

Velogic demonstrates resilience in a context of reduced consumption in its main markets

PERFORMANCE FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

FINANCIAL		OPERATIONAL					
REVENUE	EBITDA		Air Freight (Tons)	Sea Freight (TEUs)	Express Courier (No. of Shipments)		Packing (Tons)
MUR 848m ▽ 1%	MUR 150m △ 1%	1,002 Dec 22: 1,140	2,621 Dec 22: 2,710	24,122 Dec 22: 28,854	1,364 Dec 22: 1,765		
PAT	NAVPS		Container Storage (K TEU Days)	Container Transport (No. of Trips)	Sugar Cane Transportation (K Tons)		
MUR 74m ▽ 4%	MUR 19.20 △ 3%	125 Dec 22: 87	17,822 Dec 22: 16,457	294 Dec 22: 161			

* comparatives do not include gain on business combination

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

MUR'000	THE GROUP				
	Unaudited 3 months ended 31 December 2023	Unaudited 3 months ended 31 December 2022	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 December 2023	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 December 2022	Audited year ended 30 June 2023
Revenue from sale of services	848,244	860,656	1,694,511	1,799,055	3,377,606
Gross profit	350,299	319,097	690,593	644,857	1,267,262
Share of (loss)/ profit of associate	(3,469)	(587)	(5,643)	88	(183)
Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation	149,979	149,128	296,450	280,224	513,884
Depreciation and amortisation	(44,313)	(41,474)	(89,275)	(82,792)	(171,891)
Finance costs	(12,003)	(10,425)	(25,258)	(21,161)	(44,483)
Profit before taxation and exceptional item	93,663	97,229	181,917	176,271	297,510
Gain on business combination	-	38,168	-	38,168	52,973
Profit before taxation	93,663	135,397	181,917	214,439	350,483
Taxation	(19,559)	(20,142)	(39,080)	(36,397)	(75,114)
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD/YEAR	74,104	115,255	142,837	178,042	275,369
Attributable to:					
Owners of the parent	69,469	112,944	134,466	172,804	264,935
Non-controlling interests	4,635	2,311	8,371	5,238	10,434
	74,104	115,255	142,837	178,042	275,369
Earnings per share (EPS)	MUR 0.74	1.21	1.44	1.85	2.83
Number of ordinary shares used in calculation	93,515,565	93,515,565	93,515,565	93,515,565	93,515,565
Interim dividend per ordinary share	MUR -	-	0.55	0.40	0.40
Final dividend per ordinary share	MUR -	-	-	-	0.80
Net asset value per share (NAVPS)	MUR -	-	19.20	18.71	18.88

STATEMENT OF OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

MUR'000	THE GROUP				
	Unaudited 3 months ended 31 December 2023	Unaudited 3 months ended 31 December 2022	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 December 2023	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 December 2022	Audited year ended 30 June 2023
Profit for the period/year	74,104	115,255	142,837	178,042	275,369
Other comprehensive loss for the period/ year, net of tax	(24,368)	(27,029)	(54,845)	(30,580)	(31,297)
Total comprehensive income for the period/year	49,736	88,226	87,992	147,462	244,072
Attributable to:					
Owners of the parent	45,516	86,166	80,711	142,626	233,837
Non-controlling interests	4,220	2,060	7,281	4,836	10,235
	49,736	88,226	87,992	147,462	244,072

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

MUR'000	THE GROUP		
	Unaudited 31 December 2023	Unaudited 31 December 2022	Audited 30 June 2023
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Non-current assets	1,661,136	1,669,564	1,686,869
Right-of-use assets	252,103	221,686	253,941
	1,913,239	1,891,250	1,940,810
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables	1,128,203	1,038,717	920,321
Other current assets	142,145	156,430	132,264
Cash and cash equivalents	287,130	423,577	489,068
	1,557,478	1,618,724	1,541,653
Total assets	3,470,717	3,509,974	3,482,463
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Capital and reserves			
Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent	1,795,112	1,749,435	1,765,834
Non-controlling interests	44,580	46,173	45,806
Total equity	1,839,692	1,795,608	1,811,640
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	308,062	367,151	283,647
Lease liabilities	228,368	172,758	216,846
Other non-current liabilities	140,751	137,940	136,171
	677,181	677,849	636,664
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	726,761	832,285	761,491
Borrowings	162,907	118,123	118,434
Lease liabilities	53,244	70,558	65,162
Other current liabilities	10,932	15,551	13,869
Dividend payable	-	-	75,203
	953,844	1,036,517	1,034,159
Total liabilities	1,631,025	1,714,366	1,670,823
Total equity and liabilities	3,470,717	3,509,974	3,482,463

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

MUR'000	THE GROUP		
	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 December 2023	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 December 2022	Audited year ended 30 June 2023
Net cash (used in)/ generated from operating activities	(29,070)	175,395	394,416
Net cash used in investing activities	(59,501)	5,473	(22,562)
Net cash used in financing activities	(167,712)	(180,934)	(320,045)
Net (decrease)/ increase in cash and cash equivalents	(256,283)	(66)	51,809
Cash and cash equivalents - opening	466,063	408,587	408,587
Effects of exchange rate on cash and cash equivalents	(12,141)	(9,033)	5,667
Cash and cash equivalents - closing	197,639	399,488	466,063

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

MUR'000	THE GROUP					
	Share capital	Other reserves	Retained earnings	Attributable to owners of the parent	Non-interests	Total
At 1 July 2022	1,019,294	232,630	392,291	1,644,215	44,651	1,688,866
Profit for the period	-	-	172,804	172,804	5,238	178,042
Other comprehensive loss for the period	-	(30,178)	-	(30,178)	(402)	(30,580)
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the period	-	(30,178)	172,804	142,626	4,836	147,462
Dividends	-	-	(37,406)	(37,406)	(3,314)	(40,720)
At 31 December 2022	1,019,294	202,452	527,689	1,749,435	46,173	1,795,608
At 1 July 2023	1,019,294	201,532	545,008	1,765,834	45,806	1,811,640
Profit for the period	-	-	134,466	134,466	8,371	142,837
Other comprehensive loss for the period	-	(53,755)	-	(53,755)	(1,090)	(54,845)
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the period	-	(53,755)	134,466	80,711	7,281	87,992
Dividends	-	-	(51,433)	(51,433)	(8,507)	(59,940)
At 31 December 2023	1,019,294	147,777	628,041	1,795,112	44,580	1,839,692

Comments on Results

Group Performance for the Quarter Ended 31 December 2023

Velogic reported a 1.4% decrease in revenue to MUR 848.2 m (Q2 FY23: MUR 860.7 m). The profit after tax stood at MUR 74.1 m (Q2 FY23: MUR 77.1 m) excluding the one-off gain arising from the acquisition of a business in Kenya). Lower revenue was mainly due to the drop-in freight rates and a decrease in volumes as a result of lower consumption in export markets. This was mitigated by upsides from the haulage businesses in Mauritius and Kenya, with the latter benefitting from the recognition of a full quarter's revenue after the acquisition in November 2022. Nonetheless, the overall profitability was impacted by several fuel price increases and the depreciation of the Shilling in Kenya.

Highlights by Geography

Mauritius

The total revenue fell slightly to MUR 469.3 m (Q2 FY23: MUR 470.8 m).

The Cross-Border Logistics activities reported a 22% decrease in revenue on the back of lower freight rates; decline in export shipments and express courier volumes. However, these downturns were partly mitigated by a rise in imports, resulting in an 8% drop in profit after tax to MUR 21.8m (Q2 FY23: MUR 23.6 m).

Landside Logistics' profitability rose by 27% to MUR 21.6 m benefiting from coal transportation which resumed in May 2023 and a higher tonnage of sugar cane transported. The container depot's result was broadly in line with last year with an increase in storage volume, offset by a fall in container modification projects. The warehousing activity maintained its progression due to higher storage.

Sugar packing posted significantly improved profitability due to the twin effects of higher prices for special sugars and the appreciation of the British Pound against the Mauritian Rupee. The Shipping activity's profitability improved due to an increase in agency work and hull cleaning services. The combined profit after tax for these activities increased significantly to MUR 10.1 m.

As a result, profit after tax outperformed last year with an increase of 32% to MUR 53.5 m (Q2 FY23: MUR 40.5 m).

Overseas

The Overseas Segment experienced the effects of exogenous factors leading to an overall revenue decrease to MUR 378.9 m (Q2 FY23: MUR 389.8 m).

In Kenya, the profit after tax dropped by MUR 9 m, mainly due to difficulties in passing the full amount of the fuel price increases to customers and the depreciation of the Kenyan Shilling (KSH) against the Mauritian Rupee.

Despite an upswing in air and sea freight volumes in India, the profitability was lower as gross profit per unit fell below last year in a competitive market.

Our share of associate's result in France was affected by lower volumes imported due to a slowdown in consumption.

The profitability of our cross-border logistics in Madagascar and Reunion were in line compared to last year. Consequently, profit after tax decreased to MUR 20.6 m (Q2 FY23: MUR 36.6 m).

Results for the 6 months to December 2023

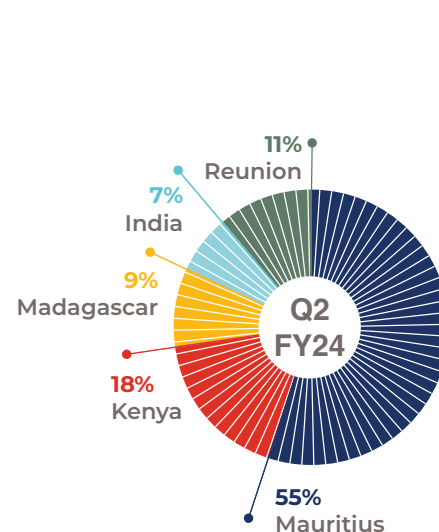
For the 6 months to December 2023, Group revenues reached MUR 1.69 bn (Dec-22: MUR 1.80 bn) and the profit after tax increased by 2% to MUR 142.8 m (Dec-22: MUR 139.9 m, excluding one-off gain on acquisition).

Outlook

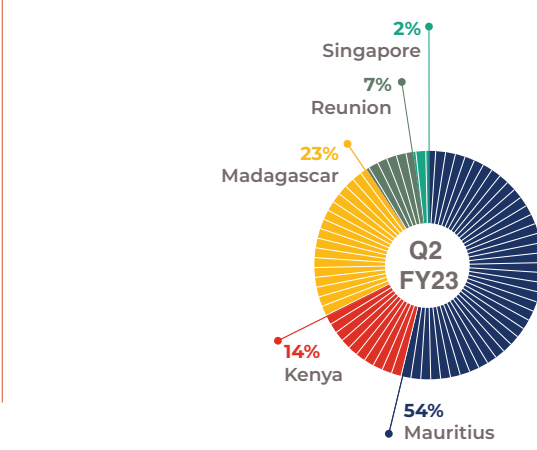
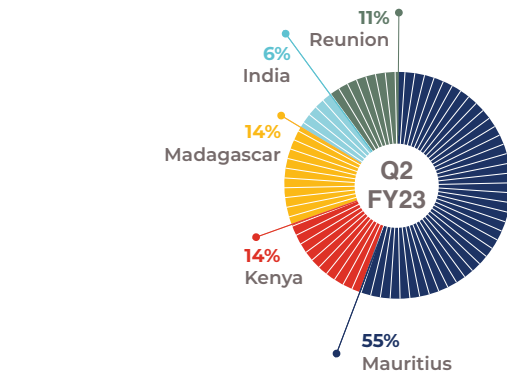
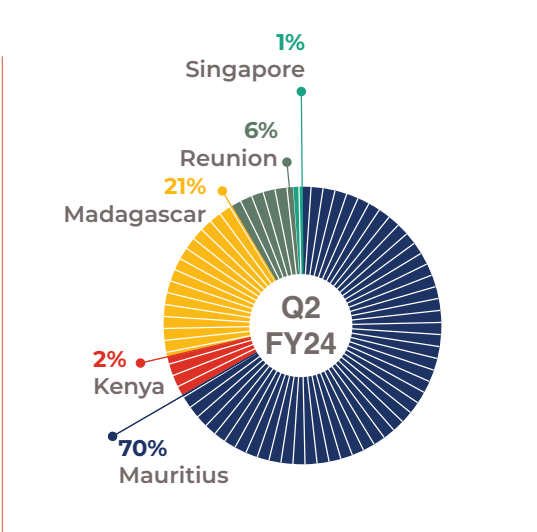
Amidst prevailing challenges in some of its markets the Group's operational profitability for the financial year is expected to be in line with last year.

By order of the Board
30 January 2024

REVENUE BY GEOGRAPHY (%)



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SECTOR ANALYSIS

MUR'000	THE GROUP				
	Unaudited 3 months ended 31 December 2023	Unaudited 3 months ended 31 December 2022	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 December 2023	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 December 2022	Audited year ended 30 June 2023
REVENUE					
Mauritius					
Cross-border logistics	210,385	270,130	395,935	550,862	963,886
Landside logistics	217,382	170,083	423,590	365,625	597,322
Packing & shipping	41,559	30,620	83,223	71,090	144,220
Sub-total Mauritius	469,326	470,833	902,748	987,577	1,705,428
Overseas					
Cross-border logistics	252,896	301,008	533,365	656,470	1,241,247
Landside logistics	126,022	88,815	258,398	155,008	430,931
Packing & shipping	-	-	-	-	-
Sub-total Overseas	378,918	389,823	791,763	811,478	1,672,178
Revenue from sale of services	848,244	860,656	1,694,511	1,799,055	3,377,606
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD/YEAR					
Mauritius					
Cross-border logistics	21,815	23,647	32,240	36,931	58,509
Landside logistics	21,600	16,998	50,144	45,805	34,967
Packing & shipping	10,070	(145)	16,005	3,767	10,636
Sub-total Mauritius	53,485	40,500	98,389	86,503	104,112
Overseas					
Cross-border logistics	13,815	21,832	26,360	32,279	58,923
Landside logistics	6,444	13,188	16,207	18,040	53,075
Packing & shipping	360	1,567	1,881	3,052	6,286
Sub-total Overseas	20,619	36,587	44,448	53,371	118,284
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD/YEAR*	74,104	77,087	142,837	139,874	222,396

*Excludes gain on business combination

The abridged financial statements of the Group are unaudited and have been prepared using the same accounting policies as the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023.

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