Held for trading investments (b)	24,442	17,787	-	-
Available for sale investment carried at cost				
Mutual fund and unquoted equity (c)	-	-	1,825	1,970
Available for sale investment carried at fair value				
Quoted investments	-	-	238	204
Held to maturity investments				
Bonds (d)	6,371	-	11,420	16,791
Long term deposits at cost				
Fixed deposit with banks (f)	42,453	71,002	10,000	-
	<u>73,266</u>	<u>89,588</u>	<u>52,990</u>	<u>45,225</u>

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12 Other financial assets (continued)

(a) Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss

	Parent Company and Consolidated			
	Carrying amount as at 31 December 2014	Additions / (Disposals) during the year	Gains/(losses) recognised in profit or loss	Carrying amount as at 31 December 2015
	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
Unquoted:				
Equities	11,554	(1,718)	457	10,293
Fixed income instruments	1,698	2,959	-	4,657
Mutual funds	13,807	2,076	(1,326)	14,557
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	27,059	3,317	(869)	29,507
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(b) Held for trading investments

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

(c) Available for sale investment carried at cost

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

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12 Other financial assets (continued)

(d) Held to maturity investment

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

	Parent Company and Consolidated			
	2015	2014	Effective rate of	Maturity
	RO '000	RO '000	interest (p.a.)	(year)
Current				
Bonds	5,771	-	8%	2016
Subordinated notes	600	-	4.5%	2016
Non-current				
Bonds	-	5,771	8%	2016
Subordinated notes		600	4.5%	2016
Subordinated notes	5,000	5,000	5.757%	2018
Islamic bonds	1,000	1,000	5%	2018
Subordinated bonds	1,420	1,420	5.5%	2017
Subordinated notes	1,000	1,000	4%	2019
Subordinated notes	2,000	2,000	6.5%	2017
Subordinated notes	1,000	-	5.5%	2021
	<u>17,791</u>	<u>16,791</u>		

(e) Margin deposits

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

(f) Fixed deposits

Fixed deposits are placed with commercial banks.

The average interest rate on these deposits is 3% (2014: 3% per annum).

(g) Loans and advances to employees

Loans and advances to employees are unsecured and interest free and include advances given to key management personnel of a subsidiary amounting to RO 0.017 million (2014: RO 0.049 million).

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13 Inventories

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000
Stores and spares	8,973	8,929	10,481	11,290
Prepaid cards and handsets	2,230	2,187	2,239	2,196
	<u>11,203</u>	<u>11,116</u>	<u>12,720</u>	<u>13,486</u>
Provision for inventory obsolescence	(3,696)	(2,962)	(4,392)	(3,128)
	<u>7,507</u>	<u>8,154</u>	<u>8,328</u>	<u>10,358</u>

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

Opening balance	2,962	3,190	3,128	3,406
Charge for the year	734	417	1,275	417
Released during the year	-	(65)	-	(75)
Write off during the year	-	(580)	-	(580)
Transfer during the year	-	-	-	(47)
Net foreign currency exchange difference	-	-	(11)	7
	<u>3,696</u>	<u>2,962</u>	<u>4,392</u>	<u>3,128</u>

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14 Trade and other receivables

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
Amounts due from customers	49,303	51,581	58,807	63,053
Amounts due from Oman Investment				
Finance Company SAOG (OIFC)	38,767	37,167	38,767	37,167
Amounts due from other operators	27,243	29,487	27,243	29,487
Other receivables	771	1,059	771	1,059
	<u>116,084</u>	<u>119,294</u>	<u>125,588</u>	<u>130,766</u>
Provision for impairment of receivables	(41,431)	(40,406)	(48,469)	(47,304)
	<u>74,653</u>	<u>78,888</u>	<u>77,119</u>	<u>83,462</u>
Deposit with Telecommunication Regulatory Authority (TRA)	3,657	-	3,657	-
Advances	2,698	2,156	4,721	5,795
	<u>81,008</u>	<u>81,044</u>	<u>85,497</u>	<u>89,257</u>

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

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15 Receivable from subsidiary

	Parent Company	
	2015	2014
	RO'000	RO'000
Receivable from Worldcall Telecom Limited (WTL)		
-Trade Receivable	13,181	10,748
-Corporate Guarantee (note 25)	13,667	-
-Put option (note 25)	6,634	-
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	33,482	10,748
Provision for impairment (note 9)	(33,482)	-
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	-	10,748
Oman Data Park LLC	716	573
Omantel France SAS	11	11
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	727	11,332
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16 Share capital and dividends

The share capital comprises 750,000,000 (31 December 2014 - 750,000,000) authorised and issued, ordinary shares of RO 0.100 (31 December 2014: RO 0.100) each fully paid. In accordance with the Ministerial decision at their counsel meeting No. 3/2005 dated 18 January 2005, the par value of each share was reduced from RO 1.000 to RO 0.100. Shareholders of the Parent Company who own not less than 10% of the Parent Company's shares at reporting date are as follows:

	2015		2014	
	Shares held	%	Shares held	%
Government of the Sultanate of Oman	382,500,000	51	382,500,000	51

The directors have recommended a dividend of RO 0.060 (2014: RO 0.075) per share amounting to RO 45 million (2014: RO 56.25 million) which is subject to approval of the shareholders at the annual general meeting.

For the year 2014, a final cash dividend of RO 0.075 per share (2013: RO 0.075 per share) amounting to RO 56.25 million (2013: RO 56.25 million) was approved by the shareholders at the annual general meeting held on 22 March 2015.

An interim cash dividend of RO 0.055 (30 September 2014: RO 0.040) amounting to RO 41.250 million (30 September 2014: RO 30 million) was approved by the Board of Directors on 13 August 2015.

17 Legal reserve

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

18 Voluntary reserve

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

19 Capital contribution

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

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

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

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

20 Foreign currency translation reserve

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

The group believes that there has been a significant depreciation of Pakistani Rupee (PKR) against Omani and is not expected to reverse in the foreseeable future. Further the group recognised an impairment charge against the full carrying value of goodwill and the Pakistani operations comprising their assets. Considering the liquidity position of WTL and the parent company's decision to not to invest/ support WTL any further, the Group considers this as an abandonment of a foreign operation in accordance with the requirement of IAS 21 – The Effect of changes in foreign exchange rates. Consequently, the Group reclassified the cumulative foreign currency translation losses on investment in WTL (subsidiary) to Statement of Income.

21 Fair value reserve

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

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22 Borrowings

				Current		Non-current	
Consolidated	Currency		Year of maturity	2015	2014	2015	2014
				RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
Secured-at amortised cost							
Bank loan	OMR	3 months LIBOR+2.5% (floor of 5%p.a)	2017 - 2019	1,150	1,050	7,331	6,406
Bank loan	OMR	5% p.a	2015	-	326	-	-
Long term loan	USD	3 months LIBOR+2.95%	2018 Note (a)	-	3,404	-	8,943
Long term loans	PKR	1 month KIBOR+3% p.a and 3 month KIBOR+ 0.5% p.a	2016 and 2018 Note (b (i) and (ii))	161	161	319	27
Long term loan	USD	3 months LIBOR+3.25%	2022 Note (b(iii))	13,667	-	-	-
Convertible preference share	USD	5.9% p.a	Note (c)	-	-	6,634	5,479
Term finance certificates-3	PKR	6 months KIBOR+1.6%	2021 (d)	5,467	6,180	-	-
Short term borrowings	PKR	3 to 6 months KIBOR+1.5% to 4%	-	2,047	2,893	-	-
Bank overdraft	OMR	3 months LIBOR+2.5% (floor of 5%p.a)	-	524	258	-	-
Finance lease liabilities	PKR	6 months KIBOR+ 2.5%p.a	-	5	4	6	11
Finance lease liabilities	OMR	12.695% p.a	-	36	29	305	347
				23,057	14,305	14,595	21,213

(a) Long term Loan

The subsidiary in Pakistan signed a foreign currency syndicated loan facility with Askari Bank Limited Off-Shore Banking Unit, Bahrain, with the lead arranger being Askari Bank Limited in the amount of USD 35 million. Interest was charged at three months average LIBOR plus 1.75% per annum and monitoring fee is payable at the rate of 1.2% per annum of the outstanding balance. To secure the facility an unconditional, irrevocable, first demand stand-by letter of credit ("SBLC") was issued by National Bank of Oman

favoring Askari Bank Limited against the corporate guarantee of the Parent Company. The arrangement remained effective until all the obligations under the facility are settled. Initially, this loan was re-payable in 20 equal quarterly instalments with two years grace period commencing 6 June 2013. The loan was rescheduled whereby the principal was repayable in 16 quarterly instalments ending on 6 March 2018. As of the reporting date, this loan has been prepaid in totality and SBLC has been released by Askari Bank.

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22 Borrowings (continued)

(b) Long term Loans

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

- (i) Loan from Soneri Bank Ltd of PKR 50 million which is repayable in 23 monthly instalments ending on 28 February 2016. It carries a mark up of one month KIBOR plus 3% per annum and is payable monthly. The mark up rate charged during the period on the outstanding balance ranges between 9% to 12.09% (2014: 12.84% to 13.97%) per annum. It is secured through joint pari passu hypothecation agreement over current and movable fixed assets.
- (ii) This represents a term loan facility of PKR 125 million obtained through restructuring of running finance facility. The facility is repayable in 43 monthly instalments ending on 31 July 2018. The mark up rate to be charged on the outstanding balance w.e.f April 01, 2015 will be 3 months KIBOR+50 Bps to be reset and recoverable quarterly. It is secured through a joint pari passu charge on present and future current and fixed assets excluding land and building of the subsidiary in Pakistan with a 25% margin.
- (iii) The subsidiary in Pakistan signed a foreign currency syndicated loan facility amounting to USD 35 million from National Bank of Oman SAOG and Ahli Bank SAOG with the lead arranger being National Bank of Oman. It is repayable in 16 quarterly instalments commencing 30 September 2017. Profit is payable quarterly and is charged at three months average London Inter-Bank Offer Rate (LIBOR) plus 1.75% per annum and monitoring fee at 1.5% per annum. To secure the facility, the corporate guarantee of the Parent Company has been furnished. This arrangement shall remain effective until all obligations under the facility are settled. As of the reporting date, the subsidiary is in breach of a covenant of the facility. Moreover, the subsidiary has failed to pay interest against this facility for the quarter ended 31 December 2015 which led to the consortium adjusting the payable against interest with the Debt Service Reserve Account Balance ("security") held with them. These constitute events of default under the facility and empowers the consortium to demand the outstanding amount at their will. Consequently, the total amount has become immediately payable. The Parent Company has recorded a full provision towards its corporate guarantee issued (refer note 25 (i)).

(c) Convertible preference shares

These are denominated in US Dollar, non-voting, cumulative and convertible preference shares ("CPS", or "Preference Shares") having a face value of US\$ 100 each, held by the Parent company and Habib Bank Limited (Investor)

amounting to USD 20 million and USD 15 million respectively issued by the subsidiary in Pakistan. The conversion option is exercisable by the holder at any time after the 1st anniversary of the issue date but no later than the 5th anniversary. On 5th anniversary, the CPS will be mandatorily converted into ordinary voting common shares. The CPS shall be converted fully or partially in multiples of USD 1 million at the conversion ratio defined in the agreement at 10% discount on share price after first anniversary and thereby increased by 10% additional discount for each completed year of anniversary. The holders are entitled to a non cash dividend which will be calculated at the rate higher of 5.9% per annum or the dividend declared by the subsidiary for ordinary shareholders.

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

(d) Term finance certificates-3

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

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23 Deferred tax liability

Consolidated

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

	1 January 2015 RO'000	Charged / (credited) to statement of income RO '000	Impairment losses (note9) RO '000	Exchange differences RO '000	31 December 2015 RO '000	1 January 2014 RO'000	Charged / (credited) to statement of income RO '000	Exchange differences RO '000	31 December 2014 RO '000
Temporary differences									
Provision for impaired receivables	(5,202)	146	2,069	19	(2,968)	(6,418)	1,261	(45)	(5,202)
Provision for inventory obsolescence	(135)	(79)	68	31	(115)	(133)	(1)	(1)	(135)
Provision for capital contribution	651	(91)	(538)	(22)	-	616	19	16	651
Retirement benefit obligation	(462)	32	414	16	-	(420)	(32)	(10)	(462)
Fair value gain on investments	650	(160)	-	-	490	-	650	-	650
Impairment of investment in subsidiary	-	(11,252)	-	-	(11,252)				
Depreciation and amortisation	19,269	(2,398)	(11,645)	(453)	4,773	18,231	738	300	19,269
	<u>14,771</u>	<u>(13,802)</u>	<u>(9,632)</u>	<u>(409)</u>	<u>(9,072)</u>	<u>11,876</u>	<u>2,635</u>	<u>260</u>	<u>14,771</u>
Unused tax losses and credits	<u>(24,387)</u>	<u>4,203</u>	<u>19,329</u>	<u>855</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(20,109)</u>	<u>(3,847)</u>	<u>(431)</u>	<u>(24,387)</u>
	<u>(9,616)</u>	<u>(9,599)</u>	<u>9,697</u>	<u>446</u>	<u>(9,072)</u>	<u>(8,233)</u>	<u>(1,212)</u>	<u>(171)</u>	<u>(9,616)</u>

Deferred tax balances are recorded as below in the statement of financial position:

	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000
Deferred tax asset relating to subsidiary in Pakistan (note 9)	-	12,581
Deferred tax asset/(liability) relating to Parent Company	9,072	(2,965)
	<u>9,072</u>	<u>9,616</u>

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23 Deferred tax liability

Parent Company

	1 January 2015 RO'000	Charged / (credited) to statement of income RO'000	31 December 2015 RO'000	1 January 2014 RO'000	Charged / (credited) to statement of income RO'000	31 December 2014 RO'000
Temporary Differences						
Provision for impaired Receivables	(2,800)	(168)	(2,968)	(4,399)	1,599	(2,800)
Provision for inventory Obsolescence	(27)	(88)	(115)	(54)	27	(27)
Fair value gain on investment	650	(160)	490	-	650	650
Impairment of Investment in subsidiary (refer note 8 & 9)	(6,517)	(4,735)	(11,252)	(5,252)	(1,265)	(6,517)
Depreciation and Amortisation	5,142	(369)	4,773	5,552	(410)	5,142
	<u>(3,552)</u>	<u>(5,520)</u>	<u>(9,072)</u>	<u>(4,153)</u>	<u>601</u>	<u>(3,552)</u>

24 Retirement benefit obligation

The movement in retirement benefit obligation is as follows:

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000
At 1 January	3,966	4,414	5,249	5,671
Charge for the year (note 34)	714	633	1,101	946
Payments during the year	(302)	(1,081)	(458)	(1,427)
Transfer to other payables	-	-	-	(63)
Recognition of actuarial income on defined benefit plan	-	-	(62)	89
Foreign exchange difference	-	-	(58)	33
At 31 December	<u>4,378</u>	<u>3,966</u>	<u>5,772</u>	<u>5,249</u>

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25 Provisions

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000
Corporate Guarantee Note (i)	13,667	-	-	-
Put option note (ii)	6,634	-	-	-
At 31 December	20,301	-	-	-

(i) In accordance with IAS 37: Provisions, contingent liabilities and Contingent assets, the Corporate guarantee provided by the Parent Company to guarantee the long term loan raised by Subsidiary from National Bank of Oman (refer note 22b(iii)), is provided at a best estimate of payments which may be required to be made under the contract.

(ii) In accordance with IAS 37: Provisions, contingent liabilities and Contingent assets, the put option provided by the Parent Company to guarantee the convertible preference shares raised by Subsidiary (refer note 22 (c)), is provided at a best estimate of payments which may be required to be made under the contract.

26 Other liabilities – non current

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000
Long term payables	-	-	-	2,647
Long term deposits	-	-	128	134
Voluntary end of service (note 39)	2,162	-	2,162	-
At 31 December	2,162	-	2,290	2,781

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27 Trade and other payables

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	RO '000	RO '000	RO '000	RO '000
Trade payables	17,662	10,454	39,971	22,654
Amounts due to other telecommunication administrators	8,530	6,648	8,530	6,648
Retentions payable	27,121	23,258	27,410	23,555
Licence fees payable (refer note (a))	-	-	3,708	3,841
Accruals	54,339	53,401	60,698	58,484
Deferred income	16,358	24,175	16,686	24,482
Billings in advance	15,716	12,965	15,716	12,965
Accrued interest	-	-	799	760
Voluntary end of service (note 39)	10,416	-	10,416	-
Other payables	5,447	1,866	6,661	12,848
	155,589	132,767	190,595	166,237

(a) Licence fees payable

This represents licence fee payable by a subsidiary to PTA for Wireless Local Loop Licence.

28 Royalty payable

In accordance with Article 4(1) of the fixed and mobile licence and as permitted by the TRA, the licensee is required to pay royalty to the TRA at the rate of 7% of its gross revenue excluding sale of terminal equipment and interconnection expenses.

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29 Net assets per share

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

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Net assets attributable to the owners of the parent (RO'000)	540,185	577,362	540,474	570,164
Number of shares outstanding (thousands)	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000
Net assets per share (RO)	0.720	0.770	0.721	0.760

30 Wholesale revenue

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
External administration revenue (note a)	24,755	24,904	27,165	29,977
Interconnection income (note b)	17,977	16,908	17,984	16,931
Capacity sales	23,043	24,035	23,006	24,035
Others	19,980	13,899	19,980	13,899
	85,755	79,746	88,135	84,842

(a) External administration revenue represents the revenue derived from termination of other international operators traffic on the Group's network.

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

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31 Interconnection expense

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

32 Cost of content services

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

33 External administration expense

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

34 Staff costs

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
Salaries and allowances	60,750	58,293	63,922	60,478
Social security costs	5,263	4,668	5,304	4,737
Retirement benefits (Note 24)	714	633	1,101	871
Other employee benefits	3,780	2,806	3,780	3,176
	<u>70,507</u>	<u>66,400</u>	<u>74,107</u>	<u>69,262</u>

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35 Operating and maintenance expenses

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
Asset maintenance	24,051	23,370	25,350	24,533
Cost of sales	17,957	9,318	19,418	10,771
Satellite channels and frequency charge	14,300	12,226	14,427	12,343
Rental charges	6,899	6,016	8,255	7,392
Electricity and water	2,784	2,810	3,315	3,605
Maintenance and hire charges	3,437	3,300	3,518	3,388
Petrol, oil and lubricants	556	543	657	645
Insurance	830	757	1,114	1,002
Others (note below)	3,458	2,939	6,098	3,762
	<u>74,272</u>	<u>61,279</u>	<u>82,152</u>	<u>67,441</u>

(a) A subsidiary in Pakistan entered into a contract with Huawei in 2012 to install security cameras and ancillary equipment in Islamabad, Pakistan under the Safe City Project ("Project"). This head includes all expenses aggregating RO 1.936 million (2014: Nil) incurred by the subsidiary for installation of security

cameras. The Project has been completed and charged to Operating and maintenance expenses in the current year due to the fact that a settlement agreement was signed during the year with Huawei whereby all dues/ adjustments were agreed that resulted in the charge off of such amount.

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36 Administrative expenses

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
Training costs	2,205	1,968	2,224	1,980
Professional consultancy fees	4,125	1,688	4,404	2,077
Administrative services	3,643	3,429	4,000	3,833
Business travel	1,662	1,484	2,020	1,871
Office supplies and services	1,066	1,058	1,560	1,411
	12,701	9,627	14,208	11,172

37 Factoring, collection and distribution fees

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

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

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

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

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

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38 Finance income / (costs) - net

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000
<u>Finance income</u>				
Interest income	4,006	4,712	2,790	5,123
Exchange gain	172	-	172	1,561
	<u>4,178</u>	<u>4,712</u>	<u>2,962</u>	<u>6,684</u>
	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000
<u>Investment income/(loss)</u>				
Dividend income	2,920	1,706	2,093	1,026
Fair value gain on investments at fair value through profit and loss	(869)	1,779	(869)	1,779
Realised gain on held for trading investments	(352)	339	(352)	339
Realised gain on available for sale investments	-	-	29	-
Fair value loss on held for trading investments	(1,097)	(851)	(1,097)	(851)
	<u>602</u>	<u>2,973</u>	<u>(196)</u>	<u>2,293</u>
	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000
<u>Finance cost</u>				
Exchange loss	-	(3)	(1,694)	(3)
Interest on borrowings	-	-	(2,567)	(8,392)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(4,261)</u>	<u>(8,395)</u>

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39 Voluntary end of services

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

40 Other income / (costs) - net

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
Miscellaneous income	3,331	1,841	3,267	1,401
Impairment loss on held for sale (Note 5)	-	-	-	910)
Impairment loss on others	-	-	-	(517)
Gain/(loss) on re-measurement of investment property	-	-	56	(154)
Liability no longer required written back	1,112	555	1,112	555
	<u>4,443</u>	<u>2,396</u>	<u>4,435</u>	<u>375</u>

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41 Taxation

(a) The tax charge for the year comprises:

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
Current taxation	16,971	18,468	17,732	18,562
Deferred taxation (Note 23)	(5,520)	601	(9,599)	(1,212)
	<u>11,451</u>	<u>20,436</u>	<u>8,133</u>	<u>19,169</u>

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

Tax on accounting profit	8,606	16,726	1,012	12,432
Add / (less) tax effect of:				
Expenses not deductible	2,957	338	3,893	2,959
Income not subject to tax	(112)	(41)	(115)	(87)
Tax relating to prior years	-	1,367	-	1,819
Deferred tax relating to prior years	-	2,046	3,343	2,046
	<u>11,451</u>	<u>20,436</u>	<u>8,133</u>	<u>19,169</u>
Tax charge as per statement of income	11,451	20,436	8,133	19,169

(c) Status of tax assessments

Assessments have been completed for tax years up to the taxable year 2009 for the Parent Company.

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42 Basic and diluted earnings per share

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

43 Related parties

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

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

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

Parent company

(i) Purchase of goods and services

	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000
Subsidiaries	1,371	95
Associates	7,509	4,616
Other related parties	-	-
	<u>8,880</u>	<u>4,711</u>

(ii) Sale of services

	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000
Other related party	-	-
Subsidiaries	1,955	348
	<u>1,955</u>	<u>348</u>

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43 Related parties (continued)

(iii) Others- Subsidiaries

	2015	2014
	RO'000	RO'000
Interest on preference shares	1,338	1,736
Management and facilitation fee on preference shares	453	356
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	1,791	2,092
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(iv) Sitting fees and remuneration to directors

	2015	2014
	RO'000	RO'000
Directors' sitting fees - non executive	76	82
Directors' remuneration - non executive	124	118
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Total	200	200
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43 Related parties (continued)

(v) Key management compensation

	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000
Basic salaries and allowances	1,289	1,157
Other benefits and expenses	1,120	1,404
Social security costs	66	96
Retirement benefits	31	37
	<u>2,506</u>	<u>2,694</u>

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

	Receivables		Payables	
	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000
Subsidiaries	690	11,529	117	78
Associates	-	-	1,459	1,242
Other related party	28	28	-	-
	<u>718</u>	<u>11,557</u>	<u>1,576</u>	<u>1,320</u>

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43 Related parties (continued)

Consolidated

(i) Purchase of goods and services

	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000
Associates	7,509	4,616
Other related party	131	346
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Total	7,640	4,962
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(ii) Sale of goods and services

	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000
Other related parties	20	-
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(iii) Sitting fees and remuneration to directors

	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000
Directors' sitting fees - non executive	81	84
Directors' remuneration - non executive	124	118
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	205	202
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43 Related parties (continued)

(iv) Key management compensation

	2015	2014
	RO'000	RO'000
Basic salaries and allowances	1,735	1,623
Other benefits and expenses	1,120	1,404
Social security costs	66	96
Retirement benefits	31	37
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Total	2,952	3,160
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(v) Balances arising from sales / purchases of goods / services

	Receivables		Payables	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
Associates	-	-	1,458	1,242
Other related party	129	190	82	51
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	129	190	1,540	1,293
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44 Commitments and contingencies

(a) Commitments

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

	Parent company		Consolidated	
	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000
Commitment for fixed capital expenditure	96,980	79,112	98,810	86,072
Investment	4,450	5,400	4,450	5,400

(b) Contingent liabilities

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000
Letters of credit	-	-	-	123
Bank guarantees	316	2	4,974	4,543

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

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44 Commitments and contingencies (continued)

(c) Claims

- (i) The TRA vide its decision No.6/2015 dated 25 March 2015 imposed a penalty of RO 5 million in relation to disruption of Company's telecommunication services on 17 November 2014. On 9 July 2015, TRA passed a resolution to reduce the penalty to RO 1 million. Further Omantel also agreed to invest an amount of RO 2 million in expanding the Mobile network in rural area.
- (ii) During the year, Parent Company received a demand notice of RO 4 million from the TRA towards additional royalty payable for the prior years on certain categories of wholesale revenue. Based upon legal opinion and interpretation of the relevant provisions of the Parent Company's license terms, the management believes that the additional royalty amount is not payable. Accordingly, the Parent Company has not created any provision towards any additional royalty in these financial statements.
- (iii) Certain other regulatory non-compliance items, due to operational and budgetary constraints, may pose a risk of penalty being imposed by the TRA. However, neither the amount of penalty nor the actual event of the penalty can be determined with certainty at present. The legal and regulatory department of the Group considers these as low risk cases and at this stage, the outcome of the situations cannot be quantified or estimated with reasonable certainty.
- (iv) The Group's subsidiary in Pakistan is also exposed to certain claims arising out of regulatory, taxation and operational matters. The management believes that none of these claims are expected to have any significant implication on its financial statements.

45 Credit risk

(a) Exposure to credit risk

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

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
Trade and other receivables	116,084	119,294	125,922	131,181
Other financial assets	126,256	134,813	126,900	135,846
Receivables from subsidiaries	727	11,332	-	-
	<u>243,067</u>	<u>265,439</u>	<u>252,822</u>	<u>267,027</u>

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45 Credit risk (continued)

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

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
Oman Investment Finance Company SAOG	38,767	37,167	38,767	37,167
Due from other operators	27,243	29,487	27,243	29,487
Government debts	13,908	12,591	13,908	12,591
Agents for prepaid card sales	5,191	11,167	5,191	11,167
Other customers	30,975	28,882	40,813	40,769
	<u>116,084</u>	<u>119,294</u>	<u>125,922</u>	<u>131,181</u>
	<u><u>116,084</u></u>	<u><u>119,294</u></u>	<u><u>125,922</u></u>	<u><u>131,181</u></u>

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

Consolidated

	2015		2014	
	Gross	Impairment	Gross	Impairment
	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
Not past due	35,247	-	42,487	-
Past due 1 - 180 days	19,691	3,598	22,276	2,769
Past due 181 - 365 days	10,742	1,696	10,315	543
1 - 2 years	10,685	2,320	11,060	3,043
More than 2 years	49,557	40,855	45,043	40,949
	<u>125,922</u>	<u>48,469</u>	<u>131,181</u>	<u>47,304</u>
	<u><u>125,922</u></u>	<u><u>48,469</u></u>	<u><u>131,181</u></u>	<u><u>47,304</u></u>

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45 Credit risk (continued)

Parent company	2015		2014	
	Gross RO'000	Impairment RO'000	Gross RO'000	Impairment RO'000
Not past due	33,898	-	39,754	-
Past due 1 - 180 days	18,814	3,546	21,021	2,765
Past due 181 - 365 days	10,209	1,580	9,882	524
1 - 2 years	9,895	1,735	10,030	2,605
More than 2 years	43,268	34,570	38,607	34,512
	<u>116,084</u>	<u>41,431</u>	<u>119,294</u>	<u>40,406</u>

- (i) Included in the Group's trade receivable balance are debtors with a carrying amount of RO 42.2 million (31 December 2014: RO 41.4million) which are past due at the reporting date for which the Group has not provided any amount as there has not been any significant change in the credit quality and the amounts are still considered recoverable. The Group does not hold any collateral over these balances. The average age of these receivables is 180 days.
- (ii) The movement in provision for impairment of receivables is as follows:

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000
Opening balance	40,406	43,366	47,304	49,250
Net foreign currency exchange difference	-	-	(31)	226
Charge for the year	1,401	2,868	1,787	3,656
Written back during the year	-	(2,593)	-	(2,593)
Transfer to Government	(376)	(2,736)	(376)	(2,736)
Adjustment	-	(499)	(177)	(499)
Closing balance	<u>41,431</u>	<u>40,406</u>	<u>48,469</u>	<u>47,304</u>

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

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

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46 Liquidity risk

The following are the contractual maturities of financial liabilities, excluding interest payments:

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(a) Consolidated

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

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46 Liquidity risk (continued)

(b) Parent Company

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

31 December 2014

(a) Consolidated

	<i>Carrying Amount RO'000</i>	<i>6 months or less RO'000</i>	<i>6 - 12 months RO'000</i>	<i>1 - 2 years RO'000</i>	<i>More than 2 years RO'000</i>
Borrowings	36,543	9,829	5,217	6,358	15,139
Accrued interest	760	760	-	-	-
Trade payables	22,394	20,442	1,952	-	-
Amount due to other telecommunication administrators	6,648	6,648	-	-	-
Retention payable	23,555	23,413	142	-	-
Accruals	58,484	58,484	-	-	-
Other payables	13,374	10,728	-	1,242	1,404
Royalty payable	31,543	31,543	-	-	-
Other long term liabilities	134	-	-	-	134
License fee payable	3,841	3,841	-	-	-
	<u>197,276</u>	<u>165,688</u>	<u>7,311</u>	<u>7,600</u>	<u>16,677</u>

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46 Liquidity risk (continued)

(b) Parent company

	Carrying amount RO'000	6 months or less RO'000	6 – 12 months RO'000	1 – 2 years RO'000	More than 2 years RO'000
Trade payables	10,454	10,454	-	-	-
Amount due to other telecommunication administrators	6,648	6,648	-	-	-
Retention payable	23,258	23,258	-	-	-
Accruals	53,401	53,401	-	-	-
Other payables	1,866	1,866	-	-	-
Royalty payable	31,543	31,543	-	-	-
	<u>127,170</u>	<u>127,170</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

47 Interest rate risk

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

	Parent Company		Consolidated	
	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000	2015 RO'000	2014 RO'000
Floating rate instruments				
Financial liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(30,677)</u>	<u>(29,337)</u>
Fixed rate instruments				
Financial assets	<u>70,246</u>	<u>87,793</u>	<u>70,246</u>	<u>87,793</u>
Financial liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,975)</u>	<u>(6,181)</u>
	<u>70,246</u>	<u>87,793</u>	<u>63,271</u>	<u>81,612</u>

Fair value sensitivity analysis for fixed rate instruments

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

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48 Foreign currency risk

The Group's main exposure to foreign exchange volatility within shareholder's equity arises from its investment in a subsidiary based in Pakistan.

The net exposure to the currency risk as at the reporting date is as follows:

	2015 PKR'000	2014 PKR'000
Total assets	1,668,701	21,765,361
Goodwill	-	3,836,094
Total liabilities	(12,131,588)	(21,557,122)
Non-controlling interest	9,456,953	(86,342)
	<u>(1,005,934)</u>	<u>3,957,991</u>

The following significant exchange rates were applied during the year:

	Pakistani Rupees
Average exchange rate from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015	272.43
Exchange rate as at 31 December 2015	275.48

A 5% strengthening of Rial Omani against the above currency would have increase equity by RO 0.174 million (31 December 2014: RO 0.709 million). The analysis assumes that all other variables, in particular interest rates remain constant.

A 5% weakening of Rial Omani would have had an equal but opposite effect.

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49 Fair value of assets and liabilities

Fair value versus carrying amounts

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

Fair value measurements recognised in the statement of financial position

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

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

	<i>Level 1</i>	<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Level 3</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>31 December 2015</i>
				<i>RO'000</i>
<i>Investments at fair value through profit or loss</i>				
Investment in mutual funds	-	14,557	-	14,557
Fixed income instruments	-	4,657	-	4,657
Unquoted equity instruments	-	3,828	6,465	10,293
<i>Held for trading</i>				
Quoted equity instruments	24,442	-	-	24,442
<i>Available-for-sale investments at fair value</i>				
Mutual funds	-	238	-	238
Quoted equity instruments	319	-	-	319
	<u>24,761</u>	<u>23,280</u>	<u>6,465</u>	<u>54,506</u>

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49 Fair value of assets and liabilities (continued)

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total 31 December 2014
	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
Investments at fair value through profit or loss				
Investment in mutual funds	-	13,807	-	13,807
Fixed income instruments	-	1,698	-	1,698
Unquoted equity instrument	-	1,934	5,983	7,917
Quoted equity instruments	3,637	-	-	3,637
Held for trading				
Quoted equity and bonds	17,787	-	-	17,787
Available-for-sale investments at fair value				
Mutual funds	-	204	-	204
Quoted equity instruments	281	-	-	281
	<u>21,705</u>	<u>17,643</u>	<u>5,983</u>	<u>45,331</u>

There were no transfers between the levels during the year.

50 Unclaimed dividend transferred to investor's trust fund.

As per the directives of the CMA the amount of unpaid dividend which is outstanding for more than seven months is required to be transferred to the "Investors' Trust Fund" established by the CMA. During the year unpaid cash dividend amounting to RO 164,008 was transferred to the "Investors' Trust Fund" (31 December 2014: RO 209,345).

51 Comparative figures

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to current year presentation and are not material and have no impact on the previously reported profit or equity position of the group.



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