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Company Information

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Chairman's Review

I am pleased to report that Group sales for the Financial Year ended March 31, 2022 increased to $152.8 million from $151.3 million in FY2021. Profit before tax was $11.31 million vs $9.8 million for the prior year.

The Parent company performance was 10% above FY2021. Despite supply and logistical issues, our **Food Division** sales were higher as key suppliers' production improved. **Shipping Division** revenues were down 3% over last year. Increased activity in Personal Effects and commercial cargo from the USA did not fully compensate for reduced activity by Customers in our Far East and Transatlantic lanes. The **Hardware Division** was also flat to prior year with a decline in local sales due to continued lack of construction activity. Our Evo-Stik export sales improved over the year before.

The **Home Store** was closed again from May 2021 to August 16th 2021 due to the Covid 19 surge and government mandating that non-essential stores close. The closure and logistic issues led to a 11% decline in sales over the prior year.

Despite the setback at The Home Store, the Group ended the year on a positive note for fiscal 2022 and your Board approved a dividend of 8c (.8c on A shares) which was paid on March 31st 2022.

FY 2023 will be a challenging year: freight costs are on a downward swing for the moment but supplier price increases feed through to our economy. Local costs have increased. Both of these put our margins under pressure. The company will use its best efforts to ensure costs are contained while improving its sales revenue.



Krishna Bahadoorsingh, CMT. Ph.D.
Chairman

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Managing Director's Report

Within one month of our new financial year the country once again went into lockdown and non-essential services had to close. The Home Store was basically closed from May 1st 2021 to August 16th 2021 The Parent company, as an essential service, continued to operate.

Parent Company

The Food & Allied Lines Division did well with a 12% increase in sales over the prior year. Most of our suppliers were able to provide us with stock on a consistent basis. As an essential service our distribution to supermarkets continued however many of our smaller customers, including cinemas, remained closed.

Hardware Division was also impacted by the shutdown of the construction sector from May to end of June 2021. Local sales were flat to the prior year. However, our exports sales did better as other Caricom countries' economies were open and had more activity than prior year.

Covid 19 continued to impact the Shipping Division and its sales were on par to prior year. We did see growth in personal effects imports which offset lower sales from our traditional business.

The Home Store

The Company was impacted by the three-and-a-half-month lockdown of non-essential services with sales 11% lower than prior year. Our Barataria branch remained open but sales were not as robust during the lockdown period.

We opened a Garden Centre at our C3 Store and also took another store at C3. This allowed us to expand our product offerings to our customer and position our C3 stores for better growth in FY2023.

In addition, we opened a new store in mid-November 2021 at The Falls at Westmall. The store did well over the Christmas period and continues to meet expectations.

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Managing Director's Report

Profitability

The Group showed a net profit before tax of $11.31 million vs $9.8million in FY2021. Our gearing ratio is at 26%.

Outlook

FY2023 will continue to be uncertain due to the impact Covid 19 continues to have on the world and the war in Ukraine.

There are a number of unknowns for FY2023, however the company has shown strength during FY2022. As the country recovers from the last two years we expect shops that closed will reopen, new businesses will open and people will start living their lives again.

Our subsidiary, The Home Store Inc., located at Amazonia Mall in Guyana is expected to open in the last quarter of 2022.

These factors are positive notes for the challenges we face and we expect FY 2023 to be a profitable year for the Group.

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Statement of Management's Responsibilities

Management is responsible for the following:

- Preparing and fairly presenting the accompanying consolidated financial statements of LJ Williams Limited and its subsidiaries (the Group), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 March 2022, the consolidated statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and significant accounting policies and other explanatory information;
- Ensuring that the Group keeps proper accounting records;
- Selecting appropriate accounting policies and applying them in a consistent manner;
- Implementing, monitoring and evaluating the system of internal control that assures security of the Group's assets, detection/prevention of fraud, and the achievement of Group operational efficiencies;
- Ensuring that the system of internal control operated effectively during the reporting period;
- Producing reliable financial reporting that comply with laws and regulations, including the Companies Act; and
- Using reasonable and prudent judgement in the determination of estimates.

In preparing these audited consolidated financial statements, management utilised the International Financial Reporting Standards, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and adopted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Trinidad and Tobago. Where International Financial Reporting Standards presented alternative accounting treatments, management chose those considered most appropriate in the circumstances.

Nothing has come to the attention of management to indicate that the Group will not remain a going concern for the next twelve months from the reporting date; or up to the date the accompanying consolidated financial statements have been authorised for issue, if later.

Management affirms that it has carried out its responsibilities as outlined above.

Managing Director
23 June 2022

Chief Accountant
23 June 2022

Independent auditor's report

To the Shareholders of L.J. Williams Limited

Report on the audit of the consolidated financial statements

Our opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of L.J. Williams Limited (the Company) and its subsidiaries (together 'the Group') as at 31 March 2022, and their consolidated financial performance and their consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

What we have audited

The Group's consolidated financial statements comprise:

- the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 March 2022;
- the consolidated statement of profit or loss and comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- the consolidated statement of changes in equity for the year then ended;
- the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the consolidated financial statements, which include significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements* section of our report.

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

Independence

We are independent of the Group in accordance with the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA Code). We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code.

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Our audit approach

Overview



- Overall group materiality: $1.52 million, which represents 1% of revenue.
- The Group audit included:
  - full scope audits of the parent and one fully owned subsidiary.
  - specified procedures on certain balances, consisting of inventories in the other subsidiary.

Basis of preparation – ongoing impact of COVID-19

*All dollar values stated in this opinion are in Trinidad and Tobago dollars.

Audit scope

As part of designing our audit, we determined materiality and assessed the risks of material misstatement in the consolidated financial statements. In particular, we considered where management made subjective judgements; for example, in respect of significant accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. As in all of our audits, we also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including, among other matters, consideration of whether there was evidence of bias that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

How we tailored our group audit scope

We tailored the scope of our audit in order to perform sufficient work to enable us to provide an opinion on the consolidated financial statements as a whole, taking into account the structure of the Group, the accounting processes and controls, and the industry in which the Group operates. The Group audit engagement team was the auditor for the parent as well as both of the subsidiaries.

Materiality

The scope of our audit was influenced by our application of materiality. An audit is designed to obtain reasonable assurance whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement. Misstatements may arise due to fraud or error. They are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the consolidated financial statements.

Based on our professional judgement, we determined certain quantitative thresholds for materiality, including the overall group materiality for the consolidated financial statements as a whole as set out in the table below. These, together with qualitative considerations, helped us to determine the scope of our audit and the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures and to evaluate the effect of misstatements, both individually and in aggregate, on the consolidated financial statements as a whole.

Overall Group materiality	$1.52 million
How we determined it	1% of total group revenue
Rationale for the materiality benchmark applied	We chose revenue as the benchmark because, in our view, it is the most stable benchmark against which the performance of the Group is most commonly measured by users, and is a generally accepted benchmark. We chose 1% which is within a range of acceptable benchmark thresholds.

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We agreed with the Audit Committee that we would report to them misstatements identified during our audit above $76,400, as well as misstatements below that amount that, in our view, warranted reporting for qualitative reasons.

Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
Basis of preparation – ongoing impact of COVID-19 *Refer to notes 2 (a) and 18 (d) to the consolidated financial statements for disclosures of related accounting policies and balances.* The Group prepares its financial statements on a going concern basis using the International Financial Reporting Standards framework. We focused on the appropriateness of using the going concern basis of accounting given the continuing adverse impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and on the economy and the effects on the Group's operating results and cash flows for the year ended 31 March 2022. The Group is subject to several debt covenants pertaining to non-current borrowings. As such, management's going concern assessment included an assessment of the impact of the pandemic on their projected cash flows for the year ending 31 March 2023 to assess whether the Group will be able to continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due and to comply with its debt covenants. These cash flow projections are dependent on significant management judgment, particularly in respect of revenue growth rates.	Our approach to addressing the matter involved the following procedures, amongst others: • Obtained management's going concern cash flow projections and assessment of its compliance with existing loan agreements. • Assessed management's historic ability in the past to accurately budget and meet budget expectations by comparing past actual month by month results with historical budget cash flow projections. • Sensitised the impact of changes in management's revenue growth rates and expenses on the future cash flow projections. • Tested the mathematical accuracy, including verifying spreadsheet formulae, of the cash flow model. • Reperformed calculation as at 31 March 2022 and obtained written confirmation from the relevant financial institution that the Group is in compliance with its existing covenants as at the statement of financial position date. • Reperformed management's debt covenant calculations based on management's forecast cash flows for the year ending 31 March 2022 and 2023, using the underlying loan agreements and the associated requirements. • Considered subsequent events and any associated impact on the Group's cash flows and forecast. • Evaluated whether disclosures appropriately reflected the financial impact of COVID-19 on the Group. Based on the procedures above we satisfied ourselves that, even though the impact of COVID-19 on the Group is expected to continue to impact the company's operating results and cash flows, management's use of the going concern basis of accounting was not inappropriate.

Other information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the L.J. Williams Limited Annual Report (but does not include the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon) which is expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditor's report.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above when it becomes available and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

When we read L.J. Williams Limited's Annual Report, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matter to those charged with governance.

Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the consolidated financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements (continued)

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Dwayne Rodriguez-Seijas.



Port of Spain
Trinidad, West Indies
28 June 2022

L.J. WILLIAMS LIMITED

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

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(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

	Notes	As at 31 March 2022 $'000	2021 $'000
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Investment properties	5	14,450	14,450
Property, plant and equipment	6	71,560	73,205
Right of use assets	7	13,885	12,478
Deferred tax assets	8	967	3,304
Financial assets			
- Fair value through other comprehensive income	9	367	367
Retirement benefit asset	10	1,588	472
		102,817	104,276
Current assets			
Inventories	11	41,945	28,976
Installation contracts work in progress	12	7	7
Trade and other receivables	13	16,747	13,914
Taxation recoverable		8	8
Other financial assets at amortised cost	14	1,700	3,400
Cash at bank and on hand	15	4,363	16,520
		64,770	62,825
Total assets		167,587	167,101
Equity and liabilities			
Equity attributable to owners of the parent			
Share capital	16	33,976	33,976
Other reserves	17	26,151	25,023
Retained earnings		43,892	39,253
Total equity		104,019	98,252
Liabilities			
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred tax liabilities	8	5,692	5,413
Lease liabilities	7	10,372	9,192
Borrowings	18	7,720	13,378
		23,784	27,983
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	19	14,704	23,272
Taxation payable		967	1,624
Lease liabilities	7	4,740	4,135
Borrowings	18	8,129	8,430
Bank overdrafts and short-term advances	18	11,244	3,405
		39,784	40,866
Total liabilities		63,568	68,849
Total equity and liabilities		167,587	167,101

The notes on pages 18 to 60 are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

On 23 June 2022, the Directors of L. J. Williams Limited authorised these consolidated financial statements for issue and were signed off on its behalf.

Director

Director

Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

	Notes	Year ended 31 March 2022 $'000	2021 $'000
Revenue	20	152,795	151,308
Cost of sales	21	(100,740)	(96,821)
Gross profit		52,055	54,487
Other income/(expense)	22	1,270	(44)
Net income		53,325	54,443
Administrative expenses	21	(36,643)	(38,648)
Distribution costs	21	(1,392)	(1,528)
Operating profit		15,290	14,267
Finance costs		(3,980)	(4,427)
Profit before taxation		11,310	9,840
Taxation expense	23	(4,719)	(2,220)
Profit for the year		6,591	7,620
Other comprehensive income			
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss			
Revaluation of land and buildings	6	--	8,356
Deferred tax	8	(335)	(2,423)
Remeasurement of retirement benefit asset	10	1,463	1,690
		1,128	7,623
Items that may be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss			
Fair value gain on financial asset	9	--	127
		--	127
Total comprehensive profit for the year attributable to equity holders of the company		7,719	15,370
Earnings per share attributable to the equity holders of the company during the year			
- basic	24	27¢	31¢

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Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

	Notes	Share capital $'000	Other reserves $'000	Retained earnings $'000	Total equity $'000
Year ended 31 March 2022					
Balance at 1 April 2021		33,976	25,023	39,253	98,252
Profit for the year		--	--	6,591	6,591
Other comprehensive income:					
Remeasurement of retirement benefit asset	10	--	1,463	--	1,463
Deferred tax	8	--	(335)	--	(335)
Total comprehensive income for the year		33,976	26,151	45,844	105,971
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:					
Dividends paid to company's shareholders	25	--	--	(1,952)	(1,952)
Balance at 31 March 2022		33,976	26,151	43,892	104,019
Balance at 1 April 2021		33,976	17,273	33,342	84,591
Profit for the year		--	--	7,620	7,620
Other comprehensive income:					
Revaluation of land and building	6	--	8,356	--	8,356
Remeasurement of retirement benefit asset	10	--	1,690	--	1,690
Deferred tax	8	--	(2,423)	--	(2,423)
Fair value gain on financial asset	9	--	127	--	127
Total comprehensive income for the year		33,976	25,023	40,962	99,961
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:					
Dividends paid to company's shareholders	25	--	--	(1,709)	(1,709)
Balance at 31 March 2021		33,976	25,023	39,253	98,252

The notes on pages 18 to 60 are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

	Notes	Year ended 31 March 2022 $'000	2021 $'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Profit before taxation		11,310	9,840
Adjustments to reconcile profit before taxation to net cash generated from operating activities:			
Dividends received	22	(457)	(284)
Interest expense		4,101	3,786
Gain on sale of property, plant and equipment		(16)	(12)
Revaluation of investment properties		--	1,200
Depreciation	6,7	8,606	8,571
Contributions paid	10	(178)	(181)
Remeasurement of retirement benefit asset	10	525	604
Net changes in operating assets/liabilities	26	(22,670)	7,289
		1,221	30,813
Taxation paid		(3,096)	(929)
Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities		(1,875)	29,884
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	6	(2,278)	(1,793)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		16	28
Dividends paid to company's shareholders	25	(1,952)	(1,709)
Dividends received	22	457	284
Net cash used in investing activities		(3,757)	(3,190)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Interest paid		(4,101)	(3,786)
Leases		(4,118)	(3,449)
Net of loan proceeds and repayments		(6,145)	4,798
Net cash used in financing activities		(14,364)	(2,437)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(19,996)	24,257
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		13,115	(11,142)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		(6,881)	13,115
Represented by:			
Cash		4,363	16,520
Bank overdrafts, short-term advances and bankers' acceptances	18	(11,244)	(3,405)
		(6,881)	13,115

The notes on pages 18 to 60 are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements
31 March 2022
(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

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1 **General information**

L.J. Williams Limited ('the Company') and its subsidiaries (together 'the Group') is engaged in merchandising, manufacturing, distribution and ship chandlery. The registered office of the Company is # 2 Sixth Avenue, Barataria, Trinidad.

The Company is a public limited liability company which is listed on the Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange and is incorporated in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

The ultimate parent is Williams Holdings Limited. The registered office of the ultimate parent company is # 2 Sixth Avenue, Barataria, Trinidad.

Subsidiaries	Percentage owned	Country of incorporation
Movalite Limited	100%	Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
The Home Store Limited	100%	Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

2 **Significant accounting policies**

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

a. *Basis of preparation*

The consolidated financial statements of L.J. Williams Limited have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) interpretations, under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of land and buildings and investment properties and financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income and defined benefit plans where plan assets are measured at fair value.

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the consolidated financial statements are disclosed in Note 4.

Going concern

The Group continues to prepare its consolidated financial statements on a going concern basis as it does not believe that events outside of its control will have a significant impact on the ability of the entity to continue as a going concern.

As part of management's assessment of the potential effect on the business as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, management has prepared cash flow forecasts for the year ending 31 March 2023 which require a number of assumptions and estimates of future trading performance and the ability to achieve forecast cost savings. Management's forecasts indicate that the Group is anticipated to be able to meet its obligations as they fall due.

To date the Group has been able to broadly maintain its operations and has taken actions to improve its liquidity and to manage expenses and working capital. Management continues to monitor and evaluate the evolving situation and, in respect of the Group's operations, the need for further measures to be taken to reduce operating costs and non-business critical expenditure as well as to optimize working capital. Management expects that its overdraft facilities will be renewed in the ordinary course of business.

2 **Significant accounting policies (continued)**

a. *Basis of preparation (continued)*

Going concern (continued)

The sustained stay at home measures and limited state of emergency declared on 1 May 2021 negatively affected the economy of Trinidad and Tobago during the financial year. The Home Store faced challenges due to the closures of its stores as it was not classified as an essential service in this period and recorded reduced profitability in financial year 2022 due to reduced trading. The Home Store location at Barataria re-opened on 14 June 2021, C3 on 16 August 2021 and Chaguanas on 24 July 2021. During the financial year The Home Store opened two new locations at The Falls West Mall on 24 November 2021 and another store in C3 on 24 September 2021.

During the financial year when some businesses involved in providing services classified as non essential, were shut down, L.J. Williams Limited was classified as an essential service and this positively impacted on profitability during the financial year to 31 March 2022. The Group has experienced increased sales in certain lines, however, the Group has experienced stock shortages due to certain suppliers not being able to fill orders as well as logistical issues resulting in major delays in shipments.

Ukraine conflict

In January 2022 Russia mobilized military forces around Ukraine's borders. Escalation continued and on 24 February 2022, Russia launched a full scale invasion on three fronts: on the north from Belarus, on the east from Russia and on the south from Crimea. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has and may continue to have a substantial impact on grain prices and supplies since both countries are major global suppliers of grain. Capital markets are reacting to the economic effects of this situation, which include a material increase in commodity prices, which could add to already high inflationary pressures, challenging efforts by the global central banks to curb inflation. The extent and duration of the impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, including the resulting sanctions levied against Russia, on global and local economies, financial markets are uncertain and ever evolving and have the potential to adversely affect the Company's business, results of operations or financial condition.

Management has considered the adverse impact of the crisis on supply and cost of raw materials on the supply chain. While we do not have a physical presence in Russia or Ukraine, we have evaluated our operations, vendor contracts and customer arrangements, and at present we do not expect the conflict to directly have a material and adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations. The extent and duration of the military action, sanctions and resulting market disruptions could be significant and could potentially have substantial impact on the global economy and our business for an unknown period of time. While it is currently unknown what the impact on the supply chain will be, this is being continuously monitored, to ensure the Group continues generating sufficient cash flows from revenue to weather this event.

Changes in accounting policy and disclosures

(a) *New and amended standards adopted by the Group*

The following standards and interpretations have been adopted by the Group for the first time for the financial year beginning on or after 1 April 2021.

- Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39, IFRS 7, IFRS 4 and IFRS 16 -Interest Rate Benchmark Reform Phase 2.

See Note 3 (a) (i) (c) for further information on the interest rate benchmark reform.

2 **Significant accounting policies (continued)**

a. *Basis of preparation (continued)*

(b) *New standards, amendments and interpretations issued but not effective for the financial year beginning 1 April 2021 and not early adopted*

- Amendments to IAS 12- Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for 31 March 2022 reporting periods and have not been early adopted by the Group. These standards are not expected to have a material impact on the entity in the current or future reporting periods and on foreseeable future transactions.

b. *Consolidation*

(i) *Subsidiaries*

Subsidiaries are all entities (including structured entities) over which the Group has control. The Group controls an entity where the Group is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power to direct the activities of the entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group. They are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases.

The acquisition method of accounting is used to account for all business combinations, regardless of whether equity instruments or other assets are acquired. The consideration transferred for the acquisition of a subsidiary comprises the:

- fair values of the assets transferred
- liabilities incurred to the former owners of the acquired business
- equity interests issued by the Group
- fair value of any asset or liability resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement, and
- fair value of any pre-existing equity interest in the subsidiary.

Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are, with limited exceptions, measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date. The Group recognises any non-controlling interest in the acquired entity on an acquisition-by-acquisition basis either at fair value or at the non-controlling interest's proportionate share of the acquired entity's net identifiable assets.

Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred.

The excess of the:

- consideration transferred,
- amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquired entity, and
- acquisition-date fair value of any previous equity interest in the acquired entity

over the fair value of the net identifiable assets acquired is recorded as goodwill. If those amounts are less than the fair value of the net identifiable assets of the business acquired, the difference is recognised directly in profit or loss as a bargain purchase.

Where settlement of any part of cash consideration is deferred, the amounts payable in the future are discounted to their present value as at the date of exchange. The discount rate used is the entity's incremental borrowing rate, being the rate at which a similar borrowing could be obtained from an independent financier under comparable terms and conditions.

2 **Significant accounting policies (continued)**

b. *Consolidation (continued)*

(i) *Subsidiaries (continued)*

Contingent consideration is classified either as equity or a financial liability. Amounts classified as a financial liability are subsequently remeasured to fair value, with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss.

If the business combination is achieved in stages, the acquisition date carrying value of the acquirer's previously held equity interest in the acquiree is remeasured to fair value at the acquisition date. Any gains or losses arising from such remeasurement are recognised in profit or loss.

Inter-company transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between Group companies are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the transferred asset. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

(ii) *Changes in ownership interests*

The Group treats transactions with non-controlling interests that do not result in a loss of control as transactions with equity owners of the Group. A change in ownership interest results in an adjustment between the carrying amounts of the controlling and non-controlling interests to reflect their relative interests in the subsidiary. Any difference between the amount of the adjustment to non-controlling interests and any consideration paid or received is recognised in a separate reserve within equity attributable to owners of the Group.

When the Group ceases to consolidate or equity account for an investment because of a loss of control, joint 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. This fair value becomes 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.

If the ownership interest in a joint venture or an associate is reduced but joint control or significant influence is retained, only a proportionate share of the amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss where appropriate.

c. *Segment reporting*

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision-maker. The chief operating decision-maker, who is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments, has been identified as the managing director who makes strategic decisions.

2 **Significant accounting policies (continued)**

d. *Foreign currency translation*

(i) *Functional and presentation currency*

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ('the functional currency'). The consolidated financial statements are presented in Trinidad and Tobago dollars which is the Group's presentation currency.

(ii) *Transactions and balances*

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions or valuation where items are re-measured. 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 consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income. Foreign exchange gains and losses that relate to borrowings and cash and cash equivalents are presented in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income within 'finance costs'. All other foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income within 'Other Income'.

e. *Investment properties*

Properties that are held for long –term rental or for capital appreciation or both, and that is not occupied by the companies in the consolidated Group is classified as investment properties.

Investment properties are measured initially at its cost, including related transaction cost and where applicable borrowing cost. After initial recognition investment properties are carried at fair value.

Fair value is based on active market price. Valuations are performed as of the consolidated financial position date by professional valuers who hold recognised and relevant professional qualification and have recent experience in the location and category of the investment properties being valued. These valuations form the basis for the carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements. The fair value of investment properties reflects, among other things, rental income from current leases and other assumptions market participants make when pricing the property under current market conditions.

If within 12 months of the last valuation management determined there is no significant change to market conditions, management will consult with the valuators and confirm there is no change to the value of investment properties.

Subsequent expenditure is classified to the asset's carrying amount only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the expenditure will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance costs are expensed when incurred.

Changes in fair values are recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income. Investment properties are derecognised when they have been disposed.

2 **Significant accounting policies (continued)**

e. *Investment properties (continued)*

Where the Group disposes of a property at fair value in an arm's length transaction, the carrying value immediately prior to the sale is adjusted to the transaction price and the adjustment is recorded in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income within net gain from fair value adjustment on investment properties.

If an investment property becomes owner-occupied, it is reclassified as property, plant and equipment. Its fair value at the date of reclassification becomes its cost for subsequent accounting purposes.

If an item of owner-occupied property becomes an investment property because its use has changed, any difference resulting between the carry amount and the fair value of this item at the date of transfer is treated in the same manner as revaluation under IAS 16. Any resulting increase in the carrying amount of the properties are recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income to the extent that it reverses a previous impairment loss, and any remaining increase recognised in other comprehensive income and increase directly to equity in revaluation surplus within equity.

A resulting decrease in the carrying amount of the properties are initially charged in other comprehensive income against any previously recognised revaluation surplus, with any remaining decreases charged to the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

f. *Property, plant and equipment*

Leasehold improvements are improvements made to the shop rental at C3 Centre, Corinth, and Pennywise Shopping Plaza, Chaguanas It is depreciated on a straight-line basis on the historic cost for the life of the lease which is ten years and three years respectively. Plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation.

Land and buildings comprise mainly factory and offices. Land and buildings are shown at fair value based on valuations by external independent valuers every five years, less subsequent depreciation for buildings. Any accumulated depreciation at the date of revaluation is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset. Independent valuations are performed at regular intervals not exceeding five years. All other property, plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less depreciation. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation of land and buildings are credited to other reserves in shareholders' equity. Decreases that offset previous increases of the same asset are charged against other reserves directly in equity, all other decreases are charged to the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

2 **Significant accounting policies (continued)**

f. *Property, plant and equipment (continued)*

Land is not depreciated. Depreciation on other assets is calculated using the straight line method to allocate their cost or revalued amounts to their residual values over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Leasehold improvements	-	10 – 33⅓%per annum
Buildings and building improvements	-	2 – 10% per annum
Plant and machinery	-	6 ⅔ - 10% per annum
Furniture and office equipment	-	10 – 25% per annum
Motor vehicles	-	16 ⅔ % per annum

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period. An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amounts and are recognised within 'other income' in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

On disposal of revalued assets, amounts in the revaluation reserve relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

g. *Leases*

The Group leases various parcels of land on which its retail stores are located, typically made for fixed periods of 3 to 10 years.

Contracts may contain both lease and non-lease components. The Group allocates the consideration in the contract to the lease and non-lease components based on their relative stand-alone prices. However, for leases of real estate for which the Group is a lessee, it has elected not to separate lease and non-lease components and instead accounts for these as a single lease component.

Lease terms are negotiated on an individual basis and contain a wide range of different terms and conditions. The lease agreements do not impose any covenants other than the security interests in the leased assets that are held by the lessor. Leased assets may not be used as security for borrowing purposes.

From 1 April 2019, leases are recognised as a right-of-use asset and a corresponding liability at the date at which the leased asset is available for use by the Group.

Assets and liabilities arising from a lease are initially measured on a present value basis. Lease liabilities include the net present value of the following lease payments:

- fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments), less any lease incentives receivable
- variable lease payment that are based on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date
- amounts expected to be payable by the Group under residual value guarantees
- the exercise price of a purchase option if the Group is reasonably certain to exercise that option, and

2 **Significant accounting policies (continued)**

g. *Leases (continued)*

- payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the Group exercising that option.

Lease payments to be made under reasonably certain extension options are also included in the measurement of the liability.

The lease payments are discounted using the incremental borrowing rate, being the rate that the individual lessee would have to pay to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of similar value to the right-of-use asset in a similar economic environment with similar terms, security and conditions.

To determine the incremental borrowing rate, the Group:

- where possible, uses recent third-party financing received by the individual lessee as a starting point, adjusted to reflect changes in financing conditions since third party financing was received
- makes adjustments specific to the lease, e.g. term and security.

The Group is exposed to potential future increases in variable lease payments based on an index or rate, which are not included in the lease liability until they take effect. When adjustments to lease payments based on an index or rate take effect, the lease liability is reassessed and adjusted against the right-of-use asset.

Lease payments are allocated between principal and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to profit or loss over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period.

Right-of-use assets are measured at cost comprising the following:

- the amount of the initial measurement of lease liability
- any lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received
- initial direct costs, and
- restoration costs.

Right-of-use assets are generally depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term on a straight-line basis. If the Group is reasonably certain to exercise a purchase option, the right-of-use asset is depreciated over the underlying asset's useful life. While the Group revalues its land and buildings that are presented within property, plant and equipment, it has chosen not to do so for the right-of-use buildings held by the Group.

Payments associated with short-term leases of equipment and vehicles and all leases of low-value assets are recognised on a straight-line basis as an expense in profit or loss. Short-term leases are leases with a lease term of 12 months or less. Low-value assets comprise IT equipment and small items of office furniture.

Extension and termination options are included in a number of property leases across the Group. These are used to maximise operational flexibility in terms of managing the assets used in the Group's operations. The majority of extension and termination options held are exercisable only by the Group and not by the respective lessor.

2 **Significant accounting policies (continued)**

g. *Leases (continued)*

As explained above, the Group has changed its accounting policy for leases where the Group is the lessee.

The new policy is described above and the impact of the change in note 2 (a) (i) (a).

Lessor accounting

Leases of property, plant and equipment under which the Group assumes substantially all the risk and rewards of ownership are classified as finance leases. Assets held under finance leases are capitalised at the lower of the fair value of the leased assets and the present value of the minimum lease payments, at the date of inception of the lease. The corresponding rental obligations, net of finance charges, are shown as finance lease liability, on the consolidated statement of financial position. Each lease payment is allocated between the liability and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to profit or loss over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period.

The property, plant and equipment acquired under finance leases was depreciated over the asset's useful life, or over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term if there is no reasonable certainty that the Group will obtain ownership at the end of the lease term.

Leases in which a significant proportion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to appropriate expense headings in the profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Lease income from operating leases where the Group is a lessor is recognized in income on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Lease income from operating leases where the Group is a lessor is recognized in income on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Initial direct costs incurred in obtaining an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the underlying asset and recognised as expense over the lease term on the same basis as lease income. The respective leased assets are included in the statement of financial position based on their nature.

h. *Impairment of non-financial assets*

Assets that are subject to amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are largely independent cash flows (cash generating units). Prior impairments of non-financial assets (other than goodwill) are reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

(i) *Classification*

The Group classifies its financial assets in the following measurement categories: those to be measured subsequently at fair value (either through OCI or through profit or loss), and those to be measured at amortised cost.

The classification depends on the entity's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual terms of the cash flows.

2 **Significant accounting policies (continued)**

h. *Impairment of non-financial assets (continued)*

(i) *Classification (continued)*

For assets measured at fair value, gains and losses will either be recorded in profit or loss or OCI.

For investments in equity instruments that are not held for trading, this will depend on whether the Group has made an irrevocable election at the time of initial recognition to account for the equity investment at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI).

The Group reclassifies debt investments when and only when its business model for managing those assets changes.

i. *Investments and other financial assets*

(i) *Recognition and derecognition*

Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on trade-date, the date on which the Group commits to purchase or sell the asset. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or have been transferred and the Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

(ii) *Measurement*

At initial recognition, the Group measures a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL), transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset. Transaction costs of financial assets carried at FVPL are expensed in profit or loss.

Financial assets with embedded derivatives are considered in their entirety when determining whether their cash flows are solely payment of principal and interest.

Equity instruments

The Group subsequently measures all equity investments at fair value. Where the Group's management has elected to present fair value gains and losses on equity investments in OCI, there is no subsequent reclassification of fair value gains and losses to profit or loss following the derecognition of the investment. Dividends from such investments continue to be recognised in profit or loss as other income when the Group's right to receive payments is established.

There were no financial assets at FVPL.

2 **Significant accounting policies (continued)**

i. *Investments and other financial assets (continued)*

(iii) *Impairment*

Impairment losses (and reversal of impairment losses) on equity investments measured at FVOCI are not reported separately from other changes in fair value.

The Group assesses on a forward looking basis the expected credit losses associated with its financial assets carried at amortised cost. The impairment methodology applied depends on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk.

For trade receivables, the Group applies the simplified approach, which requires expected lifetime losses to be recognised from initial recognition of the receivables, see note 3 (a) (ii) for further details.

The Group has applied IFRS 9 retrospectively, but has elected not to restate comparative information. As a result, the comparative information provided continues to be accounted for in accordance with the Group's previous accounting policy.

j. *Inventories*

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or net realisable value, allowance having been made for damaged, slow moving and obsolete items. Cost is determined on the following bases:

- Raw materials are carried at the lower of average cost or net realisable value.
- Inventories in process are carried at the lower of cost or net realisable value.
- Finished goods are carried at the lower of raw materials cost plus a portion of labour and production overheads, or net realisable value.
- Goods for resale are carried at the lower of average cost or net realisable value.
- Goods in transit are carried at suppliers' invoice cost plus freight and insurance, as applicable.

The costs of finished goods and work in progress comprise, raw materials, direct labour, other direct costs and related production overheads (based on normal operating capacity). Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less applicable variable selling expenses. Cost of inventories excludes borrowing costs.

k. *Trade and other receivables*

Trade receivables are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business. If collection is expected in one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer), they are classified as current assets. If not, they are presented as non-current assets. Trade receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost less provision for impairment.

See Note 3 (a) (ii) for impairment of financial assets accounting policy.

l. *Cash and cash equivalents*

In the consolidated statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, bank overdrafts and short-term advances.

2 **Significant accounting policies (continued)**

m. *Share capital*

Ordinary shares and preference shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

Preference shares which are not redeemable and do not accrue a fixed rate of dividend are classified as equity.

n. *Other reserves*

The property, plant and equipment revaluation surplus is used to record increments and decrements on the revaluation of non-current assets. In the event of a sale of an asset, any balance in the reserve in relation to the asset is transferred to retained earnings.

The Group has elected to recognise changes in the fair value of certain investments in equity securities in OCI. These changes are accumulated within the FVOCI reserve within equity.

Retirement benefit reserve is used to record actuarial gains and losses arising from experience adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions in the period in which they arise.

o. *Borrowings*

Borrowings are recognised initially at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost; any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income over the period of the borrowing using the effective interest method. Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Group has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the consolidated statement of financial position date.

General and specific borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are added to the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale.

Borrowing costs are recognised in statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income in the period in which they occurred.

p. *Provisions*

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events; it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and the amount has been reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.
Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

Provisions are measured at the present value of the expenditure expected to be required to settle the obligation. The increase in the provision due to passage of time is recognised as interest expense in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

2 **Significant accounting policies (continued)**

q. *Employee benefits*

(i) *Pension obligations*

The Group operates a defined benefit pension plan, the assets of which are held in separate trustee-administered funds. The pension plan is funded by payments from employees and by the Group, taking account of the recommendations of independent qualified actuaries.

A defined benefit plan is a pension plan that is not a defined contribution plan. Typically defined benefit plans define an amount of pension benefit that an employee will receive on retirement, usually dependent on one or more factors such as age, years of service and compensation.

The liability recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position in respect of defined benefit pension plans is the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the end of the reporting period less the fair value of plan assets. The defined benefit obligation is calculated annually by independent actuaries using the projected unit credit method with a full valuation done every three years.

Roll forward valuations, which are less detailed than full valuations are performed annually. The present value of the defined benefit obligation is determined by discounting the estimated future cash outflows using interest rates of government bonds that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid, and that have terms to maturity approximating to the terms of the related pension obligation.

The current service cost of the defined benefit plan, recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income in employee benefit expense, except where included in the cost of an asset, reflects the increase in the defined benefit obligation resulting from employee service in the current year, benefit changes curtailments and settlements. The net interest cost is calculated by applying the discount rate to the net balance of the defined benefit obligation and the fair value of plan assets. This cost is included in employee benefit expense in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income. Actuarial gains and losses arising from experience adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions are charged or credited to equity in statement of other comprehensive income in the period in which they arise.

Past service costs are recognised immediately in income.

(ii) *Termination benefits*

Benefits are payable when employment is terminated before the normal retirement date or whenever an employee accepts voluntary redundancy in exchange for these benefits. The Group recognises termination benefits when it is demonstrably committed to terminating employment of current employees according to a formal plan without the possibility of withdrawal.

r. *Revenue recognition*

Revenue depicts the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services.

2 **Significant accounting policies (continued)**

r. *Revenue recognition (continued)*

(i) *Sale of goods – wholesale and retail*

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when control of the products has transferred, being when the products are delivered to the customer, the customer has full discretion over the use and deployment of the products, and there is no unfulfilled obligation that could affect the customer's acceptance of the products.

Delivery occurs when the products have been shipped to the specific customer site or place of delivery, the risks of obsolescence and loss have been transferred to the customer, or the customer has accepted the products in accordance with the relevant contract.

Sales are recorded based on the price specified in the sales contracts at the time of sale. No element of financing is deemed present as the sales are made with credit terms as specified for entities within the Group, which is consistent with the market practice.

(ii) *Sales of services – construction contracts*

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Amounts disclosed as revenue are net of discounts, returns and amounts collected on behalf of third parties (value added taxes).

The Group provides the supply of materials and installation under a fixed price contract. Revenue from providing services is recognised at a point in time in the accounting period in which the services are rendered.

For fixed price contracts revenue is recognised based on the actual service provided to the end of the reporting period as a proportion of the total services to be provided because the customer receives and uses the benefits simultaneously.

The installation does not include an integration service and could be performed by another party. It is therefore accounted for as a separate obligation.

Revenue for installation is recognised overtime using an input method of accounting which include inputs to the satisfaction of the performance obligation, for example labour hours expended, costs incurred, time elapsed relative to the total expected inputs to the satisfaction of the Group's performance obligation.

In the case of fixed-price contracts, the customer pays the fixed amount based on the terms of the contract. If the services rendered by the Group exceed the payment, a contract asset is recognised. If the payments exceed the services rendered, a contract liability is recognised.

Financing components

The Group does not expect to have any contracts where the period between the transfer of the promised goods or service to the customer and payment by the customer exceeds one year. As a consequence, the Group does not adjust any of the transaction prices for the time value of money.

2 **Significant accounting policies (continued)**

r. *Revenue recognition (continued)*

(iii) *Sale of services – shipping services*

The Group sells shipping services to other retailers. For sales of services, revenue is recognised services are rendered and customers have signed for acceptance.

(iv) *Dividend income*

Dividend income is recognised when the shareholder's right to receive payment is established.

s. *Current and deferred tax*

The tax expense for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case the tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at the consolidated statement of financial position date in the country where the subsidiaries operate and generate taxable income. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation. It establishes provisions where appropriate on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

Deferred tax is recognised, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements. However, the deferred tax is not accounted for if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the consolidated statement of financial position date and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the deferred income tax liability is settled. Deferred income tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax liabilities and when the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on the same taxable entity.

t. *Trade payables*

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payments are due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade payables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2 **Significant accounting policies (continued)**

u. *Offsetting financial instruments*

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the consolidated statement of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. The legally enforceable right must not be contingent on future events and must be enforceable in the normal course of business and in the event of default, insolvency or bankruptcy of the Group or the counterparty.

v. *Dividend distribution*

Dividend distribution to the Group's shareholders is recognised as a liability in the Group's financial statements in the period in which the dividends are approved by the Group's shareholders.

3 Financial risk management

a. *Financial risk factors*

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including foreign exchange risk, fair value interest rate risk and price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. Risk management is carried out in line with policies approved by the Board of Directors. Management reviews principles for overall risk management, covering specific areas, such as currency risk, cash flow interest rate risk, credit risk, and the investment of excess liquidity. These policies and procedures have remained unchanged throughout the year and have not changed compared to the prior year.

(i) *Market risk*

(a) *Currency risk*

Currency risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. Currency risk arises when future commercial transactions and recognised assets and liabilities are denominated in a currency that is not the Group's functional currency. The Group is exposed to foreign exchange risk arising from various currency exposures, primarily with respect to the United States dollar and UK pound sterling. The Group's management monitors the exchange rate fluctuations on a continuous basis and employs appropriate strategies to mitigate any potential losses.

At 31 March 2022 if the functional currency had weakened/strengthened by 5% against the US dollar with all other variables held constant, the profit for the year would have been $560,730 (2021: $673,028) lower/higher .

At 31 March 2022 if the functional currency had weakened/strengthened by 5% against the UK Pound Sterling with all other variables held constant, the profit for the year would have been $39,168 (2021: $122,125) lower/higher .

(b) *Price risk*

The Group is exposed to equity securities price risk because of investments held by the Group and classified on the consolidated statement of financial position as financial assets – FVOCI. The Group's exposure to equity securities price risk is not significant as the portfolio of financial assets - FVOCI is not significant.

3 **Financial risk management (continued)**

a. *Financial risk factors (continued)*

(i) *Market risk (continued)*

(c) *Cash flow interest rate risk*

The Group finances its operations through a mixture of retained earnings and borrowings. The Group borrows in the desired currencies at fixed and floating rates of interest. Cash flow interest rate risk is the risk that the Group's cash flows will change due to changes in interest rates. Fair value interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of recognised financial assets and liabilities may change due to changes in interest rates.

As the Group has no significant interest–bearing assets, the Group's income and operating cash flows are substantially independent of changes in market interest rates.

The Group's interest rate risk arises from long-term borrowings. Borrowings issued at variable rates expose the Group to cash flow interest rate risk which is partially offset by cash held at variable rates. Borrowings issued at fixed rates expose the Group to fair value interest rate risk. During 2022 and 2021 the Group's borrowings at variable rates were denominated in local currency.

At 31 March 2022 if the interest rate on borrowings had been 0.25% higher/lower with all other variables held constant, profit for the year would have been $71,385 higher/lower (2021: $80,396), mainly as a result higher/lower interest expense on floating rate borrowings.

The following table contains details of all of the financial instruments that L J Williams Limited holds at 31 March 2022 which reference LIBOR and have not yet transitioned to an alternative interest rate benchmark.

	Carrying Value at 31 March 2022	**Have yet to transition to an alternative benchmark interest rate as at 31 March 2022**
	Liabilities $'000	**Liabilities $'000**
Borrowings	15,849	3,722
Total liabilities exposed to LIBOR	15,849	3,722

(ii) *Credit risk*

The Group's exposure to credit risk lies primarily with its trade receivables and cash and cash equivalents. Sales to customers are settled in cash or using major credit cards.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the end of the reporting period is the carrying amount of each class of financial assets mentioned above.

The Group is exposed to credit risk, which is the potential for loss due to a debtor's failure to pay amounts when due. The Group manages this by regular analysis of the ability of debtors to settle their outstanding balances. Impairment provisions are established for losses or potential losses that have been incurred at the reporting date.

3 **Financial risk management (continued)**

a. *Financial risk factors (continued)*

(ii) *Credit risk (continued)*

The Group trades with third parties who are subject to credit verification procedures, which take into account their consolidated financial position and past experience. Individual risk limits are set based on internal analysis.

Credit risk on cash and cash equivalents held by the Group are minimised as all cash deposits are held with banks which have acceptable credit ratings.

Trade receivables are written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. Indicators that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery include, amongst others, the failure of a debtor to engage in a repayment plan with the Group, and a failure to make contractual payments for a period of greater than 90 days past due. Impairment losses on trade receivables are presented as net impairment losses within operating profit. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against the same line item. With respect to credit risk arising from cash and cash equivalents, the Group's exposure to credit risk arises from default of the counterparty, with a maximum exposure equal to the carrying amount of these financial assets.
Maximum exposure to credit risk

The accounting policies for financial instruments have been applied to the line items below:

	2022 $'000	2021 $'000
Financial assets – FVOCI (Note 9)	367	367
Trade receivables (Note 13)	12,965	11,386
Other receivables (Note 13)	1,431	874
Other financial assets at amortised cost (Note 14)	1,700	3,400
Cash at bank and on hand (Note 15)	4,363	16,520
	20,826	32,547

Credit risk is the risk of default on financial assets that may arise from a counterparty failing to make payments or honour an obligation. Credit risk is managed on a Group basis. Credit risk arises from cash and cash equivalents and deposits with banks and financial institutions, as well as credit exposures to customers, including outstanding receivables and committed transactions. The Group has no significant concentration of credit risk and trades mainly with recognised credit worthy third parties.

Financial instruments by category

The accounting policies for financial instruments have been applied to the line items below:

	Financial instruments	
Financial assets		
Financial assets – FVOCI (Note 9)	367	367
Other financial assets at amortised cost (Note 14)	1,700	3,400
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 15)	4,363	16,520
Trade and other receivables (excluding prepayments) (Note 13)	14,396	12,260
	20,826	32,547

3 **Financial risk management (continued)**

a. *Financial risk factors (continued)*

(ii) *Credit risk (continued)*

	Other financial liabilities at amortised cost	
Financial liabilities		
Trade and other payables (excluding statutory liabilities)	13,972	22,279
Borrowings	15,849	25,213
Lease liabilities	15,112	13,327
	44,933	60,819

Business is conducted with only reputable financial institutions. Customers trading on credit terms are subject to credit verification procedures and credit limits are defined for each customer. The approval process is undertaken on an individual basis before management provides credit to customers.

There have been no changes to the way the Group manages this exposure compared to the prior year.

Term deposits and cash are held with reputable financial institutions. There is no formal credit rating policy for the quality of assets held as at the statement of financial position date.

Collateral is not held for any balances exposed to credit risk.

The Group recognises provision for losses for assets subject to credit risk using the expected credit loss model.

The Group uses one approach in arriving at expected losses, the simplified approach for trade receivables.

The simplified approach

The Group applies the IFRS 9 simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses for trade receivables. The simplified approach eliminates the need to calculate 12-month ECL and to assess when a significant increase in credit risk has occurred. Accordingly, a lifetime expected loss allowance is used from day 1. To measure the lifetime loss allowance, the Group first considers whether any individual customer accounts require specific provisions.

Incorporation of forward-looking information

Historical loss rates for trade receivables are adjusted to reflect current and forward-looking information on macroeconomic factors – GDP growth, affecting the ability of the customers to settle the receivables.

Trade receivables assessed for specific provisions are identified based on certain default triggers (e.g. customers with a significant portion of their invoices > 90 days, customers with significant cash flow issues, business model issues and other relevant factors). Once the population for specific provisions is identified, it is segregated from the rest of the portfolio.

A provision matrix is then applied to all remaining accounts on a portfolio basis. Customer balances covered by specific provisions are excluded from the portfolio provision calculations to avoid double counting.

3 **Financial risk management (continued)**

a. *Financial risk factors (continued)*

(ii) *Credit risk (continued)*

The following is a summary of the ECL on trade receivables from a combination of specific and general provisions:

At 31 March 2022

Aging	Average ECL Rate	Estimated EAD $'000	Expected Credit Loss $'000
Current (0 – 30 days)	0.53%	7,154	38
31 - 60 days	0.74%	3,671	27
61 - 90 days	1.53%	830	13
91 - 120 days	3.67%	720	26
Over 120 days	23.82%	911	217
		13,286	321

At 31 March 2021

Aging	Average ECL Rate	Estimated EAD $'000	Expected Credit Loss $'000
Current (0 – 30 days)	0.35%	6,211	22
31 - 60 days	0.46%	3,605	17
61 - 90 days	0.91%	734	7
91 - 120 days	2.19%	753	17
Over 120 days	67.98%	456	310
		11,759	373

The movement in the provision for expected credit losses for trade receivables is as follows:

	2022 $'000	2021 $'000
Opening loss allowance as at 1 April	373	192
Increase allowance in profit and loss during the year	--	181
Recoveries	(34)	--
Receivables written off during the year	(18)	--
At 31 March	321	373

3 **Financial risk management (continued)**

a. *Financial risk factors (continued)*

(iii) *Liquidity risk*

Prudent liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash and short-term funds and the availability of funding through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities. Consistent with the prior year, due to the dynamic nature of the underlying business, the Group aims at maintaining flexibility in funding by keeping committed credit lines available.

One of the subsidiary companies has been experiencing reduced revenue levels and as such requires periodic support from the parent company. Management have taken appropriate measures to reduce the operating expenses of the subsidiary company to minimize the need for financial support from the parent company.

Due to the seasonal nature of the operations of certain companies in the Group, management reviews its cash needs monthly and determines which entities have surplus cash vs those that have deficits and operates a treasury management function whereby cash is allocated to the entity that is in need and ensure repayments are made on a timely basis.

The table below analyses the Group's financial liabilities based on the remaining period at the consolidated statement of financial position date to the contractual maturity date.

	Less than 1 year $'000	Between 1 and 2 years $'000	Between 2 and 5 years $'000	Over 5 years $'000	Contractual cash flow $'000	Carrying amount $'000
At 31 March 2022						
Borrowings	8,694	6,556	1,388	--	16,638	15,849
Leases	5,844	3,671	8,521	--	18,036	15,112
Bank overdrafts and short term advances (Note 18)	11,244	--	--	--	11,244	11,244
Trade and other payables	13,972	--	--	--	13,972	13,972
	39,754	10,227	9,909	--	59,890	56,177
At 31 March 2021						
Borrowings	9,932	7,778	6,527	--	24,237	21,808
Leases	4,936	4,011	5,692	1,245	15,884	13,327
Bank overdrafts and short term advances (Note 18)	3,405	--	--	--	3,405	3,405
Trade and other payables	22,279	--	--	--	22,279	22,279
	40,552	11,789	12,219	1,245	65,805	60,819

3 **Financial risk management (continued)**

b. *Capital risk management*

The Group's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Group's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may adjust the amount of the dividends paid to shareholders, return capital to shareholders, issue new shares or sell assets to reduce debt.

Consistent with others in the industry, the Group monitors capital on the basis of the gearing ratio. This ratio is calculated as net debt divided by total capital. Net debt is calculated as total borrowings (including current and non-current borrowings, leases and bank overdrafts and bankers' acceptances as shown in the consolidated statement of financial position) less cash and cash equivalents. Total capital is calculated as 'equity' as shown in the consolidated statement of financial position plus net debt.

The gearing ratios as at 31 March 2022 and 31 March 2021 were as follows:

	2022 $'000	2021 $'000
Total borrowings (Note 18)	27,093	25,213
Total lease liabilities (Note 7)	15,112	13,327
Less: other financial assets at amortised cost (Note 14)	(1,700)	(3,400)
Less: cash at bank and on hand (Note 15)	(4,363)	(16,520)
Net debt	36,142	18,620
Total equity	104,019	98,252
Total capital	140,161	116,872
Gearing ratio	26%	16%

c. *Fair value estimation*

The table below analyses financial instruments carried at fair value by valuation method. The different levels have been defined as follows:

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

The following table presents the Group's assets that are measured at fair value at 31 March 2022 and 31 March 2021.

Level 1- Financial assets- FVOCI (quoted) (Note 9)	287	287
Level 3- Investment properties (Note 5)	14,450	14,450
Level 3- Land and buildings (Note 6)	65,248	66,013
Level 3- Financial assets- FVOCI (unquoted) (Note 9)	80	80
	80,065	80,830

3 **Financial risk management (continued)**

c. *Fair value estimation (continued)*

(i) *Financial assets in Level 1*

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the statement of financial position date, A market is regarded as active if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, industry group, pricing service or regulatory agency and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transaction on an arm's length basis. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Group is the current bid price. These instruments are included in Level 1 are from the Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange.

(ii) *Financial assets in Level 3*

The fair value of the financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise the use of observable market data where it is available and rely as little as possible on entity specific estimates. If all significant inputs required to fair value an instrument are unobservable, the instrument is included in level 3.

The information below represents the financial instruments that are included in Level 3.

	2022 $'000	2021 $'000
Container Recovery And Billing Limited	50	50
Medway Limited	30	30
	80	80

The movements of investments categorised as level 3 during the year are reflected in Note 9.

The fair values of unlisted securities are determined by management based on the lower of net assets or selling price given by the investee and are determined to be the same as cost.

4 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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.

The Group makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment in the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below:

(i) *Pension benefits*

The present value of the pension obligations depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using certain assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions will impact the carrying amount of obligations.

The Group determines the appropriate discount rate at the end of each year. This is the interest rate that should be used to determine the present value of estimated future cash outflows expected to be required to settle the obligations. In determining the appropriate discount rate, the Group considers the interest rates of long-term Government securities that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid, and that have terms to maturity approximating the terms of the related liability.

Other key assumptions for pension obligations are based in part on current market conditions. Additional information including sensitivity to assumptions made is disclosed in Note 10.

(ii) *Fair value of financial instruments*

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques.

The Group determines that financial instruments are impaired when there has been a significant or prolonged decline in fair value below its cost. The determination of what is significant or prolonged requires judgement. In making this judgement, the Group evaluates among other factors, the normal volatility in share price, the financial health of the investee and operational and financing cash flow. Impairment may be appropriate when there is evidence of deterioration in the financial health of the investee and operational and financing cash flows.

Sensitivity to market risk is included in Note 3.

4 **Critical accounting estimates and judgements (continued)**

(iii) *Income taxes*

Significant judgement is required in determining the provision for income taxes. There are several transactions and calculations for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain. The Group recognises tax liabilities for anticipated tax audit issues based on estimates of whether additional taxes will be due. Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recorded, such differences will impact the current and deferred income tax assets and liabilities in the period in which such determination is made.

(iv) *Deferred tax asset*

The deferred tax asset of $346,000 (2021: $2,852,000) (Note 8) which relates to carried-forward tax losses of the Group for losses acquired over time which was not previously recognised as a result of the uncertainty of recovery due to the financial situation of the Group at the time. The Group has recognised a deferred tax asset to the extent that there is a deferred tax liability related to the same tax authority. The losses can be carried forward indefinitely and have no expiry date.

(v) *Investment properties*

See Note 2 (e) and Note 5 for information regarding the determination of fair values of investment properties by the external, independent and qualified valuers.

(vi) *Property, plant and equipment*

See Note 2 (f) and Note 6 for information regarding the determination of fair values of land and buildings by the external, independent and qualified valuers.

(vii) *Leases*

See Note 2 (g) for information about assumption and estimation uncertainties regarding discount and incremental borrowing rates.

5 **Investment properties**

Year ended 31 March 2022	**Car park rental $'000**	**Office rental $'000**	**Total $'000**
At 1 April 2021	7,450	7,000	14,450
At 31 March 2022	7,450	7,000	14,450
Year ended 31 March 2021			
At 1 April 2020	8,000	7,650	15,650
Revaluation	(550)	(650)	(1,200)
At 31 March 2021	7,450	7,000	14,450

5 **Investment properties (continued)**

Properties held for long term rental or for capital appreciation are classified as investment properties. Freehold land located at 124 St Vincent Street is operated as a car park rental service and land and building located at 119 Abercromby Street offers office space rental. The rental income and annual revaluation from these properties are included in Note 22.

Valuation processes

The Group's investment properties were valued by independent professionally qualified valuers who hold a recognised relevant professional qualification and have recent experience in the location and segments of the investment properties valued. At the end of each financial year the managing director:

- Verifies the values held to the independent valuation report.
- Assesses property valuation movements compared to the prior year valuation report.
- Holds discussions with the independent valuer.

Valuation techniques underlying management's estimate of fair value

The property located at 124 St Vincent Street is freehold land and was valued by professional valuer Brent Augustus & Associates Limited at 15 March 2022 and is currently used to let on a month to month basis to various tenants as a car park. The land's best use is for commercial office development.

The property located at 119 Abercromby Street consists of land and single storey office building and was valued by professional valuer Brent Augustus & Associates Limited at 15 March 2022. Due to the age of the building, it was not considered in the valuation. The land's best use is for commercial office development. Notwithstanding the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on both the international and local economies, the real estate market has not been affected as at the year end. Management will continue to monitor the economic uncertainty and review the valuations as new information comes to light. See Note 2 (a) for further information.

Income derived from revaluation and rental of investment properties:

	2022 $'000	2021 $'000
Car park rental	399	442
Office space rental	198	198
	597	640

Level 3 fair values of land and buildings have been derived using the Market Basis of Valuation approach. This approach used a perspective on the property market which identified reduced levels of direct foreign investment and local private sector investment within the economy. It also incorporated the fiscal and monetary impact of the expected decline in the economy due to the decline in the energy sector as well as the performance of the non-energy sector.

The Group is exposed to property price risk because of investment properties and land and buildings carried at fair value. Had property prices in the market increased by 5% the Group's profits would have increased by $0 (2021: $0), and the Group's reserves would have increased by $0 (2021: $0).

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6 **Property, plant and equipment**

	Land and buildings $'000	Plant and machinery $'000	Furniture and office equipment $'000	Motor vehicles $'000	Total $'000
Year ended 31 March 2022					
Opening net book amount	66,013	1,825	3,470	1,897	73,205
Additions	1,300	114	864	--	2,278
Depreciation charge	(2,065)	(281)	(823)	(754)	(3,923)
Closing net book amount	65,248	1,658	3,511	1,143	71,560
At 31 March 2022					
Cost/valuation	84,862	7,473	22,150	7,267	121,752
Accumulated depreciation	(19,614)	(5,815)	(18,639)	(6,124)	(50,192)
Net book amount	65,248	1,658	3,511	1,143	71,560
Year ended 31 March 2021					
Opening net book amount	59,483	2,083	3,818	1,961	67,345
Revaluation	8,356	--	--	--	8,356
Additions	441	48	493	811	1,793
Disposals	--	--	--	(17)	(17)
Depreciation charge	(2,267)	(306)	(841)	(858)	(4,272)
Closing net book amount	66,013	1,825	3,470	1,897	73,205
At 31 March 2021					
Cost/valuation	83,562	7,360	21,286	7,267	119,475
Accumulated depreciation	(17,549)	(5,535)	(17,816)	(5,370)	(46,270)
Net book amount	66,013	1,825	3,470	1,897	73,205
At 31 March 2020					
Cost/valuation	74,765	7,312	20,502	6,871	109,450
Accumulated depreciation	(15,282)	(5,229)	(16,684)	(4,910)	(42,105)
Net book amount	59,483	2,083	3,818	1,961	67,345

Bank borrowings are secured on land and buildings for the value of $56,095,000 (2021: $56,095,000) (Note 18).

6 **Property, plant and equipment (continued)**

Land and buildings located at Trincity Industrial Estate were revalued by independent valuators Linden Scott and Associates on 18 February 2021. Land and building located at #2 Barataria was revalued by independent valuators Brent Augustus and Associated on 12 March 2021. Both valuations were made on the basis of open market values. The revaluation surplus was credited to other reserves in shareholders' equity.

If land and buildings were stated on the historical cost basis, the amounts would be as follows:

	2022 $'000	2021 $'000
Cost	56,134	55,275
Accumulated depreciation	(9,182)	(8,060)
	46,952	47,215

7 **Leases**

Right of use assets		
At 1 April	12,478	15,165
Additions	6,090	1,612
Depreciation	(4,683)	(4,299)
At 31 March	13,885	12,478
Cost	24,937	18,847
Accumulated depreciation	(11,052)	(6,369)
At 31 March	13,885	12,478
Lease liabilities		
At 1 April	13,327	15,819
Additions	6,087	1,842
Principal repayments	(2,251)	(2,520)
COVID-19 related rent concessions (Note 21)	(2,051)	(1,814)
At 31 March	15,112	13,327
Current	4,740	4,135
Non-current	10,372	9,192
Total lease liabilities	15,112	13,327

(i) *Amounts recognised in the statement of comprehensive income*

The statement of profit or loss shows the following amounts relating to leases:

Interest expense (included in finance costs)	1,441	1,372
Total cash outflow for leases	5,565	3,892
COVID-19 related rent concessions (Note 21)	(2,051)	(1,814)

8 **Deferred tax**

The analysis of deferred tax assets and (liabilities) is as follows:

	Accelerated tax depreciation $'000	IFRS 16 $'000	Retirement benefit asset $'000	Revaluation surplus $'000	Accumulated tax losses $'000	Total $'000
At 1 April 2021	(2,450)	452	(142)	(2,821)	2,852	(2,109)
Credited/(charged) to profit/(loss)	56	169	--	--	(2,506)	(2,281)
Credited/(charged) to other-comprehensive income	--	--	(335)	--	--	(335)
At 31 March 2022	(2,394)	621	(477)	(2,821)	346	(4,725)
At 1 April 2020	(3,015)	(197)	239	(779)	3,752	--
Credited/(charged) to profit/(loss)	565	649	--	--	(900)	314
Credited/(charged) to other-comprehensive income	--	--	(381)	(2,042)	--	(2,423)
At 31 March 2021	(2,450)	452	(142)	(2,821)	2,852	(2,109)

	2022 $'000	2021 $'000
Deferred tax assets	(967)	(3,304)
Deferred tax liabilities	5,692	5,413
Deferred tax liabilities - net	4,725	2,109

The movement on deferred income tax is as follows:

At 1 April	2,109	--
Charge to the profit and loss (Note 23)	2,281	314
Charge to other comprehensive income	335	(2,423)
At 31 March	4,725	2,109

Deferred income taxes are calculated on all temporary differences under the liability method using a principal tax rate of 30% (2021: 30%).

9 **Financial assets**	2022 $'000	2021 $'000
Beginning of year	367	240
Fair value gain	--	127
End of year	367	367
Financial assets include the following:		
Fair value through other comprehensive income:		
Grace Kennedy (Trinidad and Tobago) Limited	287	287
Container Recovery And Billing Limited	50	50
Medway Limited	30	30
	367	367

10 Retirement benefit asset

The information below was extracted from the actuarial valuation report dated 5 May 2022.

Amounts recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position:

Fair value of plan assets	(22,700)	(22,111)
Retirement benefit obligation	21,112	21,639
Effect of asset ceiling	--	--
Net defined benefit asset/(obligation)	(1,588)	(472)

Movement in the defined benefit obligation over the year is as follows:

At beginning of year	21,639	21,256
Current service cost	524	534
Interest cost	1,164	1,134
Members' contributions	178	181
Benefits paid	(969)	(1,272)
Actuarial losses from changes in demographic assumptions	(1,178)	--
Experience adjustments	(246)	(194)
At end of year	21,112	21,639

Movement in the fair value of plan assets over the year is as follows:

At beginning of year	22,111	20,461
Interest income	1,199	1,100
Return on plan assets (excluding interest income)	39	1,496
Employer contributions	178	181
Employee contributions	178	181
Expense allowance	(36)	(36)
Benefits paid	(969)	(1,272)
At end of year	22,700	22,111

10 **Retirement benefit asset (continued)**

Movement in the asset recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position:

	2022 $'000	2021 $'000
At beginning of year	(472)	795
Pension costs	525	604
Re-measurement recognised in other comprehensive income	(1,463)	(1,690)
Contributions paid	(178)	(181)
At end of year	(1,588)	(472)
Experience losses/(gains)	(1,463)	(1,690)
Amount recognised in other comprehensive income	(1,463)	(1,690)

The principal actuarial assumptions used for accounting purposes were:

- Discount rate	6.0%	5.5%
- Average individual salary increases	4.0%	4.0%
- Future pension increases	0.0%	0.0%
Life expectancy for current pensioners		
- Male at age 65	17.5	17.5
- Female at age 60	26.1	26.0
Life expectancy for current member		
- Male at age 65	18.6	18.5
- Female at age 60	27.0	27.0

Sensitivity analysis	1%pa increase $000	1%pa decrease $000
- Discount rate	(2,064)	2,469
- Future salary increases	241	(222)

10 **Retirement benefit asset (continued)**

Funding

The Group meets the balance of the cost of funding the defined benefit Pension Plan and the Group must pay contributions at least equal to those paid by members, which are fixed. The funding requirements are based on regular (at least every 3 years) actuarial valuations of the Plan and the assumptions used to determine the funding required may differ from those set out above.

Expected contributions to post employment benefit plans for the year ending 31 March 2023 are $530,000 (2022: $550,000).

The amounts recognised in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income (Note 21) are as follows:

	2022 $'000	2021 $'000
Current service cost	524	534
Net interest on net defined benefit asset	(35)	34
Administration expenses	36	36
Net pension cost	525	604

Plan assets comprise the following:

	2022		2021	
	$000	%	$000	%
Locally listed equities	2,815	12%	2,406	11%
Overseas equities	3,992	18%	2,878	13%
Government issued nominal bonds	4,976	22%	5,116	23%
Corporate bonds	1,068	5%	1,405	6%
Mutual bonds	622	3%	482	2%
Cash and cash equivalents	1,189	5%	1,207	6%
Other (annuity polices)	8,038	35%	8,617	39%
	22,700	100%	22,111	100%

Asset values as at 31 March 2022 were estimated using the asset values provided as at 31 March 2022 by the Plan's Investment Manager RBC Royal Bank (Trinidad and Tobago) Limited. Overseas equities have quoted prices in active markets. Local equities also have quoted prices but the market is relatively illiquid. The Investment Manager calculates the fair value of the Government bonds and corporate bonds by discounting expected future proceeds using a constructed yield curve. The value of the annuity policies was estimated using the same assumptions as used to value the corresponding liabilities. The value of these policies is reliant on the financial strength of the insurer - Pan-American Life, Guardian Life, Sagicor and Tatil.

The majority of the Plan's government bonds were issued by the Government of Trinidad & Tobago, which also guarantees many of the corporate bonds held by the Plan. The Plan's assets are invested in a strategy agreed with the Plan's Trustee and Management Committee. This strategy is largely dictated by statutory constraints (at least 80% of the assets must be invested in Trinidad & Tobago and no more than 50% in equities) and the availability of suitable investments. There are no asset-liability matching strategies used by the Plan.

11 Inventories

	2022 $'000	2021 $'000
Finished goods	31,904	24,495
Goods in transit	6,639	1,612
Raw materials	2,971	2,703
Manufactured goods	431	166
	41,945	28,976

The cost of inventories recognised as an expense and included in cost of sales amounted to $100,740,000 (2021: $96,821,000). Write-downs of inventories to net realisable value amounted to $622,000 (2021: $622,000). These were recognised as an expense during the year and included in cost of sales in the statement of profit or loss.

Goods in transit represents orders placed within 90 days of the year end and inventories which are in transit as at the statement of financial reporting date.

12 Installation contracts work in progress

At beginning of year	7	19
Contract cost incurred in the year	73	251
Contract cost recognised	(73)	(263)
	7	7

13 Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables	13,286	11,759
Less: provision for impairment	(321)	(373)
Trade receivables-net	12,965	11,386
Other receivables	1,431	874
Prepayments	2,351	1,654
	16,747	13,914

Trade receivables are amounts due from customers for goods sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business. They are generally due for settlement within 30 days and therefore are all classified as current. Trade receivables are recognised initially at the amount of consideration. The Group holds the trade receivables with the objective to collect the contractual cash flows and therefore measures them subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Details about the Group's impairment policies and the calculation of the loss allowance are provided in note 3(a) (ii).

14 Other financial assets at amortised cost

	2022 $'000	2021 $'000
Republic Bank Limited	1,700	3,400
	1,700	3,400

On 23 November 2020 The Home Store Limited placed an investment of $1,700,000 for 271 days at an interest rate of 0.2%, which matured on 20 August 2021.This investment was rolled over for a further 248 days maturing on 25 April 2022.

On 27 January 2021 L.J.Williams Limited placed an investment of $1,700,000 for 181 days at an interest rate of 0.2%, This investment matured on 26 July 2021.

15 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and on hand	4,363	16,520
Bank overdrafts, short-term advances and bankers' acceptances (Note 18)	(11,244)	(3,405)
	(6,881)	13,115

16 Share capital

Authorised
130,000,000 'A' common shares of no par value
26,000,000 'B' common shares of no par value
400,000 8% cumulative participating preference shares of no par value

Issued and fully paid

46,166,600 'A' common shares of no par value	4,617	4,617
19,742,074 'B' common shares of no par value	29,131	29,131
45,590 8% cumulative participating preference shares of no par value	228	228
	33,976	33,976

The voting rights of both the common and preference shareholders are the same. The dividend rights differ as follows:

Each holder of an "A" common share shall be entitled to receive one-tenth (1/10) only of dividends of the amount received by each holder of a "B" common share.

Preference shareholders are entitled to a fixed accumulated preferential dividend of 8% per annum. However, whenever dividends paid to the common shareholders exceed 8%, then all further dividends declared shall be paid to the holders of preference shares in an amount equal to the holder of fifty (50) "A" common shares and five (5) "B" common shares until the total dividend paid to every holder of a preference share to be equal to 12% and thereafter shall not be entitled to any further dividends.

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17 **Other reserves**

	Land and buildings revaluation $'000	Retirement benefit asset $'000	Financial assets FVOCI $'000	Total $'000
Balance at 1 April 2021	26,379	(1,603)	247	25,023
Remeasurement of retirement benefit asset (Note 10)	--	1,463	--	1,463
Deferred tax (Note 8)	--	(335)	--	(335)
Balance at 31 March 2022	26,379	(475)	247	26,151
Balance at 1 April 2020	20,065	(2,912)	120	17,273
Gain on revaluation of land and buildings	8,356	--	--	8,356
Remeasurement of retirement benefit asset (Note 10)	--	1,690	--	1,690
Deferred tax (Note 8)	(2,042)	(381)	--	(2,423)
Fair value gain (Note 9)	--	--	127	127
Balance at 31 March 2021	26,379	(1,603)	247	25,023

18 **Borrowings**

	2022 $'000	2021 $'000
Current		
RBC Royal Bank (Trinidad & Tobago) Limited (overdraft)	7,756	--
Scotiabank of Trinidad and Tobago (overdraft)	1,127	--
JMMB Trinidad and Tobago Limited (overdraft)	2,233	--
Republic Bank Limited (overdraft)	128	--
RBC Royal Bank (Trinidad & Tobago) Limited (revolving credit)	--	3,405
Bank overdrafts and short-term advances	11,244	3,405
RBC Royal Bank (Trinidad & Tobago) Limited (commercial mortgage)	3,306	3,730
RBL (Trinidad and Tobago) Limited (short term loan)	1,615	2,590
RBC Royal Bank (Trinidad & Tobago) Limited (US$ short term)	1,125	--
RBC Royal Bank (Trinidad & Tobago) Limited (mortgage loan)	--	177
RBC Royal Bank (Trinidad & Tobago) Limited (short term loan)	2,083	1,933
	8,129	8,430
Non-current		
RBC Royal Bank (Trinidad & Tobago) Limited (commercial mortgage)	2,388	5,306
RBL (Trinidad and Tobago) Limited (short term loan)	2,473	4,087
RBC Royal Bank (Trinidad & Tobago) Limited (US$ short term)	1,379	--
RBC Royal Bank (Trinidad & Tobago) Limited (mortgage loan)	--	422
RBC Royal Bank (Trinidad & Tobago) Limited (short term loan)	1,480	3,563
	7,720	13,378
Total borrowings	27,093	25,213

a. *RBC Royal Bank (Trinidad & Tobago) Limited*

Overdraft facilities

The Group has an overdraft facility of $13,965,000 which bears interest at the rate of 7.5% (2021: 7.5%) per annum.

See Note 30 for increase in overdraft limit subsequent to 31 March 2022.

18 **Borrowings (continued)**

a. *RBC Royal Bank (Trinidad & Tobago) Limited (continued)*

Revolving credit

On 31 October 2018 the Company was granted a working capital facility of US500,000 this facility was increased to US$750,000 on 2 April 2019. Amount drawn at 31 March 2021 is US$500,000 with and interest rate of 3.483%.This facility was converted to short term loan for with an interest rate of 4.25%, with a monthly instalment of US$14,817.66 maturing on 21 May 2024.

Commercial mortgage

This was used for the construction of a building at Barataria. The facility terms are $24,799,227 for fifteen years at 9.5% per annum. The rate of interest is currently 7.75%. This loan is payable by monthly instalments of $267,816 inclusive of interest until 30 December 2023.

Mortgage loan

The facility terms are $1,520,000 for fifteen years at 7.75% per annum. This loan is payable by monthly instalments of $15,169 inclusive of interest until 30 March 2022.

Short term loan

This facility was granted for $2,500,000 and bears an interest rate of 7.5% with a monthly instalment of $77,765 and was repaid on 31 July 2019. A further $2,468,255 was granted on with a monthly instalment of $93,318.65 and bears an interest rate of 5.75%. The maturity date is 19 August 2022.

A facility was granted for $7,000,000 and bears an interest rate of 7.5% with a monthly instalment of $190,015. The maturity date is 19 August 2022.
The securities held by RBC Royal Bank (Trinidad and Tobago) Limited were as follows:

- Deed of Assignment of Debenture registered between RBC Royal Bank (Trinidad & Tobago) Limited and the Company over the fixed and floating assets. Stamped to secure $11,535,000.
- Registered First Demand Mortgage over a commercial property located on Abercromby Street, Port of Spain. Stamped to secure $5,345,000.
- Deed of Variation to include parcels 119 Abercromby Street and 25A New Street Port of Spain.
- Registered First Demand Mortgage over land and building at Barataria. Stamped to secure $37,250,000.
- Deed of Transfer of Debenture at Lot O, Century Drive, Trincity. Stamped collateral to the above Debenture.
- Assignment of Fire Policy on Stock/ Building, with Sagicor General Insurance incorporated for a total sum insured $76,700,000.
- Registered demand first debenture dated January 25, 2008 and registered on February 8, 2008 over the fixed and floating assets of The Home Store Ltd including uncalled capital and goodwill, stamped to secure $13,625,000.
- Assignment of Fire Insurance Policy on Stock/Building, Collective Policy Number PCC 10049965-007 with Sagicor General Insurance Incorporated Limited for a total sum insured $76,700,000.
- Deed of Variation of Mortgage registered to include The Home Store Ltd as “the New Borrower”.
- Collateral Guarantee and Postponement Claim dated 26 July 2016 signed by L.J. Williams Limited for $9,500,000 to support facilities granted to The Home Store Ltd. Stamped collateral to Deed of Mortgage.

18 **Borrowings (continued)**

b. *JMMB Trinidad and Tobago Limited*

Overdraft facility

This facility for $5,000,000 bears an interest rate of 9% per annum. This facility is unsecured.

c. *Republic Bank Limited*

Overdraft facility

The Home Store has an overdraft facility of $500,000 at an interest rate of 7.5%

Short term loan

This facility for US$750,006 was drawn on 23 November 2020 this was reduced to US$547,736 at a rate of libor interest rate of 5.5344%, repayment term is US$17,446 maturing on 31 January 2025.

The Home Store Limited has a facility for $4,000,000 with a variable interest rate of 7% and monthly instalment of $123,509 for three years. The maturity date is 28 June 2022.

The securities held by Republic Bank Limited were as follows:

- The loan is secured by 1st Mortgage of Lot L Century Drive, Trincity Industrial Estate in the name of L.J. Williams Limited, registered and stamped to cover $4,000,000.
- Adequate fire insurance over property Lot L Century Drive, Trincity Industrial Estate, with the Bank's interest noted.
- Letter of Undertaking dated 22 February 2019 from L.J. Williams Limited stating that the facilities advance to The Home Store Limited are in the best interest of both companies and that there are no circumstances prejudicial to them under the provisions of section 56 of the Companies Act Chap. 81:01.
- Letter of Undertaking dated 14 May 2020 from L.J. Williams Limited confirming the equity in the existing mortgage can be used to secure increased credit facilities in the name of The Home Store Limited and that the mortgage can be upstamped if call upon to do so by the Bank.

d. *Debt Covenants*

In order to comply with the loan agreement with RBC Royal Bank (Trinidad & Tobago) Limited, L.J. Williams Limited and The Home Store Limited has to:

a. maintain a minimum Debt Service Coverage ratio

b. not to exceed the maximum Funded Debt to EBITDA ratio.

The Group is in compliance with the debt covenants as at 31 March 2022.

19 **Trade and other payables**

	2022 $'000	2021 $'000
Trade payables	11,358	16,388
Accrued charges	3,313	6,851
Advance on contract	33	33
	14,704	23,272

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20 **Segment information**

At 31 March 2022, the Group was organised into three main business segments:

a. Manufacture and sale of a range of adhesives, manufacture and installation of curtain walls, shop fronts, panels and partitions.
b. Trading of grocery and hardware products.
c. Provision of shipping services.

The segment results for the year ended 31 March are as follows:

	Manufacturing		Trading		Shipping Services		Total	
	2022 $'000	2021 $'000	2022 $'000	2021 $'000	2022 $'000	2021 $'000	2022 $'000	2021 $'000
Revenue - over time	119	584	--	--	--	--	119	584
Revenue - at a point in time	8,075	8,192	139,194	136,970	5,407	5,562	152,676	150,724
	8,194	8,776	139,194	136,970	5,407	5,562	152,795	151,308
Gross profit	1,668	1,921	46,818	47,457	3,569	5,109	52,055	54,487
Profit before taxation	--	--	--	--	--	--	11,310	9,840
Profit for the year	--	--	--	--	--	--	6,591	7,620
Total assets	--	--	--	--	--	--	167,699	167,101
Total liabilities	--	--	--	--	--	--	63,568	68,849
Capital expenditure	--	--	--	--	--	--	2,278	1,793

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		2022 $'000	2021 $'000
21	**Expenses by nature**		
	Cost of sales		
	Inventories of finished goods sold	101,296	97,235
	Raw materials and consumables used	(556)	(414)
		100,740	96,821
	Administrative expenses		
	Employee benefit expense	20,328	21,129
	Other expenses	8,813	8,759
	Rent waiver IFRS 16 COVID-19 concessions (Note 7)	(2,051)	(1,814)
	Depreciation (Note 6,7)	8,606	8,571
	Advertising cost	723	1,779
	Directors fees (Note 28)	224	224
		36,643	38,648
	Distribution costs		
	Transportation costs	1,392	1,528
	Employee benefit expense		
	Salaries and wages	18,644	19,305
	National insurance	1,159	1,220
	Pension charge (Note 10)	525	604
		20,328	21,129
22	**Other income/(expense)**		
	Rental income	797	861
	Dividend income from financial asset – FVOCI	457	284
	Loss on revaluation of investment properties	--	(1,200)
	Gain on sale of property, plant and equipment	16	11
		1,270	(44)
23	**Taxation**		
	a. Business levy	594	548
	Corporation tax	1,844	1,986
	Deferred tax (Note 8)	2,281	(314)
		4,719	2,220

23 Taxation (continued)

b. The tax on profit before taxation differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the basic rate of tax as follows:

	2022 $'000	2021 $'000
Profit before taxation	11,310	9,840
Tax calculated at 30%	3,393	2,952
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	565	37
Other permanent differences	(15)	(199)
Business levy	594	548
Taxation losses not recognised/(utilised)	182	(1,118)
	4,719	2,220

24 Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to equity holders of the Group by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period. There are no dilutive shares to warrant the calculation of a diluted earnings per share.

Profit attributable to equity holders of the Group from - continuing operations	6,591	7,620
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	24,358,741	24,358,741
Basic profit per share - continuing operations	27¢	31¢

25 Dividends paid to company's shareholders

Dividends paid to company's shareholders	1,952	1,709

On 3 February 2022, the Company declared a dividend of $0.008 cents per share on ordinary 'A' shares and $0.08 on ordinary 'B' shares and $0.08 on preference shares.

On 4 February 2021, the Company paid a dividend of $0.007 cents per share on ordinary 'A' shares and $0.07 on ordinary 'B' shares and $0.08 on preference shares.

26 Net changes in operating assets/liabilities

(Increase)/decrease in inventories	(12,969)	9,618
Decrease in installation contracts work in progress	--	12
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(2,833)	1,372
Decrease/(increase) in other financial assets at amortised cost	1,700	(3,400)
Decrease in trade and other payables	(8,568)	(313)
	(22,670)	7,289

27 Net cash/(debt) reconciliation

This section sets out an analysis of net debt and movements in the net debt for each of the periods presented:

Net cash/(debt)

	2022 $'000	2021 $'000
Cash and cash equivalents	4,363	16,520
Borrowings (including overdraft)	(27,093)	(25,213)
Leases liabilities	(15,112)	(13,327)
Net cash/(debt)	(37,842)	(22,020)
Cash and cash equivalents	4,363	16,520
Gross debt-fixed interest rates	(42,205)	(38,540)
Net cash/(debt)	(37,842)	(22,020)

	Liabilities from financing activities			
	Cash/bank overdraft $'000	Borrowings $'000	Leases $'000	Total $'000
Net debt as at 1 April 2021	13,115	(21,808)	(13,327)	(22,020)
Acquisitions	--	(3,400)	(6,087)	(9,494)
Cash flows	(19,996)	9,359	4,302	(6,328)
Other changes	--	--	--	--
Net cash/(debt) as at 31 March 2022	(6,881)	(15,849)	(15,112)	(37,842)

	Liabilities from financing activities			
	Cash/bank overdraft $'000	Borrowings $'000	Leases $'000	Total $'000
Net debt as at 1 April 2020	(11,142)	(16,354)	(15,819)	(43,315)
Acquisitions	--	(12,100)	(1,842)	(13,942)
Cash flows	24,257	6,435	4,545	35,237
Other changes	--	211	(211)	--
Net cash/(debt) as at 31 March 2021	13,115	(21,808)	(13,327)	(22,020)

28 Related party transactions

The Group's majority shareholder is Williams Holdings Limited which is incorporated in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and owns 54% of the issued share capital. The remaining 46% of shares is widely held. The shares of Williams Holdings Limited are governed by a trust for the benefit of the Williams family.

Transactions were carried out with the following related parties:

	2022 $'000	2021 $'000
Key management compensation		
Salaries and other short-term benefits	5,747	5,598
Directors fees (Note 21)	224	224

Key management includes divisional and sales managers and directors.

29 Contingent liabilities

Port of Authority of Trinidad and Tobago		
Letter of Guarantee	15	15
Comptroller of Customs and Excise		
Customs Bonds	245	245
Cheque Guarantee	650	350

Property taxes
The Group has a legal obligation for the payment of property taxes based on the Property Tax Act which was assented to on 31 December 2009 and the subsequent amendments and waivers. The Act provides for the Government to commence the collection of property tax after the Valuation Division of the Ministry of Finance has completed 50% of the assessment of properties in Trinidad and Tobago. The Group's properties have not been assessed by the Valuation Division to enable a quantification of the likely impact of this liability. Recent pronouncements from the Minister of Finance also indicated that the intention is to focus collection on only residential and non-commercial properties from December 2022. Therefore, it is anticipated that there will be no property tax obligation to be incurred in respect of the current period and as such, no provision has been recorded in these consolidated financial statements.

30 Events after the statement of financial position date

(a) The RBC Royal Bank (Trinidad & Tobago) Limited overdraft facility for The Home Store Limited was increased from $3,000,000 to $5,000,000 in April 2022 to facilitate advance payment to suppliers due to the scarcity of foreign exchange, payments were made when foreign currency became available.

(b) On 28 May 2019, the Directors of L.J. Williams Limited resolved to amalgamate Movalite Limited into L.J. Williams Limited by 31 March 2020. Initially, management agreed Movalite Limited will continue as a division of L.J. Williams Limited with limited operations. However due to the changes of business as a result of the pandemic and the synergies Movalite Limited brought to the hardware business, it was resolved by the Directors on 25 June 2020 that amalgamation with The Home Store Limited would be more beneficial to the Group. However it is still awaiting approval by the Fair Trade Commission as at 31 March 2022.

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Directors' Report

The Directors present their report and statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022.

FINANCIAL RESULTS	$'000
Profit after taxation	6,591
Retained earnings brought forward	39,253
Dividend	(1,952)
Retained earnings carried forward	43,892

DIVIDENDS

The Board approved a dividend payment of 8 cents on Preference Shares, 8 cents on B Shares and .8 cents on A shares for Fiscal Year 2022 and this was paid on March 31st, 2022.

AUDITORS

The auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers retired and being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment.

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Directors' Interest

	AS AT 31 MARCH 2021			AS AT 31 March 2022		
	Number of Preference Shares fully paid	Number of 'A' Common Shares fully paid	Number of 'B' Common Shares fully paid	Number of Preference Shares fully paid	Number of 'A' Common Shares fully paid	Number of 'B' Common Shares fully paid
Krishna Bahadoorsingh	-	-	10,550	-	-	10,550
Paul J. Williams	67	592,237	112,456	67	592,237	112,456
Thomas J. Williams	67	635,987	297,914	67	635,987	322,914
Lawford Dupres	-	-	42,000	-	-	42,000
Michal Andrews	-	-	500	-	-	500
Mariano Browne	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aliyah Hamel-Smith	-	-	-	-	-	-

As at 31 March 2021 and 31 March 2022 there were no beneficial interests attached to any shares registered in the names of the directors in the company's subsidiary companies, such shares being held by the directors as nominees of the company or its subsidiaries.

SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST

	AS AT 31 March 2022		
	Number of Preference Shares fully paid	Number of 'A' Common Shares fully Paid	Number of 'B' Common Shares fully Paid
Williams Holdings Limited	-	34,932,043	690,666
Colonial Life Insurance Company Ltd.	-	3,498,956	10,190,584

A substantial interest means one-tenth or more of the total voting share capital of the Company.

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MANAGEMENT PROXY CIRCULAR

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
THE COMPANIES ACT 1995

(SECTION 144)
MANAGEMENT PROXY CIRCULAR

1. **NAME OF COMPANY:** L. J. Williams Limited **COMPANY NO:** L2398(95) A

2. **PARTICULARS OF MEETING:**
Date of the Annual General Meeting to be confirmed

3. **SOLICITATION**
It is intended to vote proxies hereby solicited (unless the shareholder directs otherwise) in favour of all resolutions as stated in the Notice of Meeting.

4. **STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 76 (2)**
No statement has been received from any Director pursuant to Section 76 (2) of the Companies Act 1995.

5. **STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 171 (1)**
No statement has been received from any Auditor pursuant to Section 171 (1) of the Companies Act 1995.

6. **SHAREHOLDERS' PROPOSAL PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 116 (A) AND 117 (2)**
No proposal has been received from any Shareholder pursuant to Sections 116 (a) and 117 (2) of the Companies Act 1995.

DATE	NAME AND TITLE	SIGNATURE
July 7th 2022	Aegis Business Solutions Ltd Secretary	

L.J. Williams Ltd

PROXY FORM | COMPANY NO. L2398(95)A

DATE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE CONFIRMED

I/We (Block Capitals please).....
member(s) of the above-names Company, do hereby appoint the Chairman of the meeting, or failing him.....of.....
.....
to be my/our Proxy to vote for me/us on my/our behalf at the 59th (Fifty Ninth) Annual Meeting of L.J. Williams Limited, and at any adjournment thereof, as indicated below, on the Resolutions to be proposed in the same manner, to the same extent and with the same powers as if I/we were present at the said meeting or such adjournment or adjournments thereof.

Signed this day of 2022

Signature: .....

Signature: .....

Please see Notes below for assistance to complete and deposit this Proxy Form.

Please indicate with an "X" in the space below how you wish your votes to be cast. If no such indication is given, the Proxy will exercise his discretion as to how he votes or whether he abstains from voting.

RESOLUTIONS		FOR	AGAINST
1	To receive and consider the audited consolidated financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2022 and Auditors Report thereon.		
2	To re-elect the following Directors to hold office in accordance with Bye-Law No 1 of the Company. Paul J. Williams Mariano Browne Krishna Bahadoorsingh Aliyah Hamel-Smith		
3	To re-appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers as the auditors of the Company and to authorize the directors to fix their remuneration.		

NOTES

1. A member entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his behalf and such proxy need not also be a member.
2. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointer, or if such appointer be a corporation, under the common seal.
3. In the case of joint holders, the signature of any one holder will be sufficient but the names of all joint holders should be stated.
4. To be valid, this form must be stamped in accordance with the Stamp Duty Act. A 25-cent postage stamp should therefore be affixed and cancelled by the person completing the proxy. The completed and stamped proxy must then be deposited at the company's registered office, 16-24 Sixth Avenue South Barataria, not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting.

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