# UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL RESULTS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025

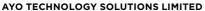






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("AYO" or the "Group" or the "Company")



# Overview of the AYO Group

Founded in 1996, AYO is a technology holding company with interests in disruptive technologies that advance life, business and economics. We have developed a diverse investment portfolio that touches on all aspects of technology, from connectivity and communications to software development and cloud-based services.

We strive to become a leading Africa-based technology group, pioneering smart living and working throughout the continent and beyond. It is a lofty ambition, but we are on our way to achieving our future-focused investment strategy, which leverages partnership with international OEMs bringing products to the South African market, as well as exporting South African-produced technological IP on the continent and globally. A strategy that aims to identify, secure and scale upcoming disruptive businesses with impact in infrastructure, education, longevity and health, e-commerce, industry automation, cyber security, and green energy solutions.

AYO is listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange and has an asset base valued in excess of R1.5 billion as at 28 February 2025.

### **Business philosophy**

We believe that a business' success and sustainability is determined by how well it solves a market's problem or fulfils a need. In essence, this is how a company creates and preserves value. The more fundamental the need being addressed, the bigger the business opportunity is.

Therefore, AYO's starting point in defining our strategy begins with pinpointing the most pressing social needs and problems we believe we have the capability and capacity to address. We look at the core, basic needs of our society, such as accessible healthcare, quality education and reliable telecommunications infrastructure, as well as more temporary but pressing issues affecting the country. For example, the electricity crisis and its impact on business and connectivity. We also consider wider, global challenges that affect South Africa and the rest of the world, such as climate change, agricultural sustainability and the economic disparity gap. Having identified the critical issues we as a nation, face, we then set off to apply our capitals and resources to develop or adapt the appropriate technology to find solutions that will have an exponential impact on our society.

At times this involves acquiring new businesses. At times, it is about pivoting existing offerings or expanding our services. Sometimes we develop new technology from scratch and sometimes we adapt what we already have, to solve a different problem or service a different industry. Ultimately, the approach or the solution may vary, but the premise on which the business is built remains. The bigger the challenge and the better the solution, the more value we create for all.

### AYO's approach

Similarly, our investment approach begins with the concept of shared value in mind. What we can do for our investees is as important as what value they bring to our portfolio and what positive impact we can have on society together.

Managing a diverse portfolio of subsidiaries and investments, we believe in the power of the collective. At AYO, we share the powerful vision of empowering all lives on the African continent through technology, and we acknowledge that each business unit has a contribution to make towards this lofty goal. As custodian of the vision, our purpose is to create a collaborative environment that enables our



# Overview of the AYO Group (continued)

diverse companies to work together, explore synergies and unlock shared value.

We believe that in working together and building on our diversity and individual strengths, we can solve more and larger problems and ultimately, create more value for our society. Thus, our primary role is to create a conducive environment, which enables our companies to collaborate, pool resources and develop solutions to South Africa's biggest challenges.

As an investor, our role is to nurture and grow our investee companies. We offer earnest support wherever it may be needed be it strategic direction, operational assistance, or financial backing. The emphasis is on enabling growth and scale, so that together we can better solve our societal challenges, create opportunities, enhance lifestyles and initiate positive change.

#### **Our Value Creation Model**

The business of an investment holding company is a mystery to many. How does a company that doesn't manufacture anything or offer any services work?

Like any other business, AYO uses its capitals, or resources, to create value for our stakeholders. While our inputs may not be as tangible as raw materials used in a manufacturing environment, they are extremely important to our investees. Sometimes the resources they need are financial, to fund scaling to the next economic tier. Sometimes they rely on our human capital to lend a hand with operational requirements that are better outsourced. And sometimes, it is the value of our OEM partner network that gives our companies the leg up they need to develop new cutting-edge products or enter new markets

By supporting our subsidiary companies, we strive to grow them as individual businesses, which in turn, increases their own value, increases the value of our portfolio and ultimately, increases value for our shareholders and society. We earn fees and dividends from our investments, thus, the more successful they can be in the market, the better the return for our investors and stakeholders.

# **Group financial performance**

The Group delivered a resilient performance in the first six months of the year, managing well under difficult conditions and maintaining a clear path toward significantly reducing losses compared to the prior full year. Revenue declined by 23%, primarily due to the absence of one-time contracts from the previous year, as well as the unwinding of certain contracts that had contributed to prior-year revenue but were not repeated. On a positive note, cost of sales decreased by 24%, in line with lower revenue. Improved inventory management and pricing strategies led to a 1,5% increase in gross profit margin, rising from 16.5% to 18%.

Operating expenses were reduced by 2%, reflecting the Group's disciplined approach to cost control. This reduction would have been even greater if not for certain non-recurring expenses emanating from a VAT write-off of R6 million and impairment of some receivables of R13 million recorded in the current year. Excluding these one-off costs, operating expenses showed a more substantial decline of 11%. When adjusting for these exceptional items, the Group's operating loss improved significantly, demonstrating progress in underlying profitability.

Finance income decreased to R37 million, down from R58 million in the prior year, as cash reserves were utilised to support operations. Finance costs saw a slight increase. The loss before tax, however, widened by 36%, largely due to higher credit losses on loans receivable and weaker performance from equity-accounted investments in the first half of the year compared to the same period last year.

Despite these challenges, the Group's focus on cost management and operational efficiency has positioned it for a stronger second half. With continued discipline, the full-year results are expected to show a meaningful reduction in losses compared to the previous year.



# **Divisional performance**

| Unaudited<br>six months<br>ended<br>28 February<br>2025<br>R'000 | Unaudited<br>six months<br>ended<br>29 February<br>2024<br>R'000             | Audited<br>year ended<br>31 August<br>2024<br>R'000                                                                                                                                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 23 777                                                           | 19 571                                                                       | 27 769<br>10 245                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 14                                                               | (205)                                                                        | (1 400)<br>(2 189)                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                                  | six months<br>ended<br>28 February<br>2025<br>R'000<br>23 777<br>6 274<br>14 | six months         six months           ended         28 February           2025         2024           R'000         R'000           23 777         19 571           6 274         5 865 |

The software and consulting services division focuses on providing scalable digital solutions to retailers, media groups and brand agencies in Africa and Europe. The products developed are primarily focused on assisting clients in optimising business processes and customer experiences using technology.

The division also offers a specialised digital media product set in assisting organisations with the commercialisation of digital content.

Included in this division are the operational results of Digital Matter Proprietary Limited ("Digital Matter") and Afrozaar Proprietary Limited ("Afrozaar").

Revenue grew by 21% compared to the prior corresponding six-month period, driven primarily by new customer acquisitions in Digital Matter. While the gross profit margin saw a slight decrease from 30% to 26%, it remains strong and at a sustainable level, reflecting a healthy balance between growth and profitability.

The division remains focused on disciplined cost management and proactive client acquisition to sustain healthy margins and profitability.

|                         | Unaudited   | Unaudited   |            |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
|                         | six months  | six months  | Audited    |
|                         | ended       | ended       | year ended |
|                         | 28 February | 29 February | 31 August  |
|                         | 2025        | 2024        | 2024       |
| Unified communications  | R'000       | R'000       | R'000      |
| Revenue                 | 244 510     | 297 073     | 574 548    |
| Gross profit            | 20 465      | 51 823      | 92 292     |
| EBITDA                  | (1 878)     | 16 858      | (53)       |
| (Loss)Profit before tax | (5 209)     | 17 998      | (4 625)    |

The Unified Communications division specializes in providing reselling services for a range of communication technologies, including telecommunications solutions, audio and video conferencing systems, and gaming equipment from leading international brands. The division serves as a distribution partner for renowned brands such as HP Poly, Jabra, Logitech, Yealink, and Konftel, among others.

Included in this division are the operational results of Kathea Communication Solutions Proprietary Limited ("Kathea"), Kalula Communications Proprietary Limited ("Kalula") and AYO International Holdings Proprietary Limited ("AIH").

Revenue decreased by 18%, from R297 million to R245 million, with a decline in the margin due to new products being introduced into the market, as well as the increased competition created by vendors

appointing more distributors in the region. With a strong and renewed customer service orientation, an improved second half is looking likely.

We remain confident that these strategic efforts will translate into improved performance in the coming months.

|                   | Unaudited   | Unaudited   |            |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
|                   | six months  | six months  | Audited    |
|                   | ended       | ended       | year ended |
|                   | 28 February | 29 February | 31 August  |
|                   | 2025        | 2024        | 2024       |
| Healthcare        | R'000       | R'000       | R'000      |
| Revenue           | 34 916      | 33 164      | 69 316     |
| Gross profit      | 17 973      | 18 208      | 36 007     |
| EBITDA            | 12 909      | 6 225       | 22 835     |
| Profit before tax | 13 031      | 13 748      | 23 118     |

The Healthcare division focuses on delivering tailored and cohesive ICT solutions designed specifically for the healthcare industry. They offer flexible, modular, and fully integrated healthcare information systems that serve all tiers of the public sector, ensuring seamless communication and data management across the entire healthcare network.

Included in this division are the operational results of Health System Technologies Proprietary Limited ("HST").

Revenue grew by 7%, increasing from R33 million to R35 million. While the gross profit margin experienced a slight decrease of 4%, it continues to remain healthy. Maintaining a strong revenue base through our core income streams and upholding excellent service levels remain essential strategies for supporting HST's ongoing growth and future expansion opportunities.

|                         | Unaudited<br>six months<br>ended<br>28 February | Unaudited<br>six months<br>ended<br>29 February | Audited<br>year ended<br>31 August |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                         | 2025                                            | 2024                                            | 2024                               |
| Managed services        | R'000                                           | R'000                                           | R'000                              |
| Revenue                 | 477 780                                         | 665 008                                         | 1 211 285                          |
| Gross profit            | 95 920                                          | 91 736                                          | 208 640                            |
| EBITDA                  | 11 893                                          | 18 776                                          | 3 339                              |
| Profit(Loss) before tax | 6 377                                           | 11 392                                          | (16 815)                           |

The Managed Services division specializes in delivering comprehensive network infrastructure, support services, and integrated solutions tailored for enterprise clients.

Included in this division are the operational results of Zaloserve Proprietary Limited ("Zaloserve") and SGT Solutions Proprietary Limited ("SGT Solutions").

Zaloserve offers various ICT services to its customers, including a focused spectrum of physical infrastructure, metro and long-distance optic fibre, facility management, continuous energy supply, networking and security solutions to hosting, storage server processing, mobility, data centre, enduser computing and associated consumables.



## **Divisional performance** (continued)

AYO reported consolidated revenue of R323 million from Zaloserve for 2024, down from R466 million in the previous year. The notable decline of 31% is primarily due to the conclusion of several significant one-off contracts with local and national government departments, which were in place during the prior period and have not yet been replaced by similar-value agreements. Notably, margins have improved from 16% to 22%, driven by tighter cost control and more strategic, informed pricing approaches. The division is actively exploring new opportunities and engaging potential clients to expand its service offerings and diversify its revenue streams.

SGT Solutions is a turnkey solutions integrator specialising in the design, supply, deployment, commissioning and maintenance of multi-technology telecommunication systems for mobile broadband and converged solutions. SGT Solutions also specialises in integrated, leading-edge, and comprehensive solutions across the entire spectrum of telecommunications.

AYO reported consolidated revenue of R155 million from SGT for 2024, compared to R211 million in the previous year, representing a 27% decrease. Despite the decline in revenue, profit margins have remained stable. The reduction is primarily attributable to a significant one-off contract in the prior year that contributed to higher revenues. The company is actively pursuing new clients in emerging sectors such as mining, aiming to diversify its customer base beyond telecommunications companies and expand into new markets.

|                 | Unaudited<br>six months<br>ended<br>28 February | Unaudited<br>six months<br>ended<br>29 February | Audited<br>year ended<br>31 August |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Corporate       | 2025                                            | 2024                                            | 2024                               |
|                 | R'000                                           | R'000                                           | R'000                              |
| EBITDA          | (148 041)                                       | (160 782)                                       | (568 544)                          |
| Loss before tax | (146 259)                                       | (140 586)                                       | (576 505)                          |

The Corporate division includes the Group's head office, AYO Company, NSX Solutions Proprietary Limited ("NSX") as well as the results from its jointly controlled entities, namely Vunani Fintech Fund Proprietary Limited, and its associates, which include Global Command and Control Technologies Proprietary Limited and Crealpha Proprietary Limited.

The increased loss before tax was mainly due to higher credit losses on impaired loans, write-downs of overdue receivables, and a provisional VAT adjustment related to an unresolved dispute with SARS. Additionally, a notable shift in equity-accounted investments, from a R15 million profit in the previous year to a R36 million loss this year, further contributed to the decline. This change was driven by operational challenges within the fintech assets managed by the Vunani Fintech Fund, in which the company holds a 50% stake. These losses were partly offset by a 52% decrease in operational expenses in the corporate office between the two interim periods. Meanwhile, dividend income, reported under other income, declined slightly from R4.8 million to R4.3 million.

### Governance matters

#### **DIRECTORATE** 1.

The directors in office up to the date of this report are as follows:

| Director             | Office                  | Designation    | Date of appointment | Date of resignation |
|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Adv Dr NA Ramatlhodi | Chairman                | Non-executive# | 7 March 2018        |                     |
| A Makan              | Chief Executive Officer | Executive      | 15 February 2023    |                     |
| V Dzvova             | Chief Financial Officer | Executive      | 1 December 2024     |                     |
| P Guzha              | Chief Financial Officer | Executive      | 15 February 2023    | 1 December 2024     |
| W Mclachlan          | Chief Operating Officer | Executive      | 13 March 2024       |                     |
| AB Amod              |                         | Non-executive  | 26 February 2013    |                     |
| RP Mosia             |                         | Non-executive# | 21 August 2018      |                     |
| SM Rasethaba         |                         | Non-executive# | 1 April 2021        |                     |
| L Jacobs             |                         | Non-executive# | 13 March 2024       |                     |
| J Moodley            |                         | Non-executive# | 13 March 2024       | 25 October 2024     |

<sup>#</sup> Independent

Mr L Jacobs and Mr J Moodley were appointed as non-executive directors effective 13 March 2024. Mr J Moodley resigned as a director on 25 October 2024.

Ms V Dzvova resigned as a non-executive director of the Company on 12 December 2023 and re-appointed as an executive director on 1 December 2024.

#### **GOING CONCERN** 2.

The consolidated interim financial results have been prepared using accounting policies applicable to a going concern. This basis assumes that the necessary funds will be available to support future operations and that the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities, contingent obligations, and commitments will occur in the ordinary course of business.

The Board has carefully determined the appropriate basis for preparing the audited consolidated financial statements, taking into account the Group's significant risks, outstanding legal matters, current financial performance, financial budgets, and an assessment of the Group's solvency and liquidity, alongside its current financial position and available cash resources.

In the past, AYO received a summons from the Public Investment Corporation (PIC) and the Government Employees Pension Fund (GEPF), which sought to declare the subscription agreement between the PIC and AYO unlawful and demanded payment of R4.3 billion plus interest. A settlement agreement was reached, and AYO paid R619 million to the PIC in March 2023. The transaction, classified as a Specific Initial Repurchase under JSE Listing Requirements, received shareholder approval on 26 June 2024, facilitating its completion.



### Governance matters (continued)

#### GOING CONCERN continued

The settlement agreement includes a Put Option granting the PIC the right to sell up to an additional 5% of PIC shares back to AYO, exercisable three years after the approval of the Specific Initial Repurchase. A liability of R255 million has been recorded; however, this liability is contingent upon AYO's solvency and liquidity at the time the option is exercised, which condition is specifically included in the settlement agreement, ensuring that no going concern issue arises from this option.

It is important to note that the judgements and assumptions made in this context involve inherent material uncertainty regarding future cash flows, and any significant deviations could raise doubts about the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. The current year has seen considerable losses primarily due to accounting adjustments that are not anticipated to recur. The reversal of these adjustments in future, such as expected credit losses on loans and impairments of intangible assets, is expected to improve the financial outlook for the Group. This year has been focused on cleaning up the financial position of the company, setting the stage for better performance in the future, free from legacy issues. Despite the uncertainties and the recent history of losses—although these losses have been decreasing—the Board is confident that, based on all available information, and after thoroughly reviewing the Group's financial forecasts and current financial position, it is appropriate to assume that the Group will continue as a going concern in preparing the consolidated interim financial statements.

There is ongoing litigation involving the Company, its subsidiaries, and banking institutions in South Africa. While limited access to external funding poses challenges, the Group has effectively managed to be self-sufficient through improved working capital management and maintaining leaner cost structures. Revenue growth has been observed in several subsidiaries, with those that have lost major contracts successfully replacing them with new agreements in many cases. The Group is actively pursuing funding opportunities in other jurisdictions, as its operating subsidiaries offer globally appealing products and services. Currently, the Company is utilising third-party payment solutions, and its subsidiaries are operating normally with existing transactional facilities, with no anticipated operational disruptions in the foreseeable future.

The Board has also evaluated a recent liquidation application made against the Company by a minority shareholder. The Board with the advice from its legal advisors has determined that this matter is not material to the Company's and Group's going concern status, as no new issues have been raised that have not been previously addressed.

The Board supports the proposal to delist the company as announced to shareholders on 23 May 2025, as it will enhance the Group's long-term sustainability by reducing costs, providing greater flexibility to restructure, and enabling the pursuit of new opportunities without the constraints of being a listed entity. Additionally, being away from the public spotlight will allow management to concentrate their efforts on revitalizing the Group's performance and strategic growth. The board remains fully committed to sustaining AYO's operations and has no plans to cease trading, scale back activities, or liquidate the company. Based on its assessment, AYO and its subsidiaries are fundamentally capable of continuing as a going concern, supporting future stability and growth.

However, material uncertainties—including ongoing litigation, banking challenges, and potential significant cash outflows—have been identified. As a result, the Board acknowledges that these factors raise a material uncertainty regarding the Group's ability to continue as a going concern.

Despite these uncertainties, the Board remains focused on safeguarding the Group's long-term viability and unlocking future value.



#### **SHARE CAPITAL** 3.

#### Authorised capital

The Company's authorised share capital of 2 000 000 000 ordinary shares of no par value remains unchanged.

| Issued share movements                             | Unaudited    | Unaudited   | Audited      |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
|                                                    | six months   | six months  | year         |
|                                                    | ended        | ended       | ended        |
|                                                    | 28 February  | 29 February | 31 August    |
|                                                    | 2025         | 2024        | 2024         |
| Opening balance Shares repurchased Closing balance | R'000        | R'000       | R'000        |
|                                                    | 343 185 485  | 343 185 485 | 343 185 485  |
|                                                    | (17 202 756) | -           | (17 202 756) |
|                                                    | 325 982 729  | 343 185 485 | 325 982 729  |

#### **EVENTS AFTER REPORTING PERIOD**

Refer to note 21 for events after reporting period.

#### **FUTURE PROSPECTS** 5.

AYO Technology Group is an Africa-focused technology investment company driving innovation in smart living and digital transformation. Our diversified portfolio spans telecommunications, network solutions, unified communications, and cloud-based services, with strategic investments in businesses at the forefront of these sectors.

With banking challenges now showing signs of potential resolution, management is increasingly able to refocus on core operations. Our immediate priorities include supporting subsidiary growth, particularly through geographic expansion beyond South Africa, and implementing innovative revenue-generating strategies. We remain committed to nurturing relationships with existing customers and suppliers while actively seeking partnerships and acquisitions in high-growth areas such as AI and other disruptive technologies.

Over the coming 18 months, we will concentrate on strengthening our subsidiaries, optimizing costs, and securing stable funding lines.

The proposed JSE delisting, once finalised, is expected to enhance our operational agility and create greater long-term value for shareholders.

AYO is positioned to capitalize on Africa's digital transformation, and we remain focused on delivering sustainable growth through strategic execution.



### Governance matters (continued)

#### 6. APPRECIATION

We wish to thank our employees, Group executives, management, our Board as well as our strategic partners, business partners and external stakeholders for their continued loyalty and support.

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Advocate Ngoako Ramathlodi

Independent non-executive chairman 30 May 2025

Amit Makan

Chief executive officer

30 May 2025



# Consolidated statement of financial position

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                  |                                                                            | Restated                                                              |                                                                           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Notes            | Unaudited<br>six months<br>ended<br>28 February<br>2025<br>R'000           | Unaudited<br>six months<br>ended<br>29 February<br>2024<br>R'000      | Audited<br>year ended<br>31 August<br>2024<br>R'000                       |
| Assets                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                  |                                                                            |                                                                       |                                                                           |
| Non-current assets                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                  | 245 654                                                                    | 913 630                                                               | 327 160                                                                   |
| Property, plant and equipment<br>Right-of-use of assets<br>Goodwill<br>Intangible assets<br>Investments in equity-accounted joint ventures and<br>associates                                                                       | 1                | 30 421<br>37 672<br>12 974<br>49 734                                       | 30 585<br>37 024<br>75 458<br>110 934<br>75 906                       | 28 020<br>38 452<br>12 974<br>47 596<br>42 328                            |
| Loans to related party companies<br>Other loans receivable<br>Investments at fair value through profit or loss<br>Other financial assets<br>Deferred tax asset                                                                     | 3<br>4<br>5<br>8 | 47 657<br>11 582<br>40 202<br>3 642<br>4 573                               | 221 825<br>202 059<br>72 056<br>-<br>87 782                           | 88 544<br>11 216<br>47 891<br>1 374<br>8 765                              |
| Current assets                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                  | 1 221 070                                                                  | 1 283 370                                                             | 1 249 362                                                                 |
| Inventories                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 17               | 179 288                                                                    | 159 318                                                               | 174 496                                                                   |
| Costs to fulfil contracts - Work in progress Loans to related party companies Other loans receivable Trade and other receivables Other financial assets Finance lease receivables Current tax receivable Cash and cash equivalents | 3<br>4<br>7<br>8 | 51 780<br>140 495<br>101 150<br>423 789<br>79 286<br>-<br>2 196<br>243 086 | 69 985<br>197 260<br>-<br>464 688<br>189 865<br>844<br>114<br>201 296 | 47 788<br>162 798<br>112 389<br>365 191<br>170 047<br>-<br>271<br>216 382 |
| Non-current assets held for sale<br>Total assets                                                                                                                                                                                   |                  | -<br>1 466 724                                                             | 2 197 000                                                             | 15 703<br>1 592 225                                                       |
| Equity and liabilities Equity Stated capital Reserves Accumulated loss Equity attributable to shareholders of AYO Non-controlling interests                                                                                        |                  | 3 821 752<br>(292 566)<br>(3 096 579)<br>432 607<br>58 616                 | 4 441 051<br>(651 879)<br>(2 363 811)<br><b>1 425 361</b><br>119 216  | 3 821 752<br>(285 008)<br>(2 950 182)<br>586 562<br>59 634                |



# Consolidated statement of financial position

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| Unaudited six months ended six months ended six months ended 28 February 29 February 29 February 31 August 2025 2024 2024 2024 2025 2025 2024 2024                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                  |       |                                                          | Restated                                                        |                                                         |
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| Current liabilities   Section 10   Section |                                                                                                                                                  | Notes | six months<br>ended<br>28 February<br>2025               | six months<br>ended<br>29 February<br>2024                      | year ended<br>31 August<br>2024                         |
| Non-current liabilities         360 082         28 312         342 082           Other financial liabilities         8 997         -         8 202           Lease liabilities         32 464         25 081         27 086           Deferred income         10         2 591         -         248 032           Deferred income         10         2 591         -         902           Employee benefit obligation         2 922         3 231         2 922           Deferred tax liability         57 811         -         54 938           Current liabilities         615 419         624 112         603 033           Trade and other payables         11         304 314         316 735         288 369           Loans from related party companies         -         -         831         -           Other financial liabilities         1 532         4 368         2 528           Lease liabilities         13 761         18 353         19 010           Deferred income         10         13 347         10 139         8 304           Current tax payable         27 019         32 312         23 547           Provisions         12         215 228         201146         214 269                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Total equity                                                                                                                                     |       | 491 223                                                  | 1 544 577                                                       | 646 196                                                 |
| Lease liabilities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                  |       | 360 082                                                  | 28 312                                                          | 342 082                                                 |
| Trade and other payables       11       304 314       316 735       288 369         Loans from related party companies       -       831       -         Other financial liabilities       1532       4 368       2 528         Lease liabilities       13 761       18 353       19 010         Deferred income       10       13 347       10 139       8 304         Current tax payable       27 019       32 312       23 547         Provisions       12       215 228       201146       214 269         Dividend payable       40 215       40 224       47 001         Bank overdraft       9       3       4       5         Non-current liabilities held for sale       -       -       914         Total liabilities       975 501       652 423       946 029                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Lease liabilities<br>Derivatives<br>Deferred income<br>Employee benefit obligation                                                               |       | 32 464<br>255 297<br>2 591<br>2 922                      | -                                                               | 27 086<br>248 032<br>902<br>2 922                       |
| Loans from related party companies       -       831       -         Other financial liabilities       1532       4 368       2 528         Lease liabilities       13 761       18 353       19 010         Deferred income       10       13 347       10 139       8 304         Current tax payable       27 019       32 312       23 547         Provisions       12       215 228       201146       214 269         Dividend payable       40 215       40 224       47 001         Bank overdraft       9       3       4       5         Non-current liabilities held for sale       -       -       -       914         Total liabilities       975 501       652 423       946 029                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Current liabilities                                                                                                                              |       | 615 419                                                  | 624 112                                                         | 603 033                                                 |
| Total liabilities 975 501 652 423 946 029                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Loans from related party companies Other financial liabilities Lease liabilities Deferred income Current tax payable Provisions Dividend payable | 10    | 1 532<br>13 761<br>13 347<br>27 019<br>215 228<br>40 215 | 831<br>4 368<br>18 353<br>10 139<br>32 312<br>201 146<br>40 224 | 2 528<br>19 010<br>8 304<br>23 547<br>214 269<br>47 001 |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                  |       | 975 501                                                  | -<br>652.427                                                    |                                                         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Total equity and liabilities                                                                                                                     |       |                                                          |                                                                 |                                                         |



# Consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

|                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Notes          | Unaudited<br>six months<br>ended<br>28 February<br>2025<br>R'000                     | Unaudited<br>six months<br>ended<br>29 February<br>2024<br>R'000                      | Audited<br>year ended<br>31 August<br>2024<br>R'000                                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Revenue<br>Cost of sales                                                                                                                                                                             | 13             | 780 983<br>(640 351)                                                                 | 1 014 817<br>(847 185)                                                                | 1 871 765<br>(1 524 581)                                                                  |
| Gross profit Other operating income Other operating gains (losses) Other operating expenses Movement in credit loss allowances Finance income Finance costs Profit from equity-accounted investments | 14<br>15<br>16 | 140 632<br>34 976<br>3 713<br>(221 643)<br>(85 735)<br>37 480<br>(7 301)<br>(35 131) | 167 632<br>13 191<br>(64 386)<br>(226 223)<br>(54 714)<br>57 804<br>(6 596)<br>15 755 | 347 184<br>22 349<br>(58 215)<br>(648 119)<br>(304 971)<br>96 330<br>(13 751)<br>(17 823) |
| Loss before taxation<br>Taxation                                                                                                                                                                     |                | (133 009)<br>(14 407)                                                                | (97 537)<br>(7 266)                                                                   | (577 016)<br>(147 821)                                                                    |
| Loss after taxation                                                                                                                                                                                  |                | (147 416)                                                                            | (104 803)                                                                             | (724 837)                                                                                 |
| Other comprehensive income:<br>Items that will not be reclassified to profit<br>or loss:<br>Exchange differences on translating foreign<br>operations                                                |                | (372)                                                                                | 4 457                                                                                 | 15                                                                                        |
| Total comprehensive loss for the period                                                                                                                                                              |                | (147 788)                                                                            | (100 346)                                                                             | (724 822)                                                                                 |
| Loss after taxation attributable to: Shareholders of AYO Non-controlling interests Total loss after taxation                                                                                         |                | (146 989)<br>(427)<br>(147 416)                                                      | (113 028)<br>8 225<br>(104 803)                                                       | (680 265)<br>(44 572)<br>(724 837)                                                        |
| Total comprehensive loss attributable to: Shareholders of AYO Non-controlling interests                                                                                                              |                | (147 410)<br>(147 361)<br>(427)                                                      | (104 503)<br>(108 571)<br>8 225                                                       | (680 250)<br>(44 572)                                                                     |
| Total comprehensive loss                                                                                                                                                                             |                | (147 788)                                                                            | (100 346)                                                                             | (724 822)                                                                                 |
| Earnings per share (cents) Basic loss per share (cents)                                                                                                                                              | 18             | (45.09)                                                                              | (32.92)                                                                               | (208.68)                                                                                  |



# Condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity

|                                                                                                                                                        | Unaudited<br>six months<br>ended<br>28 February | Unaudited<br>six months<br>ended<br>29 February  | Audited<br>year ended<br>31 August              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                        | 2025<br>R'000                                   | 2024<br>R'000                                    | 2024<br>R'000                                   |
| Balance at the beginning of the period  Total loss attributable to shareholders of AYO  Total profit or loss attributable to non-controlling interests | 646 196<br>(146 909)<br>(427)                   | 2 265 346<br>(113 028)<br>8 225                  | 1 626 517<br>(680 265)<br>(44 572)              |
| Dividends paid Foreign currency translation reserve PIC share buy back Recognition of PIC Option Remeasurement of PIC Option                           | (372)<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>(7 265)                 | (1 000)<br>4 457<br>(619 423)<br>-<br>-          | (7 467)<br>15<br>-<br>(248 032)                 |
| Balance at the end of the period                                                                                                                       | 491 223<br>Unaudited                            | 1 544 577<br>Unaudited                           | 646 196                                         |
|                                                                                                                                                        | six months<br>ended<br>28 February<br>2025      | six months<br>ended<br>29 February<br>2024       | Audited<br>year ended<br>31 August<br>2024      |
| Comprising of: Stated capital                                                                                                                          | R'000<br>3 821 752                              | <b>R'000</b>                                     | <b>R'000</b> 4 441 051                          |
| Treasury shares                                                                                                                                        | -                                               | -                                                | (619 299)                                       |
| Reserves<br>Retained income<br>Non-controlling interests                                                                                               | 3 821 752<br>(292 566)<br>(3 096 579)<br>58 616 | 4 441 051<br>(651 879)<br>(2 363 811)<br>119 216 | 3 821 752<br>(285 008)<br>(2 950 182)<br>59 634 |
| Total equity                                                                                                                                           | 491 223                                         | 1544577                                          | 646 196                                         |



# Condensed consolidated statement of cash flows

|                                                    | Unaudited   | Unaudited   |            |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
|                                                    | six months  | six months  | Audited    |
|                                                    | ended       | ended       | year ended |
|                                                    | 28 February | 29 February | 31 August  |
|                                                    | 2025        | 2024        | 2024       |
|                                                    | R'000       | R'000       | R'000      |
| Cash (utilised in)/generated from operations       | (81 719)    | 63 825      | 18 799     |
| Finance income                                     | 5 362       | 5 284       | 14 910     |
| Finance costs                                      | (5 997)     | (7 896)     | (11 915)   |
| Dividend income                                    | 4 277       | 4 870       | 9 696      |
| Tax paid                                           | (6 766)     | (19 117)    | (36 475)   |
| Net cash utilised from operating activities        | (84 843)    | 46 966      | (4 985)    |
| Cash flows from investing activities               |             |             |            |
| Net additions to property, plant and equipment     | (7 985)     | (3 421)     | (7 467)    |
| Sale of property, plant and equipment              | 1 929       | 1 819       | 1 970      |
| Net additions to intangible assets                 | (2 771)     | (2 493)     | (5 763)    |
| Movement in financial assets                       | -           | 30          | -          |
| Loans advanced to related party companies          | -           | (667)       | -          |
| Loans repaid by related party companies            | 240         | 170         | 24 601     |
| Other loans advanced                               | -           | (6 945)     | _          |
| Other loans repaid                                 | 12 931      | _           | 28 660     |
| Disposal of investments held at fair value         | 14 894      | _           | _          |
| Amounts advanced to acquire other financial assets | -           | _           | (11 600)   |
| Amounts repaid from other financial assets         | 99 189      | 10          | 30 323     |
| Finance lease receipts                             | _           | _           | 3 130      |



# Condensed consolidated statement of cash flows (continued)

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Unaudited<br>six months<br>ended<br>28 February<br>2025 | Unaudited<br>six months<br>ended<br>29 February<br>2024 | Audited<br>year ended<br>31 August<br>2024                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | R'000                                                   | R'000                                                   | R'000                                                          |
| Net cash to investing activities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 118 427                                                 | (11 498)                                                | 63 854                                                         |
| Cash flows from financing activities Advances received from other financial liabilities Loans received from related party companies Other financial liabilities repayments Repayments of other financial liabilities Lease liabilities repayments Dividends paid to minorities Dividends paid Payment of long service awards | 236<br>167<br>(27)<br>6 820<br>(7 325)<br>-<br>(6 786)  | -<br>975<br>(5 337)<br>-<br>(18 448)<br>(681)<br>-<br>- | 6 028<br>-<br>-<br>(12 090)<br>(24 924)<br>-<br>(903)<br>(270) |
| Net cash to financing activities  Total cash movement for the period  Cash at the beginning of the period  Effect of exchange rate  Total cash at the end of the period                                                                                                                                                      | (6 915)<br>26 669<br>216 377<br>37<br>243 083           | (23 491)<br>11 977<br>189 497<br>(182)<br>201 293       | (32 159)<br>26 710<br>189 651<br>16<br>216 377                 |

# Accounting policies and basis of preparation

The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial results for the six months ended 28 February 2025 have been prepared in accordance with IFRS® Accounting

Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and Interpretations as issued by the IFRS Interpretations Committee (IFRIC), and comply with the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA) Financial Reporting Guides as issued by the Accounting Practices Committee (APC), Financial Reporting Pronouncements as issued by the Financial Reporting Standards Council (FRSC), the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Listings Requirements and the requirements of the South African Companies Act, No 71 of 2008, as amended (Companies Act). The Listings Requirements require interim reports to be prepared in accordance with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting and the SAICA Financial Reporting Guides as issued by the Accounting Practices Committee and the Financial Reporting Pronouncements as issued by the Financial Reporting Standards Council. The accounting policies applied in the preparation of the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial results are in terms of International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and are consistent with those accounting policies applied in the preparation of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024.

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

#### Reporting entity

The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial results for year ended 28 February 2025 comprises the Company, its subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures.

# Significant judgements and sources of estimation uncertainty used in the preparation of the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial results

In preparing the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial results in conformity with IFRS, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts represented in the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial results and related disclosures. Estimates and assumptions are based on historical experience and expectation of future events and are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Actual results in the future could differ from these estimates which may be material to the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial results. Significant judgements made by management that could have a significant effect on the carrying amounts recognised in the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial results include:

#### **Business combinations**

Goodwill arises on the acquisition of subsidiaries and represents the excess of the consideration transferred over the Group's interest on the fair value of the net identifiable assets of the acquired subsidiaries at the date of acquisition. Intangible assets acquired as part of a business combination are recognised at fair value at the date of acquisition. Management made judgements in determining the fair value allocation of the consideration transferred as well as estimates of the useful lives of the intangible assets recognised in the business combination.



# Accounting policies and basis of preparation

(continued)

#### Subsidiaries consolidated when less than 50% interest is held

AYO only has a 40% equity interest in Main Street 1653 Proprietary Limited ("Main Street") and 43% equity interest in Software Tech Holdings Proprietary Limited ("Software Tech"). It has been determined that AYO controls Main Street and Software Tech respectively in terms of IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements due to i) The Group has the rights to appoint a majority of directors and key management personnel of the unlisted subsidiaries and ii) AYO has majority seats on the board of directors of the investee. As per the shareholder's agreement, AYO has the right to variable returns from involvement with Main Street and Software Tech and it has the ability to use its power over the investee to affect the amount of the returns in Main Street and Software Tech.

# Entities in which the Group holds more than 20% of the voting rights, but does not have significant influence

The directors have concluded that the Group has no significant influence over Bambelela Capital Proprietary Limited ("Bambelela"), 4Plus Technology Venture Fund Africa Proprietary Limited ("4Plus"), AOH Enterprises Proprietary Limited ("AOH") and Loot B2B Proprietary Limited ("Loot B2B") even though it has 32% of the voting rights in Bambelela, 25% in 4Plus, 25% in AOH and 30% in Loot B2B. This is because the Group has no representation on the Board of directors of Bambelela, 4Plus, AOH and Loot B2B and the Group does not participate in any financial or operating policy decision

in Bambelela, 4Plus, AOH and Loot B2B. The voting rights only provide AYO with limited decision-making powers. AYO is not able to direct daily activities and appoint critical staff. Consequently, the investment has been accounted for in accordance with IFRS 9 at fair value through profit for loss ("FVTPL"). Refer to note 5.

#### Fair value measurement of investments

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques. The Group uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each reporting date. The use of discounted cash flow analysis requires the estimation of a number of significant components, including the future expected cash flows, and the weighted average cost of capital used to perform the discount. Many of these factors which are listed below may have a material impact on the valuation. Refer to note 20.

#### (a) Terminal value growth rates

When calculating the terminal value, the Group assumes a long-term growth rate. A growth rate is assumed for each investment after taking into account industry reports on projected growth rates for the sector in which the investment falls under. The growth rate used is 4.5%.

#### (b) Terminal values

When calculating the terminal value, the Group assumes the level of net capital investment required. This is assumed to be lower than during the specific forecast for high-growth companies. For mature, stable companies net capital investment during the specific forecast period and beyond is assumed to be the same.

#### (c) Discount rates

Free cash flows are discounted at the investment's weighted average cost of capital (WACC), being the weighted cost of equity as determined using the capital asset pricing model (CAPM) and the weighted after-tax cost of debt and/or any other non-equity form of financing.

#### (d) Risk-free rate

The risk-free rate utilised is the yield on 10-year government bonds. These yields were obtained from the financial press at the time of preparing the valuations. Where no 10-year SA bonds are in issue, the nearest long-term SA bond rate is used.

#### (e) Beta

The equally weighted average of the relevant industry betas is used. The betas are calculated over a five-year period (where possible). This is assumed to provide a fair estimate of the Group's recent market price.

#### (f) Specific risk premium

A specific risk premium was applied in all valuations.

#### (g) Value of equity

The value of equity will be equal to the free cash flow value of the investment, less the carrying values (at the valuation date) of debt and any other form of financing, plus cash on hand (per the financial position) which is in excess of normal working capital requirements.

Refer to the fair value note 5 for further details of the inputs used

#### Earnings per share

Earnings per share are calculated on the weighted average number of shares in issue in respect of the year and is based on profit attributable to ordinary shareholders. The group did not have diluted earnings per share, which resulted in earnings per share being equivalent to diluted earnings per share. Headline earnings per share are calculated in terms of the requirements set out in Circular 01/2023 issued by SAICA. Refer to note 17.

#### Costs to fulfil contracts - Work in Progress

Work in progress related to Costs to fulfil contracts is measured at the direct costs incurred to provide the related goods or services. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss to the extent that the carrying amount of the asset recognised exceeds the remaining amount of consideration that the entity expects to receive in exchange for the goods or services to which the asset relates, less the costs that relate directly to providing those goods or services and that have not been recognised as expenses.

#### **Preparation**

The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial results for the period ended 28 February 2025 have been prepared by the Group Financial Manager , Basani Kubayi CA(SA), under the supervision of Valentine Dzvova CA(SA), Group Chief Financial Officer, and have not been audited or reviewed by the Group auditors.



# Notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial results

#### 1. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

|                                 | Unaudited   | Unaudited   |            |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
|                                 | six months  | six months  | Audited    |
|                                 | ended       | ended       | year ended |
|                                 | 28 February | 29 February | 31 August  |
|                                 | 2025        | 2024        | 2024       |
|                                 | R'000       | R'000       | R'000      |
| Opening balance                 | 47 596      | 109 524     | 109 524    |
| Additions                       | 2 780       | 2 493       | 5 763      |
| Disposals                       | -           | -           | (243)      |
| Impairment                      |             | -           | (54 568)   |
| Amortisation                    | (642)       | (1082)      | (12 187)   |
| Foreign exchange gains/(losses) | -           | -           | (693)      |
| Closing balance                 | 49 734      | 110 934     | 47 596     |

#### 2. INVESTMENTS IN EQUITY-ACCOUNTED JOINT VENTURES AND **ASSOCIATES**

| Investments in equity-ac                   | ccounted joi | nt ventures    |           |                 |             |           |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|
|                                            | Ov           | vnership inter | est       | Carrying amount |             |           |
|                                            | 28 Febru-    |                |           | 28 Febru-       |             |           |
|                                            | ary          | 29 February    | 31 August | ary             | 29 February | 31 August |
|                                            | 2025         | 2024           | 2024      | 2025            | 2024        | 2024      |
|                                            | %            | %              | %         | R'000           | R'000       | R'000     |
| Vunani Fintech Fund<br>Proprietary Limited | 50           | 50             | 50        | 6 234           | 74 357      | 40 897    |

| investments in associate                                      | S         |                    |           |           |                 |           |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|--|
|                                                               | Ov        | Ownership interest |           |           | Carrying amount |           |  |
|                                                               | 28 Febru- |                    |           | 28 Febru- |                 |           |  |
|                                                               | ary       | 29 February        | 31 August | ary       | 29 February     | 31 August |  |
|                                                               | 2025      | 2024               | 2024      | 2025      | 2024            | 2024      |  |
|                                                               | %         | %                  | %         | R'000     | R'000           | R'000     |  |
| Global Command and<br>Control Proprietary<br>Limited ("GCCT") | 24        | 24                 | 24        | 1 158     | 1223            | 1 314     |  |
| Crealpha Proprietary Limited ("Crealpha")                     | 30        | 30                 | 30        | (195)     |                 | 1314      |  |
| Zirintou ( Grouipila )                                        |           |                    |           |           |                 |           |  |
|                                                               |           |                    |           | 963       | 1 5 4 9         | 1 431     |  |
| Total                                                         |           |                    |           | 7 197     | 75 906          | 42 328    |  |

#### 3. LOAN TO RELATED PARTY COMPANIES

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Unaudited<br>as at<br>28 February<br>2025<br>R'000 | Unaudited<br>as at<br>29 February<br>2024<br>R'000 | Audited<br>as at<br>31 August<br>2024<br>R'000 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| AEEI - Loan 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | -                                                  | 8 005                                              | -                                              |
| The loan is unsecured, bears interest at prime and is repayable by 31 August 2024. The loan was repaid in the prior year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                    |                                                    |                                                |
| AEEI - Loan 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 7 240                                              | 8 010                                              | 6 750                                          |
| The loan is unsecured and interest is charged at the prime overdraft rate and has no fixed terms of repayment. This Gross amount of the loan is R8.9 million (2024: R8.4 million).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                    |                                                    |                                                |
| GCCT - Loan 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 14 916                                             | 24 488                                             | 16 991                                         |
| The loan bears interest at the prime rate plus 2% and was repayable on 29 February 2024. Interest accrued on the loan is payable semi-annually. The Gross amount of the loan is R22.6 million (2024: R27.7 million)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                    |                                                    |                                                |
| GCCT - Loan 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 38 133                                             | 37 787                                             | 31 716                                         |
| The loan bears interest at the prime rate and was repayable on 31 August 2023. The loan is secured by the current assets of GCCT with a carrying amount of R59.9 million (2024: R70 million) and non-current assets of GCCT with a carrying amount of R13.6 million (2024: R17 million). The carrying amounts of the assets secured are measured in accordance with the applicable IFRS and none of these assets are revalued. The Gross amount of the loan is R48 million (2024: R45.4 million) |                                                    |                                                    |                                                |
| GCCT - Loan 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 27 653                                             | 27 390                                             | 22 998                                         |
| The loan is unsecured, bears interest at the prime rate. The loan was repayable on 7 November 2023. The Gross amount of the loan is R34.8 million (2024: R32.9 million). R7.5 million was repaid in the prior year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                    |                                                    |                                                |



# Notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial results (continued)

#### 3. LOAN TO RELATED PARTY COMPANIES continued

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Unaudited<br>as at<br>28 February<br>2025<br>R'000 | Unaudited<br>as at<br>29 February<br>2024<br>R'000 | Audited<br>as at<br>31 August<br>2024<br>R'000 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| GCCT - Loan 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | -                                                  | 3 922                                              | -                                              |
| The loan is unsecured, bears interest at the prime rate and was repayable as follows:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                    |                                                    |                                                |
| A total of R8.8 million no later than 31 August 2023.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                    |                                                    |                                                |
| A total of R4.8 million no later than 29 February 2023.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                    |                                                    |                                                |
| A total of R3.8 million no later than 31 May 2023.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                    |                                                    |                                                |
| The outstanding balance inclusive of interest was repaid in the prior year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                    |                                                    |                                                |
| An amount of R61.6 million (2024: R61.6 million) of the loan to GCCT is subordinated.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                    |                                                    |                                                |
| Crealpha                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | -                                                  | 31 159                                             | -                                              |
| The loan is unsecured and has no fixed repayment terms. The loan bears no interest for the first three years from the date of draw down and thereafter shall bear interest at the prime rate. The outstanding loan amount has been fully impaired. The Gross value of the loan is R32.8 million (2024: R32.8 million).                                                                                                       |                                                    |                                                    |                                                |
| Vunani Fintech Fund Proprietary Limited - Loan 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 52 553                                             | 147 623                                            | 91 093                                         |
| The loan is unsecured, bears interest at prime and was repayable on 28 March 2024. The Gross value of the loan is R175.1 million (2024:R 165.6 million).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                    |                                                    |                                                |
| Vunani Fintech Fund Proprietary Limited - Loan 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 47 657                                             | 130 700                                            | 81 794                                         |
| The loan is unsecured and bears interest at the prime overdraft rate plus 2% and is repayable as follows: A total of R35 million of the loan is repayable on 14 October 2025. A total of R15 million of the loan is repayable on 19 April 2026. A total of R39.2 million is repayable on 1 June 2026. A total of R10.8 million is repayable on 4 April 2027. The Loan Gross amount is R158.8 million (2024: R148.7 million). |                                                    |                                                    |                                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 188 152                                            | 419 085                                            | 251 342                                        |



#### **LOAN TO RELATED PARTY COMPANIES** continued

|                                                 | Unaudited   | Unaudited   | Audited   |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
|                                                 | as at       | as at       | as at     |
|                                                 | 28 February | 29 February | 31 August |
|                                                 | 2025        | 2024        | 2024      |
|                                                 | R'000       | R'000       | R'000     |
| Split between non-current and current portions: |             |             |           |
| Non-current assets                              | 47 657      | 221 825     | 88 544    |
| Current assets                                  | 140 495     | 197 260     | 162 798   |
|                                                 |             |             |           |

Gross amount is the contractual loan amount with the interest and subsequent loan repayments.

The interest on the Vunani Loan 1 is R9.6m (2024: R18.3m), the impairment is R122.6m (2024: R74.5m).

The interest on the Vunani Loan 2 is R10.1m (2024: R19.1m), the impairment is R111.2m (2024: R67.0m).

The current year interest on the Crealpha loan is R0m (2024: R3.6m) and the impairment is R30.9m (2024: R30.9).

The current year combined interest on the GCCT Loans is R6.3m (2024: R13.1m) and the combined impairment is R24.8m (2023: R29.4m).

The current year interest on the GCCT Loans 1 is R1.8m (2024: R4.1m) and the impairment is R7.7m (2024: R9.1m).

The current year interest on the GCCT Loans 2 is R2.6m (2024: R5.0m) and the impairment is R9.9m (2024: R11.7m).

The current year interest on the GCCT Loans 3 is R1.9m (2024: R3.6m) and the impairment is R7.2m (2024: R8.5m).

The current year interest on the AEEI loan 3 is R0.5m (2024: R0.9m) and the impairment is R1.7m (2024: R1.7m).

In the prior year, AEEI's Loan 2 was fully settled for an amount of R11.3m. The prior years balance of R8.2m had been recorded net of an accumulated impairment of R2.2m.



# Notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial results (continued)

#### 4. OTHER LOANS RECEIVABLE

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Unaudited<br>as at<br>28 February<br>2025<br>R'000 | Unaudited<br>as at<br>29 February<br>2024<br>R'000 | Audited<br>as at<br>31 August<br>2024<br>R'000 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Cumulative preference shares - Dinaledi<br>Technologies Proprietary Limited                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 11 582                                             | 12 070                                             | 11 216                                         |
| On 1 November 2021, AYO subscribed for 50 cumulative, redeemable, non-participating convertible preference shares of no par value in Dinaledi Technologies Proprietary Limited for a consideration of R20 million. The preference shares are redeemable on 30 October 2032. AYO has the right to convert the preference shares into ordinary shares equal to the redemption amount on redemption date.                                                            |                                                    |                                                    |                                                |
| Cumulative preference shares – Bambelela Capital Proprietary Limited                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 101 150                                            | 115 435                                            | 112 389                                        |
| In December 2018, AYO subscribed for 500 000 cumulative, redeemable, non-participating convertible class C preference shares of no par value in Bambelela for a consideration of R145 million. The preference shares are redeemable on 31 March 2025. AYO has the right to convert the preference shares into ordinary shares equal to the redemption amount on redemption date. Interest is accrued at variable prime rate multiplied by adjustment rate at 72%. |                                                    |                                                    |                                                |

#### 4. OTHER LOANS RECEIVABLE continued

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Unaudited            | Unaudited            | Audited            |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 20 February<br>2025  | 29 February<br>2024  | 2024               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | R'000                | R'000                | R'000              |
| Cumulative preference shares - 4Plus Technology<br>Venture Fund Africa Proprietary Limited ("4Plus")                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | -                    | 56 056               | -                  |
| On 9 April 2020, AYO subscribed for 1500 cumulative, redeemable, non-participating convertible preference shares of no par value in 4Plus for a consideration of R15 million and on 4 May 2020, AYO subscribed for a further 1 500 cumulative, redeemable, non-participating convertible preference shares of no par value in 4Plus for a consideration of R15 million. On 21 December 2021, AYO subscribed for 500 cumulative, redeemable, non-participating convertible preference shares of no par value in 4Plus for consideration of R5 million and on 2 February 2023, AYO subscribed for an additional 500 cumulative, redeemable, non-participating convertible preference shares of no par value in 4Plus for a consideration of R5 million. As at 28 February 2023, AYO held 4 000 cumulative, redeemable, non-participating convertible preference shares of no par value in 4Plus. The preference shares are redeemable on 9 April 2027, 4 May 2027, 21 December 2028 and 2 February 2029, respectively. AYO has the right to convert the preference shares into ordinary shares equal to the redemption amount on redemption date. Interest is accrued at prime rate plus 2%. The preference shares were fully impaired in the prior year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                      |                      |                    |
| Loan - Fueltech Solutions Proprietary Limited ("Fueltech")                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | -                    | 18 499               | -                  |
| The loan is unsecured. The loan is interest-free for<br>the first two years, thereafter interest is charged at<br>the prime rate. The loan was repaid in the prior year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                      |                      |                    |
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| Split between non-current and current portions:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                      |                      |                    |
| Non-current assets                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 11 582               | 202 059              | 11 216             |
| Current assets                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 101 150              | -                    | 112 389            |
| Total                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 112 732              | 202 059              | 123 605            |
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The balances reflected above are the net balances following impairment, interest and repayments. The carrying amount of other loans receivable is considered to be a reasonable approximation of the fair value as interest is charged at market rates.



# Notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial results (continued)

#### 4. OTHER LOANS RECEIVABLE continued

The carrying amount of other loans receivable is considered to be a reasonable approximation of the fair value as interest is charged at market rates.

All loans fully written off are still subject to enforcement activity.

#### **Stages definitions:**

Stage 1 loans are performing loans were there has been no significant increase in credit risk. If a loan is in Stage 1, a one-year ECL is applied.

Where there has been a significant increase in credit risk, a loan is regarded as being in Stage 2 and a lifetime ECL is applied. If we are unable to assess the credit risk at the loan's inception then there is insufficient basis to determine whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk and in this case we have used management's assessment of the staging of the loan and noted this fact.

Where there is objective evidence of an impairment then the loan is regarded as credit impaired and included in Stage 3 and a lifetime ECL is applied. No interest should be accrued on the loan.

Where any loan has been impaired in full, we have not performed any re-measurements on them.

#### Other loans receivable:

Loans receivables includes borrowings to entities that are non-related to the Group, it also includes redeemable cumulative preference shares. The loans are unsecured with the exception of the loan to LMLS which is secured by trade debtors, bank accounts, loans receivable and motor vehicles.

Some of the loans receivable had a significant increase in credit risk which resulted in expected credit loss being recognised by Group. The below loans receivables were impaired due to significant doubt on the recoverability of the debt:

#### Dinaledi

An impairment of Rnil (2024: R2.0 million) was raised against the preference shares in the current year. The total accumulated impairment on the loan is R10.8 million (2024: R10.8 million). Interest income earned in the current year was R0.4 million (2024: R0.7 million).

#### Cumulative preference shares - Bambelela Capital Proprietary Limited ("Bambelela")

An impairment of R3.2 million (2024: R2.6 million) was raised against the preference shares in the current year. Interest earned in the current year is R4.6 million (2024: R9.96 million) and a repayment of R12.7 million (2024: R11.2 million).

#### LML Shared Solutions

The loans (1-4) were fully impaired in the prior years.

Loan 5 with LMLS was fully impaired in the prior year. The gross loan amount in 2024 was R23.7 million, the interest was R3.7 million.

#### **Nevzotron Proprietary Limited**

The loan was fully impaired in the prior years.

#### 4Plus

The 4 Plus Pref Shares were fully impaired in the prior year. The gross loan amount in 2024 was R109.8 million, interest was R12.3 million.

#### Volt

The loan was fully impaired in prior years.



#### 5. INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

|                                                                    | Unaudited   | Unaudited   | Audited   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
|                                                                    | as at       | as at       | as at     |
|                                                                    | 28 February | 29 February | 31 August |
|                                                                    | 2025        | 2024        | 2024      |
|                                                                    | R'000       | R'000       | R'000     |
| Investments comprises of:                                          |             |             |           |
| Bambelela                                                          | 40 202      | 72 056      | 47 891    |
| African Innovation Academy                                         | -           | -           | -         |
| 4Plus                                                              | -           | -           | -         |
| Louisyahna                                                         | -           | -           | -         |
| Loot B2B                                                           | -           | -           | -         |
| Synclabs Proprietary Limited                                       | -           | -           | -         |
| Kyramanzi                                                          | -           | -           | -         |
| AOH                                                                | -           | -           | -         |
| Fueltech                                                           | -           | -           | -         |
| LMLA                                                               | -           | -           | -         |
| Closing balance                                                    | 40 202      | 72 056      | 47 891    |
| Reconciliation of investments at fair value through profit or loss |             |             |           |
| Opening balance                                                    | 47 891      | 118 227     | 98 274    |
| Changes in fair values                                             | (7 689)     | (46 171)    | (50 383)  |
| Closing balance                                                    | 40 202      | 72 056      | 47 891    |

#### Bambelela Capital ("Bambelela")

On 28 September 2018, AYO concluded the acquisition of a 32% shareholding in Bambelela. Bambelela holds a 49% shareholding in Vunani Limited a diversified financial services group. A fair value loss of R7,7 million (2024: R50,3 million) was recognised in the current year. The fair value loss in the current year is as a result of the underlying investments in Bambelela incurring material losses.

#### Other investments at fair value through profit and loss

Except for the investment in Bambelela, all other investments at fair value through profit and loss decreased to nil in prior years with no change in the current year.



# Notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial results (continued)

#### 6. DERIVATIVES

| 6.1 Derivative financial liability | Unaudited   |             |           |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
|                                    | as at       | Unaudited   | Audited   |
|                                    | 28 February | as at       | as at     |
|                                    | 2025        | 29 February | 31 August |
|                                    | 2025        | 2024        | 2024      |
|                                    | R'000       | R'000       | R'000     |
| Opening balance                    | 248 032     | _           | _         |
| Recognition of PIC Option          | _           | _           | 248 032   |
| Remeasurement of PIC Option        | 7 265       | -           | -         |
| Closing balance                    | 255 297     | -           | 248 032   |

The Company reached a settlement agreement with the Government Employees Pension Fund ("GEPF") to repurchase 17,202,756 ordinary shares ("AYO Shares") for R619,423,100 ("Initial Repurchase"). After this transaction, the GEPF will retain a minimum stake of 25.01% in the Company.

After three years from the Initial Repurchase, the GEPF has the option to sell an additional 5% of the AYO shares it holds back to AYO. This sale will occur at the higher of R20 per share or the prevailing 90-day volume-weighted average price of AYO Shares traded on the JSE, subject to regulatory approvals and the Company's solvency and liquidity as defined in the Companies Act, 2008 (Act 71 of 2008), as amended.

The put option was valued using the Black-Scholes model with the following inputs:

| Inputs                  | Feb-25 |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Stock price             | 0.40   |
| Strike price            | 20.00  |
| Term of option          | 2.34   |
| Dividend yield          | 0%     |
| Volatility              | 116%   |
| Risk-free interest rate | 10%    |

| Inputs                  | Aug-24 |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Stock price             | 0.50   |
| Strike price            | 20.00  |
| Term of option          | 2.83   |
| Dividend yield          | 0%     |
| Volatility              | 266%   |
| Risk-free interest rate | 10%    |



#### 7. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

|                                     |             | Restated    |             |           |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
|                                     | Unaudited   | Unaudited   | Unaudited   | Audited   |
|                                     | as at       | as at       | as at       | as at     |
|                                     | 28 February | 29 February | 29 February | 31 August |
|                                     | 2025        | 2024        | 2024        | 2024      |
|                                     | R'000       | R'000       | R'000       | R'000     |
| Trade receivables                   | 371 933     | 334 252     | 334 252     | 339 643   |
| Loss allowance                      | (16 899)    | (22 495)    | (22 495)    | (16 959)  |
| Trade receivables at amortised cost | 355 034     | 311 758     | 311 758     | 322 684   |
| Deposits                            | 2 337       | 16 299      | 16 299      | 16 925    |
| Accrued income                      | 1 607       | 273         | 273         | -         |
| Funds held in trust                 | -           | -           | 61 468      |           |
| Related party receivables           | 17 860      | 28 578      | 28 578      | 19 410    |
| Provision for impairment of related |             |             |             |           |
| party receivables                   | (14 081)    | -           | -           | (14 081)  |
| Other receivables                   | 15 761      | 24 049      | 24 049      | 1044      |
| Non-financial instruments           |             |             |             |           |
| Value added income tax              | 27 034      | 62 594      | 62 594      | 3 210     |
| Prepayments                         | 27 278      | 30 178      | 30 178      | 25 040    |
| Provision for impairment of         |             |             |             |           |
| prepayments                         | (9 041)     | (9 041)     | (9 041)     | (9 041)   |
| Other Prepayments                   | -           | -           | 619 423     | -         |
| Total                               | 423 789     | 464 688     | 1 145 579   | 365 191   |

#### Funds held in trust

Funds held in attorney trust accounts are unrestricted and accessible, earning interest in call accounts. Previously classified as other receivables, management reassessed their nature in 2024 due to increased operational use and reclassified them as cash and cash equivalents, reflecting their revised purpose and liquidity. Significant judgment was applied in this reclassification. This reclassification has been made to align to changes made in the August 2024 AFS. Refer to note 13 of 31 August 2024 annual results.

| Prior period error                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 2024 | 2023      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------|
| In March 2023, a R619 million payment was made to the PIC in terms of a share buyback settlement agreement which was only approved and therefore implementable during the 2024 financial year. Initially classified as a prepayment, the payment was reclassified during the August 2024 audit as it was determined to be a settlement for an equity transaction accounted for directly in equity, leading to the following restatement: |      |           |
| Effect on the statement of financial position                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |      |           |
| Increase/ (decrease) in balances in the statement of financial position                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |      |           |
| - Trade receivables                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | -    | (619 299) |
| - Share repurchase reserve                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | -    | 619 299   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | -    | _         |



# Notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial results (continued)

#### 8. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

|                 | Restated                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                        |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Unaudited       | Unaudited                                                                            | Unaudited                                                                                                                                              |
| as at           | as at                                                                                | as at                                                                                                                                                  |
| 28 February     | 29 February                                                                          | 29 February                                                                                                                                            |
| 2025            | 2024                                                                                 | 2024                                                                                                                                                   |
| R'000           | R'000                                                                                | R'000                                                                                                                                                  |
| 216             | 994                                                                                  | 216                                                                                                                                                    |
| 5               | 531                                                                                  | 206                                                                                                                                                    |
| -               | 13 726                                                                               | 14 309                                                                                                                                                 |
| 1 138           | 366                                                                                  | 1 141                                                                                                                                                  |
| -               | _                                                                                    | 233                                                                                                                                                    |
| 73 079          | 167 158                                                                              | 148 301                                                                                                                                                |
| 74 438          | 182 775                                                                              | 164 406                                                                                                                                                |
|                 |                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                        |
|                 |                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                        |
| 1 100           | 1652                                                                                 | -                                                                                                                                                      |
| 5 690           | 3 738                                                                                | 5 315                                                                                                                                                  |
| 1 700           | 1 700                                                                                | 1 700                                                                                                                                                  |
| 8 490           | 7 090                                                                                | 7 015                                                                                                                                                  |
| 82 928          | 189 865                                                                              | 171 421                                                                                                                                                |
|                 |                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                        |
|                 |                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                        |
|                 |                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                        |
| 3 642           | -                                                                                    | 1 374                                                                                                                                                  |
| 3 642<br>79 286 | -<br>189 865                                                                         | 1 374<br>170 047                                                                                                                                       |
|                 | as at 28 February 2025 R'000  216 5 - 1 138 - 73 079 74 438  1 100 5 690 1 700 8 490 | as at 29 February 2025 2024 R'000 R'000  216 994 5 531 - 13 726 1138 366 73 079 167 158  74 438 182 775  1100 1652 5 690 3 738 1 700 1 700 8 490 7 090 |

#### 9. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

|                                        |             | Restated    |             |           |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
|                                        | Unaudited   | Unaudited   | Unaudited   | Audited   |
|                                        | as at       | as at       | as at       | as at     |
|                                        | 28 February | 29 February | 29 February | 31 August |
|                                        | 2025        | 2024        | 2024        | 2024      |
|                                        | R'000       | R'000       | R'000       | R'000     |
| Cash and cash equivalents consists of: |             |             |             |           |
| Cash on hand                           | 195         | 181         | 181         | 178       |
| Funds held in trust                    | 14 894      | 61 468      | _           | 37 640    |
| Bank balances                          | 227 997     | 139 647     | 139 647     | 178 565   |
| Total cash                             | 243 086     | 201 296     | 139 828     | 216 383   |
| Bank overdraft                         | (3)         | (4)         | (4)         | (5)       |
| Total                                  | 243 083     | 201 292     | 139 824     | 216 378   |

The February 2024 interim results have been restated to align with amendments made to the classification of funds held in trust as reported in the 31 August 2024 annual results. Refer to note 13 of the 31 August 2024 annual results.

#### 10. DEFERRED INCOME

|                                                                                             | Unaudited<br>as at<br>28 February<br>2025<br>R'000 | Restated<br>Unaudited<br>as at<br>29 February<br>2024<br>R'000 | Unaudited<br>as at<br>29 February<br>2024<br>R'000 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Reconciliation of deferred income                                                           |                                                    |                                                                |                                                    |
| Opening balance                                                                             | 9 207                                              | 10 738                                                         | 19 995                                             |
| Additions                                                                                   | 22 300                                             | 147                                                            | 33 196                                             |
| Revenue recognised on delivery of goods or services previously paid for                     | (15 569)                                           | (746)                                                          | (43 984)                                           |
| Closing balance                                                                             | 15 938                                             | 10 139                                                         | 9 207                                              |
| Split between non-current and current portions: Non-current liabilities Current liabilities | 2 591<br>13 347                                    | -<br>10 139                                                    | -<br>9 207                                         |
| Total                                                                                       | 15 938                                             | 10 139                                                         | 9 207                                              |



# Notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial results (continued)

#### 11. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

|                              |             | Restated    |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                              | Unaudited   | Unaudited   | Unaudited   |
|                              | as at       | as at       | as at       |
|                              | 28 February | 29 February | 29 February |
|                              | 2025        | 2024        | 2024        |
|                              | R'000       | R'000       | R'000       |
| Trade and other payables     | 219 868     | 223 857     | 191 531     |
| Leave pay and other accruals | 28 593      | 38 390      | 46 272      |
| Amounts received in advance  | 2 949       | 2 452       | 782         |
| Value added taxation         | 52 904      | 52 036      | 49 784      |
| Total                        | 304 314     | 316 735     | 288 369     |

The fair value of trade and other payables approximates carrying value due to its short-term nature.

#### 12. PROVISIONS

| Reconciliation of provisions: 28 February 2025 | Opening<br>balance | Additions | Utilised<br>during the<br>year | Reversed<br>during the<br>year | Closing<br>balance |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Commission and                                 |                    |           |                                |                                |                    |
| incentive programme                            | 4 390              | 1 149     | (2 120)                        | -                              | 3 419              |
| Bonuses and leave                              | 7 166              | 5 330     | (8 652)                        | (177)                          | 3 667              |
| Onerous contract                               | 1 483              | -         | -                              | -                              | 1 483              |
| Project and product warranties and             |                    |           |                                |                                |                    |
| product risk                                   | 71 640             | 8 672     | (415)                          | (3 611)                        | 76 286             |
| Fine - JSE                                     | 264                | -         | _                              | -                              | 264                |
| Legal costs                                    | 16 861             | -         | -                              | -                              | 16 861             |
| *VAT                                           | 112 465            | 781       | -                              | -                              | 113 246            |
|                                                | 214 268            | 15 932    | (11 187)                       | (3 788)                        | 215 227            |

| Opening balance | Additions                                                    | Utilised<br>during the<br>year                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Reversed<br>during the<br>year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Closing<br>balance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                 |                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 5 469           | 4 821                                                        | (7 487)                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 2 802                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 9 032           | 3 248                                                        | (4 731)                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | (248)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 7 301                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 3 753           | 24 516                                                       | (2 486)                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | (8 579)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 17 204                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 102             | 1 012                                                        | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 114                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 16 662          | -                                                            | _                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | (16 662)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | _                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                 |                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 83 435          | 1 705                                                        | (679)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | (11 603)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 72 859                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 99 866          | -                                                            | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 99 866                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 218 319         | 35 302                                                       | (15 383)                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | (37 091)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 201 146                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                 | 5 469<br>9 032<br>3 753<br>102<br>16 662<br>83 435<br>99 866 | balance         Additions           5 469         4 821           9 032         3 248           3 753         24 516           102         1 012           16 662         -           83 435         1 705           99 866         - | Opening balance         Additions         during the year           5 469         4 821         (7 487)           9 032         3 248         (4 731)           3 753         24 516         (2 486)           102         1 012         -           16 662         -         -           83 435         1 705         (679)           99 866         -         - | Opening balance         Additions         during the year         during the year           5 469         4 821         (7 487)         -           9 032         3 248         (4 731)         (248)           3 753         24 516         (2 486)         (8 579)           102         1 012         -         -           16 662         -         -         (16 662)           83 435         1 705         (679)         (11 603)           99 866         -         -         - |



## Notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial results (continued)

#### 12. PROVISIONS continued

| Reconciliation of provisions:<br>31 August 2024 | Opening<br>balance | Additions | Utilised<br>during the<br>year | Reversed<br>during the<br>year | Closing<br>balance |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Commission and                                  |                    |           |                                |                                |                    |
| incentive programme                             | 5 469              | 12 262    | (11 808)                       | (1533)                         | 4 390              |
| Bonuses                                         | 9 032              | 10 002    | (11 620)                       | (248)                          | 7 166              |
| Onerous contract                                | 3 753              | -         | (2 270)                        | -                              | 1 483              |
| Project and product warranties and              |                    |           |                                |                                |                    |
| product risk                                    | 83 435             | 6 688     | (599)                          | (17 884)                       | 71 640             |
| Fine - JSE                                      | 102                | 2 795     | -                              | (2 634)                        | 263                |
| Legal costs                                     | 16 662             | 498       | (260)                          | (37)                           | 16 863             |
| VAT                                             | 99 866             | 12 599    |                                | -                              | 112 465            |
|                                                 | 218 318            | 44 844    | (26 557)                       | (22 336)                       | 214 269            |

On 9 November 2023 AYO received a VAT assessment from SARS after a verification audit. The outcome of the assessment process, is that SARS disallowed a full input tax deduction on mixed expenses that AYO incurred and rather applied the apportionment method, leading to a liability recognised as a provision. However, AYO is in dispute with the method applied by SARS as it does not yield a fair and equitable result. SARS allowed AYO to respond to the assessment, AYO responded to the assessment and the matter is pending and still ongoing. At the time of reporting SARS had not responded to AYO. The timing and amount are both subject to SARS determination which have no certainty of when it will be received.



## 13. REVENUE

| Revenue from contracts with customers                      | 2024<br>R'000 | 2024<br>R'000 | 2024<br>R'000 |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Sale of goods                                              | 456 084       | 613 076       | 1128 406      |
| Rendering of services                                      | 324 899       | 401 741       | 743 359       |
| _                                                          | 780 983       | 1 014 817     | 1 871 765     |
| Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers    | 700 303       | 1014 317      | 1071703       |
| The Group disaggregates revenue from customers as follows: |               |               |               |
| Sale of goods                                              | 456 081       | 614 199       | 1 128 406     |
| Software and consulting                                    | 3 614         | 2 624         | 4 823         |
| Unified communications                                     | 244 115       | 281 194       | 567 243       |
| Healthcare                                                 | 3 123         | 3 179         | 8 166         |
| Managed services                                           | 205 229       | 327 202       | 548 174       |
|                                                            |               |               |               |
| Rendering of services                                      | 324 902       | 400 618       | 743 359       |
| Software and consulting                                    | 20 164        | 16 947        | 22 531        |
| Unified communications                                     | 395           | 4 091         | 7 401         |
| Healthcare                                                 | 32 375        | 29 983        | 61 152        |
| Managed services                                           | 271 968       | 349 597       | 652 275       |
| Total revenue                                              | 780 983       | 1 014 817     | 1 871 765     |
| Timing of revenue recognition by revenue pattern           |               |               |               |
| At a point in time Software and consulting-related         | 24 305        | 3 725         | 14 948        |
| Communication Products and hardware-related                | 457 O32       | 283 841       | 572 862       |
| Project-related services                                   | 547           | 325 201       | 545 410       |
| _                                                          | 481 884       | 612 767       | 1 133 220     |
| Over-time                                                  |               |               |               |
| Software and consulting-related                            | 185 933       | 15 899        | 66 308        |
| Communication Products and hardware-related                | 112 771       | 34 556        | 849           |
| Project-related services                                   | 395           | 351 595       | 671 388       |
| _                                                          | 299 099       | 402 050       | 738 545       |
| _                                                          | 780 983       | 1 014 817     | 1 871 765     |
| _                                                          |               |               |               |

Disaggregation of revenue has been presented on a different basis i.e. per segment which differs from the prior year interim results disclosure. However the totals remain the same.



## 14. OTHER OPERATING GAINS/(LOSSES)

|                                                        | Unaudited<br>six months<br>ended<br>28 February<br>2025<br>R'000 | Unaudited<br>six months<br>ended<br>29 February<br>2024<br>R'000 | Audited<br>year ended<br>31 August<br>2024<br>R'000 |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Profit on early termination of lease                   | -                                                                | 146                                                              | 530                                                 |
| Fair value losses on foreign exchange contracts        | -                                                                | -                                                                | (1294)                                              |
| Net foreign exchange losses                            | (1 098)                                                          | (139)                                                            | (2 979)                                             |
| Fair value (losses)/gains on other financial assets    | 12 491                                                           | -                                                                | (5 019)                                             |
| Fair value losses on other financial assets designated |                                                                  |                                                                  |                                                     |
| as at fair value through profit or loss                | (7 690)                                                          | (65 306)                                                         | (50 383)                                            |
| Profit on sale of property, plant and equipment        | 10                                                               | 913                                                              | 930                                                 |
|                                                        | 3 713                                                            | (64 386)                                                         | (58 215)                                            |

### 15. OPERATING EXPENSES

| Major items included in operating expenses: | Unaudited<br>six months<br>ended<br>28 February<br>2025<br>R'000 | Unaudited<br>six months<br>ended<br>29 February<br>2024<br>R'000 | Audited<br>year ended<br>31 August<br>2024<br>R'000 |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Employee costs                              | 99 614                                                           | 98 242                                                           | 234 433                                             |
| Depreciations and amortisation              | 12 182                                                           | 18 194                                                           | 34 383                                              |
| Impairment expenses                         | 13 773                                                           | -                                                                | 118 033                                             |
| Consulting fees                             | 20 369                                                           | 23 230                                                           | 63 506                                              |
| *VAT dispute                                | 781                                                              | -                                                                | 12 599                                              |
| ^VAT receivable written off                 | 6 184                                                            | -                                                                | 44 296                                              |
| Other operating expenses                    | 68 740                                                           | 86 557                                                           | 140 870                                             |
|                                             | 221 643                                                          | 226 223                                                          | 648 119                                             |

<sup>#</sup> Input VAT claims were disallowed by SARS and new VAT assessments issued retrospectively to 2018. AYO has disputed the matter with SARS and is awaiting the outcome of the dispute. A provision was recorded in the prior period for the additional VAT, penalties and interest. Refer to note 12 Provisions. In the current period AYO has recognised additional penalties and finance costs related to the matter.

<sup>^</sup> The VAT asset is under dispute as mentioned above and has been impaired, as its recoverability depends on the outcome of ongoing discussions with SARS regarding the apportionment method used to determine the VAT receivable.



### 16. FINANCE INCOME

|                                          | Unaudited<br>six months<br>ended<br>28 February<br>2025<br>R'000 | Unaudited<br>six months<br>ended<br>29 February<br>2024<br>R'000 | Audited<br>year ended<br>31 August<br>2024<br>R'000 |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Bank and cash                            | 4 726                                                            | 3 208                                                            | 14 408                                              |
| Interest - Group companies               | 26 781                                                           | 27 125                                                           | 9 080                                               |
| Loans receivable                         | -                                                                | 3 424                                                            | 44 163                                              |
| Cumulative preference shares - Bambelela | 4 609                                                            | 19 784                                                           | 9 960                                               |
| Cumulative preference shares - 4Plus     | -                                                                | _                                                                | 12 299                                              |
| Cumulative preference shares - Dinaledi  | 366                                                              | _                                                                | 721                                                 |
| Funds in Trust                           | -                                                                | 3 317                                                            | 5 610                                               |
| Other financial assets                   | 998                                                              | 946                                                              | 89                                                  |
|                                          | 37 480                                                           | 57 804                                                           | 96 330                                              |

## 17. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

### **Inventories**

Prior year inventory figures have been restated to reflect Costs incurred to date to fulfil contracts -Work in Progress, which was previously shown as Work in progress within the Inventories balance. In line with IFRS 15 requirements, it is now presented separately. This restatement has no impact on the previously reported profit or loss position.



## 18. EARNINGS PER SHARE

|                                                                                                                                                         | Unaudited<br>six months<br>ended<br>28 February<br>2025<br>R'000 | Unaudited<br>six months<br>ended<br>29 February<br>2024<br>R'000 | Audited<br>year ended<br>31 August<br>2024<br>R'000 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Earnings per share ("EPS") is derived by dividing the earnings attributable to equity holders of AYO by the weighted average number of ordinary shares. |                                                                  |                                                                  |                                                     |
| Basic and diluted loss per share (cents)                                                                                                                | (45.09)                                                          | (32.92)                                                          | (208.68)                                            |
| There are no dilutive options and other dilutive potential ordinary shares, therefore, basic and diluted earnings per share are the same.               |                                                                  |                                                                  |                                                     |
| The loss and weighted average number of ordinary shares used in the calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share are as follows:                 |                                                                  |                                                                  |                                                     |
| Loss attributable to owners of AYO<br>Weighted average number of shares ('000)                                                                          | (146 989)<br>325 983                                             | (113 028)<br>343 314                                             | (680 265)<br>325 983                                |
| Headline earnings per share Headline loss is determined as follows:                                                                                     |                                                                  |                                                                  |                                                     |
| Loss attributable to owners of AYO  Adjusted for:                                                                                                       | (146 989)                                                        | (113 028)                                                        | (680 265)                                           |
| Impairment on Goodwill                                                                                                                                  | -                                                                | -                                                                | 62 484                                              |
| Impairment of Intangible assets  Profit on sale of property, plant and equipment                                                                        | -<br>11                                                          | (913)                                                            | 39 835<br>930                                       |
| Tax effects of adjustments                                                                                                                              | (3)                                                              | 247                                                              | (251)                                               |
| Headline loss Weighted average number of shares ('000) Headline loss per share (cents)                                                                  | (146 981)<br>325 983<br>(45.09)                                  | (113 694)<br>343 314<br>(33.12)                                  | (577 267)<br>325 983<br>(177.09)                    |



### 19. CONTINGENCIES

#### Litigation

The extensive legal challenges, as set out below, which AYO is confronting simultaneously, together with the ongoing negative media focus on the Group and heightened regulatory attention, are putting the business to a serious test, potentially threatening its longevity. Whilst these prolonged processes are straining AYO's financial and human resources, shifting its operational focus and impeding its ability to concentrate on the strategic mandate it is set to deliver on, it is important for shareholders to understand that some of these litigious matters were necessary to proceed with to ensure long-term sustainability and protect underlying investments of the Group. It is also worth noting that AYO as a Company is not an applicant in all the banking related litigations however AYO subsidiaries are. For the sake of transparency to our shareholders, AYO discloses updates to these matters below.

### State Information Technology Agency

On 25 August 2020, the State Information Technology Agency ("SITA") brought an application in the Eastern Cape High Court for an order to interdict the Eastern Cape Department of Education ("ECDOE") from continuing with a contract that the ECDOE has with Sizwe Africa IT Group Proprietary Limited ("Sizwe") which is a subsidiary of AYO, for the supply and lease of tablets to matric learners in the Eastern Cape. The Eastern Cape High Court granted the order for the interdict.

On 20 February 2025, SITA signed a settlement agreement with the ECDOE agreeing to withdraw the matter from court. Subsequently on the 20th of March 2025, the Bisho High Court made the settlement a legal binding agreement and an order of court.

### **High Court Parallel Application**

Pleadings has been closed and the matter is set to be heard from 17 to 20 June 2025. The matter is with Absa Bank Ltd and 22 Others (Parallel Application).

#### Standard Bank of SA Limited

Sekunjalo Group has an interdict in place and the matter is set to be heard in the SCA, Heads of Argument has been filed.

### Competition Tribunal

Whilst the interim interdict is overturned, the competition commission's investigation into the banks anti-competitive behaviour is still ongoing.

### **Mpati Review Application**

This matter concerns, inter alia, reviewing and setting aside certain issues relating to the unlawfulness of the proceedings, as well as, reviewing and setting aside the findings, remarks, conclusions and/ or recommendations made by the Commission about the Applicants who were not the target of the Commission's terms of reference but were referred to in the Mpati Report. The matter is still pending.

#### **Cortex Logic**

The litigation arose from the non-repayment of loans provided to Cortex Logic Proprietary Limited. This matter is ongoing in order for AYO to recover the outstanding loans and interest thereon.



### 19. CONTINGENCIES continued

#### **Futuretell Communication**

The Company instituted action against Futuretell Communication Proprietary Limited for recovery of a loan to the value of R3.7 million resulting from a breach of the loan agreement entered into between the Parties in 2019. Default judgment was obtained by AYO on 7 September 2023, and we are in the process of navigating possible ways of recovering the debt.

#### South African Clothing and Textile Worker's Union ("SACTWU")

The litigation arose as a result of a dispute regarding the entitlement to dividends based on shares held. This matter is ongoing.

### PL Myburgh and Daily Maverick

Defamation claims against the parties in respect of media articles published. The matter is pending.

### Daily Maverick and amaBhungane

Defamation claims against the parties in respect of media articles published. The matter has not been enrolled on the pre-trial roll vet.

#### The Standard Bank of South Africa

Sizwe was awarded a contract by the Eastern Cape Department of Education ("ECDOE"), as previously outlined. The certain facets of the contract were subsequently ceded to Sizwe Asset Finance ("SAF"), a former related party, with Sizwe continuing to perform the obligations under the contract. SAF is understood to have entered into a separate financing arrangement with Standard Bank in respect of the contract.

Due to an interdict obtained by the State Information and Technology Agency ("SITA"), payments under the contract have not been made by the ECDOE. Historically, such payments flowed through Sizwe, and where relevant, to SAF. Standard Bank has instituted proceedings against SAF, and Sizwe has been joined as a third party to those proceedings. The matter is at the pre-trial stage. Based on current information, no financial loss to Sizwe is anticipated.



## **20. RELATED PARTIES**

### **Entity name**

Subsidiaries

Key management personnel

Relationship

| The Haraas Trust                                            | Ultimate controlling company                                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sekunjalo Investment Holdings Proprietary Limited           | Common control                                              |
| African Equity Empowerment Investments Limited              | Common control                                              |
| Afrinat Proprietary Limited                                 | Common control                                              |
| espAfrika Proprietary Limited                               | Common control                                              |
| Orleans Cosmetics Proprietary Limited                       | Common control                                              |
| Vunani Fintech Fund Proprietary Limited                     | Jointly controlled                                          |
| Global Command and Control Technologies Proprietary Limited | Significant influence                                       |
| African News Agency Proprietary Limited                     | Common control                                              |
| Independent News and Media Proprietary Limited              | Common control                                              |
| Independent Newspaper Proprietary Limited                   | Common control                                              |
| Loot Online Proprietary Limited                             | Common control                                              |
| Prodirect Investments 112 Proprietary Limited               | Common control                                              |
| Sekunjalo Properties Proprietary Limited                    | Common control                                              |
| Sekunjalo Investment Holdings Proprietary Limited           | Parent company                                              |
| Dr FM Surve                                                 | Family member of key management personnel                   |
| Omnicare Family Healthcare Centre                           | Entity related to family member of key management personnel |
| Collateral Trading Proprietary Limited                      | Entity owned by key management personnel                    |
| Loot B2B Proprietary Limited                                | Common control                                              |
| Crealpha Proprietary Limited Investment                     | Significant influence                                       |
| Tripos Travel Proprietary Limited                           | Common control                                              |
| Sekunjalo Development Foundation                            | Common control                                              |
| Surve Philanthropies                                        | Common control                                              |
| Insights Publishing Proprietary Limited                     | Common control                                              |
| Content Nation Media Proprietary Limited                    | Common control                                              |
| Sekunjalo Music Academy NPC                                 | Common control                                              |
| Sagarmatha Technology Solutions Proprietary Limited         | Common control                                              |
| ANA Publishing Proprietary Limited                          | Common control                                              |
| Africa Online Retail Proprietary Limited                    | Common control                                              |
| Premier Fishing SA Proprietary Limited                      | Common control                                              |

Refer to note 44 of the 2024 Group Annual

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Refer to director's report



|                                                                                                              | Unaudited<br>six months<br>ended<br>28 February<br>2025 | Unaudited<br>six months<br>ended<br>29 February<br>2024 | Audited<br>year ended<br>31 August<br>2024 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Significant related party transactions during the year include:                                              | R'000                                                   | R'000                                                   | R'000                                      |
| Administration and management fees expense - common control                                                  |                                                         |                                                         | 5 832                                      |
| African Equity Empowerment Investments Limited                                                               | -                                                       | -                                                       | 5 214                                      |
| Consulting and or legal fees - entity controlled by key management personnel                                 | -                                                       | 140                                                     | -                                          |
| Collateral Trading Proprietary Limited                                                                       | -                                                       | 140                                                     | -                                          |
| Directors fees paid to entity controlled by key management personnel  Collateral Trading Proprietary Limited | 300                                                     | <u>-</u>                                                | <b>490</b>                                 |
| Donations - Common control                                                                                   | _                                                       | 1 736                                                   | _                                          |
| Loot Online Proprietary Limited<br>Africa Online Retail Proprietary Limited                                  |                                                         | 3<br>1 733                                              | -                                          |
| Information, communication and technology expenses – common control                                          | 9                                                       | 14                                                      | 4                                          |
| Loot Online Proprietary Limited                                                                              | 9                                                       | 14                                                      | 4                                          |
| Interest received - common control                                                                           | -                                                       | 623                                                     | 1 868                                      |
| African Equity Empowerment Investments Limited                                                               | -                                                       | 623                                                     | 1868                                       |
| Interest received - related parties with significant influence                                               | 7 941                                                   | 6 190                                                   | 16 693                                     |
| Crealpha Proprietary Limited                                                                                 | 1604                                                    | 1 755                                                   | 3 637                                      |
| Global Command and Control Technologies<br>Proprietary Limited                                               | 6 337                                                   | 4 435                                                   | 13 056                                     |



|                                                                 | Unaudited<br>six months<br>ended<br>28 February | Unaudited<br>six months<br>ended<br>29 February | Audited<br>year ended<br>31 August |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                                                                 | 20 February<br>2025                             | 29 February<br>2024                             | 2024                               |
| Significant related party transactions during the year include: | R'000                                           | R'000                                           | R'000                              |
| year include.                                                   | K 000                                           | 1,000                                           | 1,000                              |
| Interest received - Jointly controlled related party            | 19 681                                          | 17 993                                          | 37 380                             |
| Vunani Fintech Fund Proprietary Limited                         | 19 681                                          | 17 993                                          | 37 380                             |
|                                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                    |
| Printing and stationery - common control                        | 6                                               | 24                                              | 2                                  |
| Loot Online Proprietary Limited                                 | 6                                               | 24                                              | 2                                  |
|                                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                    |
| Professional services - common control                          | -                                               | 251                                             | 559                                |
| Tripos Travel Proprietary Limited                               | _                                               | 251                                             | 559                                |
|                                                                 |                                                 |                                                 |                                    |
| Professional services - Family member of key                    |                                                 |                                                 |                                    |
| management personnel Dr FM Surve                                | -                                               | -                                               | <b>3</b><br>3                      |
| DI FIN Surve                                                    | _                                               |                                                 | 3                                  |
| Profit (loss) from related parties with significant             |                                                 |                                                 |                                    |
| influence                                                       | (468)                                           | 693                                             | 744                                |
| Crealpha Proprietary Limited                                    | (312)                                           | -                                               | (40)                               |
| Global Command and Control Technologies Proprietary Limited     | (156)                                           | 693                                             | 784                                |
| ,                                                               | <b>(12.2)</b>                                   |                                                 |                                    |
| Purchases of hardware and managed services -                    |                                                 |                                                 |                                    |
| common control                                                  | 20                                              | -                                               | -                                  |
| Loot Online Proprietary Limited                                 | 20                                              | -                                               | -                                  |
| Rental expense - common control                                 | 450                                             | -                                               | 975                                |
| Premier Fishing SA Proprietary Limited                          | 450                                             | _                                               | 975                                |



|                                                    | Unaudited   | Unaudited   |            |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
|                                                    | six months  | six months  | Audited    |
|                                                    | ended       | ended       | year ended |
|                                                    | 28 February | 29 February | 31 August  |
|                                                    | 2025        | 2024        | 2024       |
| Significant related party transactions during the  |             |             |            |
| year include:                                      | R'000       | R'000       | R'000      |
|                                                    |             |             |            |
| Purchases of hardware and managed services -       |             |             |            |
| Associate of commonly controlled entity            | -           | 18          | -          |
| Loot Online Proprietary Limited                    | _           | 18          | -          |
|                                                    |             |             |            |
| Purchases of hardware and managed services -       |             |             |            |
| common control                                     | -           | -           | 150        |
| ESP Afrika Proprietary Limited                     | _           | -           | 150        |
|                                                    |             |             |            |
| HR & payroll income - common control               | -           | 1 637       | -          |
| African Equity Empowerment Investments Proprietary |             |             |            |
| Limited                                            | -           | 677         | -          |
| Independent News and Media Proprietary Limited     | -           | 960         | -          |
|                                                    |             |             |            |
| Sales - common control                             | -           | 11          | 10         |
| Loot Online Proprietary Limited                    | -           | 11          | 10         |



| Related party balances include the following:                                                                               | Unaudited<br>six months<br>ended<br>28 February<br>2025<br>R'000 | Unaudited<br>six months<br>ended<br>29 February<br>2024<br>R'000 | Audited<br>year ended<br>31 August<br>2024<br>R'000 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Investments in commonly controlled entities                                                                                 | 25 000                                                           | 25 000                                                           | 25 000                                              |
| Loot B2B Proprietary Limited                                                                                                | 25 000                                                           | 25 000                                                           | 25 000                                              |
| Accumulated expected credit losses on investments in commonly controlled entities                                           | (25 000)                                                         | (25 000)                                                         | (25 000)                                            |
| Loot B2B Proprietary Limited                                                                                                | (25 000)                                                         | (25 000)                                                         | (25 000)                                            |
| Carrying amount of investment in jointly controlled entities (Refer to note 2)  Vunani Fintech Fund Proprietary Limited     | 6 234<br>6 234                                                   | <b>74 357</b> 74 357                                             | <b>40 897</b>                                       |
| Loans receivables from common controlled entities                                                                           | 34 997                                                           | 46 002                                                           | 43 492                                              |
| African Equity Empowerment Investments Limited<br>Loot B2B Proprietary Limited - cumulative<br>redeemable preference shares | -<br>34 997                                                      | 11 005<br>34 997                                                 | 8 495<br>34 997                                     |
| Accumulated impairment on loans receivable from commonly controlled entities                                                | 34 997                                                           | (37 996)                                                         | (36 742)                                            |
| African Equity Empowerment Investments Limited<br>Loot B2B Proprietary Limited                                              | -<br>34 997                                                      | (2 999)<br>(34 997)                                              | (1 745)<br>(34 997)                                 |
| Loans receivables from entities we have significant influence in (Refer to note 3)                                          | 143 844                                                          | 142 693                                                          | 144 506                                             |
| Crealpha Proprietary Limited<br>Global Command and Control Technologies                                                     | 38 383                                                           | 30 990                                                           | 38 383                                              |
| Proprietary Limited                                                                                                         | 105 461                                                          | 111 703                                                          | 106 123                                             |



| Related party balances include the following:                                                                                                                                               | Unaudited<br>six months<br>ended<br>28 February<br>2025<br>R'000 | Unaudited<br>six months<br>ended<br>29 February<br>2024<br>R'000 | Audited<br>year ended<br>31 August<br>2024<br>R'000 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Accumulated impairment on loans receivable from entities we have significant influence in                                                                                                   | (63 141)                                                         | (31 113)                                                         | (72 802)                                            |
| Crealpha Proprietary Limited - IFRS 9 day one loss<br>Crealpha Proprietary Limited                                                                                                          | (5 511)<br>(32 872)                                              | (5 511)<br>(7 487)                                               | (5 511)<br>(32 872)                                 |
| Global Command and Control Technologies<br>Proprietary Limited                                                                                                                              | (24 758)                                                         | (18 115)                                                         | (34 419)                                            |
| Loans receivables from jointly controlled entities<br>(Refer to note 3)                                                                                                                     | 334 038                                                          | 294 977                                                          | 314 357                                             |
| Vunani Fintech Fund Proprietary Limited                                                                                                                                                     | 334 038                                                          | 294 977                                                          | 314 357                                             |
| Accumulated Impairment from loans receivable from jointly controlled entities (Refer to note 3)                                                                                             | (233 826)                                                        | -                                                                | (141 470)                                           |
| Vunani Fintech Fund Proprietary Limited                                                                                                                                                     | (233 826)                                                        | -                                                                | (141 470)                                           |
| Other receivables from commonly controlled entities                                                                                                                                         | 28 680                                                           | 19 902                                                           | 15 044                                              |
| Independent News and Media Proprietary Limited<br>Premier Fishing SA Proprietary Limited<br>Independent Newspapers Proprietary Limited<br>Sekunjalo Investment Holdings Proprietary Limited | 14 081<br>518<br>14 081                                          | 14 081<br>-<br>3 891<br>1 930                                    | 14 081<br>963<br>-<br>-                             |
| Accumulated impairment on other receivables from commonly controlled entities                                                                                                               | (14 081)                                                         | (14 081)                                                         | (14 081)                                            |
| Independent News and Media Proprietary Limited                                                                                                                                              | (14 081)                                                         | (14 081)                                                         | (14 081)                                            |
| Orleans Cosmetics Proprietary Limited                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                  |                                                                  | -                                                   |
| Prepayments to commonly controlled entities (Refer to note 7)                                                                                                                               | 9 041                                                            | 9 041                                                            | 9 041                                               |
| Independent News and Media Proprietary Limited                                                                                                                                              | 9 041                                                            | 9 041                                                            | 9 041                                               |



# 20. RELATED PARTIES continued

| Related party balances include the following:                                                                                                                                                                       | Unaudited<br>six months<br>ended<br>28 February<br>2025<br>R'000 | Unaudited<br>six months<br>ended<br>29 February<br>2024<br>R'000 | Audited<br>year ended<br>31 August<br>2024<br>R'000 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                  |                                                                  |                                                     |
| Accumulated impairment on prepayments to commonly controlled entities                                                                                                                                               | (9 041)                                                          | (9 041)                                                          | (9 041)                                             |
| Independent News and Media Proprietary Limited                                                                                                                                                                      | (9 041)                                                          | (9 041)                                                          | (9 041)                                             |
| Trade payables from commonly controlled entities                                                                                                                                                                    | 240                                                              | 919                                                              | 692                                                 |
| African Equity Empowerment Investments Limited African Online Retail espAfrika Proprietary Limited Independent News and Media Proprietary Limited Loot Online Proprietary Limited Tripos Travel Proprietary Limited | 26<br>2<br>-<br>139<br>29<br>44                                  | 750<br>2<br>-<br>136<br>-<br>31                                  | 26<br>2<br>523<br>136<br>5                          |
| Trade receivables from commonly controlled entities                                                                                                                                                                 | 12 258                                                           | 13 633                                                           | 12 353                                              |
| African Equity Empowerment Investments Limited<br>African News Agency Proprietary Limited<br>espAfrika Proprietary Limited<br>Independent News and Media Proprietary Limited<br>Loot Online Proprietary Limited     | -<br>445<br>77<br>10 537<br>1 199                                | 1 365<br>445<br>77<br>10 537<br>1 209                            | 95<br>445<br>77<br>10 537<br>1199                   |
| Trade receivables from entities we have significant influence in                                                                                                                                                    | 65                                                               | 39                                                               | 47                                                  |
| Global Command and Control Technologies<br>Proprietary Limited                                                                                                                                                      | 65                                                               | 39                                                               | 47                                                  |
| Carrying amount of investments in entities we have significant influence in (Refer to note 2) Global Command and Control Technologies Proprietary Limited                                                           | 963<br>1 158                                                     | <b>1 549</b>                                                     | <b>1 431</b><br>1 314                               |
| Crealpha Technologies Proprietary Limited                                                                                                                                                                           | (195)                                                            | 326                                                              | 117                                                 |

See note 3 for terms and conditions on loans to related party companies.

See note 4 for terms and conditions on other loans receivables.



### 21. FAIR VALUE INFORMATION

Fair value is determined using valuation techniques as outlined below. Where possible, inputs are based on quoted prices and other market determined variables.

### Fair value hierarchy

Financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value in the statement of financial position are grouped into three levels of a fair value hierarchy. The three levels are defined based on the observability of significant inputs to the measurement as follows:

- Level 1 Quoted unadjusted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices (included in level 1) that are observable for the asset or liability (directly or indirectly).
- Level 3 Inputs for the asset or liability that are unobservable.

There have been no transfers between levels in the current period.

#### The following table shows financial assets and liabilities for which fair value is disclosed at reporting date:

| Financial instrument                                                    | Notes | Fair value<br>hierarchy |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|
| Financial assets                                                        |       |                         |
| Other financial assets - designated at fair value through profit/(loss) | 8     | Level 2                 |
| Other financial assets - designated at fair value through profit/(loss) | 8     | Level 1                 |
| Investments at fair value through profit/(loss)                         | 5     | Level 3                 |
| Financial liabilities                                                   |       |                         |
| Other financial liabilities                                             |       | Level 31                |
| Derivatives - Put options over non-controlling interests                |       | Level 3                 |

<sup>1.</sup> The fair value of these instruments approximates their carrying value, due to their short-term nature.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>. The carrying value of cash is considered to reflect its fair value.



# 21. FAIR VALUE INFORMATION continued

The following table shows assets and liabilities measured at fair value at reporting date:

| <b></b>                                                                 | Unaudited            | Unaudited            | Audited            |                                |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|------------|
|                                                                         | as at<br>28 February | as at<br>29 February | as at<br>31 August |                                |            |
|                                                                         | 2025                 | 2024                 | 2024               |                                | Fair value |
|                                                                         | R'000                | R'000                | R'000              | Valuation method               | hierarchy  |
| Financial assets                                                        |                      |                      |                    |                                |            |
| Investments at fair value through profit/(loss)                         |                      |                      |                    |                                |            |
| Bambelela                                                               | 40 202               | 72 056               | 47 891             | Percentage of net assets value | Level 3    |
| Louisyahna                                                              | -                    | _                    | -                  | Discounted cash flow           | Level 3    |
| Kyramanzi                                                               | -                    | -                    | -                  | Discounted cash flow           | Level 3    |
| 4Plus                                                                   | -                    | -                    | -                  | Discounted cash flow           | Level 3    |
| African Innovation                                                      |                      |                      |                    |                                |            |
| Academy                                                                 | -                    | -                    | -                  | Discounted cash flow           |            |
| LMLA                                                                    | -                    | -                    |                    | Discounted cash flow           | Level 3    |
| Loot B2B                                                                | -                    | -                    | -                  | Discounted cash flow           | Level 3    |
| Synclabs Proprietary                                                    |                      |                      |                    |                                |            |
| Limited                                                                 | -                    | -                    | -                  | Discounted cash flow           |            |
| AOH                                                                     | -                    | -                    | -                  | Discounted cash flow           |            |
| Fueltech                                                                | -                    | -                    |                    | Discounted cash flow           | Level 3    |
| Total investments at fair value through profit/                         |                      |                      |                    |                                |            |
| (loss)                                                                  | 40 202               | 72 056               | 47 891             |                                |            |
| Other financial assets - designated at fair value through profit/(loss) |                      |                      |                    |                                |            |
| Cadiz Investment                                                        |                      |                      |                    |                                |            |
| Enterprise Development                                                  |                      |                      |                    |                                |            |
| Fund                                                                    | 216                  | 994                  | 216                | Fair Value                     | Level 2    |
| Cybersage Africa Joint<br>Venture                                       | -                    | -                    | 233                | Fair Value                     | Level 2    |
| Vunani Securities                                                       |                      | 107.150              | 440 704            | = :                            |            |
| Proprietary Limited                                                     | 73 079               | 167 158              |                    | Fair Value                     | Level 1    |
| Unit Trusts                                                             | -                    | 13 726               | 14 309             | Fair Value                     | Level 2    |
| Foreign exchange contracts                                              | 5                    | 531                  | 206                | Fair Value                     | Level 1    |
| Inyosi Supplier                                                         | 3                    | 551                  | 200                | raii vaide                     | Leveri     |
| Development fund                                                        | 1 138                | 366                  | 1 141              | Fair Value                     | Level 2    |
| Total other financial                                                   |                      |                      |                    |                                |            |
| assets - designated at                                                  |                      |                      |                    |                                |            |
| fair value through profit/                                              |                      |                      |                    |                                |            |
| (loss)                                                                  | 74 438               | 182 775              | 164 406            |                                |            |
| Financial liabilities                                                   |                      |                      |                    |                                |            |
| Derivatives                                                             | 255 297              | _                    | 248 032            | Binomial option pricing model  | Level 3    |
| Total financial liabilities                                             | 255 297              | _                    | 248 032            |                                |            |
| Total Illiancial Habilities                                             | 233 23/              | _                    | 240 032            |                                |            |



## 21. FAIR VALUE INFORMATION continued

Reconciliation of assets and liabilities measured at level 2 and 3

|                                                            |                    |           | Disposals/               | Gains/<br>(losses) in |                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
|                                                            | Opening<br>balance | Additions | Settlements/<br>Transfer | profit or<br>loss     | Closing<br>balance |
| 28 February 2025                                           | R'000              | R'000     | R'000                    | R'000                 | R'000              |
| Financial assets                                           |                    |           |                          |                       |                    |
| Investments at fair value through profit/(loss)            |                    |           |                          |                       |                    |
| Bambelela                                                  | 47 891             | -         | -                        | (7 689)               | 40 202             |
| Total investments at fair value through profit/(loss)      | 47 891             | -         | _                        | (7 689)               | 40 202             |
| Other financial assets - designated at fair value          |                    |           |                          |                       |                    |
| through profit/(loss)                                      |                    |           |                          |                       |                    |
| Cadiz Investment Enterprise Development Fund               | 216                | _         | -                        | _                     | 216                |
| Cybersage Africa Joint Venture                             | 233                | -         | (233)                    | _                     | -                  |
| Vunani Securities Proprietary<br>Limited                   | 148 301            | -         | (64 121)                 | (11 327)              | 72 853             |
| Total other financial assets -<br>designated at fair value |                    |           |                          |                       |                    |
| through profit/(loss)                                      | 148 750            | -         | (64 354)                 | (11 327)              | 73 069             |
| Financial liabilities                                      |                    |           |                          |                       |                    |
| Derivatives                                                | 248 032            | 7 265     | -                        | -                     | 255 297            |
| Total financial liabilities                                | 248 032            | 7 265     | -                        | -                     | 255 297            |



Gains/

# 21. FAIR VALUE INFORMATION continued

|                                                                         |         |           | Disposals/   | (losses) in |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|--------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                                         | Opening |           | Settlements/ | profit or   | Closing |
|                                                                         | balance | Additions | Transfers    | loss        | balance |
| 29 February 2024                                                        | R'000   | R'000     | R'000        | R'000       | R'000   |
| Financial assets                                                        |         |           |              |             |         |
| Investments at fair value through profit/(loss)                         |         |           |              |             |         |
| Bambelela                                                               | 118 227 | -         | -            | (68 369)    | 72 056  |
| Last Mile                                                               | _       | -         | -            | -           | -       |
| Louisyahna                                                              | -       | -         | -            | -           | -       |
| African Innovation Academy                                              | -       | -         | -            | -           | -       |
| Kyramanzi                                                               | -       | -         | -            | -           | -       |
| AOH                                                                     | -       | -         | -            | -           | -       |
| 4Plus                                                                   | -       | -         | -            | -           | -       |
| Total investments at fair value through profit/(loss)                   | 118 227 | -         | -            | 68 369      | 72 056  |
| Other financial assets - designated at fair value through profit/(loss) |         |           |              |             |         |
| Cadiz Investment Enterprise                                             |         |           |              |             |         |
| Development Fund                                                        | 216     | -         | -            | 778         | 994     |
| Unit Trusts                                                             | 13 165  | -         | -            | 561         | 13 726  |
| Vunani Securities Proprietary<br>Limited                                | 184 368 | -         | _            | (17 210)    | 167 158 |
| Total other financial assets - designated at fair value                 |         |           |              |             |         |
| through profit/(loss)                                                   | 197 749 | -         | -            | (15 871)    | 181 878 |
| -                                                                       |         |           |              |             |         |



## 21. FAIR VALUE INFORMATION continued

|                                                                                     |                    |           |                           | Gains/            |                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
|                                                                                     |                    |           | Disposals/                | (losses) in       | CI :               |
|                                                                                     | Opening<br>balance | Additions | Settlements/<br>Transfers | profit or<br>loss | Closing<br>balance |
| 71.4                                                                                |                    |           |                           |                   |                    |
| 31 August 2024                                                                      | R'000              | R'000     | R'000                     | R'000             | R'000              |
| Financial assets                                                                    |                    |           |                           |                   |                    |
| Investments at fair value through profit/(loss)                                     |                    |           |                           |                   |                    |
| Bambelela                                                                           | 98 274             | -         | -                         | (50 383)          | 47 891             |
| 4Plus                                                                               | -                  | -         | -                         | -                 | -                  |
| African Innovation Academy                                                          | -                  | -         | -                         | -                 | -                  |
| Total investments at fair value through profit/(loss)                               | 98 274             | -         |                           | (50 383)          | 47 891             |
| Other financial assets –<br>designated at fair value<br>through profit/(loss)       |                    |           |                           |                   |                    |
| Cadiz Investment Enterprise Development Fund Invosi Supplier Development            | 216                | -         | -                         | -                 | 216                |
| Funds                                                                               | 1153               | _         | _                         | (12)              | 1 141              |
| Cybersage Africa Joint Venture                                                      | _                  | 233       | _                         | _                 | 233                |
| Total other financial assets -<br>designated at fair value<br>through profit/(loss) | 1 369              | 233       | _                         | (12)              | 1 590              |
| Financial assets                                                                    |                    |           |                           | <b></b> ,         |                    |
| Written call option Financial liabilities                                           |                    |           |                           |                   |                    |
| Derivative                                                                          | -                  | 248 032   |                           | -                 | 248 032            |
| Total financial liabilities                                                         | -                  | 248 032   | -                         | -                 | 248 032            |
|                                                                                     |                    |           |                           |                   |                    |



### 22. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

Shareholders are advised to refer to the SENS announcement released by the Company on 23 May 2025, in which Sekunjalo Investment Holdings (Pty) Ltd, a major shareholder, submitted a firm intention offer to delist the Company.

In accordance with regulatory requirements, the Company will prepare and distribute a circular to shareholders containing detailed information on the proposed delisting. This will be followed by a General Meeting, where shareholders will be invited to vote on the relevant delisting resolutions.

Further updates will be provided in due course.

The directors are not aware of any other material facts or circumstances which occurred between the reporting date and date of this report that would require any adjustments to the condensed consolidated interim financial results.



# Condensed segmental analysis

Segment profit represents profit before tax earned by each segment without the allocation of central administration costs, fair value adjustments, finance income and finance costs. This is the measure that is reported to the chief operating decision-maker for the purposes of assessing the segment performance and resource allocation. The accounting policies of the reportable segments are the same as the Group's accounting policies.

### Unaudited six months ended 28 February 2025

|                                       |         |          |           | Software | Unified  |           |
|---------------------------------------|---------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
|                                       | Health  | Managed  |           | and con- | communi- | 2025      |
|                                       | care    | services | Corporate | sulting  | cations  | Group     |
|                                       | R'000   | R'000    | R'000     | R'000    | R'000    | R'000     |
| Revenue                               | 35 207  | 478 538  | 2 512     | 23 777   | 247 049  | 787 083   |
| External revenue                      | 34 916  | 477 780  | -         | 23 777   | 244 510  | 780 983   |
| Internal revenue                      | 291     | 758      | 2 512     | _        | 2 539    | 6 100     |
| Gross profit                          | 17 973  | 95 920   | _         | 6 274    | 20 465   | 140 632   |
| Consulting expenses                   | (1 058) | (3 913)  | (11 790)  | (313)    | (3 295)  | (20 369)  |
| Depreciation and amortisation         | (1 295) | (8 033)  | (177)     | (884)    | (1 793)  | (12 182)  |
| Employee costs                        | (1838)  | (57 691) | (12 712)  | (3 653)  | (23 720) | (99 614)  |
| VAT asset write off                   | -       | -        | (6 184)   | -        | -        | (6 184)   |
| Deposit impairment                    | -       | -        | (13 773)  | -        | -        | (13 773)  |
| Other operating expenses              | (3 020) | (29 930) | (27 031)  | (2 200)  | (6 559)  | (68 740)  |
| Finance costs                         | (83)    | (6 011)  | (28)      | (215)    | (964)    | (7 301)   |
| Finance income                        | 1 489   | 2 044    | 32 974    | 168      | 805      | 37 480    |
| Loss on equity accounted              |         |          |           |          |          |           |
| investments                           | -       | -        | (35 131)  | -        | -        | (35 131)  |
| Movement in credit losses             | -       | -        | (85 846)  | 111      | -        | (85 735)  |
| Fair value loss on investments        |         |          |           |          |          |           |
| at fair value through profit/<br>loss |         |          | 4 205     |          |          | 4 205     |
| Other operating gains or              |         |          | 7 203     |          |          | 4 203     |
| losses                                | 628     | 1 378    | 3 728     | (150)    | (1 871)  | 3 713     |
| Profit/( loss) before tax             | 13 031  | 6 377    | (146 259) | (949)    | (5 209)  | (133 009) |
| Income tax (expense) income           | 4 086   | 799      | (17 101)  | (742)    | (1 449)  | (14 407)  |
| Additions to intangible assets        | 2 780   | _        | _         | · -      |          | 2 780     |



## Audited year ended 31 August 2024

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Health care<br>R'000                           | Managed<br>services<br>R'000                                                                           | Corporate<br>R'000                                                                                     | Software<br>and con-<br>sulting<br>R'000                                 | Unified<br>communi-<br>cations<br>R'000                                                        | 2024<br>Group<br>R'000                                                                                                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Revenue                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 69 319                                         | 1 211 285                                                                                              | 7 164                                                                                                  | 52 155                                                                   | 602 343                                                                                        | 1942 266                                                                                                                |
| External revenue<br>Internal revenue                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 69 316<br>3                                    | 1 200 132<br>11 153                                                                                    | -<br>7 164                                                                                             | 27 769<br>24 386                                                         | 574 548<br>27 795                                                                              | 1 871 765<br>70 501                                                                                                     |
| Gross profit Consulting expenses Depreciation and amortisation Employee costs VAT asset write off Goodwill impairment Intangibles impairment Other operating expenses Finance costs Finance income Loss on equity accounted investments Movement in credit losses Fair value loss on investments | (6 527)<br>-<br>-<br>(12 205)<br>(96)<br>3 040 | 208 640<br>(21 792)<br>(18 340)<br>(145 396)<br>-<br>-<br>(6 980)<br>(11 714)<br>9 900<br>-<br>(1 745) | (36 085)<br>(8 884)<br>(28 084)<br>44 296<br>-<br>(93 388)<br>(388)<br>82 700<br>(17 823)<br>(301 612) | 10 245<br>(516)<br>(988)<br>(6 350)<br>-<br>-<br>(2 768)<br>(299)<br>498 | 92 292<br>(986)<br>(3 510)<br>(48 076)<br>-<br>-<br>(25 529)<br>(1 254)<br>192<br>-<br>(1 673) | 347 184<br>(63 506)<br>(34 383)<br>(234 433)<br>44 296<br>-<br>(140 870)<br>(13 751)<br>96 330<br>(17 823)<br>(304 971) |
| at fair value through profit/<br>loss<br>Other operating gains or<br>losses<br>Profit/( loss) before tax<br>Income tax (expense) income<br>Additions to intangible assets                                                                                                                        | (188)<br>23 118<br>(3 100)                     | 934<br>(16 815)<br>(44 489)                                                                            | (50 383)<br>(56 389)<br>(576 505)<br>(95 216)                                                          | (376)<br>(2 189)<br>(775)                                                | (2 196)<br>(4 625)<br>(4 241)                                                                  | (50 383)<br>(58 215)<br>(577 016)<br>(147 821)<br>5 763                                                                 |



# Condensed segmental analysis (continued)

### Unaudited six months ended 29 February 2024

|                                |             |          |           | Software | Unified  |           |
|--------------------------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
|                                |             | Managed  |           | and con- | communi- | 2024      |
|                                | Health care | services | Corporate | sulting  | cations  | Group     |
|                                | R'000       | R'000    | R'000     | R'000    | R'000    | R'000     |
| Revenue                        | 33 167      | 665 008  | 1998      | 19 571   | 312 512  | 1 032 256 |
| External revenue               | 33 164      | 665 008  | -         | 19 571   | 297 073  | 1 014 816 |
| Internal revenue               | 3           | -        | 1998      | -        | 15 439   | 17 440    |
| Gross profit                   | 18 208      | 91 736   | _         | 5 865    | 51 823   | 167 632   |
| Consulting expenses            | -           | (5 192)  | (16 007)  | (323)    | (1708)   | (23 230)  |
| Depreciation and amortisation  | n (1 420)   | (7 323)  | (7 235)   | (533)    | (1683)   | (18 194)  |
| Employee costs                 | (3 155)     | (49 757) | (18 705)  | (2 979)  | (23 646) | (98 242)  |
| VAT dispute                    | -           | -        | (99 866)  | -        | -        | (99 866)  |
| Finance costs                  | (50)        | (5 686)  | (216)     | (142)    | (502)    | (6 596)   |
| Finance income                 | 1 3 6 7     | 1 129    | 54 903    | 259      | 146      | 57 804    |
| Loss on equity accounted       |             |          |           |          |          |           |
| investment                     | -           | -        | 15 755    | -        | -        | 15 755    |
| Movement in credit losses      | -           | (115)    | (54 594)  | 28       | (33)     | (54 714)  |
| Other operating expenses       | (9 597)     | (16 191) | (43 647)  | (2 083)  | (15 039) | (86 557)  |
| Other operating gains          | 214         | 1 2 9 0  | (64 772)  | (473)    | (645)    | (64 386)  |
| Profit/( loss) before tax      | 13 748      | 11 392   | (140 586) | (89)     | 17 998   | (97 537)  |
| Income tax (expense) income    | (1496)      | (4 567)  | 2 211     | (196)    | (3 218)  | (7 266)   |
| Additions to intangible assets | 2 103       | -        | -         | -        | -        | 2 103     |

Unified

Coftware

Sales between segments are carried out at arm's length and are eliminated on consolidation. The amounts provided to the chief operating decision-maker with respect to segment revenue and segment assets are measured in a manner consistent with that of the financial statements. Segment assets are allocated based on the operations of the segment and the physical location of the asset.

Refer to note 13 for further revenue details.

# **Corporate information**

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# Glossary of terms and acronyms

**Adv** Advocate

**AEEI** African Equity Empowerment Investments Limited

AYO AYO Technology Solutions Limited

Bambelela Bambelela Capital Proprietary Limited

B2B Business to business
B2C Business to customer
Board The Board of Directors

**B-BBEE** Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment

**Dr.** Doctor

**EBITDA** Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation

**EPS** Earnings per share

GCCT Global Command and Control Proprietary Limited

**Group** AYO Technology Solutions Limited including its subsidiaries and joint ventures

**HEPS** Headline earnings per share

ICT Information, communication and technology
IFRS International Financial Reporting Standards

Inc. Incorporated

JSE Johannesburg Stock Exchange
Kalula Kalula Proprietary Limited

Kathea Communication Solutions Proprietary Limited

**KPI** Key Performance Indicator

Mainstreet Mainstreet 1653 Proprietary Limited

MSA Master Service Agreement
NCI Non-controlling interest

**OEM** Original Equipment Manufacturer

Puleng Puleng Technologies Proprietary Limited

SARS South African Revenue Service

**SETA** Services Sector Education and Training Authority

**SLA** Service Level Agreement

**SGT Solutions** SGT Solutions Proprietary Limited

**SMME** Small to Medium Enterprises

Sizwe Sizwe Africa IT Proprietary Limited

VFF Vunani Fintech Fund Proprietary Limited

**USD** United States Dollar

Zaloserve Proprietary Limited



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